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Council continues development debate for old school site

By Adam Swift

The town council debated the merits of several possibilities for the future of the old middle school on Pauline Street during a special meeting Tuesday night.

Workforce and 55-plus affordable housing, commercial use, green space, recreational use, an ice rink, and a performing arts center were all raised as potential uses for at least a portion of the property.

Council President Jim Letterie called for the special roundtable meeting to discuss the use of the property.

Several councilors expressed an interest in moving forward with a motion for the town manager to put out a request for proposals for the use of the property. But Letterie said since Tuesday night's meeting was a special meeting for discussion purposes with no public comment, he didn't want to accept any motions without the ability for public input until the next regular council meeting.

The old Winthrop Middle School on Pauline Street has been closed since 2016 when the new Middle/High School opened.

There have been efforts

over the past years for the reuse of the site, but the town has yet to settle on a final plan for the property. The old middle school was one of two potential locations for a new fire station considered by the town council in 2024, but the council voted to move forward with a proposal at the town-owned basketball courts on Walden Street.

"The middle school has been vacant since the later part of 2016 ... going on nine years," said Letterie. "Over the past nine years we have had several proposals, several thoughts, we've had a (request for information) go out, we've had surveys done. We've had different plans, those plans started ... back in 2017."

At that time, Letterie said there was a working group that thought the old school could be the site of a new ice rink at the top of the hill with some residential development down at the bottom.

By 2018, Letterie said there was some interest from a developer about the use of the middle school only, not the gym and auditorium.

"The proposal then, what he was interested in, was to gut the middle school, not opened."

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JEFFREY TURCO SWORN IN AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Jeffrey Rosario Turco (right) was sworn-in as state representative for the 19th Suffolk District that comprises all of the Town of Winthrop during an impressive ceremony Jan. 1 inside the House of Representatives Chamber at the State House, Boston. Rep. Turco is pictured above on Inauguration Day with one of his House colleagues, Rep. Sean Garballey of Arlington.

SECOND ANNUAL GORMAN FORT BANKS TRIVIA NIGHT AT CPYC



COURTESY PHOTO

Team Go Ask Your Dad!, poses for a photo during the Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School PTO's second annual Trivia Night at Cottage Park Yacht Club. From left to right, back Row: Danielle Sheldon, Rita Mansfield, Donna Chicos, Sarah Hanlon, Christina Chapdelaine. Front Row: Kristen Suozzo, Laura Murrin, Jen McGaughey. See more photos on Page 3.

A Motion To Adjourn Letterie's Italian Market is closing after a quarter-century of success

By Cary Shuman

Letterie's Italian Market, a landmark store in Winthrop Center owned by Town Council President Jim Letterie, will be closing its doors on February 1 after 24 years in operation.

"We've gone through a lot in the last three to four years with our family, and I think it's just the time to step back and enjoy life a little bit," said Letterie, 65. "Life is just incredibly precious and incredibly short, and we want to try to enjoy it a little bit more."

Letterie, who had been a general manager for Bertucci's, said in 2001 he made a career decision to "try to continue the legacy that was left by the Abbatesa family with Terrie's Food Market."

"I like to say that we've been here almost a quarter-century, but the reality is that the concept has



Jim Letterie, owner of Letterie's Italian Market, is pictured adjacent to the NCAA national championship Middlebury College hockey jersey worn by his daughter, Jenna Letterie, a team captain.

been here for almost 75 years with the Abbatesas starting in the late 1950s," noted Letterie. "Their family left a great legacy which I think incredibly helped us get started." Letterie purchased the

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY, DEC. 30

1139: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident at Main and Pleasant Sts. One person was transported to the MGH. The officer filed a report.

1523: An officer stopped a taxi on Main St. and arrested two passengers, a 50 year-old Winthrop woman on three outstanding warrants and a 37 year-old Winthrop woman on one outstanding warrant.

1909: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of having a tinted registration plate. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1913: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1928: An officer assisted with traffic on Locust St. at the scene of a break in a gas line caused by a scooter hitting the gas line on private property.

2028: Winthrop police responded to a call from Stoughton police regarding a person who allegedly violated a c. 209A restraining order. The Winthrop officers apprehended the suspect and held him at the Winthrop station until Stoughton officers came

to arrest him.

2232: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shore Drive and Mermaid Ave. and arrested a 35 year-old Winthrop man on an outstanding warrant.

2255: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Linden Sts. and issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. The registered owner of the vehicle came on the scene to take possession of the vehicle and he was cited for the criminal offense of allowing an unlicensed person to operate his vehicle.

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

0917: A Revere St. resident reported that while he was away, packages he had been expecting were stolen from his porch. The officer filed a report.

1038: A Governor's Park resident came into the station to report the theft of packages. The officer filed a report.

1426: 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.

1643: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1705: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said he was lost.

1729: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights

after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1933: An officer issued a parking ticket at the request of the Fire Dept. to a motor vehicle obstructing the corner at Shore Drive and Cutler St.

2211: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2230: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2256: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2327: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2346: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Veterans Rd. and Cutler St. for the civil moving infraction of making an illegal U-turn. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 1

0050: An officer dispersed three persons who were setting off fireworks on Banks St.

0107: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. at Ingle-side Rd. where youths had

set off fireworks and a box had caught fire. The officer filed a report.

0117: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0427: An officer directed a group of loud party-goers at a Bellevue Ave. residence to turn off their music.

1636: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1648: A person called the station to report the theft of an Amazon package at Governors Drive. The officer filed a report.

1821: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with illegible temporary plates on Main St. The officer ordered the vehicle to be towed and issued a citation to the operator for the civil motor vehicle infraction of operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

0013: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of having an expired inspection

sticker. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1004: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

1022: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

1514: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1859: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. at Neptune Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2356: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

0015: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

0016: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. at the scene of a fire at Veterans Field at the high school.

0105: An officer stopped

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

0202: An officer issued parking tickets to nine vehicles without resident parking stickers on Ocean View St.

0438: A tow company reported towing a motor vehicle without a handicapped placard that was parked in a handicapped space.

1026: A person came into the station to turn in a rifle that had belonged to a deceased family member.

1121: A student came into the station with their mother to report being bullied. The matter was referred to the School Resource Officer.

1430: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles parked in the handicapped spots at the high school.

1433: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1712: A resident came into the station to report fraudulent activity with his bank account. The officer filed a report.

1840: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having her license in her possession.

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Winthrop Lodge of Elks is Celebrating Valentine's Day with a Dance to Raise Funds for Kitchen Repairs.



When: Saturday, February 1st

Time: 6:30 to 9:30pm Winthrop Elks

Where: 191 Washington Ave. Winthrop, MA

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News Briefs //

Meet at Carter's Field parking area (GPS: 42.035401148527946, -71.76363848800136).

~4-5 miles over a compacted gravel surface with mild inclines.

• Sunday, January 26: Long Trail Loop, 2-4 p.m. Hopkinton State Park

Meet at the Hopkinton State Park upper beach lot parking area (GPS: 42.25837981520797, -71.51964280191285).

~3-5 miles over rugged forest and loose gravel surfaces with moderate inclines.

• Sunday, February 2: Goat Hill Loop, 2-4 p.m. Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park

Meet at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center parking area (287 Oak Street, Uxbridge).

~2 miles over rugged forest and rocky surfaces with steep inclines.

• Sunday, February 9: Mammoth Rock Loop, 2-4 p.m.

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Upton State Forest

Meet at the CCC Camp parking area (205 Westboro Road, Upton).

~2.5 miles over a rugged forest surface with steep inclines.

• Sunday, February 16: Morse Pond Loop, 2-4 p.m.

Douglas State Forest

Meet at Carter's Field parking area (GPS: 42.035401148527946, -71.76363848800136).

~3.5 miles over a compacted gravel surface with mild inclines.

• Sunday, February 23: Forest Road Loop, 2-4 p.m.

Purgatory Chasm State Reservation

Meet at the Purgatory Chasm Visitor Center parking area (198 Purgatory Road, Sutton).

~3.5 miles over a rocky surface with steep inclines.

For more information, contact the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park at (508) 278-7604.

TSA PUBLISHES

FINAL RULE

ON REAL ID

ENFORCEMENT

BEGINNING MAY 7

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) published a final rule providing a framework for federal agency phased enforcement of REAL ID requirements. Federal agencies, including TSA, will begin REAL ID enforcement on the deadline—May 7, 2025. Starting on May 7, only state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards that meet the security requirements established by the REAL ID Act will be allowed for official purposes, including boarding commercial aircraft. The final rule provides necessary flexibility for federal agencies to begin enforcement in a man-

ner that takes into account security, operational risk and public impact.

Federal agencies that use a phased enforcement approach must also coordinate their enforcement plans with TSA and make them publicly available on agency websites. TSA will provide additional information about its use of phased enforcement authority on TSA.gov.

"Congress passed the REAL ID Act in 2005 to enhance security standards for identification, directly in response to the security vulnerabilities highlighted by the 9/11 attacks," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "Identity verification is foundational to security. I urge those who use a driver's license or state-issued identity card as their primary form of identification to access federal facilities or board commercial passenger aircraft, to ensure these credentials are REAL ID-compliant. We are committed to engaging with the public, licensing jurisdictions and states to facilitate a smooth transition to REAL ID enforcement beginning May 7,

2025, which this rule supports."

All states are issuing REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards. TSA continues to urge travelers to obtain a REAL ID-compliant state-issued driver's license, state-issued identification card or another form of acceptable ID before May 7, 2025 to avoid delays at airport security checkpoints.

The REAL ID Act, enacted pursuant to a 9/11 Commission recommendation, established minimum security standards for state-issued drivers' licenses and identification cards that federal agencies may accept for purposes of boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft, accessing certain federal facilities and entering nuclear power plants. Enforcement of the REAL ID Act and regulations enhances the security of these documents and the ability of federal agencies to accurately verify an individual's identity.

For more information on REAL ID, please visit [TSA.gov/real-id](https://www.tsa.gov/real-id).

WINTHROP'S LIA & LOURENCO CARMINATI ATTEND EVERETT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY



Lia Carminati (left) and her husband, real estate developer Lourenco Carminati (right) attended the swearing-in ceremony for Everett City Council President Stephanie Martins (center) Monday night at Everett City Hall. Lia Carminati is the owner of Be Live in Realty, a Lynn-based real estate agency, and Stephanie Martins is a realtor at the agency.

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SECOND ANNUAL GORMAN FORT BANKS PTO TRIVIA NIGHT



COURTESY PHOTOS

The winning team, Water Tower of Terror, poses for a photo after their victory. Left to Right: Jarid Siegel, Emily Dally, Michael Emma, Kaitlin Burroughs, Shannon Kubik, Chuck Kubik, Chrissie Wilson, Mike Zhe.

On Saturday, January 11th, the Gorman Fort Banks PTO held its 2nd Annual Trivia Night at the Cottage Park Yacht Club. All funds raised from the evening including trivia, silent auction, and raffles, will go toward providing enrichment activities for the students. It was a successful night with a great turnout from the community!

Shown to the right, one of the lucky raffle prize winners, Isabella Tocci.

Shown below, team representatives lined up awaiting instructions for the challenge to earn extra points.



Police // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

2020: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle in the No Parking Here to Corner area at Shirley and Moore Sts.

incident at Beacon Circle in which a vehicle struck a pole by the circle. There were no injuries and the vehicle did not need to be towed. The officer filed a report.

on Pleasant St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1728: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1021: A report of water coming out of a manhole cover on Sea View Ave. was referred to the DPW.

2014: An officer directed the operator of a vehicle parked in the Fire Lane on Woodside Ave. to move the vehicle.

1410: An Irwin St. resident reported that her parked motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator at some point within the past 24 hours. The officer filed a report.

2038: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1903: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere St. and Summit Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2327: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

2034: The operator of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Shirley St. was ordered to move his vehicle.

2355: An officer dispersed youths in two motor vehicles who were playing music loudly in the Ft. Heath area.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

0012: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0040: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0101: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0040: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0130: 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.

0106: An officer stopped a motor vehicle

on Pleasant St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

Middle School // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

tear it down, and to build 65-odd units within the old middle school," said Letterie.

to leave Winthrop to take advantage of recreational amenities such as swimming pools and indoor tracks.

There was also a previous possibility of tearing down the old middle school and building up to 150 units at Walden and Pauline that never went anywhere, he added.

Letterie noted that the town did contact local YMCAs to see if there was any interest in the site for a facility, but they were not interested.

"I came here a year and a half ago with the thought of having a sports complex there, they would have built an additional field house that would have been used by the town and the school department, the property would have stayed with the town of Winthrop," he said.

Councilor Suzanne Swope said she is interested in further discussion about using the property for increased greenspace for the town, along with affordable 55-plus housing.

However, at that time, Letterie said there did not seem to be any consensus among the council about moving forward with that plan.

Councilor Joseph Aiello said the town really needs to understand the site as well as it can.

"There have been thoughts to tear down the gym, the auditorium, and the school down and have green space, there's been discussion of a 50 and over community," said Letterie.

"I know some mapping has been provided, but I think mapping that anybody in the community can understand which maps the various parcels of properties that were transferred over the years and under what circumstances up against what is there today," Aiello said. "I think we've got better information than we've had before, but I don't think it is in a form that's working."

Letterie said there has also been discussion about keeping the property in case the town needs to build a new school in the future.

Although the council previously voted on selecting the Walden Street basketball courts as the site for a new fire station, Aiello said it should keep an open mind about the middle school site as home of a new firehouse.

"The most recent discussion has been about tearing down the school and the auditorium and leaving green space between the gym and potentially five townhouse lots at the top of Wheelock," he said. "This way, it would provide a natural buffer for the neighborhood and kind of complete that neighborhood."

"It is very clear that we all support the firehouse on this council," he said. "We need to make sure that we kick the tires on the two alternatives again and satisfy ourselves that we've got the one that the voters support. Because bottom line, we cannot fail to pass the measure for a firehouse this round, so if that means changing our mind because of further analysis, I'm happy to have that discussion."

Letterie said there has been a general consensus to maintain the current ice rink as it is or build a secondary rink. He added that he believes the town should also use the gym and recreation space because of a lack of gym space for students in the town.

Councilor-at-Large Rob DeMarco said he is in favor of tearing the middle school down now while still considering development options for the property.

"The other thought that has been out there as we discuss numerous options is income for the town," Letterie said. "There has always been that discussion that we need to look for additional revenue streams, we need to look for stimulus for businesses in town."

"I think it would be awesome to have a green space to walk from the center into Ingleside Park," said DeMarco. "We have some decisions to make, we'll make those decisions."

Precinct 6 Councilor John DaRos said the middle school property is one of the only remaining parts of town where it can build something that is revenue generating.

DeMarco said he also believes it is important that the voters make decisions on issues, such as what ultimately happens on the site.

"I think the place to start, as opposed to the specific ideas ..., is what are the outcomes that we want?" DaRos said.

Council Vice President Hannah Belcher said that the cost associated with tearing the property down could cost \$1.5 to \$2 million.

DaRos noted that residents in his precinct and throughout the town have pointed out that they have

believed there can be a consensus on the old middle school site until there is a longer-term vision for the entire town.

ment of the property.

Belcher also noted that the auditorium could provide potential community space for the arts and theater.

"I think it would be very utilized for the community," she said, adding that the gym is also heavily used by the town's parks and recreation department.

"We have these opportunities here that can be built upon, but I think that relies heavily on the addition of revenue from housing," said Belcher. "Now, whether that is workforce housing or senior housing, I'm not sure. But I think before we start moving in the direction of asking for engineering studies or urban design studies, we need to have a really clear scope of what we are asking for, otherwise we are just throwing money at more plans."

Councilor Pat Costigan said the council has serious choices to make about the town's revenue stream.

"Is the use of that area going to be community based, or are we going to chase the dollar down the hall?" said Costigan.

Costigan said he is in favor of development that benefits the community and its wellbeing. He added that if there is residential development on the property, he would want to see ownership units as opposed to rentals.

Councilor Max Tassinari said that while the town has had almost nine years to think about the use of the old middle school site, it has been lacking an overall vision for the future.

"We're taking one piece of land and we are looking at it in a vacuum when it may be the only piece that we can move right now," he said. "But it is certainly not the only piece we have available to us on the board as town land."

Tassinari said he doesn't believe there can be a consensus on the old middle school site until there is a longer-term vision for the entire town.

"If it has to sit there for another year or two, then it sits there for another year or two before we have a vision of what we want our town to look like, a financial impact study of what it likely to happen with the current zoning before we even talk about adding residential area to that site," said Tassinari. "And another look at the Win2030 Plan, that would be nice to be presented before the whole council at a council meeting so that it can be reintroduced to the public and reintroduced to this council."

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OUR Opinions

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NEVER GAVE UP

For those of a certain age, it is hard to imagine that 2025 will mark 57 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Recalling how we felt when he first heard the news of Dr. King's murder still brings chills and a deep sense of sadness that never has subsided.

For those who are too young to have been alive in that era of American history, there are a few things that everyone should know about Dr. King that should provide inspiration to all of us.

First, Dr. King was fearless. He knew from the inception of his rise to prominence of the Civil Rights movement that he would become a target for those who opposed change. Yet, even though he often told others that he believed his death would be imminent, he did not relent in his fight to continue his work in the civil rights movement.

Second, Dr. King stood for the rights of all Americans, not merely those of color. He was in Memphis working with striking sanitation workers, whose pay and working conditions he was seeking to help improve. He was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War because he knew it to be an unjust war, not only for poor Americans who could not get a college deferment for the draft, but also for the people of Vietnam, whose homeland was being bombed into oblivion at great profit for the American military-industrial complex.

If Dr. King were alive in the present era, there is no doubt that he would have been in the forefront of the Black Lives Matter movement, as well as the effort to reduce the economic inequality that has made attainment of the American Dream possible for a select few.

Dr. King's words ring as true today as they did two generations ago; his "I Have A Dream" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speeches are among the most powerful not only in American history, but in all of Western civilization.

All of us should learn from the example set by Dr. King that in each of us is the power to change the world -- that each of us has the capacity to inspire others, whether through our words or deeds, whether on a small or large scale, to make the world a better place. Many of our fellow citizens have followed the path set by Dr. King and many more will do so in the years ahead.

Dr. King often would say that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Admittedly, that "bend" often has taken a less-than-direct path in recent years. But as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day this Monday, let us recall not only his memory and the many things that he accomplished, but let us also resolve never to give in to the forces of intolerance, prejudice, and hate that continue to plague our country and the world today.

LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES: A TRAGIC SIGN OF THE TIMES

The apocalyptic images from Los Angeles this past week of the destruction caused by the still-raging fires are unfathomable. They are mindful of the horrific black-and-photos of Hiroshima in the aftermath of the atomic bomb in WWII.

Entire communities have been burnt to the ground, with only the charred foundations and concrete slabs of homes, businesses, municipal buildings, and places of worship serving as a reminder that this was a place where tens of thousands of people once called home.

The Los Angeles fires will affect all of us. With losses estimated at a minimum of \$60 billion, insurance premiums nationwide for homes and automobiles are certain to increase for everybody, just as they have in the aftermath of the hurricanes in Florida in recent years.

In addition, with tens of thousands of families and businesses losing everything in a state that represents 1/7th of the U.S. economy -- and with no hope of being able to return and rebuild -- there will be ripple effects across the economic spectrum that will impact all of us.

In the aftermath of hurricanes Helene and Milton this fall, we noted that Florida is close to becoming uninhabitable. Insurance companies have pulled out of that state, which means that most folks are unable to buy -- or sell -- a home, except at great expense. Moreover, living in the path of ever more-destructive hurricanes is akin to playing Russian roulette -- it's only a matter of time before the chamber spins and you're out of luck.

The same now is true of California because of the threat of wildfires.

But the reality of climate change is this: There is no place on earth where we are safe from the destruction of Mother Nature's climate-change-induced wrath -- and the situation is only going to get worse.

Way worse.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dear Editor,

After 4 productive years, President Joe Biden will soon be stepping down to peacefully pass the torch to the incoming president. I just felt a need to thank our good president for his many accomplishments during his 4-year administration. These key accomplishments are taken from www.whitehouse.gov/therecord

- 14.8 million jobs (more current count) created since 2021. More manufacturing jobs were created in 2022 than in any single year in nearly 30 years. Making more in America, and Biden signed an Executive Order to encourage competition across industries.

- More people working now than at any point in American history. Lowest unemployment rate, under 4%, in half a century.

- Made the tax code fairer via 15% minimum tax on billion-dollar corporations and a 1% surcharge on corporate stock buybacks. These were enacted for many billionaires who historically paid 0%-10% in taxes--less than teachers, police, public servants, and most working people.

- \$0% tax increase for families earning less than \$400,000/year.

- Lowered the deficit with the single largest annual reduction in American history.

- Awarded the most ever federal contracting dollars to small businesses and disadvantaged small businesses.

- Enacted long overdue infrastructure projects across the country under Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

- Rejoined the Paris Agreement on day one to reassert the US global leadership to combat the climate crisis.

- Delivering the most aggressive climate and environmental justice agenda in American history. Took action to lower energy costs for families.

- Advancing equity and racial justice, including historic criminal justice reform.

- Historic expansion of benefits and services for toxic exposed Veterans.

- More people with health insurance than ever

before.

- Protecting and fighting to expand Social Security.

- Signed legislation to put more cops on the beat and invest in community policing.

- Executive orders protecting reproductive rights.

- Signed legislation to reauthorize and strengthen the Violence Against Women Act.

- First meaningful gun violence reduction legislation in 30 years.

- Lowered seniors' healthcare expenses by capping out-of-pocket expenses on prescription drugs at \$2,000 per year. Also ensuring that people enrolled in Medicare (elderly & disabled) will not pay more than \$35 for a month's supply of insulin, and they'll receive free vaccines.

- Lowered the cost of hearing aids and made them available over the counter.

- 5 million borrowers from middle and working-class families benefited from student debt relief.

- Appointed a record number of women and people of color to serve in his administration.

- Reignited the "Cancer Moonshot" to cut the cancer death rate by half over the next 25 years.

Again, thank you President Biden for your valiant and impactful efforts over these past 4 years.

Donna Segreti Reilly

PLEASED WITH SJC DECISION ON 3A

Dear Editor,

What a week it's been. Watching the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) dismiss the Attorney General's case against Milton—for the exact reason we've been shouting from the rooftops for the past year—was an undeniable relief. The guidelines, once described as having "teeth" by the Attorney General, have now been deemed unenforceable. Despite the usual spin from the Governor's pro-3A propagandists, the MBTA Communities Act has effectively lost its bite.

To clarify, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), like all government agencies, must follow the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) to enact enforceable regulations. This process, out-

lined in the Massachusetts Administrative Procedure Act, is deliberate, democratic, and time-consuming.

The APA Process for Promulgating Regulations:

The APA defines a rule as a statement from an agency that applies generally and has a future effect. In Massachusetts, the steps to promulgate regulations include:

Notice of Public Hearing or Comment Period:

At least 21 days before the hearing or comment period, the agency must submit a notice to the Secretary, including a draft of the proposed regulation in both electronic and printed formats.

Small Business Impact Statement:

The notice must include an impact statement meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 2 and 3.

Draft Regulation:

The Secretary prepares the draft regulation and returns it to the agency for verification.

Agency Review:

The agency must ensure the draft's accuracy.

Consultation with Local Governments:

If the regulation impacts local governments, the agency must submit a statement to the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) and the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), including cost estimates and potential impacts.

Agency Meeting:

The agency must meet with representatives of the LGAC and DCA to discuss the regulation's impact.

Addressing Misleading Statements:

Despite the fact that the SJC tossed our main problem (the Guidelines) ahead of what we believe to be Councilor Aiello's misleading assertions in last week's Sun-Transcript, let's address a few key points:

1. This Initiative Isn't "Zero-Impact"

If it were, why target Winthrop at all? The changes proposed under the now-defunct 3A guidelines would have fundamentally altered the character of our town and would have led to finan-

cial instability.

2. Targeting the Central Business District (CBD)

The idea of converting the CBD into a 3A Mandatory Mixed-Use (MMU) District is flawed:

"Unlocking" Tenant-Style Development: Developers would no longer face limits on bedroom size, number of bedrooms, or occupancy.

Elimination of True Mixed-Use: Non-residential uses would be confined to the ground floor, eliminating multi-floor commercial spaces.

No Required Parking for Businesses: The loss of dedicated parking would harm small businesses reliant on customer convenience, especially in winter.

The CBD belongs to the people of Winthrop -- not developers aiming to transform it into a dense housing project.

3. Misrepresentation of Condo Guidelines

According to the updated FAQ on the state's website:

While passage of a 3A-compliant zoning (again, pursuant to the now-defunct guidelines) district did not "require" property owners to alter their properties, it allowed multifamily housing (i.e. 3A's version of multi-family housing: "no minimum bedroom size, no maximum number of bedrooms, no occupancy limits") to be developed "as of right" in previously restricted areas.

Winthrop's Exemption Case

Winthrop's exemption case is still pending in Superior Court. Here's what you need to know:

Agencies Must Provide Mechanisms for Exemptions

The rushed formation of the EOHLC failed to include this essential requirement. The SJC's Milton ruling confirmed the EOHLC's procedural shortcomings.

Emergency Regulations

If Governor Healey reinstates similar guidelines as "emergency regulations," the Superior Court can order the EOHLC to correct its procedural errors.

Diana Viens

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property at 67 Woodside Avenue and the business from the Abbatesa family.

your store," said Letterie. Three separate businesses

Though Letterie's has been a big draw for sandwich aficionados, the store has evolved into "three separate businesses" through the last 24 years.

"We have cold cuts and groceries, and then we sell sandwiches, subs, wraps, and salads – and then there is the catering business," explained Letterie. "That's the way I like to look. It's almost like running three distinct businesses. When I first started here, cold cuts were 80 percent of the business. Now it's completely flipped the other way to sandwiches and

catering. There was very little internet and there was no Uber Eats or DoorDash available way back when."

Letterie said one of the big changes from his store's opening in 2001 until today was the necessity to increase the prices of items.

"I had an old menu I just saw the other day where our Italian sub when we started here was \$4.25," said Letterie. "And now an Italian sub is \$11.50 with the tax. So, we've been here not a long time in years, but a long time in the evolution of technology and such."

Support from family and the community

Though the store is a sole proprietorship, Jim Letterie has been greatly encouraged and supported by his family, including his wife, Dawn, currently in her 40th year in the Winthrop school system, their son, Jake, a George Washington University graduate and daughter, Jenna, a national championship hockey standout at Middlebury College.

"Jake basically started helping out here when he was 10 years old, my daughter, Jenna, when she was 15," said Letterie. "My wife has assisted here and my mother, Lorraine, spent the better part of 10-12 years helping out in any way she could. But it's really been the kids of the community that have helped me over the years. The longevity of the employees has been great, and obviously without customers we wouldn't have had a business for that long, so you have to thank the citizens of Winthrop."

A love of Winthrop
Jim Letterie attended

St. John School through the eighth grade, graduating in 1974 ("That's 50 years ago, that's crazy," he joked).

He went on to attend Pope John XXIII High School in Everett, graduating in 1978.

Letterie rose through the ranks at Bertucci's to become a general manager of the well-established chain of restaurants.

"It was a great run, it was an incredible company back then with fantastic ownership and a guy, Joey Crugnale, who had an incredible passion for food and it showed in its product," said Letterie.

At the age of 40, Jim Letterie, with two young children ages four and two, made one of the biggest decisions of his life: the purchase of Terrie's Food Market and the opening of Letterie's.

"I sat down with my wife and said, 'this is probably the last opportunity to do something like this. We both love Winthrop, and we were going to stay here.' It was a huge decision, but it gave us the opportunity to create what I think is something special for the town and our family. My wife and I have been fortunate enough to work in this town. It's been a great run for the both of us."

Praise from Rep. Turco

Rep. Jeff Turco has been a loyal customer since his arrival in Winthrop.

"I join the entire Winthrop community in congratulating the Letterie family for their decision to retire and to close Letterie's Market," said Turco. "For twenty-five years, Letterie's has been a hallmark of Winthrop Center and the go-to food store for Winthrop families. Jim has employed countless of

Winthrop's youth, including two of my sons. In doing so, he has helped teach our youth about personal responsibility and the dignity of work. Personally, I will miss the steak tip and extra cheese sub!" said State Rep. Turco.

into an amazing man. It's fantastic to see the kids come through after they've moved on in their lives."

Reflecting on the past 24 years as a business owner and his service in town government, Jim Letterie said, "It's been an incredible amount of time and effort, but it's been very much worth it. I've enjoyed it and I know Dawn has loved teaching in Winthrop. But it's taken a lot of time. I said just recently that being town council president has turned into a full-time job, and now I'm glad to have the opportunity to spend much more time in that position. There is so much going on in the world right now, and even at the local level as well."

Employing many Winthrop youths through the years

In addition to giving Mr. Turco's two sons a job at the store, Jim Letterie has provided employment to other high school and college-age students.

"My first employee was John Cross, who came in when he was going into his junior year in high school," recalled Letterie. "Now he's a dad of three and a teacher at Winthrop High School who's turned



Jim Letterie pictured inside his Italian Market on Woodside Avenue.



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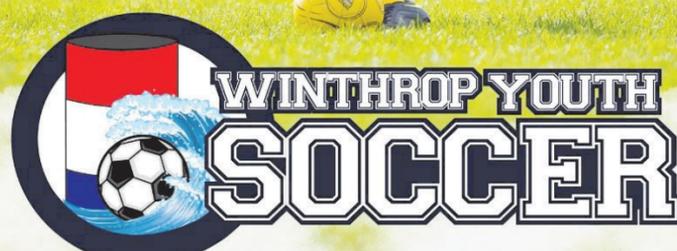
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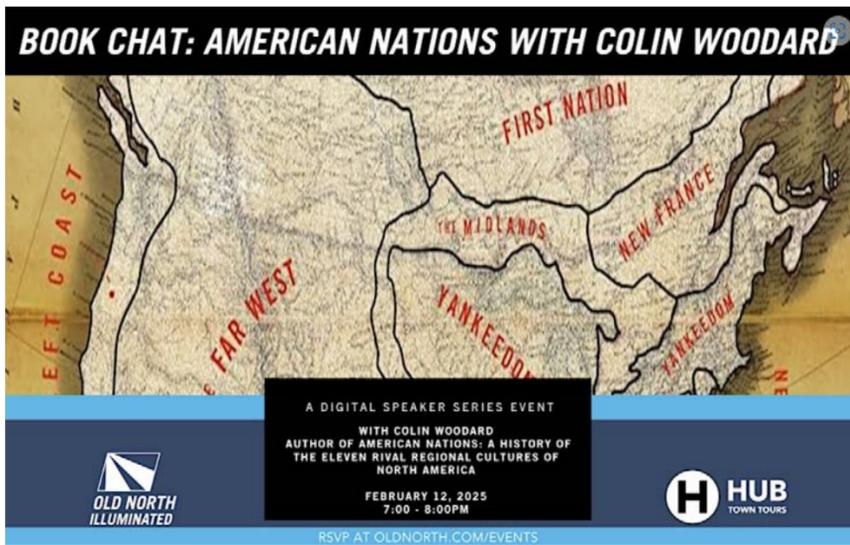
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ICA Watershed launches 2025 season with Chiharu Shiota’s powerful installations that reflect on home and migration

Special to the Transcript

This summer, the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston (ICA) opens the 2025 Watershed season with Chiharu Shiota: *Home Less Home*, on view May 22 through Sept. 1, 2025. The exhibition features two large-scale installations by the Berlin-based, Japanese

artist Chiharu Shiota (born 1972 in Osaka, Japan), including the debut of a new commission made for the ICA Watershed. Shiota foregrounds universal stories of migration, home, connection, memory, and survival. Her signature approach combines intricate, immense, and web-like installations built of thread and rope with quotidian

objects—such as shoes, suitcases, beds, chairs, dresses, and keys—that serve as symbols for human presence and memory. Chiharu Shiota: *Home Less Home* amplifies the ICA Watershed as a unique space for public art in Boston and will be included as part of the inaugural Boston Public Art Triennial. The exhibition is the artist’s first solo presentation in New England and is organized by Ruth Erickson, the ICA’s Barbara Lee Chief Curator and Director of Curatorial Affairs, with Brianne Chappelle, Curatorial Department Coordinator.

“Shiota’s awe-inspiring installations address themes of migration and home that resonate meaningfully with the Watershed’s location in East Boston and beyond,” said Erickson. “She uses common materials to imbue her work with profound and personal connections. We are honored to be able to invite Boston audiences to participate by sharing an



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Accumulation-Searching For The Destination.



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image or story of their personal experiences of leaving one home and finding another, adding another meaningful dimension to this important exhibition.” Visitors to the exhibition will first encounter the installation *Accumulation – Searching for the Destination (2014/2025)*, which the artist has adapted to fill the monumental scale of the Watershed space. In this powerful work, dozens of vintage suitcases are suspended from red rope, some vibrating and shaking with the turbulence of anticipation. For Shiota, who brought only one suitcase when she moved from Japan to Berlin in 1996, the suitcase symbolizes the starting point of a new journey.

The exhibition then leads to the artist’s newly commissioned work, *Home Less Home*. Within a field of red and black ropes forming the shape of a house in space, Shiota suspends thousands of documents, including those contributed by local Boston participants. These passports, letters, photographs, immigration papers, and messages hover above vignettes of domestic furniture selected and arranged by Shiota.

For her new work, Shiota invites individuals to share stories and images of what home means,

what it feels like to leave home, and what it takes to rebuild it. The collection of personal images and stories will take place in the spring of 2025 through partnerships with local community organizations and an open call to East Boston residents from the artist and ICA. Together, these works consider the journey towards one home and away from another.

Chiharu Shiota: *Home Less Home* will be included as part of the inaugural Boston Public Art Triennial, the city’s first and only public art event set to run every three years from May to October.

Chiharu Shiota (born 1972, Osaka, Japan) is a Berlin-based Japanese artist who has been working at the intersection of performance, sculpture, and large-scale installation since the 1990s. Shiota is internationally renowned for her large-scale installations, which she has exhibited globally, with recent solo presentations at the Nakanoshima Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan (2024); Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Barcelona, Spain (2024); Hammer Museum, Los Angeles (2023); Queensland Art Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia (2022); ZKM | Zentrum für Kunst und Medien, Karlsruhe (2021); Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wel-

lington (2020); Mori Art Museum, Tokyo (2019); and Gropius Bau, Berlin (2019). Her work has also been included in numerous group shows and international exhibitions, including the 56th International Art Exhibition at the Venice Biennale (2015) where Shiota represented Japan with her installation *The Key in the Hand*.

Since its founding in 1936, the ICA has shared the pleasures of reflection, inspiration, imagination, and provocation that contemporary art offers with its audiences. A museum at the intersection of contemporary art and civic life, the ICA has advanced a bold vision for amplifying the artist’s voice and expanding the museum’s role as educator, incubator, and convener. Its exhibitions, performances, and educational programs provide access to the breadth and diversity of contemporary art, artists, and the creative process, inviting audiences of all ages and backgrounds to participate in the excitement of new art and ideas. The ICA is located at 25 Harbor Shore Drive, Boston, MA, 02210. For more information, call 617-478-3100 or visit our website at icaboston.org. Follow the ICA on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS GIRLS HOCKEY VS. PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL

VIKING ICEMEN TOP TWO NEC FOES

The Winthrop High boys hockey team earned a pair of close, hard-fought victories over Northeastern Conference (NEC) opponents by identical scores of 3-2 this past week at Larsen Rink.

Last Wednesday the Vikings hosted NEC North foe Masconomet, a team that has emerged as a major rival in the past few years, and the fierce foes once again engaged in a physical and fast-paced battle.

Winthrop opened the scoring right away, with sophomore Dom Spinale reaching the back of the Chieftains' net with an unassisted goal. Masco tied matters before the end of the period, but the Vikings came out flying to start the middle frame. Senior captain Mike Hølgersen gave Winthrop a 2-1 lead thanks to a great pass from senior Aidan Survilas and extended their advantage to 3-1 when freshman Breadon Lounsbury scored his first goal of the year on a power play. Hølgersen and sophomore Paul Ferrara earned assists.

Masconomet cut the margin to 3-2 before the end of the period, setting the stage for a wild third period that saw the Vikings kill a five-minute major penalty.

However, the Winthrop defense held firm in front of senior captain goaltender Mike Donahue, who made a number of key saves both throughout the game and in the crucial final period, to preserve the win.

This past Saturday Winthrop hosted NEC South opponent Peabody/Saugus/Swampscott and once again came away with a 3-2 win.

Despite a one-sided opening period in which the Vikings outshot the visiting Tanners and dominated play, the teams were deadlocked at 0-0 after the first 15 minutes.

Winthrop broke through in the second period with sophomore Joe Pumphret netting his first goal, assisted by captain Mike Hølgersen. Hølgersen then extended the Vikings' advantage on a power play goal with an assist from sophomore Paul Ferrara.

However, Peabody got on the board late in the period to leave matters at 2-1, setting the stage for a hectic third period.

Pumphret gave Winthrop some breathing room with his second goal, assisted by Hølgersen, to make it 3-1, although the visiting Tanners made it interesting with a late goal. Senior captain Mike Donahue turned in another solid effort in goal with some key saves down the stretch.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew, who now stand at 5-3 overall and 3-0 in the NEC and who are ranked #8 in the MIAA's Division 4 power ratings, took on non-league opponent Lynfield last night (Wednesday). They will meet Mas-

conomet in a big rematch this Saturday at Kasabuski Rink in Saugus with a 5:00 opening face-off.

The Vikings will stay on the road at non-league opponent Lexington on Monday at 5:00 and then will trek to Ray Bourque Arena at Endicott College next Thursday to meet NEC North rival Danvers at 6:30.

WHS GIRLS HOOP WINS TWO CLOSE ONES

The Winthrop High girls basketball team turned in a pair of outstanding efforts to earn two key victories this past week against Northeastern Conference (NEC) North rival Peabody, 49-45, and non-league foe Revere, 33-31.

"We defeated a strong NEC opponent in Peabody," said WHS head coach Anthony Hatzisavas. "All we talked about is how we need to start stringing together four great quarters in these games because in our losses, there was always a quarter that hurt us."

"We came out and played great defense which led to good offense and we set the tone early," Hatzisavas continued. "We were able to go up 12-6 after the first, which was probably our best opening quarter of the season."

"Peabody made a little bit of a run to cut the lead to one at the half," said Hatzisavas. "At the half we talked about how we needed the same amount of energy that we had in the first half. We came out a little flat to go down 24-19 quick."

"Out of a timeout, Zoey Bogusz made a beautiful, over-the-top pass to Angela Tshowa for an 'and-1' layup which got us right back into the swing of things. We were able to open up the lead again to nine, but then did not end the quarter strong as it was back to three. We hurt ourselves more, it seems like, than the other team hurts us. That's kind of been our issue, but we are working towards being better at that," Hatzisavas added.

The fourth quarter turned into a back-and-forth, cat-and-mouse affair, with the teams trading the lead throughout the final period. The Lady Vikings held a three-point advantage with 40 seconds left when Bogusz sank a Clutch trey as the shot clock was expiring to give Winthrop a six-point lead to secure the win.

The final stat line showed Bogusz with a solid effort with seven points, six rebounds, and five assists. Sophomore Angela Tshowa had her best game of the season with a nice double-double with 13 points, 13 rebounds, and five assists. Bailey Ferguson hit for seven points and grabbed five boards. Sophia Lindinger and Amina Barry contributed eight rebounds each. Poli Tsiotos reached double figures, contributing

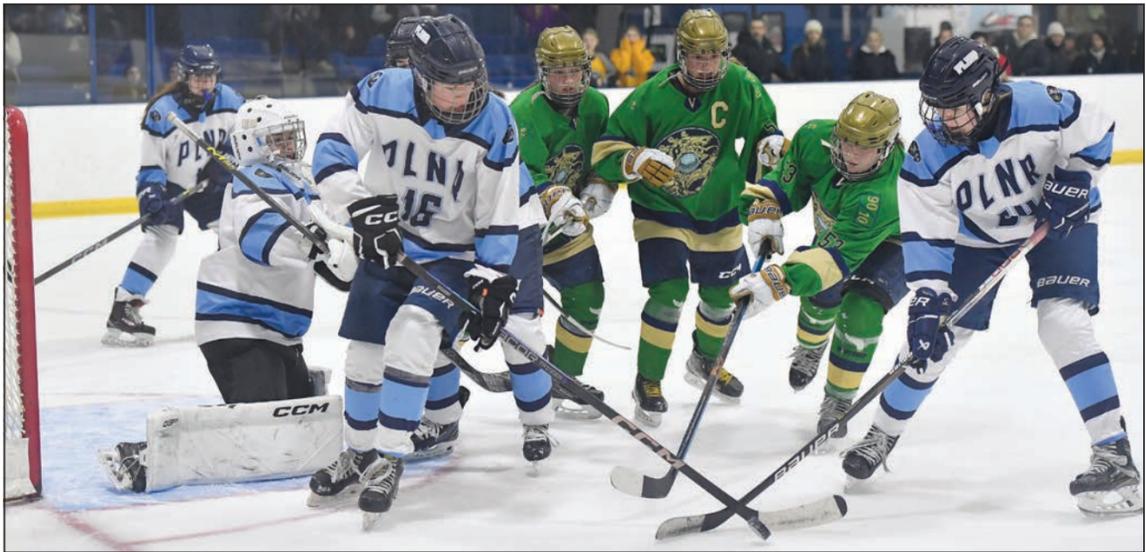


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Amelia Serino (53) reaches through the crowd in front of the PLNR net as the puck is cleared. See more photos on Page 8.

Vikings best Medford, 5-1, after falling to Peabody, 1-0, in battle of unbeatens

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop High girls hockey team returned quickly to the winning track with a 5-1 victory over Medford Saturday at the Mustangs' home rink.

Coming off a tough 1-0 loss to Peabody, the Vikings came out fired-up against Medford while improving their record to 5-1-1.

Spencer leads the way

Senior captain Amelia Spencer scored two goals to power the Vikings to their second win over Medford this season.

"She had two beautiful goals," said head coach Butch Martucci. "Amelia has been playing extremely well since Day 1, but she was fantastic versus Medford and these

last four games, she's really lifted up her game. Our team bounced back really well after a tough loss to Peabody."

Senior captain Talia

Martucci had one goal and two assists. Junior Chloe Couture and sophomore Angie Coscia also netted goals.

Game lived up to expectations

The Winthrop-Peabody battle of unbeatens lived

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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago
January 9, 2015
The Winthrop High girls basketball team cruised to a pair of runaway victories this past week, dispatching Swampscott, 42-22, and Lynn English, 48-22. Sandwiched between those twin wins was a 41-32 loss to Peabody, the Lady Vikings' first defeat in the Northeastern Conference this season. Kristen Siscamanis, who led all scorers with 18 points vs. Swampscott, keyed the Lady Viking run in the second period with 10 points, including a pair of threes, that pushed Winthrop from the 9-9 tie into a 24-13 lead at the intermission. Other scorers on the night for Winthrop were Allie Love, who hit for nine points (including two treys), followed by Niki Tsiotis with six, Poli Tsiotis and Jaida Hightower with four apiece, and freshman Francesca Capone with a free throw. In the tilt with Lynn English on the WHS floor, the Lady Vikings put the pedal to the floor from the outset and never let up against their Lady Ram counterparts. Winthrop

led 14-3 after one period, 25-8 at the half, and 39-11 at the third buzzer. Siscamanis led the point parade with 14 and Niki T. reached double figures with 11.

20 years ago
January 13, 2005
The WHS boys basketball team shot just 18-for-38 from the free throw line in a disappointing 73-47 loss to Danvers. Anthony Griffin led Winthrop with 12 points and Alex Hoomis added 10.

The WHS hockey team edged Latin Academy 2-0 behind goals by Jimmy Leary and Nick Bettano to improve to 2-0 on the season.

The WHS boys indoor track team won its first meet of the season, 44-23 over Lynn English. Individual winners for the Vikings were Kareem Thompson in the 55 dash in 6.8, Peter Christopher in the 55 hurdles in 9.9, Alex DeFranzo in the mile, Pat Medeiros in the two mile, Kevin Sena in the 1000 in 3:10, Chris Testa in the shot-put, and Shane Mulcarrin in the high jump.

WHS GIRLS HOCKEY VS. PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL

Photos by Bob Marra
In a titanic matchup of unbeaten, 5th-ranked Peabody/Lynnfield/North

Reading (PLNR) handed the 10-th ranked Vikings their first loss of the season and escaped with a 1-0 win Wednesday January 8.



Amelia Spencer (88) takes a point blank shot on the PLNR net but the shot was blocked by goalie Alyse Mutti.



Reese Ferrara (5) avoids a check and chases a puck along the boards.



Angela Coscia (7) is ridden off the puck by PLNR's Daniella White (18).



Avalina Coffey (10) skates around the stick-check of a PLNR defender.



Chloe Couture (8) goes to the ice as she tries to break up rush by PLNR's Ava Buckley (23)



Francesca Indrisano fires a shot as a PLNR defender blocks the way.



Talia Martucci (52) escapes a Peabody defender.



Talia Martucci (52) kicks into high gear as she skates through center ice.

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10 points and providing a huge spark coming off the bench.

This past Monday the Lady Vikings made the short trip to non-league opponent -- and traditional archrival -- Revere and came home with another hard-fought, down-to-the-write victory.

The contest started well for the Lady Vikings, who built a 20-120 lead at the intermission thanks to a stifling defensive effort.

"I told the girls you throw records out the window for this one," said Hatzisavas. "It just means more. We came out moving the ball and executing great. We went into a press and caused a lot of issues for them and we were able to build a nice lead at the half."

When Ferguson drained a triple to start the second half, it appeared that Winthrop was en route to a comfortable victory. However, the Lady Patriots refused to quit and started to turn the tide.

"We came out in the second half and Bailey hit a three to start, but then the energy shifted a little

bit," Hatzisavas continued. "Revere started to gain momentum and hit some key shots."

With the teams deadlocked at 31-31 with 20 seconds to go, it was the sophomore Showa who donned the heroine's cape for the Lady Vikings when she made a strong move to the rim for the game-winning bucket.

"It was a very difficult move that Angela made look easy," said Hatzisavas. "It's always nice beating Revere and we are happy we were able to get this one. Winning is never easy, so you have to take it any way you can get it sometimes."

The Lady Vikings, who now are 4-6 at the midpoint of the season and are ranked 26th in the MIAA's Division 4 power rankings, travel to non-league foe Hamilton-Wenham Friday and to NEC North rival Marblehead next Tuesday.

WHS BOYS HOOP HOSTS MARBLEHEAD NEXT TUESDAY

The Winthrop High

boys basketball team will host Northeastern Conference North foe Marblehead next Tuesday eve-

ning. The opening tip on the Holland Gymnasium's Chris Tsiotos Floor is set for 7:00.

Grein, Sacco receive All-State Honorable Mention Awards

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop High School football players Gabe Grein and Todd Sacco were selected for Division 6 All-State Honorable Mention awards in the 2024 season.

The awards follow the duo's recognition to the All-Northeastern Conference Team.

Grein was a standout two-way lineman for the Vikings. He also saw ac-

tion at linebacker when injuries hit the Vikings' starting lineup.

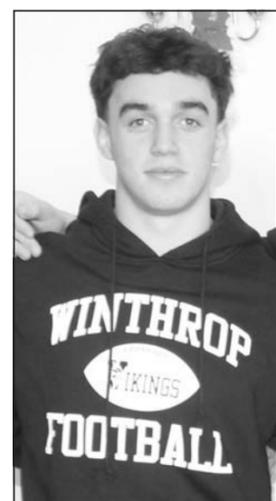
"Gabe was one of the hardest-working kids we had on the field and in the weight room," said Winthrop head coach Jon Cadigan. "He never came off the field. He's tough as nails. I'm very happy he's getting the recognition."

Grein is reportedly a candidate for the Shri-

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Gabe Grein.



Todd Sacco.

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Town begins budget process as override vote looms

By Adam Swift

The Fiscal Year 2026 budget season is underway, but the final shape of that budget will depend upon the expected school override vote this spring.

The school committee was scheduled to meet on Wednesday night to finalize the wording for the Proposition 2-½ override question.

The schools will then forward the question to the town council, which could vote on scheduling a date for the override election at its next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The schools are moving forward with a tiered question, where voters have the option to vote on a \$3.5 million override and a \$4.95 million override. Voters can select one, both, or neither monetary amount for the override; if both dollar figures pass, the higher amount would take precedence.

Last November, voters rejected a \$4.95 million override request.

In his report to the town council last week, Town Manager Tony Marino stated that department budgets are starting to come in for the FY26 budget season.

“We continue to plan

for our normal budget cycle with nominal COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) increases in line with past budgets,” Marino stated. “However, I need to stress that if the Schools do not receive additional funding via an override, substantial cuts across every department will be required from the Town side of the budget to assist the schools. We will not be able to give the schools the entire 3.5 million dollars that the schools will need for the FY26 budget but will need to offer up more than we normally do to spread the cuts throughout the entire town and to be prepared to highlight the service level drop off and any staff reductions that will occur.”

Marino said he would be meeting with Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard in the coming weeks to prepare an FY26 budget without a school override and determine what services would be reduced for both the town and the schools.

At its next meeting, the town council could also vote on the dates for the debt exclusion vote for a new fire station, and whether it wants to hold the debt exclusion vote on the same day as the school override, or on a separate ballot.

Barbara M. Harrison

Longtime Town Meeting member and retired activities director at the Winthrop Senior Center and the former Cliff House Nursing Home

Barbara M. Harrison of Winthrop passed away at the Devereux House in Marblehead on December 26, 2024 after a long illness. She was 66 years old.

Born in Everett, she was the beloved daughter of the late Alice (Hoar) and Robert M. Harrison. A life-long resident of Winthrop, she worked as an activities director at the Winthrop Senior Center and the former Cliff House Nursing Home.

Barbara served as a Town Meeting member, representing Precinct 5 for many years. She volunteered for many years at the Tufts Medical Center in Boston and was an active member of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Society. For over 30 years Barbara was an active member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

She is survived by her siblings, Paul Harrison and his wife, Judy, Patricia and Nancy Harrison and the loving aunt to Geoff, Caitlin (Kendall), Padraic,



Moriah (Josh) and grand aunt to Addie.

A Funeral Service was held in the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Saturday, January 11, 2025. Interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery was private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Boston, 18 Canton St., Stoughton MA 02072 or go to www.svdpboston.org.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

James Foley

He will be remembered for his boundless energy, dedication to family and community and a life lived to the fullest

James T. Foley, 81, of Winthrop passed away peacefully on January 13, 2025.

Born on March 15, 1943 to James and Mary Foley, James, affectionately known as “Gus,” lived a life full of movement, adventure, and dedication to his family and community.

Gus’s vibrant life was characterized by his love of activity and exploration. From multiple marathons to skiing on both water and snow, to traveling the globe with his beloved wife, Celia A. Foley, he embraced life with enthusiasm and energy. A proud member of the Carpenters Union, Gus dedicated his career to craftsmanship and retired while serving the town of Winthrop in many meaningful ways. As a true son of Winthrop, he cherished living his entire life on Sunnyside Avenue, deeply rooted in the community he loved.

Gus is survived by his loving wife, Celia A. Foley, and his brother, Robert Foley and his wife, Donna Sorbello. He was the cherished father of James Foley and his wife, Sandra Foley, Patrick Foley and his wife, Melodie Knowlton, Sean Foley and his wife, Saadia Bryant and Keith Foley and his wife, Laura Jenks. Gus was also a proud and devoted grandfather to five grandchildren: Sophia Foley, Emma Foley, Kaelyn Foley, Anne Knowlton-Foley, and Torin Foley, who will carry forward his legacy of love and adventure.



He was preceded in death by his loving sister, Jean Miller (Foley), and he leaves behind many other cherished family members and dear friends.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Monday, January 20 from 4 to 7p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to The American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

Forever in our hearts, Gus will be remembered for his boundless energy, dedication to family and community, and a life lived to the fullest.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

State officials urge fire safety during open burning season

Special to the Transcript

After an unprecedented fall fire season in Massachusetts and as wildfires rage in California, state officials are urging residents to protect themselves and their communities by following local and state restrictions on open burning.

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bonnie Heple, and Chief Fire Warden David Celino of the Department of Conservation & Recreation said restrictions on open burning are imposed at the state and local levels.

“Open burning season begins January 15 in communities where it’s allowed,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Even where burning is authorized, a permit from your local fire department is always required in advance and it’s your responsibility to be able to extinguish the fire on a moment’s notice. For two years in a row,

Massachusetts residents have lost their lives when they couldn’t contain their fires – please make safety your priority when burning.”

“Open burning is limited to protect public health and public safety,” said MassDEP Commissioner Heple. “The governing laws and regulations are in place to reduce air pollution, property damage, and personal injury. If open burning is allowed in your community, please follow the local and state guidance to keep yourself, your neighbors, and our environment safe.”

“This fall, residents across Massachusetts saw just how quickly outdoor fires can grow out of control,” said Chief Fire Warden Celino. “Right now, California is facing an even worse crisis with devastating fires consuming entire neighborhoods. Please don’t risk a fire that puts you, your home, or your community at risk. Burn only approved materials and always get a permit from your local fire

department first.”

These restrictions are authorized by 310 CMR 7.07, which sets baseline requirements based on air quality and allows for “no burn” days; MGL chapter 48, section 13, which prohibits any open air fire unless a permit is issued; and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code, which gives local fire chiefs the authority to impose additional limits.

Open burning is prohibited year-round in the cities and towns of Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Medford, New Bedford, Newton, Somerville, Springfield, Waltham, Waverly, West Springfield, and Worcester.

In the remaining communities, open burning season runs from January 15 through May 1 with the following limitations. Local fire departments may deny a permit or set additional limitations if circumstances make open burning hazardous.

Only certain agricultural waste may be burned. This includes brush, cane, driftwood, residential forestry debris, fruit tree and bush prunings, raspberry stalks, infected bee hives, trees and brush from agricultural land clearing, and fungus-infected elm wood if no other acceptable means of disposal is available. It is unlawful to burn leaves, grass, hay,

stumps, tires, household trash, construction materials, demolition debris, or brush, trees, cane, or driftwood from commercial or industrial land clearing.

Open burning may only be conducted:

- With a permit issued in advance by the local fire department;
- Between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm;
- At least 75 feet from all dwellings and without causing a nuisance;
- As close as possible to the source of material being burned; and
- When it will not cause or contribute to a condition of air pollution.

Persons who burn unlawfully or allow a fire to grow out of control could be held liable for firefighting costs or face fines or even jail time.

Open Burning Safety

- An adult should tend to the fire at all times and keep tools to extinguish it close by.
- Burn small amounts at a time.
- Never use gasoline, kerosene, or other accelerants to start the fire.
- Don't wait for the fire department to tell you that it has become unsafe to burn: put the fire out if winds pick up or the weather changes. Most fires get out of control during sudden wind changes.
- If the fire gets out of control, call the local fire department right away.

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up to its advance billing as the two title contenders played 45 minutes of tense, two-way hockey.

Reigning league MVP Ava Buckley scored the game’s only goal for Peabody early in the second period.

“The goal developed out of a play in the neutral zone where our defense had to pitch up to try to

make a play, and one of their players bumped the puck past us, and their top gun (Buckley) had a clear shot on Riley (Towse) who was in pretty good position, but Buckley made a great shot.”

Peabody coach Michelle Roach utilized multiple defenders to contain Talia Martucci in a successful strategy that kept Winthrop’s leading scorer off the board.

Spencer had a couple of good scoring opportunities, with one of her blasts

hitting the post.

Peabody goaltender Alyse Mutti made 25 saves. Winthrop’s Riley Towse had 15 saves.

Butch Martucci is looking forward to the rematch against Peabody.

“That game (January 22) at Larsen is going to be really good,” said Martucci.

Interestingly, Peabody lost its very next game to Longmeadow (2-0) in Springfield. Longmeadow tied Winthrop (2-2) in a Jan. 4 matchup.

No. 13-ranked Winthrop (5-1-1) plays Gloucester (5-4) Saturday (1 p.m.) at Larsen Rink and has a big test against No. 5-ranked Methuen/Tewksbury (7-0-1) Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Larsen Rink. Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day which honors the life of the great civil rights leader and orator.

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ners All-Star Game which brings together the top seniors in Massachusetts.

Sacco had a breakout junior campaign with 970 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns. Fans who made the long trek to Newell Stadium in Gloucester in November saw Sacco emerge as a high school football star that night as he produced 200 yards rushing and three touchdowns. He also excelled at linebacker.

“Seth was clearly one of our best two-way players,”

said Cadigan. “He is a guy who put in a lot of time in the offseason in the weight room. He’s a tough player who was always on the field. Seth and Gabe are extremely versatile players. I congratulate both players on being All-State Honorable Mention.”

The Vikings will celebrate their successful season (that included a 25-0 win over Revere on Thanksgiving) at the team’s awards banquet Sunday.

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THE MORE Things Change ...

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10 years ago January 16, 2015

There have been three public meetings regarding potential plans for the old church on Hermon Street, but town council members have made it clear that they cannot vote on a special zoning designation unless plans for the property are clearly made. Tuesday night several councilors, who also sit on the Public Safety Committee and the Rules and Ordinance subcommittee, told the lawyer and owners of Ocean City Development, LLC that they need to see more detailed plans for 60 Hermon St., the former site of the Winthrop Playmakers and prior to that the First Baptist Church at Winthrop. After an hour and a half, at the urging of Councilor Paul Varone, who also lives on Hermon Street, the developers and neighbors agreed to a community meeting to discuss and view detailed plans.

20 years ago January 20, 2005

The Board of Selectmen and the town's MWRA representative, Marie Turner, have announced that the town and MWRA have agreed to a new mitigation agreement that will pay the town \$650,000 annually for 10 years and allow the town to purchase a new, \$800,000 fire engine ladder truck. In return, Winthrop will agree to provide first responder services for police and fire protection at Deer Island.

The town's DPW, under the direction of new Director Dave Hickey and new Operations Manager Paul Camilli, has undertaken many new projects, including the repair of sidewalks and sewer pipes, new street signage, and the winterization of the town's 403 fire hydrants.

More than 300 persons were on hand when the Chamber of Commerce held its annual Kickoff and Awards Dinner Friday night at the Hyatt Harbor-side Hotel at Logan Airport. Bernice MacIntyre was named the Chamber Member of the Year.

23 years ago January 19, 1995

The School Committee said that needed improvements to the town's aging elementary schools are to blame for the School Department's budget of \$12,642,402 passed by the committee this week, a sharp increase of \$2.66 million over the FY1995 budget. Dalrymple School Principal Richard Grillo also is seeking funds for new textbooks that he says are desperately needed for the students of his school.

40 years ago January 23, 1985

State Rep. Alfred Sagesse has announced that the town will see an increase of \$850,000 in local aid from the state for the coming fiscal year. Gov. Michael Dukakis

announced an increase in local aid of \$155 million last week.

State Supreme Court Justice Paul Iacoco has ordered the construction of a new jail facility for Suffolk County.

Board of Assessors Chairman Robert Indresano said this week that taxpayers will be receiving their tax bills in May, not April, because of a delay in the revaluation process.

50 years ago January 29, 1975

Planning Board member Thomas E. Reilly Jr. has announced his candidacy for the Board of Selectmen. Atty. Robert E. Noonan has announced his candidacy for the Planning Board.

Winthrop suffered a major power outage for the fourth time in recent months this week when half the town lost power for a period of three hours.

A Special Town Meeting has been set for February 10 to approve transfers of funds for town departments that already have expended their budgets for the fiscal year. Members also must approve a retroactive pay raise for police officers pursuant to the new contract between the town and police union.

Winthrop High student Peter Martino will be among the high school students to be honored by the State Jewish War Veterans when they hold their annual Brotherhood Breakfast in Waltham February 2.

The selectmen have approved the transfer of the liquor license of Nat's Deli to its new location in the professional office building opposite Governor's Park.

The School Committee has proposed a school budget of \$4,435,000, a decrease of \$450,000 from last year's budget.

The State Street Bank opened its new office in Winthrop this week at 35 Putnam St.

The Odessa File is playing at the Parkway Plaza Theatre in Chelsea.

60 years ago January 27, 1965

The collection drive to benefit the victims of the explosion and fire that gutted four homes and damaged three others brought in \$3500 by 100 volunteers who went house-to-house and braved the atrocious weather conditions Sunday.

Selectman Mel Carver stunned the local political scene this week by announcing that he will not be a candidate for re-election in the upcoming town election.

Temple Tifereth Israel installed attorney Harold Katz as its new President this week.

The Board of Fire Engineers has announced the promotion of Captain Edward Hazlett to the post of Deputy Chief.

More than 100 persons attended the open house

at the Frost Public Library to view the second-floor reading room, relic room, and study room.

Two auto thieves, a Waretown man and woman, who were operating a 1965 Plymouth sedan, refused to stop despite warning shots being fired at them by Winthrop officers Pat Staff and Arthur Greenlaw. The duo finally were apprehended only after a half-hour chase along icy streets at 60 m.p.h. at 2:30 in the morning.

Elvis Presley and Ann Margaret star in Viva Las Vegas at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago January 27, 1955

The cost of operating the Winthrop school system for 1955, including special articles pertaining to the addition to the senior high school, will be \$702,455, an increase of \$43,573 over 1954, most of which is attributable to an increase of \$17,435 in the salary line item. School officials point out that this is not because of a raise for school employees, but because the maximums earned by teachers and supervisors will increase. The town will receive about \$95,000 in Chapter 70 money from the state.

Porch lights will be lit tonight for the Mother's March against polio. In addition, a record hop also will be held over the weekend at the Elks to benefit the drive to raise funds for polio research.

George Hill has announced his candidacy for the Board of Water Commissioners.

Elizabeth Taylor and Stewart Granger star in Beau Brummel at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago January 25, 1945

Winthrop Community Hospital President Leslie Griffin said that the general support of the public is needed to sustain the splendid facilities and services provided by the hospital. Citizens can become life members for a contribution of \$250 or associate members for as little as \$2.00.

Local Red Cross Chairman Carl Nelson said that Winthrop's quota for the current War Fund campaign is \$19,500 out of a national goal of \$200 million.

A number of reports have been received of ill-mannered high school bus riders who are annoying other passengers by rushing onto the buses and jostling whoever is in their way as they try to get to seats. Many people see this as a sign of the times, while others see it to be a sign of ineffective teaching and manners by parents of today.

Winthrop needs a parent-teacher association. Who is willing to get it started?

Owners and tenants are reminded of the town by-law that requires them to shovel the snow from the sidewalks in front of their premises.

Staff Sgt. John H. Orrall has been awarded the Air Medal and Purple Heart.

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello star in Lost in a Harem at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago January 26, 1935

A threatening blaze on the second floor of the Wadsworth Building at 220 Winthrop St. gave the men of the Fire Dept. a tough fight. However, as usual, Chief Belcher's direction of action saved the building and its 11 tenants from serious losses.

Many Winthrop residents are among the thousands of people who have made their annual journey to St. Petersburg, Florida, for winter sunshine.

The selectmen have called a Special Town Meeting to take up six articles, two of which seek appropriations to match ERA project money from the federal government.

William Powell and Myrna Loy star in Evelyn Prentice at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago January 24, 1925

There are now 10 bills before the legislature pertaining to the construction of a bridge that would span across the Mystic River from Maverick Square in East Boston to Boston proper.

The Knights of Columbus presented a spicy show, Miss Cinderella, at the Winthrop Theatre before capacity crowds Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Eugene Whittier of the Winthrop Hospital Executive Board has announced that a very important meeting pertaining to the hospital's future will be held at the Legion Hall this week. Among the topics of discussion will be installation of a sprinkler system in the wake of the disaster at the Scobey Hospital in Boston in which one patient was killed and others evacuated amidst the smoke and flames.

The town is mourning the passing of young Carl Ultsch Jr., 17, who died last week after a long and courageous battle against a stomach illness.

There presently is before the legislature a bill that would annex all cities and towns within a 12 mile radius of the State House into the City of Boston. The question could be on the ballot in 1926.

110 years ago January 30, 1915

Mary Thomas, who asserted that she had tripped and fallen on a town water pipe along the sidewalk on Shirley St., was awarded \$750 by a jury. She had been seeking \$2000.

The Pt. Shirley Country

Winthrop Senior Center News

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Monday, January 20

THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Tuesday, January 21

- 9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
- 10:00am: Bowling at the Winthrop Elks (\$15 annually)
- 10:00am - 11:00am: MBTA Accessibility Training
- 11:00am - 12:00pm: Blood Pressures
- 11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
- 12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)
- 1:00pm-2:00pm: Winthrop Police Senior Partnership

Wednesday, January 22

- 10:00am-2:00PM: National Grid Energy Fair
- 11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
- 11:30am-12:30pm: Mystic Valley Elder Services Office Hours
- 1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

Thursday, January 23

- 9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
- 9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$5)
- 10:30am-11:30am: Seaside Tappers (\$5)
- 12:00pm - 12:30pm: Dine-In / Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
- 12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

Friday, January 24

- 9:00am-12:00pm: Computer Usage
- 9:00am-10:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
- 10:00am-11:00am: Line Dancing (\$5)
- 11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
- 11:30am-12:30pm: Journaling Workshop

Senior Lunch Program: The Senior Center offers in-person dining on Thursdays from 12-12:30pm.

Grab and Go Lunches are also available for pick up Monday - Friday between 11am and 1pm. To reserve a lunch, please stop by the front desk or call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday). Menus are available on our website and at the Senior Center. Please note, lunches cannot be held overnight; they must be picked up on the day that



they were requested for.

Senior Van. The Senior Van runs Monday - Thursday from 8:45am-3pm and Fridays 8:45am-12:15pm. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by calling the Senior Center at least two weekdays prior to the desired date. Rides to medical appointments will be prioritized. A list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter.

Senior Van Schedule Updates: Beginning in February, the Senior Van will run on Fridays from 8:45am to 12:15pm. Rides will be limited to Winthrop, Revere and East Boston destinations only. Return trips must be completed by 12:15pm.

Senior Van Shopping Schedule (beginning February 1, 2025)

- Mondays: Market Basket Chelsea at 8:45am
- Tuesdays: Market Basket Revere at 8:45am
- Wednesdays: Stop & Shop/Target at 12:30pm
- Thursdays: Stop & Shop/Target at 8:45am
- Fridays: Market Basket Revere at 8:45am

Rides may be booked up to 2 weeks in advance but must be scheduled at least 2 weekdays in advance by calling the Senior Center at 617-846-8538. A full list of destinations/pricing is available in our newsletter and online at www.winthropma.gov/council-aging.

Club held its annual banquet at the Quincy House Monday evening.

The construction of the bleacher-style concrete seawall along Revere Beach is almost complete.

The United States now is more closely united than ever with the completion of the first telephone line between Boston and San

Francisco. Major Henry Higginson, an early director of the board of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., initiated the call at the Boston end, while Thomas Watson, the assistant of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, was on the other end, 3505 miles

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

THE WINTHROP HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Exterior Painting, Storm Door Replacement, and Foundation Repairs at State Aided Development: (200-1) in Winthrop, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by REVERSE ARCHITECTURE. The Project consists of but not limited to:

Selective wood siding repairs, painting of wood siding and miscellaneous related repairs at 31 residential buildings and a maintenance building of family housing, 200-01. Alternates for foundation repairs, new crawl space access doors and louvers, painting of steel bulkhead doors, and replacement of storm doors. The work is estimated to cost \$684,800.00. All bidding Requests for

Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 01/27/2025 at 9:00AM EST for filed sub-bids and by 02/07/2025 at 5:00PM EST for general bids. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review

the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at bid-docs.com and received no later than the date and time specified. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, General Building Construction, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility

and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement. General Bids will be received until 14 February 2025 at 3:00PM EST and publicly opened online, forthwith. Filed Sub-bids will be received until 30 January 2025 at 3:00PM EST and publicly opened online, forthwith. Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must

include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement. TRADES: Painting General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the WINTHROP HOUSING AUTHORITY. Note: A bid

deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at bid-docs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost). General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark

reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to EOHL (shanyan.li@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED. PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled Date and Time: 01/23/2025 at 10:00AM

EST Address: 12 Edward Street, Winthrop, MA 02152 Instructions: Meet in front of maintenance building. The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc., 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 Tel 978-568-1167 Submitted by Winthrop Housing Authority, Peg Tiernan Lyons 1/15/25, 1/16/25, 1/22/25, 1/23/25

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away. Connections also were made to San Francisco from New York City, Washington, D.C., and Jekyll Island, Georgia. President Wilson made the call from Washington.

The raids by the German zeppelins on the civilian population of England shows how utterly barbarous the Germans are in the present war in Europe. However, such actions will backfire on the Germans, because it will help in recruiting soldiers to fight in the war and will encourage England to go to the limit in fighting against this enemy.

The four Marx Brothers will be appearing in Boston at the B.F. Keith Theatre to present their farce, Home Again.

**120 years ago
January 27 1905**

Wednesday's storm destroyed 1000 feet of fence along Shore Drive. Large crowds gathered on the Crest to watch the waves crash onto the boulevard, hurling large boulders and

tons of sand onto the road. However, as usual, the Narrow Gauge had a large number of men clearing the snow from the tracks so that operation of the railroad was unaffected.

The town has filed a bill with the legislature that would solve our water problem by ratifying the town's purchase of the Revere Water Co.

The recent sale of a large portion of Pt. Shirley has brought about a great deal of interest not only in the future of the little peninsula, but also in its past. A recent publication of 45 pages about areas on the North Shore has highlighted the Point's interesting history.

H.F. Rich and Co., located in the Wadsworth Block, advertises for sale "fresh halibut, steak cod, fresh clams in the shell by the quart, fresh smelts, and big, fat luscious oysters."

**140 years ago
January 30, 1885**

The residence of Capt. Atwood on Pleasant St.

narrowly escaped destruction last week thanks to the quick work of those in the house, who detected a fire in the basement, and of the neighbors, who attached a hose to a faucet. The alarm was sounded and the village thoroughly aroused, limiting the loss to about \$100.

At the adjourned Town Meeting, Article 4, calling for the purchase of new fire hoses and equipment, was approved by a vote of 46 in favor and two opposed. The Town Treasurer was authorized to borrow \$2301.20 in anticipation of tax revenue to purchase 2000 feet of fire hose and four equipped carriages, although the location of the new carriages, which sparked much debate, eventually was left up to the decision of the fire wardens.

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Red Bull Heavy Metal comes to Boston Feb. 22

World's top street snowboarders, will compete in a snowboard rail-jam competition on the steps of City Hall Plaza

Special to the Sun

Red Bull Heavy Metal is taking the world's top street snowboarders from the mountains and bringing them to Boston, creating one of the most anticipated competitions on the snow 2025 calendar. Leading the talent pool is X Games Gold Medalist, Zeb Powell. The competition will be held on Saturday, Feb 22, 2025 at City Hall Plaza from 2:30-6pmET, doors opening at 2pmET and spectating is free to the public.

Red Bull Heavy Metal is expanding to Boston for the first time ever, serving as the second iteration of the event within the 2025 calendar. After a successful 2024, the Minnesota State Capitol Building will again be home to the event, slated for Feb 1, 2025.

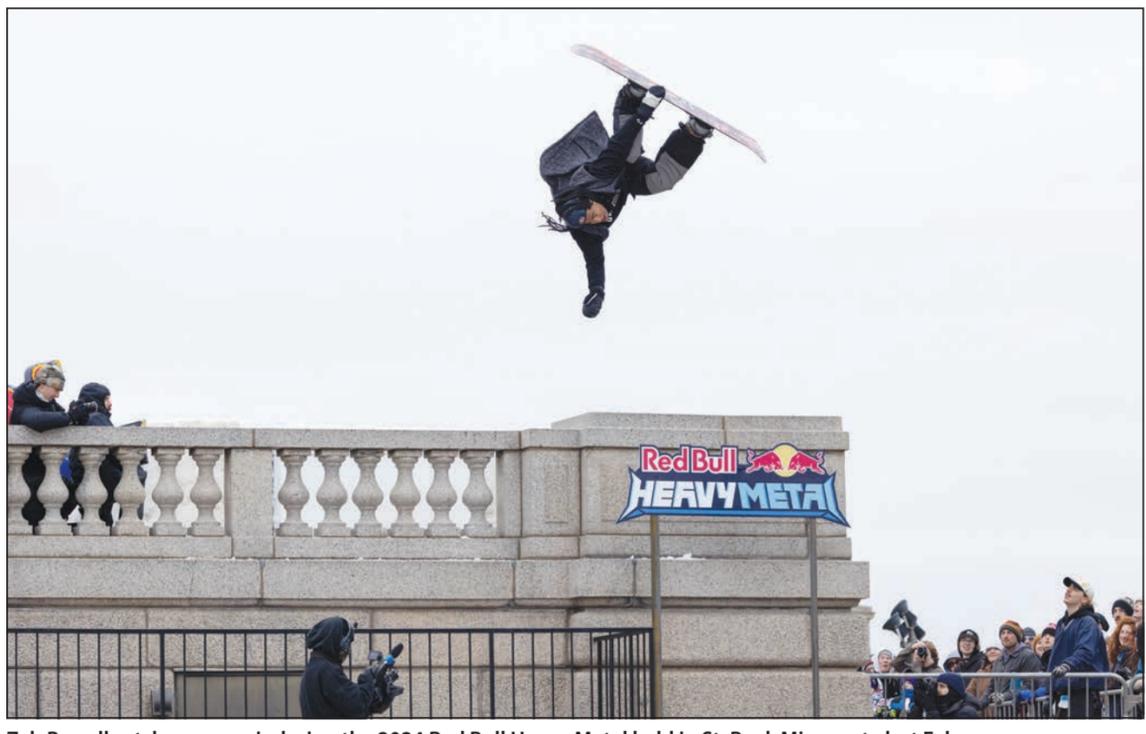
creates a "too good not to ride" atmosphere for these snowboarders.

"Sharing the joy of snowboarding with the heart of the Northeast brings so much energy to the sport," said Powell. "A lot of amazing snowboarders come from around Boston and not everyone knows that. This event exposes more people to the sport who would otherwise never know about it."

Boston's City Hall Plaza is at the epicenter of Downtown Boston and has undergone a remarkable remodel to better serve the diverse residents and visitors of the city. Led by the City's Operations Cabinet, the goal of the renovation was to move toward a more accessible, sustainable and more connected public space that would be home to a wide range of events.

Powell, who has been vocal about making the mountains more accessible to inner city communities through snowboarding, was inspired by previous Red Bull Heavy Metal and wanted to bring the sport to the city that he has grown to love and call home. Boston's City Hall Plaza recent renovation

"As a city, we are all about creating exciting and energetic experiences for our residents," said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. "Bringing together diverse communities in the heart of the city is truly something special. City Hall Plaza is the people's plaza and I look forward to seeing it continue to thrive



Zeb Powell catches some air during the 2024 Red Bull Heavy Metal held in St. Paul, Minnesota last February.

and serve our residents."

The official mountain and parks partner, Loon Mountain, will be providing 300 tons of snow (20 truck loads) to ensure the conditions are perfect in the city.

Originally launched in the early 2000s, Red Bull Heavy Metal is a legendary showcase of the grit, creativity, and raw energy that defines street snowboarding. After its triumphant revival in 2022 in Duluth, MN, the event has quickly asserted itself as America's pinnacle street snowboarding competition, drawing massive crowds and glowing praise from fans and riders alike.

Each stop— be it the dynamic terrain of Duluth (2022), the historic streets of Detroit (2023), or the steps of the Minnesota State Capitol Building (2024)—has delivered unforgettable moments,

cementing its reputation as one of sport's most exhilarating events.

The unique competition hosts top male and female riders while encouraging creativity and inventiveness on unforgiving features, such as rails, stairs and benches, that may look more at home in a skate park. Last year saw Egan Wint and Luke Winkelmann take home top prizes while Minnesota native and the unofficial host of the event, Benny Milam was named runner-up. Milam is thrilled to welcome the world's best back to his home state and return to the top of the podium, where he stood after Red Bull Heavy Metal Duluth in 2022.

"Since the revival of Red Bull Heavy Metal, the state of street snowboard contests are booming," said Milam. "It's really cool to watch the

event grow year over year from a small park in Duluth, Minnesota to where it is now, traveling to new cities like Boston."

The event will feature three differentiated competition zones, each highlighting different aspects of street snowboarding. Riders will tackle custom-designed rails, gaps, and creative features that will challenge even the most experienced snowboarders. More information about the three zones will be shared closer to the event.

The full list of confirmed riders will be announced at redbull.com/heavymetalbos in the coming weeks.

Similar to past events, Red Bull Heavy Metal will once again open the competitor's field to the public with a Last Chance Qualifier being held at Loon Mountain. More in-

formation, including date and registration details for the qualifier, will be released at redbull.com/heavymetalbos in the coming weeks.

"With growth comes change and that change means back to back Red Bull Heavy Metals in the same year," said Milam. "I'm really excited to watch this event turn into a mainstream event in the world of snowboarding."

The single day contest will take place on Saturday, February 22 at Boston's City Hall Plaza in Boston, MA. Gates open at 2pm and the event is free and open to all spectators. Red Bull will also release video content to recap and support the event for those who cannot be in attendance.

Visit Redbull.com/HeavyMetalBOS for more information.

Project Bread seeks applicants for 2025 Council of Experts

Special to the Journal

For the second year, Project Bread is building a Council of Experts with Lived Experience. Launched in 2023, the Council of Experts integrates the lived experiences of individuals and families facing food insecurity into Project Bread's decision-making, programming, and policy initiatives. The nonprofit invites residents to contribute their expertise and co-create solutions that will make it easier for others living in Massachusetts to access and afford food with dignity.

Members of the 2023-2024 cohort contributed to projects like improving evaluation tools with the research team, refining communications for The Walk for Hunger fundraiser, increasing awareness of summer hunger programs with the Child Nutrition Outreach Program, and meeting with legislators to steward the launch of the statewide Make Hunger History coalition. Their involvement has enhanced outreach, resource sharing, policy strategy, and program development, ensuring that the needs of the community are met in a sustainable way.

"The Council of Experts inaugural cohort showed that experts with lived experiences in food insecurity can make a difference

for systemic change," says Project Bread Vice President of Engagement, Catalina López-Ospina. "As a council member, you will have the opportunity to be part of strategy development, planning, and decision-making for statewide initiatives. Professional development training will strengthen your leadership skills, and your contributions will help us create impactful and effective solutions to food insecurity."

Eligibility requirements include:

- You are 17-years-old or older.
- You live in Massachusetts.
- You are active in your community and work to build strong, positive connections.
- You have time and interest to work with Project Bread staff, anti-hunger groups, and lawmakers to create partnerships in the future (like joining coalitions).
- You feel comfortable sharing your personal experiences with food insecurity to raise awareness, inspire others, engage funders, and create change.
- You understand that ending hunger and social injustice requires breaking down racist systems.
- You enjoy working with people from different

backgrounds and are open to learning new perspectives.

Experts will serve on the Council from February 2025 to November 2025, committing 10 paid hours per month. During this time, Council members will have the opportunity to learn about Project Bread's role as a leader in the anti-hunger movement. They will collaborate with Project Bread's teams on key programs and strategies as thoughtful partners while learning and sharpening their skills as community and civic leaders who can drive change within their communities across Massachusetts.

The application is available in Spanish, English, and Portuguese. If you would like to receive the application in another language or as a paper form, please email us at council_experts@projectbread.org. Members will be compensated for their time and commitment. Individuals who apply and are accepted to the Council of Experts with Lived Experiences are expected to act as anti-hunger ambassadors in their communities, and to be ready to fully engage and network within the program. Immigration status is not required to apply.

Applications will be

accepted through Feb. 3, 2025. For more information and to apply to become a member of Project Bread's Council of Experts, visit: [https://www.projectbread.org/coun-](https://www.projectbread.org/council-of-experts)

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