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MCAC ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE

The Massachusetts Port Authority Community Advisory Committee (MCAC), a legislatively created oversight committee which serves as the voice of the thirty-five communities impacted by Massachusetts Port Authority operations, is pleased to announce that our new website is live.

The site can be found at www.massportcac.org.

The website contains all the minutes from our committee and sub-committee (Aviation Operations, Environment and Health, Finance) meetings as well as resources for community members to learn about aviation and maritime impacts. Links can also be found to report noise complaints and understand runway usage at Logan Airport.

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VIKING PRIDE ON THE ICE



The recent cold-snap provided an extra bonus in addition to Feb. school vacation, to these young skaters who were able to use the frozen over Veterans Field for a pickup ice hockey game last week.

State approves language for fire station debt exclusion vote

By Adam Swift

The latest meeting of the Firehouse Building Committee on Monday featured the proposed new fire station on the site of the old middle school, as well as the wording of the debt exclusion question that will be on the Saturday, April 5 special election ballot.

Committee members also gave updates on community outreach efforts and the status of the project website.

Town Council President

Jim Letterie said the updated budget figure for the new fire station stands at \$38,840,000. That figure is lower than the \$40 million-plus figure that had previously been considered due to some infrastructure work that was thought to be needed under the auditorium is actually under the gymnasium, which is not being demolished as part of the project.

The nearly \$38.5 million budget figure includes the

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Edwards delivers on expanded ferry service

Special to the Transcript

Thanks to the leadership and advocacy of State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-East Boston), Winthrop residents will soon see significant improvements to their ferry service. Starting Monday, April 28, 2025, the Winthrop Ferry will double its weekday trips, introduce direct service to Boston (finally separating from Quincy), and reduce commute times by approximately 30 minutes—delivering long-awaited enhancements to water transportation in the region.

Senator Edwards successfully secured more than \$9.5 million in state funding to expand ferry operations, helping to ease traffic congestion, improve commuter reliability, and offer a greener, more efficient transit option.

“I am so incredibly excited that after years of advocating for better water transportation options for Winthrop residents, we have achieved this incredible win,” said Senator Edwards. “Expanding ferry services means less time in traffic, better access to Boston, and a real investment in the future of our community’s infrastructure. It has been a team effort with the Town Council especially VP Hannah Belcher and my friend Rep Turco.”

Senator Edwards’ Key Contributions to Expanded Ferry Service:

- FY 2023 & FY 2024 Budgets: Secured \$1 million to expand ferry operations during Summer Tunnel renovations, ensuring uninterrupted commuter access.
- FY 2025 Budget: Delivered \$7.5 million to increase

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From Slices to Survival Justin Pioppi’s incredible adventure

Story by Marianne Salza

From preparing pizza at his family-owned and operated Italian restaurant in Beachmont, to being stranded on an island in the South Pacific Ocean, Justin Pioppi demonstrates the strength that is cultivated from being raised in a close-knit neighborhood where family is paramount, and generations of loyal friends offer perspective.

Thirty-year-old Pioppi, of Winthrop, is a contestant on the CBS original series, “Survivor,” premiering Wednesday, February 26, at 8pm. The reality show features 18 castaways divided

into three tribes of six individuals who are stripped of modern, everyday comforts and forced to adapt on the islands of Fiji.



ROBERT VOETS/CBS PHOTO

Justin Pioppi.

“I saw this as a turning point in my life because it had always been family-focused. This is a crazy adventure I could do for myself; but also at the same time, care about the people who care about me and made this opportunity possible,” said Pioppi. “Family



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Justin Pioppi with his aunts at Luigi's in Beachmont, Revere.

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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, FEB. 10

1433: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of identity theft.

1653: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1801: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2027: 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 and advised him to remove the tint from the tail lights.

2036: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Temple Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2305: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2309: An officer directed the operator of a motor vehicle that was parked on the wrong side of Shirley St. to move the vehicle.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

0005: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0119: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Loring Rd.

1017: An officer responded to a report of women arguing loudly on Cutler St. The officer spoke to all parties and advised them to stay away from each other.

1021: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1055: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1120: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle on Bayview Ave.

1124: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shir-

ley St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law (texting while driving). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1221: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the Fire Lane on Somerset Ave.

1242: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1343: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from the church parking lot on Oceanview St.

1420: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1913: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. at the scene of a minor electrical fire in a toaster oven in a Sturgis St. residence.

2108: Officers responded to a report of males fighting on Revere St. The officers spoke to one of the parties, who declined medical attention. The other parties had left the scene by the time the officers arrived. They will be checking video footage from surrounding businesses. An officer filed a report.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

0052: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Veterans Rd. and Almont St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0119: An officer issued parking tickets to 10 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Coral Ave.

0129: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Trident Ave.

0600: An officer issued parking tickets to six commercial vehicles at various locations for parking overnight in residential areas.

1307: A Moore St. resident came into the station to report that his parked motor vehicle had been struck overnight by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

1833: 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.

2332: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. and issued a citation to the operator.

2345: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Govern-

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

0050: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Govern-

nors Park.

0828: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle with an expired registration on Forrest St.

1013: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to yield while making a right on red. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Michael's Mall for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1757: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1820: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1839: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1903: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1913: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2050: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2333: An officer directed the owners of vehicles parked illegally on Bayview Ave. to move their vehicles.

2359: 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.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

0013: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0015: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Amelia Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0021: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked too far from the curb on Morton St.

0027: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his registration in his possession.

0046: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0120: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Locust and Cross Sts.

0144: An officer issued parking tickets to nine vehicles without resident parking stickers on Highland Ave.

0248: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Walde-

mar Ave.

0311: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Faun Bar Ave.

0445: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a window obstruction, having an open container of alcohol, and idling his motor vehicle. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1217: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

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-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

-- An officer stopped a moped without a registration plate on Pleasant St. The officer issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and for the civil infraction of a number plate violation. The moped was towed.

1808: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. When the officer determined that the operator did not have a valid license, which is a criminal offense, he issued a citation to the operator for both the criminal and civil infractions. A licensed operator was able to take control of the vehicle.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Veterans Rd. and Almont St. for the civil moving infractions of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal and speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2059: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. When the officer determined that the operator's license was suspended (which is a criminal offense) for failure to pay fines, the officer issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense and for the civil infraction of an equipment violation.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

0117: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Atlantic St.

0132: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Centre St.

0154: An officer issued parking tickets to 12 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.

1221: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said they were lost.

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

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

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

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1335: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cross St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1341: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cross St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1512: A person called the station to report that her bank account and credit cards had been hacked. The officer filed a report.

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

1749: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2010: Officers ordered tows for 27 vehicles parked on the town's streets in violation of the snow emergency by-law.

2025: Officers responded to a report of two females engaged in a physical altercation on Putnam St. The officers spoke to both parties and determined that the incident was a mutual assault. The officer filed a report.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

1046: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Shirley St.

1615: A Pleasant St. resident reported that a motor vehicle had struck his home, taking out his front steps, and fled the scene. The owner of the vehicle was located in East Boston and said his daughter had been operating the vehicle. The Boston P.D. obtained their information.

1632: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1909: An officer advised a person who was cleaning snow off his vehicle and throwing it into Walden St. that it was not safe to do so. The officer directed the person to stop and to clean up the snow that he already had dumped in the roadway.

1951: A resident came into the station to report that her motor vehicle had been struck by an object that had been thrown at the vehicle while her son was operating it.

2227: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

2256: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

MONDAY, FEB. 17

0246: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cutler St.

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Justin Pioppi, of Winthrop, participating in a Survivor challenge.

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comes first. My mom had a few battles with cancer, so I've always tried to step in and help. I wanted to try to win this for my mom, so she could finally retire."

Friends and family were happily surprised when Pioppi announced his participation on "Survivor."

"They were excited because this is totally different," exclaimed Pioppi. "The restaurant business is competitive and challenging. There are a lot of things that go into planning for the day and making sure everything runs smoothly, but we still have the luxuries of our clothes and technology."

Pioppi attributes his perseverance to his parents' influence. His childhood was spent at Luigi's Pizzeria, in Revere, watching his father

cook at the pizza bench, and his mother work the front counter, where she often sat him as a baby.

"I've always been hard-working and I've never given up in my life. That was something that I learned very young. My parents ingrained that in me, and I've seen them build a business from the ground up," shared Pioppi, who manages the restaurant. "It's become a home for so many in the community. My aunts are there. My friends from high school do deliveries. People who have watched me grow up are still working in our kitchen."

Pioppi feels that his friendliness, communication and conflict resolution skills that he has developed at Luigi's has made him an

ideal contestant for "Survivor."

"You wear a lot of different hats. It's a fast-paced environment. You have to think on the fly," Pioppi described. "But if you are nice to people and you're personable, you can have a better idea of how to gauge the situation and come to a conclusion together."

Pioppi believes that being a mediator is an advantage that he has over the other castaways as they maneuver through the high-tension environment to compete for a one-million-dollar prize. He encourages everyone to get along and try new approaches.

"I always have a positive attitude. That's something I also learned from Luigi's," Pioppi pointed out. "As bad as things can be, it could always be worse. Keep going and try to find a solution."

Pioppi served as an intern at the Massachusetts State House, and later as a legislative aide for Speaker Robert DeLeo. He studied at Suffolk University before transferring to Yale University, where he pursued political science.

"We traveled all over the Commonwealth. We went down to the Cape for tourism issues, to Fall River for the manufacturing industry, and up to Lowell for the textile mills," remembered Pioppi, about experiences that further shaped his life. "It was amazing to see the things that impact every single person and their way of life. It was eye-opening for me."

Pioppi has enjoyed the excitement of "Survivor" fans who frequent Luigi's. He will be celebrating his greatest adventure with loved ones during a private premiere party at a friend's restaurant.



Justin Pioppi, as an infant, being held by his father at Luigi's.



Justin Pioppi with his parents.



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Winthrop schools receive state funding to improve access to mental health services

By Adam Swift

On Monday, the Healey-Driscoll Administration announced the awarding of \$5,540,875 in grants to 60 school districts, educational collaboratives and charter schools across Massachusetts to improve student access to behavioral and mental health services and support.

Winthrop received \$50,000 in those grant funds to help improve mental health access and programs for its students.

That grant money will help fund existing programs in the schools, as well as to potentially expand some contracted services with community health partners such as Massachusetts General Hospital and North Suffolk Community Services, according to Lori Gallivan, the district's assistant superintendent and director of curriculum, instruction, and accountability.

The funding will also help the district expand on work it currently does in all the schools with the DESE-supported Systemic Student Support (S3) program which takes an integrated approach to student support, she said.

"This grant is a way to

segue from what we want to do and better support the kids and have the support they need," said Gallivan.

By working with community partners, she said the district can better support students and their families, even when the students are outside the school buildings.

"Another big piece is capturing family engagement to make sure there is support for the whole family, and not just the students," Gallivan said. "When they are not in the classroom, the struggle doesn't go away."

In addition, the district is looking to establish a pilot program for mental health screenings. Gallivan said there is still work to be done to determine what grades will be part of the pilot program. The information from the pilot program will be studied by teachers, counselors, and psychologists to determine if it will be a useful program moving forward.

Governor Maura Healey said there is a mental health crisis for students that was only made worse by the pandemic.

"That's why improving students' access to behavioral and mental health

care is a priority for our administration," said Healey. "These grants will help districts connect students with the services they need to be safe, healthy and successful today and into the future."

This funding can be used to help strengthen skills to recognize and respond to mental and behavioral health challenges, establish cross-system coordination to improve integration of behavioral and mental health supports and ensure seamless transitions between schools and communities, and improve data systems to track efforts and impact. These grants also promote piloting universal mental health screening systems.

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration is focused on healing, stabilizing, and transforming our education system that is still recovering from the lasting impacts of the pandemic," said Education Secretary Patrick A. Tutwiler. "These grants are providing our schools, from North Adams to Dennis, with the funding they need to foster environments that support healthy social and emotional development in their classrooms and beyond."

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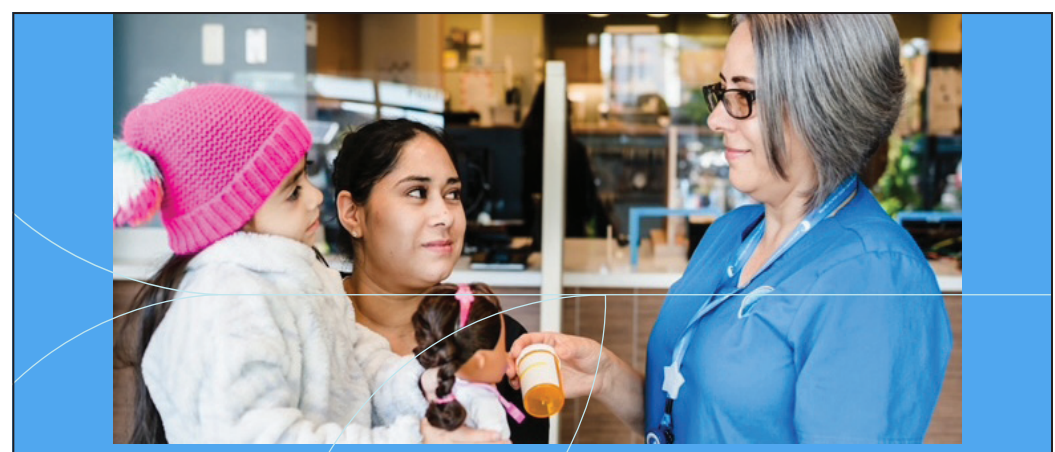
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OUR Opinions

STATE, MUNICIPALITIES MUST ADJUST ASAP TO THE NEW REALITY

For those of us who have been around for a while, the warning signs are flashing red for the prospects of a budget crisis for our state and our cities and towns thanks to the promised changes in policies by the new administration in Washington.

It is (in the immortal words of Yogi Berra) *deja vu* all over again

We are not making a political judgment or statement of any kind. We simply are explaining what we see as the new reality for which our elected officials must be prepared.

We were around for the fiscal crises of the late 1970s under Gov. Michael Dukakis; the late 80s/early 1990s under Dukakis and Gov. William Weld; the early 2000s under Gov. Mitt Romney, and the period of the Great Recession under Gov. Deval Patrick in 2010.

Two of those governors were Republicans and two were Democrats, but they all shared one thing in common: Our state's finances were at the mercy of national politics and the national economy, both of which were beyond their control.

The consequences of those fiscal crises were profound and long-lasting. Cities and towns laid off scores of local employees, including teachers, police, and firefighters. Fire stations were closed and athletics and extracurricular activities were cut from school budgets.

At the state level, there were hiring freezes and layoffs. Many state employees, including those in the judiciary, agreed to pay cuts in the 1990s and again in the early 2000s amounting to two-weeks of their salary so that the jobs of their co-workers could be preserved. We would note that such drastic action had not been seen since the Great Depression among the state and local government workforce.

Part of the problem in the 1980s was that cities and towns had become dependent on the revenue-sharing program by the federal government (which was the pet project of Wilbur Mills, the powerful U.S. House Ways and Means Chairman) in the 1970s. Every city and town in the country received a nice check directly from the feds with no strings attached. However, under President Ronald Reagan, revenue-sharing eventually disappeared (to pay for Reagan's tax cuts and defense spending) and cities and towns were left with gaping holes in their budgets that led to the layoffs of the 1980s. A similar scenario is playing out today with promised reductions in funds to the states from the federal government.

In addition, cities and towns in the early 1980s were greatly affected by the passage of Prop. 2 and 1/2, which reduced their revenue-raising capacity.

All of those fiscal crises also shared something else in common: Our officials did not realize until it was way too late that revenue was declining, month-by-month-by-month. The longer they waited to do the obvious, the more pain it caused.

Simple arithmetic informs us that those four financial crises from the late 1970s through 2010 occurred basically in 10-year cycles. We have been fortunate that we have avoided a similar fiscal calamity for almost 15 years. But it would appear that "the times they are a' changin'" and we soon will be in for a rocky road ahead.

Finally, we would note that the breadth of state government has grown hugely in the past few years. Former Gov. Charlie Baker's proposed budget for FY 2022 was about \$45 billion (the legislature eventually passed a budget of about \$48 billion), but this year's proposed budget by Gov. Maura Healey is about \$62 billion, which is more than 25% greater than the final budget of four years ago (and almost 40% more than what Baker initially had proposed).

While it is true that the state has about \$8 billion in its Stabilization Fund (a/k/a the Rainy Day Fund), state coffers have been reduced by more than \$1 billion in the past year and are facing further depletion because of the immigration crisis.

As we write about the goings-on in the local communities we cover, we are amazed at the growth of the bureaucracies at the state and local levels. There are new departments and new jobs that could not have been imagined back when we started our career in journalism 50 years ago. But we think the time is now for our elected officials to face reality and make the difficult decisions to ensure that government's core functions, public safety and public education, are maintained, and eliminate things that are non-essential.

Maintenance for the MBTA is essential. Constructing new, seldomly-used bicycle lanes is not. (We ourselves are dedicated cyclists who train for triathlons, but as much as we'd like to see bike lanes everywhere, we have to concede that they rate at the bottom of the list of government priorities.)

In short, if our elected officials do not take steps now to pare back public spending, then, as history has shown time and time again, when the opportunity for making responsible choices has passed, the eventual day of reckoning will be far worse than we could have imagined.

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE

CAPTAIN MIKE ERUZIONE AT THE BIG GAME

We just wanted to mention that it was great to see Winthrop's own Mike Eruzione serving as the honorary captain of Team USA for the big game with Canada (whose honorary captain was Wayne Gretzky) at the TD Garden last week for one of the biggest international hockey games in several years.

It was 45 years ago this past week (on Feb. 22, 1980) that Mike scored his epic, game-winning goal vs. the Russians at the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid and two days later led the U.S. to the gold medal victory vs. Finland -- the Miracle on Ice that Sports Illustrated labeled as THE #1 sports event of the 20th century.

Capt. Mike's presence on occasions such as these not only brings back those stirring memories ("Do you believe in miracles!!!" in the immortal words of Al Michaels), but also reminds us of a time when sports uniquely had the ability to bring us together and to transcend whatever forces might divide us as a nation.

LETTERS to the Editor

CONCERNS FOR LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS IN WINTHROP AND BEYOND

Dear Editor,

As a member of Winthrop's LGBTQIA+ community for the past eleven years, I felt it was really important to share what many of us in community are feeling given all that is happening in America right now. We have fear. Outright fear as transgendered people are further marginalized by the current administration and many of their supporters. We are worried about Project 2025, which is obviously an initiative of the current regime. Many same-sex couples are worried about their future in the US in regard to the right of marriage under the federal government and the benefits, and rights that come with it being taken away from them. My husband and I are deeply concerned and have been trying to map out our future both the Commonwealth and the United States. Justices Alito and Thomas made it crystal clear where they stand on marriage equality. I would suspect the other conservative justices appointed under Trump's last stint in the White House fall in line with Alito and Thomas.

When the president of the United States through his proclamations of "Only two genders" disparages transgendered citizens of this country through rhetoric, that instills fear. When a political and societal climate of hatred and disenfranchisement is created which makes members of the LGBTQIA+ community feel unsafe, unwelcome and outcast, that creates a toxic environment. For anyone reading this letter who has not taken the time to read Project 2025, I urge you to do so. You will see for yourselves these atrocities being directed at specific populations in this country. I am deeply concerned for the safety, well-being and legal rights of people in my life circle, but none more so than in the LGBTQIA+ community. Please understand that I am worried about anyone who is being marginalized by the

actions of this current administration in Washington DC, and those who support it.

I personally have friends who are transgendered that have already relocated outside this country. It is an absolute shame they had to take on such an endeavor, but unfortunately remaining here was not an option. When your personal safety and life are at extreme risk, you do what is necessary. I have friends in the broader LGBTQIA+ community who are leveraging their options right now in regard to remaining in the USA. The push to roll back DEI in the workplace and other areas of engagement opens up LGBTQIA+ citizens to opportunities of workplace discrimination and more. That is fact.

The hardest thing I have processing is the ignorance, vitriol and violence exhibited towards people who are members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and especially transgendered people. But that is being fueled by the president and others in his orb. And it is being embraced by people who lack empathy and caring towards other human beings. My 'trans' friends are scared and worried, and I am worried for them, for my husband, and for the country as a whole. LGBTQIA+ people need to unite together with our allies and stand up for and on behalf of anyone being marginalized and whose rights in this country are under fire from people like Donald Trump, JD Vance, Elon Musk and so many others. There is something to be said for resiliency and perseverance. We are a strong community of amazing people who are supporting and helping one another in these incredibly troubled times, and we will not relent.

To any transgendered citizens and the broader LGBTQIA+ Winthrop community, we can prevail if we work together. There are many legal resources out there at our disposal to assist, answer questions and navigate through these dark waters. Do not give up nor give in. Not now, not ever. That is what they desire us to do;

give up and give in to their ill will. Now is not the time to lay down in fear. Now is the time to rise up in courage, fortitude, determination, strength and empowered. We will not go backwards.

Scott Mahoney-Wright

ON TRAFFIC CAMERAS

Dear Editor,

I am sorry I missed last week's edition where I understand you expressed the view that speed-detecting cameras are ill advised. If we want to address the traffic problem I can't imagine why we would turn our back on this tool. Let me relate a recent experience.

I had the pleasure of driving around New Zealand and Australia for a month last year. When you pick up your rental car you are clearly warned that cameras are in wide use and you will be ticketed; everywhere! City and country.

As I left Melbourne heading west (think leaving Boston on the Mass Pike) I was struck by a strange observation. Everyone was going the speed limit. No one was passing on the wrong side, no tailgating or excessive lane changing. There was an unfamiliar civility about the entire driving experience.

Compare that to home where for 25 years I have been walking my dogs on Commonwealth Ave. It has become a drag strip. High speeds, constantly seeing red lights ignored. And don't get me started on the new scourge: that of the wrong way, unlit, sidewalk driving food delivery motorbikes.

By the way, I've never seen a traffic stop of a passenger vehicle on Comm Ave by the BPD.

So to those charged with making our world safer, let's use cameras to address the speeding and red light infractions. Let's use traffic calming devices seen elsewhere such as city street style speed bumps.

Oh and by the way, Australia, with a road system profile similar to ours, has 40% of the per capita driving deaths we have.

Michael Gallup

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service frequency, extend operating hours, and work toward full-year service.

- 2022 Economic Development Bill (ARPA Funds): Allocated \$150,000 to support weekend ferry services and enhance operational capacity.

- 2024 Capital Authorizations: Obtained \$900,000 for the purchase of a new ferry vessel, expanding capacity and reducing travel times.

Senator Edwards also spearheaded efforts to add

a stop at Boston Logan Airport:

This will give passengers seamless access to the airport directly from the ferry. The new route will serve Winthrop, Boston Logan Airport, Boston North End, & Boston Seaport.

"Water transportation is not just about convenience—it's about equity, sustainability, and investing in the long-term growth of our communities," Edwards added. "I'm proud to have deliv-

ered real results for Winthrop commuters."

The expanded ferry service will begin Monday, April 28, 2025, with weekend service launching Saturday, May 24, 2025. A one-way fare on the Winthrop Ferry will be \$6.50 (\$3.25 for Reduced Fare riders). Tickets will be available via the mTicket app, commuter pass, or for cash purchase onboard.

For more information on schedules and fares, visit mbta.com/Ferry.

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Fire chief updates council on emergency management plan

By Adam Swift

Fire Chief Scott Wiley presented the most recent update to the town's emergency management plan at the most recent town council meeting earlier this month.

"The town of Winthrop is part of the Mystic Regional Emergency Planning Commission," said Wiley. "We are one of 27 communities in the Regional Emergency Planning Commission, and we meet monthly and train quarterly."

One of the ways the emergency management plan gets put together, the fire chief said, is through tier 2 reporting through the state-wide emergency response commission. That reporting mandates that anyone who stores hazardous materials

on their property has to report it to the state, and that reporting gets put into state software.

"There are 3,000 individual sites in the 27 communities, and each one is extremely detailed," said Wiley, adding that the information is not for public dissemination because it includes detailed information on the amount, properties, and storage locations of the materials.

The town's emergency management plan takes into account how the town and the region would deal with any issues involving those hazardous materials.

In addition, the document touches on other emergency management issues, from providing information on the town's website to information on how the town and region would deal with

flooding and other natural disasters.

"The primary goal of government is to provide for the safety and welfare of its citizens, and they are never more threatened than during a time of disaster and other emergencies," said Wiley. "The goal of emergency management is to ensure that effective, multi-discipline, multi-jurisdictional mitigation responses and recovery plans exist and that the public welfare and safety is preserved. This is an 88-page document the town manager and I sign off on."

Wiley said the plan has specifics about the operation of the emergency operations center and provides information on threat hazards, incident coordination, assistance with special needs populations, and the roles and responsibilities of

each department head in the town.

When it comes to responding to hazardous materials incidents, Wiley noted that all police officers in town have hazardous material awareness training, and that all firefighters have, at a minimum, hazardous materials operational training.

"One of the issues that people concern themselves with, rightfully so, are hazardous materials incidents," said Wiley. "While this is very specific in how we respond to something like that, it doesn't go into operations responses with a one-size-fits-all response."

When it comes to hazardous materials, Wiley said the response can be dependent on the location, the materials, the weather, and other factors.

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demolition of the middle school and the auditorium, as well as a 16 percent escalation figure to take into account when the work will actually begin and an additional \$2.5 million in contingency costs.

"The last three .. debt exclusions, the (Cummings School), the Fort Banks, and the Miller Field have all come in under (the budget figure)," said Letterie.

Letterie said the town does have approval from the state on the wording for the debt exclusion ballot question.

"It would be headed,

Building a New Fire Station Located at 151 Pauline St.," said Letterie. "Question: Should the Town of Winthrop be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2-1/2, so-called, the amounts to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of the demolition of the old middle school and auditorium, and for designing, engineering, constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new fire station including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto."

The ballot will also include an explanation paragraph that states that the

town council has voted to appropriate funds to demolish the old middle school and auditorium to build a new fire station in the town.

"The new fire station will replace the two existing stations that will be deactivated on completion of construction," the explanation states. "The appropriated funds would authorize vendors to demolish the existing old middle school and auditorium and design, engineer, build, and furnish the old fire station. The funds would be borrowed by the treasurer and approved by the town manager.

"The cost of the debt ser-

vice, like a mortgage, would be added to your taxes only until the debt service is paid off."

The entire debt service payments are anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2028.

Building committee members noted there are some final adjustments being made to the project website at winthropfirestation.com.

In addition, committee members encouraged residents who want to host a coffee hour on the debt exclusion and the need for a new fire station to contact Fire Chief Scott Wiley.

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CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY ON FREEDOM TRAIL REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN TOURS

Freedom Trail® Foundation announces the return of the beloved tour experience, Revolutionary Women Tours throughout Women's History Month in March! Discover the indomitable

women who took part in the American Revolution, and the generations of women that followed, inaugurating their own struggles for freedom and equality.

The Freedom Trail Revolutionary Women Tours invites people of all ages to walk the Freedom Trail and explore four centuries of revolutionary women who changed history. These 90-minute tours fea-

ture tales of the early religious rebellions of Anne Hutchinson and Mary Dyer, abolitionist movements of Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman, landmark achievements of Black pioneers Phillis Wheatley and Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler, prolific writings of Abigail Adams and Louisa May Alcott, dynamic speeches of Margaret Sanger and Susan B. Anthony, and more. Walk

the paths these influential women treaded, while visiting the places where their voices were heard, works published, and were laid to rest.

The tours feature official Freedom Trail historic sites from the site of the Great Elm on Boston Common, where women paid the ultimate price for refusing to conform to puritanical values, to the Granary Burying Ground, where those who fought fiercely for independence are remembered alongside their revolutionary male counterparts, and the Old Corner Bookstore and Old South Meeting House, where women made change through the power of literature and the spoken word. Revolutionary Women Tours culminate at Faneuil Hall, the Cradle of Liberty, which was prominent in both the abolitionist and women's suffrage movements.

Revolutionary Women Tours depart from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center on Saturdays and Sundays in March at 10:45 a.m. Led by 18th-century costumed guides, Freedom Trail Foundation's walking tours are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children, and include a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation Fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center or online at TheFreedomTrail.org. All walking tours and specialty tours, including the Revolutionary Women Tours, are available as private tours year-round by appointment and are perfect for families, company outings, corporate activities and team building, tourist groups, and more. For additional information please visit TheFreedomTrail.org or call (617) 357-8300.

OBITUARIES

Geraldine Crombie

Lifelong Winthrop resident

Geraldine L. (Silva) Crombie, a lifelong resident of Winthrop, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2025, at 81 years of age.

The devoted wife of the late Martin P. Crombie, she was the beloved mother of Dorothy Solander and her husband, Dale of Quincy, Robert Sanborn and his wife, Diana of Athol, Michael Crombie and his wife, Sara of Saugus and Karen Crombie of Winthrop; dear sister of the late Barbara Craig and Elaine Cleary; adored Nana of Matthew and Nicholas Solander, Michael, Jonathan, and Christopher Crombie, and the late Mark Alfred Martin Solander. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends honored Geraldine's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, on Sunday, February 23rd and again on Monday morning at 8:30 before leaving in procession to St. Michael the Archangel/St. John's Church, Winthrop. Services concluded with Geraldine being laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery, Belle



Isle section, Winthrop. May she rest in peace.

To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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Lent & Easter 2025 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Ash Wednesday

Masses are at 7:00am, 9:00am, 3:00pm, and 7:00pm

March 5

Logan Airport Chapel: 10:30am - 11:50am Ash Distribution only

Stations of the Cross

March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 at 7:00pm

Friday, April 11: "Living Stations" drama by teens at 7:00pm

Palm Sunday, April 13: "Living Stations" drama by teens at 7:00pm

St. Joseph Table

Join us for this festive traditional gathering after the 10:00am Mass.

March 25

Parish Mission*

"Praying with the Saints" 7:00pm Upper Church

March 24-26

Take some time for yourself this Lent by coming to hear great speakers and enjoy moving music. Please bring your friends and family. If you cannot make it, our mission will be live streamed.

Monday, March 24

"St. Faustina"

Speaker & Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday, March 25

"St. Benedict"

Speaker & Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, March 26

"St. Ignatius"

Speaker & Holy Mass

Reception to follow in the Parish Lower Church.

Confessions

Thursdays 5:00pm-6:00pm during Eucharistic Adoration (Upper Church), Fridays after 9:00am Mass (Lower Church), Saturdays 3:00pm-5:45pm (Upper Church), and Holy Saturday (April 19) 3:00pm-4:00pm, or at the Parish Center by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 9:50-10:50am (Lower Church), Thursdays 5:00pm-7:00pm (Upper Church)

Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 9:00am (Lower Church)

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday Vigil, April 12

Mass at 4:00pm

Palm Sunday, April 13

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 12 Noon, & 5:00pm

"Living Stations" drama by teens at 7:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 18

Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 19

Confessions heard 3:00 -4:00pm

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00pm, featuring trumpet music

Easter Sunday, April 20

Masses: -8:00am

-10:00am Family Mass featuring trumpet music and followed by Easter Egg Hunt,

-11:00am

-12 Noon

(no 5:00pm Mass)



Winthrop Senior Center News

35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-3:30p.m. / Friday: 8:30am-1p.m. Phone: 617-846-8538

Website: www.town.winthrop.ma.us Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us

A full list of the activities, programs, trips, and services offered at the Senior Center can be found in our newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.



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 weeks 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.

Thursday, March 6

- 9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
- 9:00am-3:00pm: Medical Pedicures
- 9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
- 10:30am-11:30am: Seaside Tappers (\$5)
- 10:30am-1:30pm: Hearing Screenings
- 10:30am-12:00pm: Red Hatters
- 12:00pm-12:30pm: Dine-In / Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
- 12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

Friday, March 7

- 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

Monday, March 3

- 9:00am-3:00am: Computer Usage
- 10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
- 11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
- 11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day/Mahjong

Tuesday, March 4

- 9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
- 9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
- 10:00am: Bowling at the Winthrop Elks (\$15 annually)
- 11:00am-12:00pm: Blood Pressures
- 11:00am-12:00pm: Exercise for Arthritis
- 11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
- 12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)

Wednesday, March 5

- 9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
- 9:15am-10:15am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
- 10:00am-12:00pm: Bereavement & Caregiver Support Group
- 10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
- 11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
- 11:45am-12:45pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong (\$5)
- 12:30pm-2:30pm: Charlie Card Workshop
- 1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

WINTHROP'S HEARTFELT SEND-OFF FOR AIR FORCE RECRUIT HUNTER FIFE

Courtesy Photos

On Monday afternoon, family, friends and veterans came together at the bridge to wish the best of luck to Hunter Fife as he embarks on his journey with the Air Force en route to boot camp followed by active duty.

A proud 2024 graduate of Winthrop High School, Hunter made his mark playing varsity hockey and lacrosse. But beyond the field and the rink, he is a son, a brother, a friend—a young man deeply rooted in the love of his family and his town. He lives with his parents, Heather and Tim, his brother Dylan, and their loyal dog, Roxy.

As he steps into this next chapter, first through boot camp and then into firefighter training as an Air Force airman, Hunter carries with him the strength and support of those who stood by him on this day. Also present for the stand-out were Winthrop American Legion Post



U.S. Airforce trainee Hunter Fife

146 veterans, and members of the Winthrop Police and Winthrop Fire Departments. According to Kim Adamson, Hunter's aunt, "The unwavering support from the veterans, police and fire,

and Hunter's family and his friends who were able to show up - many are away at college - this shows the power of our community and the bonds that tie us together!"



Local Veterans came out to show their support for Hunter.



Hunter is joined by friends on the bridge during his send-off.



Family and friends waving flags in support of U.S. Airforce trainee Hunter Fife as he begins his journey to boot camp.



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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS GIRLS WIN TOURNAMENT OPENER; PLAY THIS THURS. IN NORTHBRIDGE AT 7:00

The Winthrop High girls basketball team opened play in the MIAA Division 4 basketball tournament with a 51-32 first-round victory over Smith Vocational and Agricultural School Monday evening at the Winthrop High gym. Winthrop entered the tourney as the #21 seed in D-4 with a 7-13 record, with Smith (13-7) coming in as the #44 seed in the MIAA's D-4 power rankings.

The victory advances coach Anthony Hatsizavas and his Lady Viking crew to the Round of 32 where they will travel to face the #12-seed Northbridge Lady Rams (14-5) this evening (Thursday). The opening tip for the match-up on the Lady Rams' home court is set for 7:00.

Monday's contest between the pair of Lady Viking rivals (Smith's school mascot also is the Viking) began slowly, as is usually

the case in tourney openers when teams are shaking off some first-round jitters.

Winthrop trailed through the first five minutes, 6-2, with the home Lady Vikings' lone bucket coming from sophomore Angela Tshwowa.

But with about three minutes left in the period, junior guard Poli Tsiotos came in off the bench and promptly sank a pair of treys from the left corner within the span of about 45 seconds, igniting the home crowd and boosting Winthrop into an 8-6 advantage that they never would relinquish.

Tsiotos' long-range touch continued on Winthrop's opening possession of the second period, with Poli draining her third straight trey, this time from the right corner, to make it 11-6.

Teammate Sophia Lindinger also hit from long-range, boosting Winthrop into a 15-8 lead midway through the period.

Both Lady Viking teams soon found their scoring

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THE WHS LADY VIKINGS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM HONORS SENIORS



Last Tuesday evening was the last regularly scheduled home game for the Lady Vikings of Winthrop High School. Prior to the start of the game the

four seniors, along with their families and friends were recognized at center court with flowers and the thanks from their teammates.

Senior Captain Zoey Bogusz with her parents Tom and Julie Conway.



Senior Lea Iradukunda with her teammates and friends.



Senior Sophia Lindinger with her parents, Stephanie and Miki, siblings Jenna and Stephen, and her Grandparents, Mary, Grace and Stephen.



Senior Lily Conway with her parents, Kelli and Sean, Aunts Kristine and Karyn, and her 3 cousins.

Dempsey signs full contract with Boston Fleet pro team

By Transcript Staff

Winthrop's Jillian Dempsey has been signed to a full contract by the Boston Fleet women's professional hockey team following the

expiration of her 10-day pact.

The contract means that Dempsey is officially on the roster and will play the next several games with the PWHL franchise.

Dempsey, who has been getting regular shifts, is making her presence felt for the surging Fleet who have won four games in a row and climbed up the standings.

The former Harvard captain is heading to Montreal for a game Saturday against her former team at the Bell Centre, which is the home ice of the Montreal Canadiens. Dempsey played for the Montreal team (now known as the Montreal Victoire) during the 2023-24 season.



Jillian Dempsey

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MIAA TOURNAMENT

Winthrop High girls hockey faces talented Bishop Stang team in opener

By Cary Shuman

A season that has met every goal to-date enters its next exciting chapter with the MIAA Tournament at hand.

Coach Butch Martucci's Northeast League co-champion Winthrop High School girls hockey team play Bishop Stang High School in a first-round game today (Thursday) at 4:30 p.m. in

New Bedford.

The Winthrop Vikings (14-3-1) are the No. 15 seed while the Bishop Stang Spartans (14-5-1) are the No. 18 seed in Division I.

"They're a very good hockey team," said Coach Martucci. "I've watched them on film. They have good size. They can skate. They have a good goalie. It's going to be an interesting matchup."

Towse, Serino help Vikings prevail in season finale

The Vikings, led by another sterling performance from goaltender Riley Towse, defeated Weymouth, 1-0, in the regular season finale Feb. 18 at Larsen Rink.

Amelia Serino scored the only goal in the first period, tipping home a shot from the point by Fran Indrisano.

Towse, who should be selected the All-Conference netminder, posted her sixth shutout of the season.

"Riley was fantastic. We were in the penalty box for a lot of the game, and we had to kill off three 5-on-3 situations," said Martucci.

The coach noted the PK efforts of Chloe Couture, Amelia Spencer, Tegan Pereira, Reese Ferrara, Avalina Coffey, and Talia Martucci.

"Weymouth needed some wins to get into the tournament, so they played us really tough," said Martucci.

"We were dominating early before the penalties held us back a little."

VIKING NOTEBOOK

Talia Martucci completed

a phenomenal season with 39 points, tops in the league and on the entire North Shore. Talia is clearly the leading candidate for league MVP, but that decision rests with the coaches who will vote at a meeting this Sunday.

Riley Towse, Amelia Spencer, Tegan Pereira, and Avalina Coffey are other strong candidates for All-Conference and All-Star recognition.

Optimism reigns

Butch Martucci is optimistic about the Vikings' first-round matchup with Bishop Stang.

"I feel very confident going into the tournament," said Martucci. "With the defense playing the way they have, and Riley on top of her game in net, it's going to be very hard to beat us. We're looking for some timely scoring and hopefully we'll get the offense we need to cover it."

"It's been a great year all-round. I'm very lucky to have such a good group and I'm super proud of them, one way or the other, but I'd like to see us win the first one and make a run from there," concluded Martucci.

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touch, with Winthrop having the better of it, thanks primarily to the continued three-point accuracy of Tsiotos, who hit two more triples, to give Winthrop a 24-18 lead at the half.

The home Lady Vikings then asserted control at both ends of the floor after the intermission, outscoring the Smith Lady Vikings 15-7 in the third period to take a solid 39-25 lead entering the final period, from where Winthrop cruised to the big win.

"We started off a bit sluggish," said Hatzisavas. "I think nerves were kicking in. It was a great environment and atmosphere. We were down 6-2 for about five minutes and then Poli Tsiotos buried a three from the corner and it all kind of changed. The nerves were gone and we started playing with a ton of energy."

"Smith was hurting us in transition and at the half we talked about how we needed to limit the turnovers and make them beat us in halfcourt," Hatzisavas continued. "We came out in the second half creating more offensively and played with great intensity on defense. Lily Conway did a great job controlling the paint and really controlled the glass all night. She gave us so many second-chance opportunities on offense with her offensive rebounds and ended possessions for them with the way she rebounded the basketball."

Tsiotos, a junior guard, led the Winthrop Lady Vikings in the scoring department with a game-high 21 points. Sophia Lindinger chipped in with nine points and Zoey Bogusz added eight, primarily by doing a superb job of getting to the lane.

"At the end of the day, the real star of the show was Poli Tsiotos," said Hatzisavas. "Poli had 15 of our 24 points in the first half, which really carried us, and then she hit two more threes in the second half and finished with a game-high and team season-high of 21 points."

"Poli comes from a family who has a great history in Winthrop basketball, whether it's dad, uncles, siblings, or cousins," Hatzisavas added. "There seems to always be a member of her family who is making a big impact in either of the programs here. Now it's Poli's turn. There is no secret as to why Poli has been able to find success. Everyday during this season Poli has

been the last player to leave the gym. She stays and puts in the extra work. She doesn't let much affect her when she plays the sport of basketball, which is another great thing about her."

"After the game I told her that as much as I enjoyed her making seven three-pointers, the thing I enjoyed more was the way she brought it on the defensive end. That's what we take pride in, our defense, and as a team we have brought that every night."

"Smith is a good basketball program and they have a 1000-point scorer," said Hatzisavas, "so it was nice to watch our team rise to the challenge and take control after our slow start."

Hatzisavas and his crew had prepped for the tourney contest with a 38-32 victory at Gloucester in their regular-season finale last Thursday.

"Captain Lily Conway really set the tone right away for us with her hustle and effort against one of the better players in the league," said Hatzisavas. "She also helped with her scoring, which pushed us out to a 9-1 lead halfway through the first period."

Although Winthrop trailed by a point at the half, the Lady Vikings came out on fire after the intermission. Winthrop went on a nice run that carried through to the waning minutes, capped by a clutch three-pointer by captain Sophia Lindinger with a minute to play that sealed the victory.

"Bailey Ferguson, captain Zoey Bogusz, and Poli Tsiotos, along with Sophia, provided us with some huge key baskets throughout the game," noted Hatzisavas. "It was the right way to head to the tournament with a good win over a tough opponent, especially on the road."

"We were able to secure the #21 seed after being the #34 seed just three weeks ago," Hatzisavas continued. "We were #34 -- which would have left us out of the tourney -- so it shows not only how much the girls wanted to make it, but also to get in at a decent seeding."

If the Lady Vikings defeat Northbridge tonight to advance to the Sweet 16, they most likely will play at #5 seed Cohasset, which will be meeting the winner of the contest between #28 St. Bernard's and #37 Greater Lawrence tomorrow (Friday).



Winthrop High School Hall of Fame inductee Tracey Gigliello Martucci, wearing her daughter, senior captain Talia Martucci's hockey jersey on Senior Day at Larsen Rink, is ready to support her husband, Coach Butch Martucci, and his Vikings in the MIAA Tournament opener versus Bishop Stang High School Thursday.

Tilton School is the latest scene in Pete Silverman's Hockey success story

The style looks the same as it did at Larsen Rink: Legs churning constantly, head as if on a swivel, and the skates carving, swerving, cutting and gliding in fluid coordination with the puck.

The big difference, of course, is that Pete Silverman, WHS Class of 2024, now wears a "T" on the front of his No. 20 hockey jersey as he buzzes around the MacMorran Field House and Hockey Rink for the Tilton (NH) Rams Varsity A team. It is an important next stop in Silverman's hockey journey.

"My next plans are to play college hockey, so I am looking at juniors for next year," said the 5'10", 168-pound forward who has added some muscle bulk to his frame since high school graduation.

Tilton plays against top-tier programs of the competitive Lakes Region League of the New England Prep School Athletic Council. Tilton hockey alumni

have populated the rosters of major college hockey programs, and that's what Pete Silverman has in mind.

For Silverman, the prep school experience has been a little different than high school, where he dominated just about every time he was on the ice. "The competition is bigger, better, and faster," he said.

But Silverman's skating and stickhandling skills make him a force, just as he was in high school. Through Tilton's first 27 games, Silverman has tallied 10 goals and 9 assists as the team compiled a 18-7-2 record with two games left in the season.

The traits and talents that earned Pete a place on the Boston Globe's 2024 boys high school hockey Super Team are evident at the next level. Tilton coach Brooks McQuade cited Silverman's hard work as a key factor in his success. "Pete is an excellent kid from a great family," said McQuade in an email. "He's an extremely hard worker with a high



BOB MARRA PHOTO

Pete Silverman pictured at a recent Tilton vs. Exeter game.

complete level." As he did in Winthrop, Pete's non-stop effort elevates the players around him. "He makes players around him better," said McQuade. "He's a pleasure to coach and work with. He has proven thus far what when the game is on the line, No. 20 will give you everything he has."

Pete's success at the prep school level is no surprise to anyone who watched him during his scintillating four years as a Winthrop Viking. A two-time League MVP, he led the Vikings to three Northeast Conference championships and a berth in the 2024 MIAA Division 4 state championship semifinals, where they lost, 2-1, in an overtime shootout to the eventual champs Dover-Sherborn.

"Making it to the Final Four was an awesome experience," said Silverman, who counts that game among the highlights of his high school career.

The Silverman name and hockey prowess are not unfamiliar at Tilton's New Hampshire campus; Pete's sister Maddie enjoyed a stellar career at Tilton from 2017 to 2021.

Coach McQuade appreciates that the Silverman Siblings chose Tilton. "We are fortunate at Tilton to have had his sister attend a few years back, so we are all grateful to have worked with both siblings in recent

years," he said.

Maddie Silverman, four years older than Pete, is wrapping up a standout career playing defense for NCAA Division III Stevenson University in Maryland. Maddie, a chemistry major, has been a stalwart on the Mustang's blue line all four of her years there.

Silverman praises his coaches for the encouragement and lessons he's learned on the ice, but, first and foremost, credits his parents Peter and Leanne for their support and always wanting what's best for him.

It's been a fun ride for the youngster who grew up playing soccer, football, baseball, and basketball while he advanced through Winthrop's Fort Banks and Cummings School's before high school.

If the next step is, indeed, junior hockey, he's got the tools. "His game should translate well to the junior level where he will likely play a year before college," said Tilton coach McQuade.

Junior hockey, where top-flight players hone their skills before stepping up to NCAA competition, will be another big step. But one can bet that Pete Silverman will continue to carve out his remarkable hockey legacy, racing relentlessly as he chases the puck—and his dream of college hockey. Beyond that...who knows?

Winthrop boys hockey begins tourney play

By Transcript Staff

The Winthrop High School boys hockey team was set to begin play in the MIAA Division 4 Tournament Wednesday against Apponequet Regional at Larsen Rink.

Coach Dale Dunbar's Vikings (11-6-2) are the No. 5 seed. Apponequet (7-11-0) is the No. 28 seed.

The Vikings entered the tournament after a hard-fought 2-2 overtime tie in their final home game of the year against Division 2 Wakefield, ranked No. 22. In that non-conference game on Wednesday, February 19th, sophomore Joe Pumphret opened the scoring in the first period, assisted by freshman Breadon Lounsbery and senior de-

fenseman Aidan Survilas. Junior Bert Kline added another goal in the second period, assisted by junior Tomas Babine. Wakefield rallied in the third period with two unanswered goals to force overtime. Despite dominating play in the extra period, Winthrop couldn't find the net, resulting in the tie. Senior captain and goalie Mike Donahue made several key saves throughout the game, including one in overtime.

The winner of the Winthrop-Apponequet game would play the winner of the Norwell-Abington game in the Round of 16. If Winthrop wins against Apponequet, they will host the next game on Saturday, March 1st.

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Red Bull Heavy Metal nails Boston Debut

Special to the Journal

Boston witnessed an electrifying debut of Red Bull Heavy Metal, as the iconic street snowboarding competition took over City

Hall Plaza and Faneuil Hall for the first time. The event crowned Benny Milam and Jess Perlmutter as overall champions for the man and woman categories respectively, each earning a coveted

ed CNCPTS x Burton 'Rabbit Hole' Collection board as well as a cash prize.

Over 20,000 spectators, the largest snowboard crowd in Boston history, experienced firsthand the high-energy action of the fifth edition of Red Bull Heavy Metal, the first in the sports-obsessed city.

"This is crazy how many people showed up," said Milam. "There is a parking lot out there full of people trying to get a view. This is maybe the most insane turnout of a street snowboarding event like ever. I think its time for round two next year."

Snowboard icon, Zeb Powell secured first place in

Zone 1, bringing a never-before felt energy to the iconic steps that lead to Congress Street.

"That was by far the biggest snowboard crowd I've ever seen at any event," Powell said. "The vibes that Boston brought were insane. I honestly don't have words. Simply the largest most electric crowd I've ever experienced."

2025 Boston Winners

- Overall Winners: Benny Milam & Jess Perlmutter
- Zone 1 Winners: Zeb Powell & Jess Perlmutter
- Zone 2 Winners: Benny Milam & Jess Perlmutter
- Zone 3 Winners: Benny Milam & Jayva Jordan



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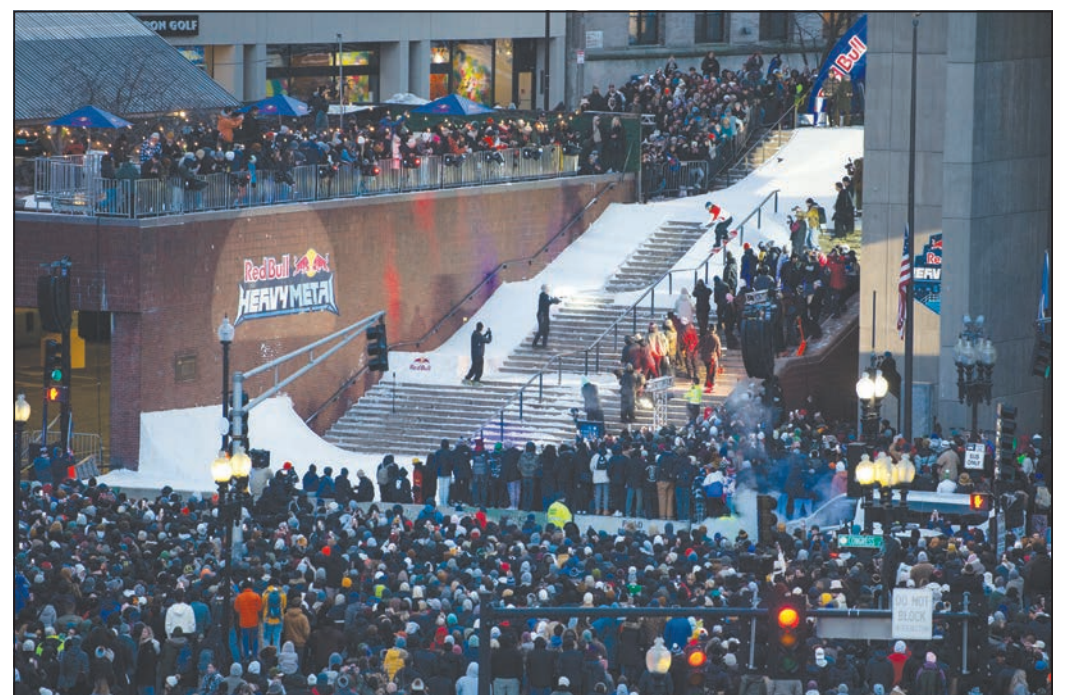


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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago February 27, 2015

Both the Winthrop High boys and girls hockey teams were set to open play in the MIAA state hockey tournament last night. On the boys' side, Coach Dale Dunbar's squad was set to take on St. Bernard's in Watertown in Division 2 North play. The Vikings, who were the undisputed champs of the Northeastern Conference's North Division, entered the tourney as the third seed in the D-2 North with an overall record of 15-3-2. They rated as a clear favorite over a St. Bernard's team that finished in second place in the Central Catholic II league with a 6-2 record, but was 9-11 overall.

As for the girls, coach Anthony Martucci's Lady Bulldawgs, who are seeded 12th in Division 1 (there is not a North and South in girls hockey) with an overall record of 12-5-3, were set to host 21st-seed Melrose (9-9-2 overall) at Larsen in what on paper shapes up as an evenly-matched battle.

Winthrop High star gymnast Christa Vaccaro turned in an outstanding perfor-

mance at the Mass. High School Gymnastics State Meet that was held February 18 at Dracut High School after being postponed three days earlier. Christa qualified for the all-around competition, which meant that she competed in all four events.

The Winthrop High girls basketball team has a tough test against North Reading in the Division 3 North quarterfinals Friday (7 p.m.) at the Saugus High School gymnasium. Winthrop (17-3) is the No. 2 seed in the Sectionals. Latin Academy (13-2) is the No. 1 seed while defending state champion St. Mary's (17-5) is the No. 3 seed.

20 years ago February 17, 2005

Anthony Griffin poured in 49 points to lead the WHS boys basketball team to an 80-69 win over Marblehead. Griffin's total was just shy of the WHS single-game record of 53 points held by Chris Tsiotis, who was sitting in the stands. After scoring 15 points in a 67-58 win over St. Mary's, Griffin now has 979 career points.

Sophomore Jason Griffin, Anthony's brother, led Winthrop with 24 points in that contest.

Freshman Vinny Eruzione scored the lone goal for the WHS hockey team in a 4-1 loss to Saugus that eliminated the Vikings from the hope of qualifying for the state tourney. Winthrop also lost 5-0 to Duxbury, the state's No. 1-ranked team.

The WHS girls basketball team stands at 9-9 after losses this week to Marblehead and Mt. Alvernia. Rachelle DeLeo, who has been named to the NEC all-star team, led the Lady Vikings with 31 points in the Marblehead contest.

30 years ago February 23, 1995

The WHS boys basketball team, which finished second in the NEC behind only top-ranked Salem, is seeded third for the upcoming state basketball tournament. Coach Peter Grimes's Vikings finished with a 16-4 record.

Erica Towlson brought home a first place medal in the hurdles in a time of 7.2 and Jackie Grueling won

the shot-put with a toss of 32'-7" in the All-NEC Meet last week. Towlson also won a third place medal in the high jump with a leap of 5'-0". "Erica is my pride and joy," said WHS head coach Larry Keegan. Both Towlson and Grueling will compete in the upcoming state meet.

The WHS hockey team qualified for the upcoming state tourney with a 6-4 win over highly-ranked Danvers, which is in second place in the NEC. Jason Calla scored a hat trick and single goals were scored by Chris Ford, John Cimino, and Brook Geraghty.

Laura Wolfram has been named to the NEC girls all-star basketball team.

40 years ago February 27, 1985

The top-seeded WHS hockey team defeated Lowell, 4-2, in the opening round of the state tourney. Sean Magee, Bob Beshere, Brian Pullin, and Timmy Fife scored goals for the Vikings, who now advance to the quarterfinal round that will be played at B.U.'s Walter Brown Arena.

WHS junior Buster Van Burkirk will be shooting to break the WHS school record in the 600 meter sprint at the all-state meet at MIT this weekend. Van Burkirk took third place in the Class C meet with a time of 1:16.3, which is just 0.5 of a second off the record that is held by Doug Hill.

50 years ago February 26, 1975

The NEC champion Winthrop High girls basketball team will face Dracut in the first round of state tourney play Friday evening.

The WHS hockey team defeated Beverly, 6-5, to advance to the final round of the NEC playoffs where they will face Saugus. Viking sophomore phenom Fred Tape scored four goals against the Panthers, including the game-winner that broke a 5-5 tie.

The WHS boys basketball team deprived Saugus of an NEC title with an upset victory. Steve Demetriou scored 18 points and Bobby Lundberg sank two free throws with 10 seconds to go to ice the victory.

The Winthrop Mites

swept through five games to capture the Mites International Kiwanis Hockey Tournament in Quincy. The Mites, coached by Steve Staffier and Bob Pearl, went into the tourney with an incredible 60-game winning streak.

70 years ago February 24, 1955

Winthrop High basketball captain Tommy Flynn and Winthrop's player of the year, Bobby Usseglio, shone brightly for the Northeastern Conference all-star basketball team in a 51-48 win over league champ Danvers before a capacity crowd at the Marblehead gym.

110 years ago February 27, 1915

Winthrop High defeated Winchester, 47-26, before an unusually large crowd at Winthrop. Fabyan scored six goals from the field for Winthrop. However, on Monday Winthrop lost to Gloucester, 21-19, in a game in which the play was fast and clean on both sides. W. Talcott and Fielding played well for Winthrop.

THE MORE Things Change ...

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

10 years ago February 24, 2015

There's no doubt the recent snow cavalcade has taken its toll on the general attitude of most folks, but health care providers report that it has also taken quite a toll on the physical well being of young and old. On a typical day in the Chelsea MGH Urgent Care, Dr. Brent Ragar might see two or three broken bones or wrist sprains, but in the last few weeks the rule has been to double those numbers because of falls on slippery walkways.

Something definitely went very wrong in Beachmont last Saturday when the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) ordered the City of Revere and the Town of Winthrop to shut the Winthrop Parkway tide gates despite the two municipal-

ities' objections, virtually snarling and shutting down Endicott Avenue and other streets in the area for Revere and Winthrop residents.

Tuesday night the Cottage Park Yacht Club book club met with author EJ Hanagan (also known as Winthrop resident Kate Anslinger) and Winthrop Veteran Services Director Roseann Trionfi-Mazuchelli to talk about post traumatic stress syndrome. Hanagan has written Saving Jason, a fictionalized account of her ex-husband's battle with PTSD after he returned from the war in Iraq.

20 years ago March 3, 2005

Lieut. Gov. Kerry Healey and Secretary of Environmental Affairs Ellen Herzfelder came to Winthrop this week to meet with town

officials to discuss the proposed Winthrop Beach Restoration Project. Funding is needed from the state for the project to go forward, however.

More than 1300 residents turned out at the Arthur Cummings School on Pauline St. to catch a glimpse of the Red Sox 2004 World Series Championship trophy. The now-infamous Doug Mientkiewicz ball, which he caught for the last out of the series, accompanied the trophy. The visit to the town was arranged by Parks and Rec. Director Sean Driscoll.

The Charter Commission approved its final report by a vote of 7-2 with members Dick Dimes and Dave Hubbard dissenting. The commission is recommending that the town move to a Town Manager form of government with a Town Council, thereby abolish-

ing the Town Meeting and Board of Selectmen which have governed the town since its founding in 1852.

The selectmen have granted permission for the Kasbah Restaurant to re-submit its application for an entertainment license that would allow the restaurant to have one to three belly dancers to enhance the restaurant's Moroccan ambience.

Winthrop's Ron Moses of the Winthrop Rotary Club was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow at a joint meeting of the Winthrop and Chelsea Rotary Clubs in observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International.

Two retired bell buoys have been placed at the entrance to the Winthrop Public Landing.

30 years ago March 2, 1995

Although the School Committee reduced by \$1.4 million the budget requests from the various schools by the School Improvement Councils, the committee's approved budget of \$11,215,435 still is \$1,232,988 over the current fiscal year's budget. Advisory Committee members said that Town Meeting undoubtedly will make cuts to the school budget "because the money isn't there."

The selectmen have hired an outside consulting firm to assist with the hiring of a new Police Chief.

WCVBTV co-anchor Brian Leary will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club's annual Senior Luncheon March 13 at the Middle School.

A report reveals that real estate values increased in Winthrop from last year by 8.7 percent, with the median sale price up from \$138,000 to \$150,000. Condo sale prices increased more modestly, from \$45,000 to \$45,900.

The Brady Bunch, Billy Madison, and Dumb and Dumber are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago March 13, 1985

The selectmen have submitted a 60-page report detailing their opposition to the construction of a new

sewage treatment plant by the MWRA on Deer Island.

The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh are fiercely opposing a plan for the construction of a 100-unit apartment complex by Neponset Associates on 17 acres of land on the marsh. William Zoppo, the owner of the land, has been trying to develop it for the past 20 years.

The Winthrop Federal Credit Union opened its new quarters at 50 Somerset Ave. this week.

Peg Riley, Winthrop's representative on the Board of Directors of the newly-created MWRA, was sworn into office this week.

Brigitte Carangelo has announced that she will be stepping down from her post as director of the Winthrop Senior Center, much to the chagrin of the seniors who are members of the facility.

The Breakfast Club, The Killing Fields, and Witness are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago March 12, 1975

The selectmen have taken under advisement a request to allow the transfer of a liquor license from Nat's Delicatessen at 299 Shirley St. to a new license-holder who wishes to open a liquor store at 53 Revere St. opposite the Governor's Park complex. Opponents at the packed public hearing outnumbered the proponents by a 10-1 margin, citing the proximity of other liquor stores in the area and alleged zoning violations. Atty. Jerome Falbo represented the petitioner.

Interest is high for the School Committee contest in the upcoming town election. The announcement by 15-year incumbent John A. Canavan Jr. that he is stepping down has resulted in three challengers, Sylvia Kane, Roland Fluet, and William Miner, seeking the two seats up for election, with incumbent Tom Connolly seeking re-election.

Interest also is high for the selectman's seat being vacated by incumbent James Loughran, who has moved out of the town, with a three-way race among Tom Reilly, Phil Boncore, and Bernard Basch.

Police received five reports of home break-ins and six reports of auto thefts this past week.

Son of Lassie is playing at the Kincade Theater.

60 years ago March 11, 1955

Town Meeting will get underway March 15 with pay raises for town employees a main issue among the 66 articles on the warrant.

Newly-elected Town Meeting Moderator John L. Murphy Jr., a member of the Mass. Bar, was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in impressive exercises held recently.

Members of the School Committee took a tour of the new Winthrop High School, which is nearing completion.

Receipts for the fund drive to benefit the families who were driven from their Pt. Shirley homes by a fire recently have reached \$6000.

James Stewart and Brigitte Bardot star in Dear Brigitte at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago March 10, 1955

Walter Van Dalinda defeated Melvin Carver and former selectman Walter Smith for the seat on the Board of Selectmen in Monday's annual town election. This was Van Dalinda's third attempt for a selectman's seat. Mrs. Fairfax Proctor was re-elected to the School Committee, defeating George Pulsifer and Benjamin Sargin. In the contest for assessor, Percy L. Sterlin handily defeated Richard Egan. A total of 4813 voters turned out for the town election, representing 48 percent of registered voters.

The selectmen were informed this week that it will cost \$1.5 million to improve the town's sewer system to alleviate the problem of flooding in certain areas of the town.

Some 235 local residents are expected to canvass the town for the Red Cross Fund Sunday.

Marilyn Monroe, Betty Grable, and Lauren Bacall star in How to Marry a

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To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Edward J. McGinness of South Weymouth, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal

Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Edward J. McGinness of South Weymouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/11/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and

objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of

assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 28, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 02/27/25 W

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU24C0491CA

In the matter of: Summer Carrine Plaud

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Summer Carrine Plaud of Winthrop, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Summer Carrine Mercurio IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 03/12/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 20, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 2/27/25 W

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LOCAL STUDENT EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

WINTHROP RESIDENT EARNS DEAN'S LIST HONORS AT PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

Brianna Marley daughter of Brian and Stacie Marley,

Winthrop, Massachusetts has earned Dean's List honors at Providence College for the fall 2024 semester.

Dean's List honors are earned by full-time undergraduate students who, at the end of the semester, have attained a GPA of 3.55

or better (on a 4.0 scale), with no grade lower than "C," and with no incomplete grades ("I" or "NM").

Part-time students in the School of Continuing Education must be in good academic standing (defined as a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or

above) and, at the end of the spring semester term, have attained an average of 3.25 or higher with no grade less than "C." They also must have carried a minimum of nine credit hours during that semester and be enrolled in a degree program.

Founded in 1917, Providence College is the only college or university in the United States administered by the Dominican Friars. The Catholic, liberal arts college has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 4,100 students and

offers degrees in 56 academic majors. Since 1997, Providence College consistently has been ranked among the top five regional universities in the North according to U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges."

Establishing Their Roots

Northeast Regional's outstanding dental assisting program is leading to successful careers

By Cary Shuman

Erin Selvitella, head of the dental assisting program at Northeast Regional Vocational Technical High School, is rightfully proud of the many students who are preparing to receive a career-generating certificate that will open doors in their chosen field, some as early as this June.

Selvitella and a group of her students traveled to Revere recently for a video presentation produced by Revere TV and its executive director Dale Dunbar.

"The students have prepared presentations on infant and toddler oral healthcare, periodontal disease, brushing and flossing instructions, and restorations," explained Selvitella.

Northeast students in the program graduate with a vocational certificate in dental

assisting. Once students turn 18 years old, they can register with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as dental assistants. There are currently 78 students in the Northeast dental assisting program.

"We are very proud of this program," said Selvitella.

Revere students are thankful for their education at Northeast

Two of the outstanding students in the program from Revere, seniors Jeremias Ramirez and Sadie DeRuosi, spoke about the valuable educational training they have received at Northeast Regional the past four years.

"I've enjoyed the program. The teachers are very friendly and they're very good at making sure we are understanding everything

that we are learning," said Ramirez. "The friends and classmates that I have at Northeast have made the whole process very enjoyable, fun, and productive."

Ramirez said he will take a job in the dental assisting field immediately after his graduation in June, though he may matriculate at college in the future.

DeRuosi said she selected dental assisting as her specialty at Northeast because "it was fun and creative."

"Throughout the exploratory, they offered us a lot of things to learn, and I really enjoy it," said DeRuosi, noting that she has been acquiring knowledge of "teeth anatomy, head and neck anatomy, radiology," and other aspects of dental medicine.

DeRuosi said she "will attend community college, earn my associate's degree,



Northeast Regional Vocational High School students in the dental assisting program join Assistant Principal John O'Brien, Northeast Regional School Committee member Anthony Caggiano, Supt. David DiBarri, Dental Assisting Department Head Erin Selvitella and other faculty during their recent video presentation at the Revere TV studios.

and become a hygienist."

"This program has been very helpful," said DeRuosi. "It prepares you well for college. It takes a lot of work and commitment, but it's worth the effort. I want to thank my teachers. I appreciate all that they do for us. They work with us at our own pace, and they're always available to help us after school. They chaperone trips for us to places like Yankee Dental to see things outside the classroom."

Supt. DiBarri, SC member Caggiano laud the students and program

Supt. David DiBarri and Northeast Regional School Committee member Anthony Caggiano attended the students' presentation at Revere TV.

DiBarri expressed his pride in the dental assistance program and the accomplishments of the students.

"I just want to say how proud I am of the students," said DiBarri. "They do a great job. This has been one

of our most successful programs at the school. Three of our teachers are Northeast alumni. We've had alumni who have become dentists and hygienists. The sky's the limit. Their parents should be proud of them."

Said Caggiano, who is also a member of the Revere School Committee, "I'm so proud of these students who are taking advantage of the superb vocational opportunities at Northeast and setting a strong foundation for their future careers."

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Millionaire at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago March 8, 1945

With only a 42 percent voter turnout at Monday's town election, the winners for the Board of Selectmen were incumbent Walter Smith, former selectman Ross Batchelder, and newcomer Gervaise "Jerry" Carlz. George Hamilton, who finished fourth by just 15 votes, said he will not seek a recount.

The Winthrop USO Soldiers and Sailors Committee held its annual dinner in the USO Clubhouse last week.

State Representative Arthur Verney said that a hearing on the bill to extend the breakwater on Shore Drive will be held this week.

William Powell and Myrna Loy star in The Thin Man Goes Home at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago March 9, 1935

Wit 5817 ballots cast in Monday's annual town election, the large number of close contests will mean recounts in the races for selectman and Town Meeting Moderator

Town Meeting will face a warrant of 66 articles when they gather Monday, including a request by the selectmen for \$150,000 for improvements to the town's highways, sewers, drains, and curbs.

Lois F. Davis is the new President of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Assoc.

The extreme low tides of the past three days exposed completely the area between the shore and the breakwaters on Shore Drive, providing an opportunity for youngsters to frolic.

Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray star in The Gilded Lady at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago March 14, 1925

Town Moderator Joseph Davison will read the call

for the start of Town Meeting promptly at 8 p.m. Monday. There are 42 articles on the warrant highlighted by articles calling for an elected Planning Board, an addition to the Town Hall with a garage, and the widening of the corners at Shirley St. and Washington Ave.

The family and friends of Winthrop Police Lieut. James H. Douglas forced the reluctant officer to celebrate his 25th anniversary with the department at a party last week.

The Koutrouba family, a father and his three sons, are among those transforming many sections of Winthrop with the construction of one and two-family homes.

110 years ago March 13, 1915

The annual Town Meeting took place Monday in the former high school hall. Every seat was taken and some were obliged to stand. All of the Advisory Committee's recommendations were accepted, except for the one regarding the Police Dept., whose budget was increased by Town Meeting from \$14,072 to \$14,370. Members also addressed the issue of a new state law that forbids the taking of clams from Winthrop's flats because of high bacteria counts. The Board of Health told members that if the clams are cooked properly, there is no danger of sickness, which prompted Town Meeting to pass a resolution asking our state representative to seek a repeal of the law. Town Meeting also voted to macadamize a large portion of the town's streets. However, members voted to postpone action on the article calling for the replacement of the 24-year old, horse-drawn fire wagon at the Beach fire station. A new, motorized wagon will cost \$7500.

After a recount, Joseph Davison was declared the winner in the contest for Town Moderator by a vote of 727-725. Davison originally had been declared the

loser to Judge Brown by one vote, 718-717.

120 years ago March 10, 1905

For the 54th year, the legal voters of Winthrop gathered in the Annual Town Meeting when the warrant was read. The results of the annual town election were made known beforehand. Winthrop Magee and Edward J. Clark were the clear winners for selectman, but Wesley Gove and A.C.J. Pope were tied for the third seat with 458 votes each. A recount will take place next week. Magee decried the circulars against his candidacy which had been sent to the voters just prior to the election.

On the annual ballot question regarding the liquor license question, voters defeated the measure by a resounding vote of 771-129, the largest majority ever on this issue which means Winthrop will continue to be a dry town.

The committee in charge of building a new, brick firehouse on Shirley St. has submitted its report, which states that it can be built for \$15,000 which is a fair price when one considers that the Central fire station was built for \$12,000, but building materials have increased by 25-30 percent since that time.

130 years ago March 13, 1885

With 150 lots and 30 homes sold in the past two years, there now are just 20 lots left to be sold on Cottage Hill.

With a full attendance of citizens at the adjourned town meeting, the majority anticipated a stormy meeting, but in this they were disappointed. The main issue was whether the town should purchase a new fire hose at 70 cents per foot or 78 cents per foot. In other matters, \$2000 was appropriated for highways and bridges; \$100 for suppression of the liquor traffic; \$200 for drinking fountains;

and \$4500 to construct a bridge between the Crest and the Highlands. Voters

also approved the establishment of a public library, though no funds were ap-

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