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WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM HOSTS GYOTAKU ART EXHIBITION

The Winthrop Public Library and Museum (2 Metcalf Square) is currently showcasing an exhibition of Gyotaku (Japanese fish printing) artwork by Beverly-based artist, Peter Concannon. The exhibition, featuring over 20 original works, is on display through March 21st.

Concannon's artwork depicts local marine species, including squid and striped bass, utilizing the traditional Japanese Gyotaku technique. His work has received recognition in Regional Juried Art Shows and has been featured in Art-scope Magazine.

A portion of the proceeds, 25% of all artwork sales, will be donated to the Friends of the Winthrop Public Library and Museum.

Concannon, a launch op-

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U10 VIKINGS CAPTURE STATE CHAMP TITLE



COURTESY PHOTO

On Sunday the Winthrop Vikings Double A Squirts completed a 5-0 sweep of the State Hockey Championships to bring home the banner for the U10 Tier IV Small Division. Members of the Vikings AA Squirts are: LilyAnne Barron, Sofia Beutel, Ethan Caputo, Roman Carson, Catherine DiMento, Brady Emanuele, Talia Forbes, Toren Gleason, Alexia Graygor, Jayven Harris, Ciara Mahoney, Mario Marengi, Ryan Murphy, Jackson Stone, and Andrew Yang.

Council votes to censure Precinct 5 councilor

By Adam Swift

The town council voted to censure Precinct 5 Councilor Joseph Aiello at last week's meeting.

The motion to censure came from Council President Jim Letterie following comments made by Aiello, including a vulgarity, while resident Diana Viens was speaking during the public comment section of the Feb. 11 meeting.

At the end of the Feb. 11 meeting, Aiello apologized for his comments, and during last week's meeting, he accepted the censure and

once again apologized for his actions.

Letterie used the censure motion to call for greater decorum both from the entire council, as well as from the public when addressing the council.

"I'm not going to read the council (rules) on decorum again, I did it two months ago, and I would hope there wouldn't be a need to do this again," said Letterie. "I'm going to take responsibility as the council president for the actions of the council as well as the public. Sometimes I think you try to do the right thing

and you try to give the people the opportunity to speak their minds, and I think I'm going to try to reel that in a little bit on the public comment period."

Letterie said he will not be allowing the public to use a particular councilor's name to direct criticism.

"If you wish to make a comment about the council in particular, you can direct it to me, I'll take it all, and we will get back to you if we have any further comments on your comments," said Letterie. "Within the council itself, we need to be above the fray."

Letterie said the censure motion itself against Aiello does not have any ramifications beyond that as an elected official, there will be a documented record of Aiello being censured by the council.

The censure read that Aiello engaged in "conduct that is inconsistent with the standards, interactions, and demeanor that (have) a negative effect on the office."

Aiello said he accepted the censure.

"I hope that everybody would vote on behalf of the censure," he said. "I was wrong, I feel awful about it, I need to be better than this, therefore, I will vote to censure myself."

Letterie said he appreciated Aiello's comments, and noted that while Aiello has been singled out on several occasions during public comment periods, it is the responsibility of all council-

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School Committee focuses on override outreach

By Adam Swift

Much of the focus of Monday's school committee meeting, barring an unfortunate Zoombombing incident, was on the upcoming school override vote on Saturday, April 5.

During the special election, voters will be asked to consider a \$3.5 million Proposition 2-½ override to cover expected budget shortfalls for the Fiscal Year 2026 school budget, as well as a \$1.4 million override to fund an education stabilization fund.

During Monday's meeting, Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard highlighted the efforts that are underway both on the FY26 school budget as well as the push to get out information about the override vote.

Howard said there has been a lot of communication between the district, the citizens' override committee, and the town council, as well as with the fire department, on getting out reliable information on both the school override and the debt exclusion vote for a new fire station.

"They have a Facebook page that's called Yes for Winthrop's Kids," said Howard of the override committee. "It's a great page because the information that they are putting on there is factual information and they do check with me."

The district and the override committee have worked together to create messaging from the schools, along with the district's attorney,

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A FORECAST OF FUN: LOCAL METEOROLOGIST VISITS GORMAN FORT BANKS SCHOOL



WBZ Meteorologist Jason Mikell with half of the GFB's second grade class. Mikell visited the school to talk with the second-graders about the seasons, weather and more. Read about it on Page 3.

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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. 17

0939: 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.

1200: A report of a dead animal on the sidewalk on Main St. was referred to the DPW.

1611: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning 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 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 Main 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 Main 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 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 Amelia Ave. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1626: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1751: A person came into the station to report that her parked motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run driver on Neptune Ave. a few hours earlier. The officer filed a report.

1838: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2008: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Woodside Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said he had just moved into the state.

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

0041: An officer moved along two vehicles that were parked on Bayview Ave.

0940: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle that was making it difficult for trucks to travel on Locust St.

1138: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle blocking the entrance to the police station on the Pauline St. side.

1213: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1233: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the No Parking Here to Corner section of Nevada St.

1238: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked at a fire hydrant at Beacon Circle.

1253: An officer issued a parking ticket to an unregistered vehicle at the Town Landing.

1353: A resident came into the station to report a larceny. The officer filed a report.

1421: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Trident Ave.

1505: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in a handicapped spot on Cora St.

1923: Officers responded to a report of a disturbance on River Rd. They arrested Philip B. Braverman, 45, of 133 River Rd., for the criminal offenses of assault and battery upon a person over the age of 60 and intimidation of a witness.

2035: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to use a turn

signal. When the officer determined that the operator's license was suspended, he arrested Harold Andres Suarez, 34, of 89 Hermon St., for the criminal offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. He also was cited for the turn signal infraction. A licensed operator took over control of the vehicle.

2105: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

0046: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest Ave. for the civil moving infractions of operating without headlights after dark and having an unrestrained child. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0106: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Kennedy Rd.

0657: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle parked in the No Parking zone on Hale Ave. to move the vehicle.

0808: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Locust and Revere Sts. and arrested the operator, David Agosto, 46, of Revere, for the criminal offenses of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failing to identify himself. A licensed operator came to take control of the vehicle.

0822: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle on Summit Ave. (for parking more than 12 inches from the curb) at the request of the DPW, which said that its trucks were unable to get down the street because the vehicle was partially blocking the street. The officer directed the owners of two other vehicles to move their vehicles.

1342: A resident came into the station to report that her identity had been used to apply for unemployment benefits. The officer filed a report.

1342: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles parked on the wrong side of the road on Douglas St.

1350: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1357: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to

the operator.

1359: A report of a fire hydrant covered by the snow on Bowdoin St. was referred to the DPW.

1639: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Beal Sts. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. 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.

1707: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere St. for the civil moving infractions of a number plate violation and an obstructed window. The officer issued a citation to the operator for those offenses, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

1710: An officer serving a probation warrant arrested a 45 year-old Winthrop man.

1722: An officer ordered a tow for a disabled motor vehicle on Pleasant St.

1758: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle facing the wrong way on Cottage Ave.

1825: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Douglas St. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2212: Officers assisted the Fire Dept. at the scene of a stove fire in a Shirley St. residence.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

0024: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0057: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0117: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Wilshire St.

0207: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Centre St.

0215: An officer issued parking tickets to 10 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cottage Park Rd.

0351: An officer directed the operator of a motor vehicle playing music loudly at Daw Playground to leave the area.

0728: A Revere St. resident reported that a town plow backed into her driveway and damaged a wall. The officer filed a report.

0800: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of an expired inspection sticker. 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.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Payson 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 Payson 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 Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

-- 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 for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession. In addition, a passenger was cited for not wearing a seatbelt.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infractions of excessive window tint and an equipment violation (exposed metal on the front bumper). 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.

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

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infractions of excessive window tint and a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1012: 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 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 infractions of excessive window tint and a stop sign viola-

tion. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for the stop sign violation and issued a citation for the excessive window tint.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. being operated by a person with an expired license, which is a criminal offense. The officer directed the operator, who was unaware of her license status, to park the vehicle in a legal spot. He gave her a verbal warning about the license issue and directed her not to operate the vehicle until her license was active.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who was unfamiliar with the area.

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

1349: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1514: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1720: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. When the officer determined that the operator's license was suspended in Mass., which is a criminal offense (though it was active in Florida), the officer issued a citation to the operator for both the criminal and civil infractions. The motor vehicle was towed.

2021: An officer directed persons playing music loudly in a Governors Park apartment to keep it down for the night.

2044: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2107: A person called the station to report that his motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator while his vehicle was parked in the parking lot of a Revere St. business. The officer filed a report.

2351: An officer issued parking tickets to five commercial vehicles parked in residential areas around the town.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

0005: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle parked in the fire lane at Governors Park.

0017: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St.

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for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0042: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0131: An officer issued a parking ticket to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Atlantic and Linden Sts.

0132: An officer issued parking tickets to 14 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Veterans Rd.

0205: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Main St.

1112: An officer directed the owner of a vehicle blocking a driveway on Main St. to move the vehicle.

1453: A person came into the station to report a fraudulently-diverted IRS tax return to Indiana. The officer filed a report.

1710: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1815: 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 for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

1823: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Trident Ave. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1900: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1912: 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.

2034: The operator of a motor vehicle called the station to report that she had struck a neighbor's parked motor vehicle on Siren St. and that she had injured her knee. The operator was transported to the hospital. The officer filed a report.

2306: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

2318: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

0134: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Circuit Rd.

0142: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0157: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bowdoin St.

0714: Braintree police called to request that Winthrop officers locate a vehicle that was involved in a hit-and-run accident in Braintree. A Winthrop officer located the suspect vehicle and noticed damage on the front passenger side. The officer left a note on the vehicle for the owner to contact the Braintree P.D. He also issued a citation to the owner for having an expired inspection sticker.

1059: An officer responded to a report of a disturbance at the 7/11 between customers about lottery tickets. The officer restored the peace.

1136: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1201: A person called the station to report that her driver's side mirror had been struck by a truck while traveling in the opposite direction on Winthrop St. and then fled the scene. The officer filed a report. A witness previously had called the station to report the incident.

1819: 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.

-- 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 Veterans Rd. 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 Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infractions of excessive window tint and a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a mo-

tor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

1823: 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 for that offense and gave him a verbal warning for an equipment violation.

1838: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for those offenses, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

1942: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2038: An officer directed the operator of a vehicle parked in the Fire Lane on Shirley St. to move the vehicle.

2320: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles blocking a fire hydrant on Hutchinson Ave.

2339: An officer directed the resident of an apartment in Governors Park to turn off the loud music.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

0043: 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.

0040: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0100: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

0201: An officer issued parking tickets to 10 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.

1147: A Shirley St. resident came into the station to report that residents along Shirley St. are not shoveling their sidewalks in violation of the town by-law. The matter was referred to the Building Dept.

1235: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1406: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle blocking a driveway on Pleasant Park Rd.

1429: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Crescent Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2134: An officer directed the operator of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Dolphin Ave. to move the vehicle.

MONDAY, FEB. 24

0044: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Shirley St.

0149: An officer issued parking tickets to nine vehicles without resident parking stickers on Court Rd.

0152: An officer issued parking tickets to 13 vehicles without resident parking stickers in the area of Beach Rd., Myrtle Ave., and Locust St.

A FORECAST OF FUN: BOSTON METEOROLOGIST VISITS GORMAN FORT BANKS SCHOOL

Courtesy Photos

On March 4, 2025, students at the William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School received a special visit from WBZ-TV meteorologist Jason Mikell. Mikell presented to half of the school's second-grade classes, discussing weather phenomena such as seasons, cold and warm fronts, and the science behind weather forecasting. He also demonstrated the tools used in meteorological studies. The students engaged with Mikell, posing numerous questions about diverse topics,



Jason Mikell taking questions from the inquisitive second graders.

including whirlpools, future weather predictions, and the Bermuda Triangle.



Shown left to right, Second Grade Teacher Alexis McEvoy, Jason Mikell, GFB Principal Kristen Reynolds, Second Grade Teachers Whitney DeSantis & Kristin Boivin.



Jason Mikell explains earth's rotation around the sun with second grader Josh Boivin.

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ors ro remain above the fray. Precinct 4 Councilor Suzanne Swope said she wants to make sure that everyone who wants to speak in front of the council, no matter their position, has that opportunity.

"I don't want anyone on the council to discourage you from speaking your mind, it is so important for

democracy," she said. Karin Chavis, who serves on the town's firehouse building committee and the citizens' finance advisory committee, said she did not believe the censure of Aiello went far enough, noting that there has been at least one other incident where he had to apologize for remarks he made during a public speak-

ing session. Chavis said the council as a whole needs to take a closer look at how it behaves both with the public and with each other during meetings. "I think all of you need to start looking at yourselves and how you behave in front of the WCAT cameras and Zoom," she said.

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OUR Opinions

MARCH IS THE CRUELEST MONTH

According to meteorologists, “meteorological spring” arrived last week on March 1. For those who prefer to mark the seasons astronomically, spring officially will arrive in two weeks on March 20 (at 5:01 AM), marking the vernal equinox.

But regardless of one’s preference, we always have viewed March as the ultimate tease.

The poet Emily Dickinson extolled the arrival of March (“Dear March—Come in— How glad I am—”). But Emily Dickinson lived in Amherst, far from the coast, where ocean breezes off the still-frigid Atlantic -- water temps are their coldest in March -- can lower the dreaded wind-chill factor by 10 degrees even on sunny days.

For those of us who have been lifelong residents of Eastern Mass., March is the month on the calendar that we long for with great anticipation after the harsh winter season. But it always disappoints, like an object of desire that fails to live up to our expectations.

Although this past winter was chillier than the past few, our recent winters have not been too tough to take, thanks to milder-than-normal temperatures and the lack of snow, which environmental scientists tell us is the beginning of a long-term trend of warmer winters because of climate change. Those milder winters have given us all the more reason to hope that March would be even more temperate compared to the past.

But our hopes regularly have been dashed by Mother Nature.

To be sure, the weather is getting warmer and the sun brighter. The crocuses and snowdrops have been pushing through the ground, especially in the areas of our gardens that are in full sun. But the cold weather and brisk winds that are forecast for the coming week, with below-freezing temperatures every night and in the early-morning, are anything but a harbinger of the coming spring season.

One of the earliest memories of our childhood was learning the aphorism, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” Despite the onset of climate-change, that saying remains as true today as it was then.

THE REAL REASONS OUR NATURAL GAS HEATING BILLS ARE SO HIGH

Everybody is complaining about the high cost of heating our homes with natural gas this winter, but this year’s spike in our bills, which has been exacerbated by the colder-than-usual winter, has been completely predictable.

Massachusetts has had the 5th-highest natural gas prices in the U.S. for many years for which there are two main reasons:

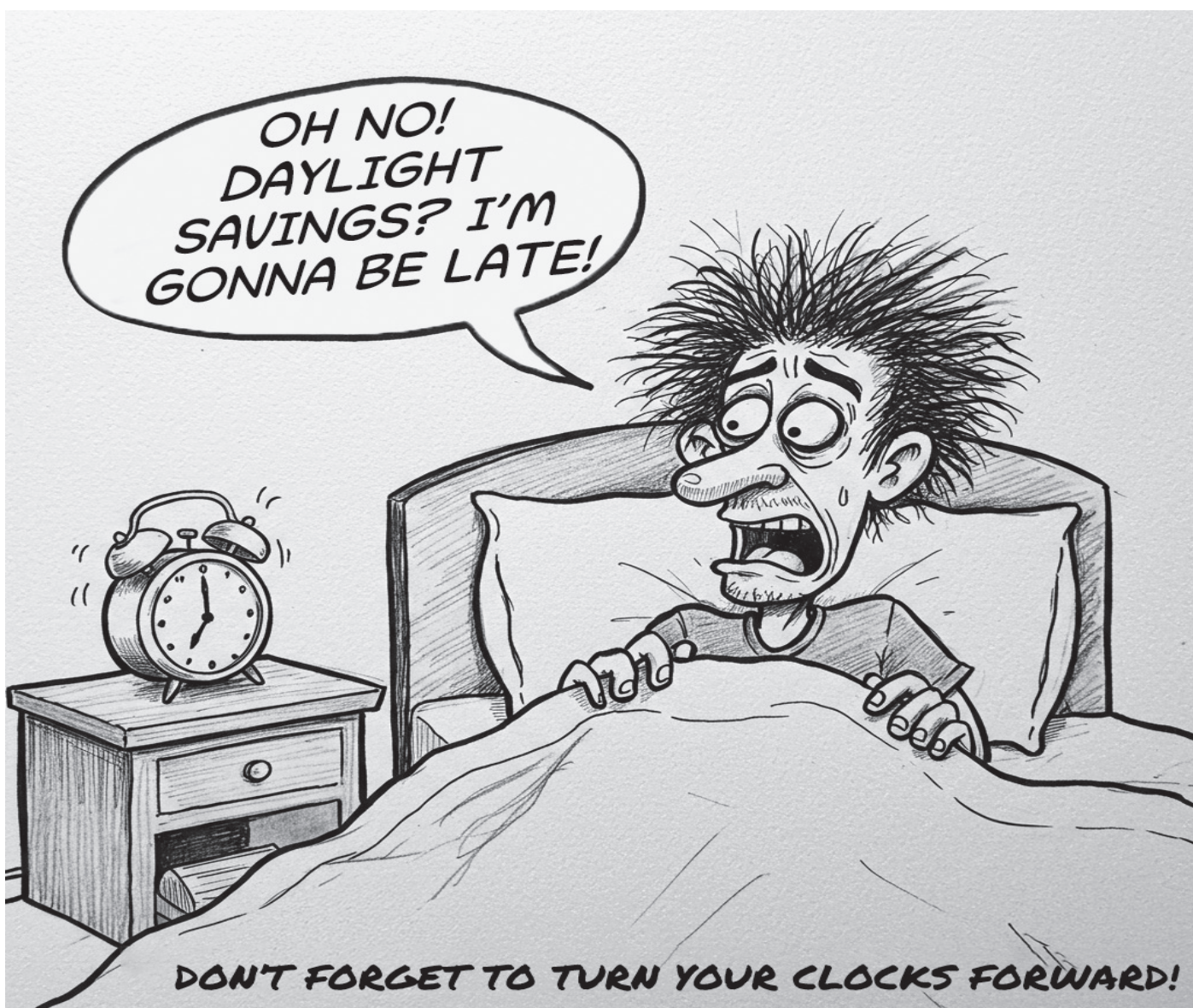
The first is that thanks to the Jones Act (which involves maritime shipping and unions and dates back to 1920), we have to import our liquefied natural gas (LNG), at far greater expense from Trinidad and other places outside the U.S., instead of from the LNG terminals along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Second, and more significantly, we have been unable to take advantage of the abundant supply of natural gas from the nearby Marcellus Field in Pennsylvania because of environmental regulations and lawsuits that have prevented the construction of new pipelines to our area.

We are within just a few hundred miles of the largest natural gas-producing area in the country, but we are unable to access it, which has resulted in our need to import LNG via tankers from foreign sources.

So yes, we are spending more this winter to heat our homes because of the colder-than-normal weather. But our natural gas prices are greater than almost everywhere else in the country -- and will continue to be for the foreseeable future -- thanks to a combination of our nation’s antiquated maritime shipping laws and environmental lawsuits that have prevented new pipelines from coming to our region from the Marcellus field in nearby Pennsylvania.

Forum



LETTERS to the Editor

INSPIRED BY SUBMISSION

Dear Editor,

I was personally inspired by Scott Mahoney-Wright’s letter to the editor in the February 27 issue of “The Winthrop Sun Transcript.” Scott made reference to “the ignorance, vitriol and violence exhibited towards people who are members of the LGBTQIA+ community and especially transgendered people.” Scott indicated that this “is being fueled by the President and others in his orb.”

The positive and uplifting part of Mahoney-Wright’s letter is his plea for LGBTQIA+ people to unite together with their allies and stand up for and on behalf of anyone being marginalized and whose rights...are under fire from people like Donald Trump, JD Vance, Elon Musk and so many others.” I then

thought of women, persons of color, minorities, working, tax-paying immigrants, physically and emotionally disabled persons. Then, on a good note, I remembered COSTCO’s positive efforts to support Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion (DEI)

Scott Mahoney-Wright mentioned “legal resources...to assist, answer questions and navigate through these dark waters.” However, he noted in particular, “There is something to be said for resiliency and perseverance.” Scott encouraged all to work together, supporting and helping one another. The writer clearly noted, “Do not give up nor give in. Not now, not ever. ...Do not give up and give into 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.” Thank you, Scott Mahoney-Wright!

Sincerely,

Donna Segreti Reilly

SUPPORTS TAX OVERRIDE

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my vehement support for the proposed tax override to fund Winthrop’s public schools. Investing in education is one of the most important commitments a community can make.

My husband and I do not have children, but we recognize that a well-educated population benefits us all, not just parents with children in school. Public education contributes to a well-functioning society by generating a more educated workforce, fostering community engagement, and promoting economic growth. Strong schools lead to stronger property values, a more skilled workforce, and a thriving local economy. Strong schools ensure

that our children receive the education they deserve. The benefits of this override far outweigh the cost.

Not every family can afford private school, and they shouldn’t have to. Public education is the great equalizer, providing every child the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. But without this tax override, our schools will face cuts that could lead to overcrowded classrooms, fewer educational programs, and diminished opportunities that could affect their futures—and ultimately, the future of Winthrop.

I urge my fellow residents to join me in supporting this tax override for our schools. Vote ‘Yes’ to the override on Saturday, April 5th. Put it on your calendar and make a plan to vote.

Stand up for our kids and the long-term success of our community.

Sincerely,

Tracey Honan

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to see what the district can provide for information. Howard said the district can make a bigger push this time getting out information in anticipation of the April vote than it did for the override vote last fall.

The district principals will also be providing information to parents about the vote, and how they can register to vote if they have not done so already.

“Denise Quist (the town clerk), has done a great job at providing information about how to register, how to get an absentee ballot,” Howard said. “Where this is a Saturday vote in April, which is the height of wedding season and certainly the beginning of spring youth athletics and co-curricular activities as well as the beginnings of high school activities, so we wanted to make sure that families and voters who don’t have children in the schools, that if

you do have a wedding, you have the opportunity to do a mail-in vote.”

Because it is a local election, Howard noted that there will not be mail sent out from the town about requesting a mail-in ballot, but that residents will have to request them.

“Also, we felt strongly that people needed to see what the ballot looked like and what the questions looked like on the ballot, so that will be an attachment to the notice that the principals will send out, as well as a link to the frequently asked questions that the override committee worked on,” said Howard.

School Committee Chair Jennifer Powell noted that there are two websites with information on the school override. Investinwinthrop.com provides information on both the school override vote and the fire station debt exclusion, while yesforwin-

thropskids.com provides information on just the school override from the override committee.

In other outreach efforts, Howard said she will be talking about the override on WCAT and that the program will be shown on the local channel as well as the WCAT YouTube page.

The superintendent said that she is available to answer questions from anyone in the community.

“There is no question that is silly, no matter what you think, so if you have a question, you can email me,” said Howard. “If it is something I think you can easily access through frequently asked questions, I may turn you to the frequently asked questions, but I’m always up for further discussion. Not necessarily up to debate whether or not the schools need an override, because I am the one managing the budget ... along with

my administration, and so we are coming forth being transparent and honest.”

As for the explicit Zoom-bombing incident during the public speaking section at the beginning of the meeting, Howard said the unidentified person must have circumvented security measures the district has in place, and that the administration’s IT department would work on investigating and resolving the issue.

“We will certainly do the investigation and I will encourage anybody that wants to make a comment to this committee, that can be submitted prior and read at the meetings, so I don’t want to shut down voices or make it that people can’t reach us if they need to, we are definitely available for the appropriate audiences,” said Powell.

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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.

Monday, March 10

9:00am-3:00am: Computer Usage
9:30am-12:00pm: CAPIC Fuel Assistance
10:00am-1:00pm: REIKI with Stacy
10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day/Mahjong

Tuesday, March 11

10:00am: Bowling at the Winthrop Elks (\$15 annual-ly)
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up

12:00pm-2:00pm: ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Wednesday, March 12

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:15am-10:15am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
9:30AM-10:30am: Friends of WCOA Meeting
10:00am-2:00pm: Shine

Counseling
10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:45am-12:45pm: Balance & Strength Training with Cindy (\$5)
1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

Thursday, March 13

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
10:30am-11:30am: Council on Aging Meeting
10:30am-11:30am: Seaside Tappers (\$5)
12:00pm-12:30pm: Dine-In / Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

Friday, March 14

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 Thurs-

days from 12-12:30pm. Grab and Go Lunches are also available for pick up Monday – Friday between 11am and 1pm. To reserve a lunch, please stop by the front desk or call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday). Menus are available on our website and at the Senior Center. Please note, lunches cannot be held overnight; they must be picked up on the day that they were requested for.



Senior Van. The Senior Van runs Monday - Thursday from 8:45am-3pm and Fridays 8:45am-12:15pm. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by calling the Senior Center at least two weekdays prior to the desired date. Rides to medical appointments will be prior-

itized. 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.

OBITUARIES

Susan Kaplovitz

Her legacy is one of strength, curiosity and profound kindness

Susan (Enid) Kaplovitz passed away peacefully on February 12, 2025 at age 80. Susan was a native of Winthrop who graduated from Winthrop High in 1962, Mt. Holyoke College in 1966 and received her MBA from Simmons University in 1988.

In Boston, she worked as a teacher, executive in the insurance industry and an executive for a major teaching hospital. Susan's legacy is one of strength, curiosity, and profound kindness. She showed us that life, no matter the obstacles, can still be lived with independence, grace and joy.

She was predeceased by her parents, Maxwell and Fay Ediss Kaplovitz and her brother Barry Kaplovitz. She is not only mourned by her cousins, Ellen Kaplovitz, Nessa Kleinglass, Alan Pyenson and Gary Stone but also friends, neighbors and by special caregiver advocates who became family.

Funeral Services were held in the Caggiano-O'Malley-Frazier Funeral Home on Sunday, February 23, 2025. Services concluded with a private interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.



To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

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erator and recreational lobsterman, draws inspiration from the local marine environment. He began practicing Gyotaku as a hobby and has since developed an award-winning artistic style. He uses block printing ink on rice paper to create detailed and respectful portrayals of marine life.

YES FOR WINTHROP'S KIDS HOLDS VOLUNTEER MEETING

Last Thursday, February 27, Yes for Winthrop's Kids held its Volunteer Kick-off Meeting at the Winthrop Public Library to gear up for the April 5th Special Election.

The campaign leaders updated the volunteers on various initiatives that will take place during the next month including public comment at Town Council and School Committee meetings, hosting neighborhood coffee hours, literature drops throughout the town, distribution of information via local community events, and video testimonials.

The meeting was very well attended by an enthusiastic group of local citizens who are concerned about Winthrop's schools.

The Yes for Winthrop's Kids campaign has a new 'Invest in Winthrop' website where residents can get further information about the school override, the firehouse debt exclusion, request a lawn sign, volunteer or make a donation.

Without the school override, Winthrop Public Schools will face a \$3.5 million shortfall for the next school year which will require cuts to class offerings, loss of approximately 30 staff, larger class sizes, cuts to textbooks and other materials, loss of clubs, sports and co-curricular activities, and new user fees.

LESLEY UNIVERSITY, BHCC ANNOUNCE JOINT ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT

Lesley University and Bunker Hill Community

College are excited to announce the renewal of their Joint Admissions Transfer Program, which has helped hundreds of Boston-area students who opt into the program complete their bachelor's degrees and is expected to help hundreds more.

The Lesley-Bunker Hill Joint Admissions Program, established in 2015, has provided over 350 students with a pathway to degree completion. Students interested in earning a degree in one of Lesley's four pillars of study—education, mental health and wellbeing, art and design, or liberal arts and business—are admitted to both schools as first-year students and earn credits at Bunker Hill that will transfer to Lesley. Then, these students enter Lesley as juniors, having already established solid relationships with Lesley's faculty and staff, with an understanding of how Lesley works, and knowing what they need to do and how Lesley will help them complete their degree. Lesley University President Janet L. Steinmayer says, "Lesley University is grateful to be able to continue to strengthen opportunities for students interested in careers in education, mental health and the arts, and to be able to help fill the gap in some of these critically need professions."

Bunker Hill Community College President Pam Y. Eddinger says "This joint admissions agreement between Lesley University and Bunker Hill Community College will give students a seamless path from associate to bachelor's degree, with the support they need to be successful every step of the way." She adds, "BHCC and Lesley have a long history of collaboration, and this partnership will pave the way toward professional and economic mobility for our student

Lesley University is proud to be the first private university to partner with Bunker Hill Community College in a Joint Admissions Program, and proud

to continue this program for another decade. Learn more about this groundbreaking program here.

Lesley University graduates more mental health professionals than any other college or university in New England. Located just outside of Boston near Harvard and Porter Squares in the vibrant city of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Lesley is renowned for its unique portfolio of programs focused on Education, Mental Health and Art and Design. The university also offers Liberal Arts and Business Programs that support these key disciplines and a special program, the Threshold Program, for neurodiverse students seeking a college experience to learn independent living and working skills. About two-thirds of Lesley's more than 4,500 students are graduate students; one-third are undergraduate and Threshold students. More at Lesley.edu.

CONSUMERS REMINDED TO BE ALERT FOR IMPOSTER SCAMS DURING NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is kicking off National Consumer Protection Week, March 2-8, 2025, with a warning about the dangers of imposter scams. Imposters are scammers who work very hard to convince consumers they are a friend or relative, or that they are from a legitimate source, such as a bank or government agency. These fraudsters then take personally identifiable information (PII) and use it to steal victims' money.

"There are many types of imposter scams," Inspector in Charge (INC) Eric Shen of the Criminal Investigations Group says. "But they all start with messages like, 'I'm in trouble...,' 'I need...,' 'You've won!...' or 'I have a great offer for you!' These scammers lull consumers into a false sense

of trust, gain access to privileged information, and then drain financial accounts."

"With a few simple tips, consumers can protect themselves from imposter scams," INC Shen says:

- Take your time to make financial decisions. Whether it's investments or unsolicited offers, like the lottery or sweepstakes, don't rush into sending your money to someone you don't know.

- Is it really a representative from your bank sending that email or text? To be certain, call your bank at the number you were given when you opened your account. Don't call a number that you haven't verified and never click on any links in an email or text.

- Grandparents: Before sending money to help a grandchild who says they're in a desperate situation, make sure it's really them! Call them or their parents at a number you recognize to confirm they sent you a message.

- If you meet someone over the internet who professes their love for you right away, but needs financial assistance to meet you, exit the conversation as quickly as you can.

- The Postal Service will NEVER send you an unsolicited text. Any text or email claiming you have a USPS delivery problem is designed to steal your PII. Delete these messages, but before you do, send the bogus text or email to spam@uspis.gov.

- Put your phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry at 1-888-382-1222 or at www.donotcall.gov.

- If you are a victim of a scam or suspect fraud, report it: Submit an online report to the Inspection Service or call us at 877-876-2455.

Remembering these simple tips will help keep consumers' personal information and finances safe.

For more information on how to spot an imposter, visit their website at www.uspis.gov/ncpw-2025.



The plungers gather for a group photo at Constitution Beach in East Boston.

Hundreds participate in the 15th annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash

Special to the Journal

On March 2, one of the coldest days of the year, 200 brave souls plunged into the icy 32-degree waters of Constitution Beach in East Boston for the 15th Annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash. The water was cold, but the shore was colder at a crisp ten degrees. The shivering crowd was a medley of people decked out in bathing suits and silly costumes like sharks and flamingoes who screamed and cheered as they ran into Boston Harbor for the big splash a little after noon.

The Shamrock Splash is a fundraiser hosted by the nonprofit Save the Harbor/Save the Bay in partnership with JetBlue for Save the Harbor's Better Beaches Grant Program. The Better Beaches Grant Program

awards small grants to individuals and organizations who produce free events in the summer on the Department of Conservation and Recreation's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

Chris Mancini, Save the Harbor's executive director said about the Better Beaches Grant Program, "The goal of the grant program is to support free public events that encourage people to get out on some of the country's cleanest urban beaches and enjoy our spectacular urban natural resources. The grants focus on breaking down barriers especially for people of color, people who don't speak English as a first language, and ADA-accessibility."

The Splash exceeded its \$50,000 goal by raising \$55,910. Each commu-

nity raised the following amounts for their summer beach programming:

- East Boston \$9,138
- South Boston \$8,953
- Lynn & Nahant \$6,978
- Wollaston \$6,589
- Nantasket \$4,366
- Dorchester \$3,838
- Revere \$3,140
- Winthrop \$2,908

After the splash, participants warmed up in the FMC Ice Sports rink and snagged a hot bowl of clam chowder from The Daily Catch and warm empanadas and rice and beans from Bono. Refreshing beverages were provided by Downeast, Sam Adams, Dogfish Head, Topo Chico and Goldpeak. Volo Boston included beach games and a lively DJ set by Rilla Force kept people smiling and moving outside despite the wind chill.



PHOTO BY MIKE MUROWCHICK

Groups of Splashers at the 15th Annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash.



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Kristen Barry taking a plunge in the icy waters of Constitution Beach at the 15th Annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash.



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Groups of Splashers at the 15th Annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash.



KATY ROGERS PHOTO

Costume contest participants at the 15th Annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash on Constitution Beach.



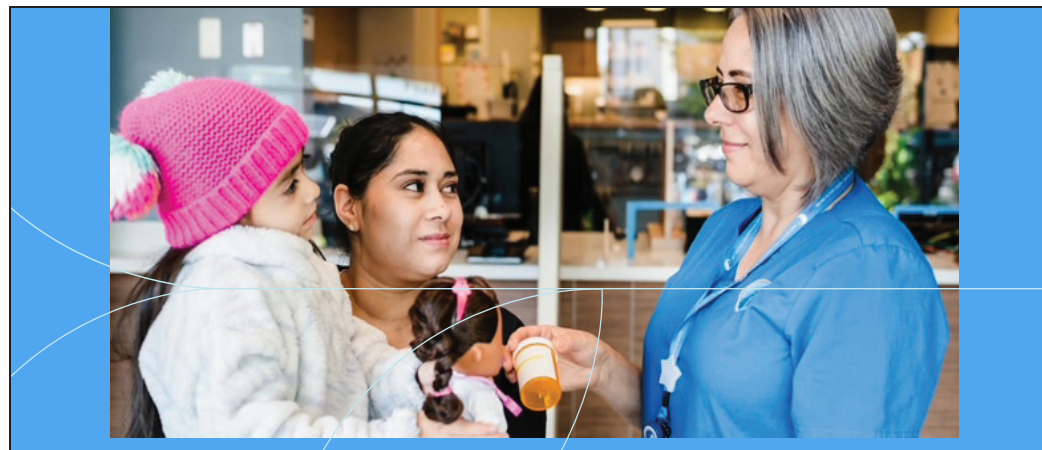
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Donnie Todd of East Boston plunges in the icy waters of Constitution Beach.



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Splasher in a flamingo costume taking a plunge in the icy waters of Constitution Beach during the 15th Annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash.



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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

ISABELLA RICE CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL GYMNASTICS TEAM

Isabella Rice, Winthrop High's stellar senior gymnast, has been selected for one of the 20 spots on the girls national team that will compete in May in Ft. Myers, Florida. Isabella was chosen after her performance at the recent MIAA North Sectional State Meet, which featured the top 12 teams from the north.

"This definitely was the big news of the meet for us," said long-time WHS coach Peter Gobiell. "It's quite an accomplishment to be selected for this team."

"During the competition the national coaches were scouting senior members of each team," added WHS coach Christa Vaccaro. "Isabella didn't realize that she had hit her best beam routine in front of the head coach of the national team. I happened to turn around after she dismounted with him five feet behind me and I got the nod saying, 'Well done'." Isabella follows in the footsteps of Brandi DiCiccio, the last gymnast from Winthrop to be selected for the national team in 2022.

VIKING GYMNASTS DO WELL IN NORTH SECTIONALS

The Winthrop High gymnastics team turned in an excellent performance at the recent Massachusetts North Sectionals Meet. The Vikings, who were seeded 11th

out of the 12-team field, finished in ninth place. The top four teams advanced to the state finals to meet the four top teams from the south.

"The only goal I gave the girls was to try and move up one spot to prove to everyone that they belonged at that competition," said WHS coach Peter Gobiell.

The competition had Winthrop starting on the balance beam. "All season long we haven't hit beam as a team," noted WHS coach Christa Vaccaro, but the Vikings outdid themselves at the sectionals, with all six girls hitting their routines for the first time this season to score the team's highest total of the year on the beam.

First up was senior Mellissa Cash, who stuck her routine and started Winthrop off on the right foot. Eighth-grader Gaby Ilie stuck her routine, scoring a 7.65. Saugus junior Callie Anderson hit her routine and scored an 8.0.

"We were on a roll at that point," said Gobiell. Junior Zoe Rey scored her highest score all season, 8.3, with yet another stuck routine.

The pressure for Julia Duplin and Isabella Rice, the last two Viking competitors in the event, at that point was tremendous, but both seniors accepted the challenge and delivered their routines, tying with a score of 8.7.

The next event was the floor exercise with senior

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WHS HOCKEY PLAYERS HONORED BY NEC COACHES



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Winthrop High School hockey players were selected for post-season awards by the Northeastern Conference coaches. Pictured after Monday's practice at Larsen Rink are senior captain Phil Boncore (NEC All-Star), sophomore Joe Pumphret (NEC All-Star), senior captain Mike Donahue (All Conference), senior captain Mike Holgersen (All-Conference), and senior Aidan Survilas (NEC All-Star). Please see Page 10 for full coverage of the Winthrop High boys hockey team.

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Recently the NE Vocational Varsity Hockey program honored their senior cheerleaders and players in a ceremony before the final home game.

Winthrop student athlete attending NE Metro Regional Vocational High School were recognized for their team dedication.



Lola Internicola with her parents Danny & Liza.

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Sara Jurovich up first, scoring a 7.65. Both Brooklyn Banfield and Callie Anderson tied, scoring 7.9. Julia, Isabella, and Zoe made some significant changes to their routines for this competition and all three turned in beautiful routines, scoring 8.3, 8.4, and 8.75 respectively.

The Vikings had the vault next, though without their top-scoring vaulter (Macy Werstak, who was out with a broken toe.) "The team's goal was to score all 8's," said Vaccaro.

First up was Julia Hurley, scoring an 8.125. Although Gaby Ilie hasn't competed on vault all season, she took Macy's place, hitting her vault for an 8.15.

Seniors Banfield and Jurovich stuck their vaults for scores of 8.15. Zoe Rey, who has been solid all season, nailed both her vaults, scoring 8.5 out of a possible 8.6. Isabella Rice completed her flipping vault, sticking her second one, to score an 8.85.

Winthrop's last event was the bars and the Vikings knew they had to bring their best routines, considering the head judge on that event was the lowest-scoring judge at the competition. "The girls all knew their scores were going to be low, but fair for everyone. Their job was to hit their routines and the scoring will even out in the end," said Gobiell.

Melissa Cash started off with a nice routine, with Sara Jurovich right behind her with a 7.15. Callie Anderson hit her bar routine with a 7.25, followed by Gaby Ilie hitting a 7.55. Winthrop's two all-arounds, Zoe Rey and Isabella Rice, finished with scores of 8.4 and 8.45.

"Our two all-arounds carried the team all day long," noted Gobiell. "I'm really proud of the job they did to bring us to ninth place in the competition."

"It was a great way to end our season," added Vaccaro.

10 years ago March 6, 2015

The Winthrop High boys and girls hockey teams were ousted from the MIAA state tournament this past week by identical scores of 3-2.

On the boys' side, coach Dale Dunbar's squad entered the tourney as the third seed in the Division 2 North sectional, having compiled a brilliant 15-3-2 regular season record that included an undisputed championship of the North Division of the Northeastern Conference.

The Vikings dispatched its first round foe, St. Bernard's, the 14th seed in the bracket, with a 4-0 triumph last Wednesday evening in Watertown. Steve Holgersen gave Winthrop a 1-0 lead in the opening period, assisted by Mike Norris and Sean Gillis, and Norris made it 2-0 in the middle frame, assisted by Holgersen and Noah Hodgkins. Pat Todisco applied the coup de grace with a pair of lampighters in the third period, assisted by Charlie Page and Alex Anzuoni on the first and Marc Ferullo and Page on the second. However, the victory would prove to be a costly one for Winthrop. The Vikings lost the services of Norris, who broke five ribs thanks to a blindside check along the bench area. Winthrop was back on the ice, minus Norris, three nights later at Chelmsford where they took on an overachieving Haverhill squad which entered the tourney as the 11th seed in the D-2 North, but which had knocked off No. 6 Lincoln-Sudbury, 4-3, in their opening round contest. The Hillies had lost to Lincoln-Sudbury twice during the regular season by a score of 5-0 on both occasions, but found the winning touch the third time around. Haverhill continued its magical run at the start of its game with Winthrop, taking a 2-0 lead in the opening period. Winthrop cut the margin to 2-1 at the start of the second frame on a power play goal by Dylan Driscoll, assisted by Todisco and Ferullo. But what-

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

ever momentum Winthrop might have been hoping to build was thwarted with a Haverhill response to make matters 3-1 entering the final 15-minute stanza. Henry Brooks, assisted by Todisco and Page, brought the Vikings back within a goal with about 7:30 to play, but despite non-stop pressure in the Haverhill zone — while Winthrop was limiting Haverhill to just two shots on goal in the last period — the Vikings could not find the handle to bring about a tying tally.

The Winthrop/Lynn Lady Bulldawg girls hockey team dropped a 3-2 decision to Melrose last Wednesday evening at Larsen Rink in a Division 1 preliminary round contest of the MIAA state hockey tournament. The encounter lived up to its pre-game billing as an evenly-matched affair between the 12th-seeded Lady Bulldawgs and the 21st-seeded visitors from Melrose. After a scoreless opening frame in which both teams played tentatively, Melrose drew first blood with a goal on a shot from the point that deflected off the shoulder of a Winthrop skater. However, the Lady Bulldawgs struck back when Caroline McKinnon lit the lamp for her 105th career point, assisted by Gabby Kenniston, on Winthrop's lone power play of the evening (in contrast to the five power play opportunities the refs awarded to Melrose). Melrose pulled ahead early in the third frame, but with the clock winding down under 2:00, Lady Bulldawgs' coach Anthony Martucci pulled goalie Gretchen Howard for a sixth skater. The strategy paid immediate dividends as Olivia Shkiew, assisted by Sophie Leray and Caroline O'Keefe, tied the score with a goal with 1:45 to play, much to the delight of the large hometown crowd on hand at Larsen. Winthrop seized the momentum and poured on the pressure in the final minute, but could not push across the go-ahead goal. The Lady Bulldawgs' joy then was tempered when the refs whistled a Winthrop player for a penalty with 17 seconds to play in what appeared to be a case of tangled skates, rather than tripping. Although Melrose did not score in regulation, the visitors enjoyed the balance of their power play in the subsequent overtime session and took full advantage of the 5-on-4 advantage to score the deciding goal.

20 years ago February 24, 2005

WHS senior Anthony Griffin reached the milestone of 1000 career points in the Vikings' contest with Saugus Friday night. Griffin came into the game with 979

points and hit for 30. WHS head coach Dave Brown lauded Griffin's work ethic, noting that Griffin was a bench player while a middle-schooler, but became a starter for the WHS varsity in his sophomore year. After a 67-58 win over St. Mary's of Lynn, in which Griffin scored 21 points and Alex Hoomis hit for 19, the Vikings now are 10-8 on the season.

The WHS girls basketball team defeated Saugus, 55-49, and Revere, 57-28, in the final week of the season to finish with an 11-9 record and qualify for the state tourney. NEC all-star Rachele DeLeo scored 22 points in 21 minutes in the Revere contest and hit for 23 against Saugus.

Seniors Anthony Fucillo and Nick Bettano scored two goals each to pace the WHS hockey team to a 4-2 win over Gloucester on Senior Night. The victory was Winthrop's first of the season over a Tier 1 NEC team. The Vikings now stand at 6-10-2.

30 years ago March 2, 1995

The WHS boys basketball team, which is seeded third in the Division 3 North sectional of the MIAA state tourney has set a high goal of a state championship as the Vikings get set to meet Northeast Regional in their tourney opener.

Margo Souza scored 14 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and Shara Geraghty pumped in 16 points to lead the WHS girls basketball team to a 54-45 win over St. Mary's of Lawrence. The Lady Vikings finished the season at 7-13.

50 years ago March 6, 1985

The Winthrop High hockey team, which entered the state tournament as the top-ranked team in Division I and the number one seed in the tourney, was ousted from the competition with a 4-1 loss to Reading in a quarterfinal contest at B.U.'s Walter Brown Arena. Sean Magee scored the lone goal for the Vikings, who were thwarted by a stellar effort by the Reading goalie.

The Winthrop Rotary Club will sponsor a hockey game between a group of Boston Bruins and former Olympians, including Winthrop's Mike Eruzione, and a legislative team headed by State Senator Mike LoPresti March 22 at Larsen Rink to benefit the Rotary's scholarship fund.

50 years ago March 5, 1975

The WHS hockey team captured the NEC title with a thrilling 5-4 win over Saugus in sudden death over-

time of the championship game of the NEC playoffs. Paul Plakias, Mike Fielding, Tommy Kearney, Joe McDonald, and Jackie Burke all scored for the Vikings, who earned their first-ever NEC title with a 15-4-2 record, one point ahead of Lynn English. However, Winthrop's season came to a swift end in the state tourney with a 7-3 loss to perennial power Arlington in the opening round of the Division I tournament.

The WHS boys basketball team was eliminated from the state tourney for the second straight year by Andover this week. Winthrop had defeated Pentucket in the tourney opener. Bob Lundberg was high scorer for the Vikings in both contests with 12 and 13 points.

The WHS girls basketball team defeated Dracut, 37-36, in the Lady Vikings' first-ever state tourney contest in dramatic fashion. Janet Baker scored nine of her team-high 12 points in the opening period. Lady Viking star Patty Hansen was off her usual game, but scored the game-winner with a 12-foot jumper in the final, frantic minute.

60 years ago March 11, 1965

Junior pivotman Ronnie Miles scored 16 points to lead the WHS basketball team to a 71-44 win over Don Bosco in the opening round of the Bay State tourney, which is for teams that did not qualify for the state tournament.

The Winthrop Junior High basketball team will open play Friday in the Class A state tournament.

70 years ago March 3, 1955

The WHS basketball team, though not invited to the state tourney, will open play in the Bay State Tourney against Malden this week.

Intensive spring football practice, the first here in many years, will get underway for some 45 athletes under the direction of WHS head football coach Ed MacFarland on the Ft. Banks Field this week.

80 years ago March 2, 1945

With only two losses to Revere, including a thrilling 39-38 contest last week, marring their 11-2 record, the Northeastern Conference champion WHS basketball team is all but assured of an invitation to the Class B Eastern Mass. Basketball Tournament, formerly known as the Tech Tourney. Coach Gordon Connor's squad will complete its regular season against Marblehead with Winthrop's unbeaten NEC record on the line.

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Good Friday, April 18	Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross at 7:00pm
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THE WHS VARSITY VIKING BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM HONORS SENIORS

The regular season's final home game was played recently at WHS for the

boys' 2024-2025 basketball team. Prior to the start of the game, the seniors that have

given so much to the team over the years were recognized for their dedication.



Senior Adam Fnidicki with his teammates and Coaches, Head Coach Dale Quinton, Capt. Spencer Parco, Gabe Grein, Capt. Matt Reardon and Asst. Coach Dale Quinton Dr.



Senior Captain Spencer Parco with his mom Aimee, Grandparents Mary and Salvatore, family friend Hugh, and Sophia Lindinger.



Senior Gabe Grein with his mom, Kristen.



Senior Captain Matthew Reardon with his parents, Danielle and Paul, sister Bella and family and friends.

Winthrop High girls hockey team falls to Bishop Stang in first round

By Cary Shuman

There's something to be said about home-ice advantage in the early rounds of the MIAA Tournament.

Coach Butch Martucci's Northeast Hockey League co-champions not only faced a difficult draw in a red-hot Bishop Stang hockey team, but there was also the prospect of a long road

trip from Winthrop to New Bedford for the game.

"Let's just say, the two-hour and five-minute bus ride didn't help, with the traffic and getting off the bus with only 20 minutes to spare before the game," said Martucci.

Winthrop, the No. 18 seed, fought hard against No. 15 seed Bishop Stang, but the Spartans prevailed

by a 4-2 score, with the hosts accounting for two empty-net goals late in the third period, the latter goal following senior captain Amelia Spencer's goal that had closed the margin to 3-2.

Angela Coscia opened the scoring for Winthrop, assisted by senior captain Talia Martucci.

Bishop Stang tied the

game on a rarely seen 200-foot coast-to-coast goal on a power play.

The Spartans broke the deadlock on a semi-breakaway, created by a dash between two players at the blue line.

Bishop Stang added an empty-netter, before Spencer provided some hope with the final goal of her stellar six-year career, but

the hosts' second empty-net goal sealed the triumph.

Winthrop encountered a lopsided penalty column, with the Vikings whistled for six infractions while Stang was assessed two penalties.

"They were the on the power play for over 11 minutes," said Coach Martucci. "But Stang was very good. It obviously showed when

they went on and beat the No. 2 seed Notre Dame of Hingham (4-0) and they now have a chance to get to the semifinals. It was a tough way to end our season, especially for the seniors. We just didn't get that third goal for Riley [Towse], who played another great game in net."

Martucci selected league MVP, Spencer is All-Conference, Towse, Pereira, Coffey are All-Stars

By Cary Shuman

After near-misses for the league's Most Valuable Player Award, Winthrop High senior captain Talia Martucci has knocked down the door for the Vikings.

Martucci was the near-unanimous pick of the coaches for the league's top award in the 2024-25 season. In the previous seasons, Emma Holmes, Summer Tallent, and Talia Martucci herself were top-tier candidates, with Holmes' prolific campaign taking place during an undefeated regular season for the Vikings.

But this season the coaches rewarded Martucci for not only a 40-point year (19 goals, 21 assists), but an awesome hockey career, finishing with 64 goals and 75 assists for 139 points. The 75 assists are an all-time record in the program.

Martucci, who has committed to Salem State University, will leave the pro-

gram as one of its most outstanding players and a certain Winthrop Hall of Fame in the future. Despite receiving extra attention by opponents all season, Martucci consistently delivered goals and assists, but more importantly to her, I'm sure, she and fellow captain Amelia Spencer, led the Vikings to a league championship.

Martucci should be a leading candidate for All-Scholastic recognition as well.

Spencer was selected All-Conference

"Amelia has been one of the better defenders for the last years, so it was nice seeing her get the nod," said Coach Martucci.

Junior goaltender Riley Towse and junior defensemen Avalina Coffey and Tegan Pereira were selected Northeast League All-Stars.

Towse had 14 wins, 7 shutouts, and a sensational 1.21 goals against average.

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Vikings edge Appononoquet and Norwell, to advance to the Round of 8

By Cary Shuman

It took three overtimes in one game and an incredible two-goal surge in another game, but the Winthrop High School hockey team has earned its spot in the Round of 8 in the MIAA Tournament.

Following super-scintillating victories over Appononoquet (4-3 in triple overtime) and Norwell (3-2), the Vikings will play No. 4 seed Littleton today (5 p.m.) in Framingham for a berth in the state's Final Four.

Before jammed-packed crowds at Larsen Rink, the No. 5 seeded Vikings staved off an upset bid by No. 28 seed Appononoquet and then rallied with goals late in the third period to defeat Nor-

well.

Winthrop unleashed 62 shots on the Appononoquet goalie, but he kept his team in the game and led it to a sudden-death overtime.

Sophomore Joe Pumphret ensured that Winthrop would earn the right to play another day when he broke away and split the defense for a shot on goal that bounced right back on his stick. Pumphret then adroitly one-timed the shot into the back of the Appononoquet net.

In addition to his game-winning goal, Pumphret also helped the Vikings attack with two assists. Senior captain Phil Boncore had two goals and an assist. Sophomore Bredon Lounsbury netted

a power play goal. Senior Aidan Survilas had three assists, including one on the game-winner.

Winthrop goaltender Mike Donahue was outstanding, especially in the second overtime with the season on the line.

Saturday's game with Norwell was equally dramatic before a sell-out crowd at the Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzione Center.

Donahue once again stymied an opponent with some fantastic saves, most notably using his glove hand on some blistering shots by Norwell.

After a scoreless first period, Boncore rose to the occasion again with a goal, assisted by sophomore Rick Mackenzie. Norwell answered

right back to tie the game at 1-1 after two periods.

Norwell scored with four minutes to play to take a 2-1 lead. With the Vikings' season on the line, senior Mike Holgersen scored a goal to tie the game at 2-2, assisted by sophomore Paul Ferrara.

But the Vikings provided one more moment of sheer joy for their many supporters. During a power play opportunity, Survilas, a defenseman, unleashed a shot from the point that beat the Norwell goalie and set off an eruption of cheers from the student rooting section, especially. Holgersen selfishly directed the puck to Survilas, who took advantage of a double-screen in front of the net to record the game-winner.

Dunbar proud of his team's fortitude, intensity

"We faced adversity, but we found a way to win," said head coach Dale Dunbar. "We got great plays from Holgersen, Survilas, and Philly Boncore's first goal was incredible."

Dunbar was most satisfied by the level of intensity in which his team is playing in the tournament.

"This time of year, there's no regrets. There's no holding back, and the foot's on the gas," said Dunbar. "We don't care who we will play. If we play the way we're supposed to play, we'll beat anybody. So I'm very confident that if we come out skating and playing our game against Littleton, we'll beat Littleton and play

another day."

Dunbar said Mike Donahue has continued the excellent play in net that earned him All-Conference recognition.

"Donny's been great, but the guys in front of him have been great, too," said Dunbar. "Our defense played flawless hockey - Nikita Rossi, Aidan Survilas, Paul Ferrara, and Ricky Mackenzie. All four played gummy minutes, made great plays, and they're out there every other shift in tough situations. Defense wins championships, and we always say it's a game of three, so if we can get to three goals, we're going to have a good chance to win with our goaltending."

Boncore, Survilas, Holgersen, Pumphret lead the way for the Vikings in tourney

By Cary Shuman

If any town knows the magnitude of scoring one quite important goal in a rather big situation, it's Winthrop.

Right, Mike?

Here are the most clutch goal scorers for Winthrop heading into a quarterfinal clash with Littleton:

Boncore stepping it up in postseason

Phil Boncore, Winthrop's man for 11 varsity seasons so far, is used to long road trips. As a linebacker for the football Vikings, Boncore's last playoff game was in Abington in a very old stadium (even though there was a brand new stadium next to the high school).

Last season's hockey season ended in faraway Bourne in the state semifinals, a tough 2-1 loss in a shootout. This season, Boncore, an NEC All-Star who netted two goals in the win over Appononoquet, is hoping for a fantastic finish at nearby TD Garden in Boston.

Boncore said he has enjoyed playing two home

games in front of capacity crowds at Larsen Rink.

"It's been very exciting, our hometown crowd is behind us - they wanted to win as much as we do," said Boncore. "We had great efforts from our defense, our goalie, the forwards, everyone."

Boncore is optimistic about the quarterfinal game against Littleton. Boncore traveled to Groton Sunday to watch Littleton's 3-2 victory over Boston Latin Academy in overtime Sunday.

"We just have to keep playing our game, doing what we do, keep putting the puck in the net, and playing a lot of defense," said Boncore. "As Coach Dunbar says, defense wins championships."

"I want nothing more than a state title," said Boncore. "I just want to win a state championship for this town. We all want it."

Hometown hero: Aidan Survilas

He's the new hometown hero, as teammate Phil Boncore says about how

they were greeting and congratulating Aidan Survilas at Winthrop High School Monday, two days after his game-winning goal versus Norwell.

"Aidan took the game over and it was exciting," said Boncore.

Aidan's winning goal was a picture of coolness under pressure as he and senior Mike Holgersen seemed to be playing a suspended-in-time, two-way passing game near the point.

"I got the puck up top, passed it to my teammate Holgie. He passed it back and I saw a seam and just shot it," explained Survilas. "The guy who stepped up to me had a misstep. I had a lane and found the back of the net."

Survilas credited a double-screen in front of the net orchestrated by Phil Boncore and Joe Pumphret.

"They screened and took the goalie's eyes away, and that's the reason the goal went in," said Survilas.

"I just want to keep the season going," he added. "I think we have the team to win it all, but we'll play one game at a time."

Aidan is the grandson of well-known Winthrop resident Barbara Survilas, who was at Larsen Rink Saturday for the hometown hero's biggest goal of his career.

Holgersen in the middle of it all

Mike Holgersen scored the all-important tying goal in Saturday's game against Norwell. But it's his pass to Aidan Survilas that showed the exemplary leadership and unmistakable poise of the senior captain.

"I peeked up and saw a Norwell player right in front of me," recalled Holgersen. "I saw a player stumbling down across the ice, so I passed the puck back to Aidan and he was able to get a shot off with some screens, and it went in."

Holgersen was asked whether his goal, with the potential end of the Vikings' season and his high school hockey career a scant two minutes away, was the biggest goal he's scored in his career.

"Because of the circumstances, senior year and the

season could end, I would say, yes, it was my best goal," Holgersen said candidly.

Holgersen described the goal, stating, "The puck went out front. I saw it on Jo Jo Pumphret's stick and I took it from him. I looked up and couldn't really see much of the net and I just shot it, and somehow it went in." (How's that for Holgie Humbleness, sports fans?)

Holgersen made it a point to applaud the Vikings' defense. "Mikey [goaltender Mike Donahue] has been great. He keeps us in every single game, and the defense has been helping him out. He's been a big part of our success."

Holgersen was selected to the NEC All-Conference team. "It's awesome, but the road's not done. I want to finish it off with a state title," he concluded.

Pumphret's 'triple' OT goal was huge

It's one of the most important goals in recent Viking hockey history, but Joe Pumphret is looking ahead

to today's Elite 8 showdown with Littleton.

Pumphret scored the winning goal in triple overtime to end No. 28-seeded Appononoquet's upset hopes.

"The goalie just passed it out, and my stick was on the ice and I just sent it right back at him," said Pumphret.

He was confident someone would step up and make a play.

"I knew the season was on the line in overtime, but I really thought we were going to win," said Pumphret.

What has been the key to the Vikings' successful season and post-season dramatics?

"We all try to play hard and together," said Pumphret. "It's nice to be in the Elite 8, but we're trying to get to the Garden and win it all."

He knows that the Winthrop coaches will have the team well-prepared for Littleton and beyond.

"They're great coaches. Our structure is amazing and we work on everything we have to do, and we're always ready for every game," said Pumphret.

THE MORE Things Change ...

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

10 years ago March 6, 2015

Not finding the support he would need, Town Manager James McKenna told the Town Council he was taking back his idea to put daytime parking meters in the 21-car parking lot on Grovers Avenue. He, as well as others in town, are trying to come up with ways to increase parking in town, especially for beach use and for businesses.

Heather Engman has announced

that she will be a candidate for the Precinct 4 position on the Winthrop Town Council in the 2015 elections this fall. Engman, a 39-year-old attorney, said she made the decision to run for the seat after current Precinct 4 Councilor Craig Meal informed her that he would not be a candidate for re-election. Meal is reportedly considering a run for council president.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) will

honor John and Trudy Macero of Winthrop for their sustained commitment to providing children in Winthrop with quality arts education in school and afterschool. The husband and wife team of educators are among the winners of the 2015 Commonwealth Awards, recognized in the category of Creative Youth Development. John Macero is Superintendent, Winthrop Public Schools; & Trudy Macero is the founder and

Director of the Winthrop School of Performing Arts.

Cinderella and The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago March 10, 2005

State Rep. Robert DeLeo, the new chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, brought the legislative process to Winthrop this week with a meeting of the committee to discuss the

upcoming state budget that was held in Memorial Auditorium. The meeting was one of nine that DeLeo has planned to hold across the state.

The WHS Drama Society, under the direction of high school drama teacher Karen Calinda, once again has advanced to the state semifinals of the Mass. high school drama competition sponsored by the Boston Globe for its original adaptation of Milton's epic

poem, Paradise Lost. There are 31 students who make up the cast and crew.

The town has received a \$70,000 grant from the Seaport Advisory Council for the construction of a multi-use pier at the public landing.

The Rotary Club held a dance-a-thon at the Winthrop Y.C. to benefit the Winthrop Skate Park project.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE



BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING Thursday, March 20, 2025. Case 2025-004.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey

Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting:

Project Address: 54 Wilshire Street- Winthrop, MA 02152 Applicant Name/ Address: Wilshire, LLC- 787 North Shore Road- Revere, MA 02151 The Applicant seeks a permit to develop a two-family town house with stories in height, residential dwelling units, with parking on the lot. The proposed project is within the RA District and is a permitted use RA District. The Applicant seeks a permit for non-compliance of proposed structure with respect to max stories/ height; right side setback; and left side setback.

The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall. Darren Baird, Chair Denise Quist, Town Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals 3/6/25, 3/13/25 W

LEGAL NOTICE



PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF LICENSE LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 5 of the Town of Winthrop's Board of License Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at or after 6:00pm in the Harvey Hearing Room, upon the application of Winthrop Arms, 130 Grovers Ave. Winthrop, MA requesting an Alterations of Premises. All documents pertaining to this hearing can be viewed by calling 617-846-1852 x1036 Clerk of the Board of License during normal business hours of which

a copy or email can be sent for review. Marilyn Puopolo Clerk-Board of License 3/6/25 W

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BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING Thursday, March 20, 2025. Case 2025-005. Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General

Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting: Project Address: 67 Woodside Avenue- Winthrop, MA 02152 Applicant Name/ Address: Tien Pham- 47 Woodside Avenue- Winthrop, MA 02152 The Applicant seeks a permit to develop a three-story, mixed-use property in the Center Business District containing one commercial office space and four one-bedroom

residential dwelling units, with parking on the lot. The proposed project in within the Center Business District and is a permitted use. However, the project abuts an RA District, therefore limiting the project to two and half stories. The Applicant is requesting a permit for noncompliance of proposed structure with respect to max stories/ height. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall. Darren Baird, Chair

Denise Quist, Town Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals 3/6/25, 3/13/25 W

LEGAL NOTICE



BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING Thursday, March 20, 2025. Case 2025-003. Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General

Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting: Project Address: 386 Revere Street- Winthrop, MA 02152 Applicant Name/ Address: Mauricio Menendez- 386 Revere Street- Winthrop, MA 02152 The Applicant seeks a permit to construct a two-story addition per plans submitted on an existing single-family home of the above referenced property.

The addition is to create habitable living space. The permit was denied in accordance with the Town's By Laws. The Applicant is requesting a Special Permit to alter or extend a non-conforming structure. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall. Darren Baird, Chairperson Denise Quist, Town Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals 3/6/25, 3/13/25 W

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Quest, and The Breakfast Club are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago
March 16, 1995**

Town health officials have issued warnings to the School Department about the lack of cleanliness at the high school. Although the cafeteria was rated in the "good" category, all other areas of the school rated from fair to poor. High school head custodian Bob Trainor said that without more manpower, conditions will not improve.

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

**40 years ago
March 20, 1985**

Bob DeLeo, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, said this week that the confrontation between the town and the MWRA over the issue of construction of a new sewage treatment plant on Deer Island is almost certainly headed to court.

WBZ-TV news anchor Jack Williams was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club's annual Senior Luncheon.

After meeting with the Advisory Committee, the School Committee agreed to cut \$42,000 from its \$6.9 million budget, with school maintenance absorbing almost all of the cuts.

Four local young men with 20 automobile radios in their possession were arrested by Winthrop Police this week.

Winthrop Hospital announced this week that it will be sponsoring a Winthrop Cares Day this spring.

The Chase School Task Force has recommended to the selectmen that the school be sold and converted into condos.

Into the Night, Vision

**50 years ago
March 18, 1975**

More than 100 citizens were on hand for a Candidates Night sponsored by the Winthrop Jaycees in Memorial Auditorium Friday night. Jaycees President Greg Wingard opened the evening and John Klipfel moderated the discussion.

Despite strong opposition from area residents, the selectmen voted to allow the transfer of the seasonal liquor license from Nat's Delicatessen at 209 Shirley St. to a new business that will be operated on Revere St. across from the Governor's Park apartment complex.

Gov. Michael Dukakis has announced a grant of \$1700 to be awarded to the town to be used for Bicentennial activities.

Sally Kellerman, Alan Arkin, and Harry Dean Stanton star in Rafferty and the Gold Dust Twins now playing at the Kincade Theatre.

**60 years ago
March 18 1965**

Town Meeting completed work on only one article at Monday's opening session because of a debate about whether the ninth grade should be moved into the new Winthrop High School when the school opens in the fall. Town Meeting opened with a prayer in support of the efforts of President Lyndon B. Johnson to stop the violence in Selma, Alabama.

A 19 year old suspect sought for several kidnappings in Greater Boston surrendered to Winthrop Police Chief Frank Perrone after Perrone had contacted the suspect's family and assured them that he would

receive fair treatment. The suspect allegedly stole cars and then coaxed teenage girls to take rides with him in Winthrop, Everett, and Somerville.

"The Professors Look at the Beatles" was the subject matter tackled by Winthrop music teachers who conducted the March lecture of the monthly Humanities Series at Winthrop High School for juniors and seniors.

Dr. Nicholas Fiumara, Director of the State Dept. of Public Health's division of communicable and venereal diseases, will address the Winthrop PTA on the subject of our "Sex-Senses Society" in which he will discuss the problem of sexual activity among adolescents.

Troy Donahue and Joey Heatherton star in My Blood Runs Cold at the Winthrop Theatre.

**70 years ago
March 17, 1955**

The Advisory Committee is projecting a \$2.00 increase in the tax rate to \$50.00 in its report and recommendations to Town Meeting that will get underway Monday. The 18-member committee, headed by Thomas Eldracher, is recommending a budget for 1955 of \$2,084,494, an increase of \$63,681 over 1954. There is no provision for a general pay raise for town employees.

Church bells will ring across the country for three minutes Friday afternoon to herald the start of the annual cancer crusade to be undertaken by the American Cancer Society.

Robert Kowetz, proprietor of Samuel's Pharmacy, reported that burglars broke into the store Sunday night and opened the safe, making off with \$310.

Chelsea votes to join Winthrop and Revere in regional emergency communications center

By Adam Swift

Last week, the Chelsea City Council approved joining Winthrop and Revere as the third member of the Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC).

The vote helps move forward plans for a new regional dispatch center at the McKinley School in Revere. The McKinley School project is currently in the design phase, with an anticipated completion date of 2027.

"One of my goals upon taking office was to initiate a serious, tangible conversation with (Chelsea) City Manager (Fidel) Maltez and (Winthrop) Town Manager (Tony) Marino to come to an agreement that benefits emergency service responses for Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop," said Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe. "Creating efficiencies so that valuable resources can be put towards frontline public safety initiatives, while sharing a stronger workforce, is good governance. Working collaboratively with neighboring municipalities is a best practice we intend on leveraging to the benefit of our collective North Shore Communities, and I am grateful for the newly created alliance."

In Winthrop, Fire Chief

Scott Wiley was expected to give a presentation at Tuesday night's town council meeting on what Chelsea joining the region will mean for that town.

Town Council President Jim Letterie said that some residents have raised concerns about people from outside Winthrop being brought up to speed on the geography and needs of the town through the regional dispatch center.

Members of the unions representing the Chelsea E911 employees did voice concerns about moving to regionalization and the impact it will have on their jobs and safety in the city.

Maltez has stated that all current employees will be able to keep their jobs at their current positions and seniority, and that regionalization would create greater safety for residents and cost savings for the city.

"I think there is some logistical urgency, there is also some operational urgency," said Maltez at last week's Chelsea City Council meeting. "I think what has been happening in the last few weeks has been very emotional for the council, with everyone who has been reaching out. I also wanted to say that the city will continue to sit in good faith, and our city solicitor

has been with the city for a very long time, she keeps us honest and makes sure we offer the best thing for all parties.

"However, you know that there are tense bargaining tables out there ... that is just part of this work, it's part of being a leader in this municipality," he continued. "But on behalf of myself and on behalf of the city solicitor, I want to assure everyone on this council and I want to assure everyone in this room that we, the city, will continue to bargain in good faith and ensure that we get the best deal for everyone."

Currently, the MNRECC provides public safety communications and serves as the E911 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) for the City of Revere and the Town of Winthrop, also answering police and fire department business lines including after hours calls. It is also Chelsea's secondary PSAP answering all overflow 911 calls. The MNRECC serves a population of approximately 81,000 residents and is budgeted for 30 telecommunicators. MNRECC support staff includes a Deputy Director, Accounting Manager, Administrative Assistant, and is supported by an Operations Consultant.

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