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A BLIZZARD CAN'T KEEP SPIRITS DOWN



The Fucillo family took advantage of the close to 20 inches of snow dumped on Winthrop during this weekend's blizzard to show some hockey and Team USA pride. Celebrations were loud and spirits were high throughout the Town as the US Men's Olympic Hockey team took home the gold in Milan on Saturday, a feat not accomplished since 1980, where Winthrop's very own Mike Eruzione scored the game winning goal, 46 years ago to the day of this past weekend's Olympic matchup. See story on Sports Page.

Winthrop faced power outages and water main breaks in addition to heavy snow with blizzard

By Adam Swift

Residents and public works crews faced more than heavy snow and wind during Monday's blizzard.

During the height of the storm, there were 1,500 homes without power and seven water main breaks, causing flooding in a number of yards in the town.

As of late Tuesday morning, power had been restored to all but approximately 50 homes in town, and six of the seven water mains had been repaired, according to Town Council President Jim Letterie.

The outages were concentrated in Fort Heath, Seal Harbor, and along Revere and Main Street, including the Winthrop Housing Authority and sur-

rounding neighborhoods. Areas of Point Shirley also experienced power outages, according to Town Manager Tony Marino.

"During the storm, Winthrop also experienced power outages at the Pressure Relief Valve (PRV) stations (Monday) morning," Marino stated. "The loss of power disabled the instrumentation that controls the PRVs, causing all three valves to open. This resulted in a pressure spike that led to numerous water main breaks, including in the areas of Marshall Street, Veterans Road, Beal Street, and additional locations."

The DPW briefly shut down water service town-wide in order to backfeed the system from Deer Island.

Similar to the previous storm, Marino said cleanup is expected to take multiple days, and potentially into next week. He reminded residents to clear sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses as cleanup operations continue.

Residents with questions or concerns about storm cleanup may contact the Town at (617) 846-1852.

During the storm, Letterie declared a state of emergency in Winthrop, a move he said could help with state resources and money for the storm cleanup.

"The bottom line is that it was a crazy day, seven water main breaks, thousands without power, more than that without internet, flood-

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Town could see follow-up meeting with state on 3A

By Adam Swift

During last week's town council meeting, Council President Jim Letterie and Town Manager Tony Marino provided more information on a recent meeting with state officials concerning the MBTA 3A Communities Act.

Earlier this month, Letterie, Marino, state Representative Jeff Turco, and state Senator Lydia Edwards met with met with Housing Secretary Ed Augustus and his team, along with Margot Hurley from the Attorney General's Office, to discuss Winthrop's 3A status and next steps now that the state has filed a lawsuit over Winthrop's noncompliance with 3A.

Both Letterie and Marino said there will be a follow-up meeting with the state where there will hopefully be more feedback on the questions raised by the Winthrop officials.

Marino said the main questions asked by the Winthrop contingent included 3A's impact on existing condominium documents, as the proposed 3A district from the Planning Board includes Condo developments at Seal Harbor and Governors Park; the language the EOHLHC includes in its district approval letters and how it could be interpreted to mean the EOHLHC can make changes whenever it chooses; what a ballot ques-

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MVES hosts Sweet Soiree at DeLeo Senior Center

Special to the Transcript

Mystic Valley Elder Services held an event on Feb. 11 to commemorate five decades of partnership with the Town of Winthrop and its Council on Aging.

To mark its 50th anniversary this year, Mystic Valley

has been presenting a special gathering in each of the 11 communities it serves. For Winthrop, it was a Valentine's party at the DeLeo Senior Citizen Center.

Over a hundred people enjoyed an afternoon

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Mystic Valley Elder Services celebrated 50 years of partnership with the Town of Winthrop recently with a luncheon at the senior center, giving residents a chance to catch up with their friends.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

0748: An officer assisted with traffic control at the scene of a fire in a home on Terrace Ave.

0918: Officers moved along cars that had been parked at Shirley and Nevada Sts. that were blocking DPW access for snow removal.

0924: Officers ordered tows for two vehicles that were parked and making the streets impassable for DPW snow removal equipment.

1229: Officers stopped two persons who were riding on a stand-up scooter and advised them of the new state law. The pair walked their scooter home.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

0037: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the No Parking Here to Corner section of Ocean Ave.

0138: An officer issued two parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers on Locust St.

0913: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles in the vicinity of Town Hall.

1105: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle.

1116: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle.

1205: Officers responded to the report of a landlord-tenant dispute on Winthrop St. The officers restored the peace.

1304: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crescent St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1618: The owner of a motor vehicle reported that his vehicle was damaged by ice that fell from the roof of a business on Main St.

1951: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Marshall St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2033: 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.

2054: 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.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

0131: An officer issued parking tickets to 11 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Hermon St.

1005: Officers responded to a report of an assault & battery on Shore Drive. One person was transported to the hospital with a broken nose and a broken thumb. An officer will summon the parties for a court hearing before a clerk magistrate.

1103: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a motor vehicle accident at Pauline and Walden Sts. Neither ve-

hicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1106: A resident came into the station to turn in some ammunition for which he no longer has an active firearms license.

1219: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle.

1835: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident at Walden and Pauline Sts. There were no injuries and neither vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1938: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles at Cutler St. and Shore Drive.

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

0145: An officer issued 12 parking tickets to vehicles on Summit Ave.

0839: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0936: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident at Lewis Ave. and Washington St.

1018: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1315: An officer responded to a one-car motor vehicle accident in which the vehicle struck a town sign in the median at Main and Pleasant Sts. The officer filed a report.

1412: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Putnam St.

1743: The Animal Control Officer responded to a report of a dog biting another dog on Elliot St.

1826: An officer responded to a report of a shoplifting incident at a local store. The offending party will be issued a No Trespass order.

1920: A person reported that her vehicle was struck by a hit-and-run operator while parked in the Centre. The officer filed a report.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

1140: A tow company re-

ported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Putnam St.

1303: A person reported that his vehicle was struck by a hit-and-run operator while parked. The officer filed a report.

1359: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident on Nevada St.

1500: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of a wrong-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1826: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Sturgis and Shirley Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1922: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the crosswalk on Shirley St.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

0037: Officers ordered tows for about 25 vehicles around the town for violating the snow removal parking ban.

1401: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1423: An officer responded to a report of a parked vehicle on Shirley St. being struck by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

1509: An officer directed the operator of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Wilshire St. to move the vehicle.

2111: An officer dispersed a large group of pre-Super Bowl game party-goers from a residence on Revere St.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1746: An officer ordered a tow for a parked vehicle blocking traffic on Almont St.

1901: An officer directed the operator of a motor vehicle not parked in a legal space at the Public Landing to move her vehicle.

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Please preregister for a time slot for this event, and please arrive promptly at your chosen time.

NORTSHORE FAVORITE, KOWLOON HEADED TO REVERE BEACH

The iconic flavors of Route 1 are coming to the coastline. Owners of the legendary Kowloon Restaurant have received the green light to open a new Kowloon Tiki Bar at 21 Revere Beach Blvd.

The new outpost aims to

bring a “beachy vibe” to the historic reservation, featuring:

Capacity: Seating for 115 patrons inside and an additional 60 on an outdoor patio.

Atmosphere: A family-friendly restaurant and lounge atmosphere during the day, transitioning to a tropical nightlife spot.

Entertainment: Plans include live music, DJs, and dancing, with a focus on “low-key, authentic tiki” aesthetics.

“This will be a family restaurant with a lounge, a bar area, good food, and great drinks,” said manager John Carlino.

The move is being hailed by Revere officials as a major win for the beach’s ongoing economic revival. While Revere officials raised past concerns regarding noise at that specific location, the Kowloon team—supported by local staple DJ George Athas—assured neighbors that the entertainment will be professional and respectful of the nearby residential community.

The Tiki Bar plans to operate daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., offering Winthrop residents a new, nearby destination for the famous Sausage hospitality without the hike up Route 1.

MVES HOSTING COMMUNITY ALL-STAR AWARDS

Do you know a community hero? Nominate someone who’s making a difference.

Every day in our community, people are making

a difference in the lives of older adults and people with disabilities. These folks deserve recognition, and you can help them receive it.

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) will be presenting its Community All-Star Awards this spring. If you know someone who makes an impact, please nominate them for an award. They do NOT need to be affiliated with Mystic Valley Elder Services.

Community All-Stars could be the volunteer who gives hours of their time helping older adults, the person who always helps set up at the senior center, or the veteran who supports older veterans. The key criteria is that they’re active in one of the communities served by MVES: Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield or Winthrop.

Nominations are due by April 1. Visit www.mves.org/mves50 to learn more or to fill out a simple nomination form. Or, you can nominate someone by contacting development@mves.org or 781-388-4802.

Celebrating the Award Winners: The Community All-Star Award winners will be honored at Mystic Valley Elder Services’ spring fundraiser, the MVES Legacy50 Summit. The event will be held June 4, 11 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., at the Cummings Center at Tufts University, 177 College Ave., Medford. In addition to the awards, the Legacy50 Summit includes luncheon, an expo fair, and Keynote Speaker Ashton Applewhite — who is a TED speaker, author, and nationally recognized anti-ageism activist. Tickets are \$75 each and all proceeds benefit MVES’ mission. Reserve tickets by March 31 for a free copy of Ashton Applewhite’s book, while supplies last.



Police department announces death of retired sergeant

Staff Report

Police Chief John Goodwin and the members of the Winthrop Police Department recently announced the passing of retired Winthrop Police Sergeant Arnim Scholwin.

Sgt. Scholwin passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 11. Sgt. Scholwin, 87, had served as a Winthrop Police Officer for 38 years. He retired in 2003 after serving his last 10 years as night sergeant.

Sgt. Scholwin was a highly disciplined person who always put the rule of law above all else, according to Goodwin, who added that he was honest, straight forward, and led by example.

“It was a tremendous honor to work for him,” Goodwin stated. “He always put his officers first and led by

example. He was often referred to as ‘old fashioned’ and highly disciplined, possessing many qualities that are hard to come by today.

“Sgt. Scholwin also had a hysterical dry sense of humor with a tremendous delivery in that unique German accent only he could deliver.”

Goodwin said the department’s thoughts and prayers go out to his family in this time of sorrow.



COURTESY PHOTO
Retired Winthrop Police Sgt. Arnim Scholwin.

WPS Preschool Screening 2026-27

Please go to the WPS website to complete the form to sign your child up for a screening appointment for the full day (tuition) preschool in the Winthrop Public Schools by **Friday, February 27, 2026**. All children must be residents of Winthrop, MA and be 4 years old before September 1, 2026, in order to be eligible.

Tuition for the 2025-26 school year was \$8000. *There could be a tuition increase for 2026-27 subject to School Committee vote.



After completing this form, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment for preschool screening. **Screenings will be held March 2-4, 2026**. If there are more students that register than there are spots available in the Integrated Preschool for tuition students, there will be a public lottery in May 2026.

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Congratulations to the newest members of the Winthrop Fire Department on their graduation from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Jean Suozo-Diaz, Derek Goodwin, and Chris Beranger.

Three residents among 29 local firefighters to graduate from Firefighting Academy

Special to the Transcript

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy leadership has announced the graduation of 29 firefighters from the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program. Video of the ceremony will be posted to the Department of Fire Services YouTube channel this afternoon.

“Massachusetts firefighters are on the frontlines protecting their communi-

ties every day, and today’s graduates are needed now more than ever,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “The hundreds of hours of foundational training they’ve received will provide them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely.”

“Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructors draw on decades of experience in the fire service to train new recruits,” said MFA Recruit Program Co-

ordinator Dean Babineau. “Through consistent classroom instruction and practical exercises, today’s graduates have developed the tools they’ll need to work seamlessly with veteran firefighters in their home departments and in neighboring communities as mutual aid.”

The graduating firefighters of Career Recruit Class #336 represent the fire departments of Acton, Cambridge, Clinton, Dover,

See FIREFIGHTERS Page 4

Precinct 6 seat before council at next meeting

By Adam Swift

It can often be a challenge to get contested elections for town office.

But that hasn’t been the case in drawing in interested candidates for the vacant Precinct 6 seat on the town council.

Former Precinct 6 Councilor John DaRos stepped down from the seat following last November’s town election.

This year, the council has been taking letters of interest from potential candidates to fill the seat.

At last week’s meeting, Council President Jim Letterie said there are four candidates for the position, and that the council will likely vote to appoint one of those candidates at its next meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

Martin Flynn, Danny Floyd, Michael Gillespie, and Kevin Morales have all put their names in for the Precinct 6 seat.

“I haven’t had a chance to meet all of them, so I

definitely want to do that,” Letterie said at last week’s council meeting. “I don’t know if everybody else has had the opportunity to or not, but we will definitely be taking that up on the agenda at our next meeting.”

During the public speaking portion of last week’s meeting, former Councilor Rob DeMarco voiced his support for the current council members and said he was glad to see so much interest in the vacant council seat.

“They are all genuinely great people, and they have stepped up, and the one thing I would ask is that whoever does not get appointed to the position gets nominated to a committee, because we need these kinds of people in our town,” said DeMarco.

In other business, Letterie appointed Sheryl Howard and Jaime Montesano to the firehouse building reuse committee and Michael Gillespie to the citizens finance advisory committee.

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tion could look like if Winthrop decided to put a 3A compliant district forward to the voters; and about the lawsuit and whether, if the town were to lose in its defense and was forced to implement 3A, it could still use the district it originally brought forward to create a 3A overlay district at Seal Harbor and Fort Heath, and Governors Park.

“I think it was a very healthy meeting,” Letterie said at last week’s council meeting. “We did not go into it with a preconceived notion that we were going to get everything we wanted right away ... but they were very receptive to everything we said.”

One of the big questions Letterie said the Winthrop officials asked was about condominium documents and whether they would supercede 3A, since the 3A compliance plan recommended by the Planning Board previously called for an overlay district at Seal Harbor and Governors Park.

“They are very strict about not giving out legal advice,” said Letterie. “We are asking if they could clarify better in a different form; what they did do is on their frequently asked questions on their website ... I think number 13 on the frequently asked questions states that condo docs supersede 3A. So that was kind of their way of saying we are really telling you the truth, but we are still trying to get more definitive language in that.”

Letterie said the town knew there would be consequences when it took the actions it did with voting

not to be in compliance with 3A.

“We felt fairly strongly about it, and still do, however when we start hearing about 21st Century grants (for the schools) and public health grants ... and I said I’m not here to tell the governor how to run in an election year, but I don’t think taking money away from kids and public safety and public health is doing her any favors,” said Letterie.

Letterie noted that the school grant was not out of

the state housing office and that the housing secretary was not aware of the town not being eligible for it.

“I think they took those comments to heart, because especially the 21st Century grant is a grant that is given out every three years,” said Letterie. “It is one thing to lose a grant and say we can apply next year ... but the 21st Century grant, if they do not get that because of 3A, that grant could be upwards of \$400,000 and that’s substantial and that’s affecting kids in afterschool

programs and their ability to attend afterschool programs and having staffing to do that. That is not something that should be affected by zoning compliance.”

Letterie said there will be another meeting with the state to follow up with many of those issues that were raised.

“We think it was a productive meeting, we acknowledged our understanding of the lawsuit and they understand that we are making efforts to talk with them,” said Letterie.

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ing due to the water breaks, and 15 inches of wet, heavy snow,” said Letterie. “I can’t think (DPW Director) Steve Calla and the Winthrop DPW enough for their monumental efforts along with help from outside contractors and especially MWRA.”

Letterie said streets are in good condition considering the power of the storm with its high winds.

“Winthrop showed its resiliency,” said Letterie. “The process continues as we spend probably a good portion of (Tuesday) working on town buildings and schools.”

State Rep. Jeffrey Turco shared thanks to the residents and town officials. “This was a blizzard of my

youth. I am grateful to Governor Healey and her team at MEMA, Town Manager Marino, Council President Letterie, and Winthrop’s DPW and Public Safety teams for their preparation, efforts and support. Thanks also to National Grid for their good efforts to restore power under treacherous conditions. Finally, thanks to the residents of Winthrop for following the suggestions to stay at home and allow the team to make the Town safe. Obviously, it is difficult when people lose power, but this storm proved that with teamwork and proper preparation, the pain to our residents can be remediated,” said State Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D. Winthrop)

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OUR Opinions

WE ARE SO DONE WITH WINTER

When winter finally released its icy grip last week, with temperatures reaching above freezing for the first time in weeks, we had figured the worst of this winter season was behind us.

Needless to say, that was wishful thinking.

As native New Englanders, by no means were we so naive as to believe that Mother Nature would fail to have a few surprises remaining for us.

When March 1 starts to roll along on the calendar, we always are reminded of the proverb we first learned as young children at Our Lady of Grace parochial school in Everett: "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb."

So we were well-aware that nasty weather still lay ahead. We were braced for a lion, but we weren't expecting a prehistoric beast.

So we were both incredulous and exasperated as we listened to the weatherman's increasingly-dire predictions for a major weather event headed our way as this weekend approached.

We've all become familiar with the relatively-recent meteorological term of "bombogenesis" to describe the rapid intensification of a storm system that seems to take on a life of its own.

But we did not anticipate the fury of this week's blizzard that had such a wide impact and that caused so much misery for so many of us.

We well remember the Blizzard of '78, the No Name Storm of 1991 (also known as The Perfect Storm), and the Snowmageddon Winter of 2015.

We took all of those major weather events in stride. As impactful as they were, they were simply annoyances for us at the time. But we were younger then, and youth has a way of brushing aside even the harshest of circumstances -- a four-foot drift looks like a playground instead of a back injury waiting to happen.

Despite the frigid temperatures, we still ran outside almost every day throughout this winter, even in the face of daily, single-digit wind chills. We were determined not to let Ol' Man Winter get the better of us.

But truth be told, this winter season of 2026 has pushed us over the edge. The "lion" finally bit us -- and Florida suddenly seems very appealing.

WHY HASN'T THE NHL BANNED FIGHTING?

Our love of hockey dates back to the 1960s, the golden era when "Bobby Orr and the Big, Bad Boston Bruins" (that was the title of a book that we've had since our youth) ruled the hockey world and the B's were the toast of the town.

We recall the bad blood between the Bruins and some of their notable opponents, the Canadiens and the Rangers (among others), and well recall the game when Derek Sanderson got into a fight with a member of the Chicago Black Hawks -- Sandy pulled off an opponent's jersey and then, while skating around the rink, jersey in hand as if it were a trophy, tossed it into the stands (in Chicago!).

Fighting was not merely just a part of the game, it was even expected. Each team had its "enforcer" who could be expected to take a run at the other team's star player, which in turn would trigger a retaliatory run by the enforcer on the other side, and mayhem inevitably be the result.

We were just youngsters at the time and just accepted it as "part of the game." It was a time when goalies still didn't wear masks and certainly no player wore a helmet.

Times have changed. Goalies wear expensive masks and every player is helmeted. Teams no longer devote a roster spot to an enforcer and rates of fighting have decreased significantly.

But fighting remains a part of the game and is tolerated to an extent not seen in any other sport. The fans still lust for blood and cheer with every punch. ESPN shows the highlights of every fight.

We were thinking about this as we were watching -- and thoroughly enjoying -- the Olympic hockey matches these past two weeks. It was so nice to watch a game with no fights and none of the chippiness and illegal hits that are trademarks of the NHL. The teams just skated relentlessly up and down, without the long delays caused by brawling and fighting.

Fighting remains a vestige of pro hockey's brutal past -- and in our view, the sooner the NHL bans it all together (which it could easily do with harsher penalties than just a five-minute major), the better.

The time has come to retire the Rodney Dangerfield joke, "I went to a fight the other night, and a hockey game broke out."

Forum



THE MORE Things Change ...

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10 years ago February 26, 2016

As area real estate agents get ready for the spring selling season, they know that 2015 is foreshadowing a good look on the market. Comparing 2015 sales figures and selling prices shows that sales are up and prices are too, especially in the Revere, Winthrop, Chelsea, Lynn, Everett, and East Boston markets. In Winthrop, home prices were up by double digits in 2015.

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on changes to the town ordinance as it pertains to bed and breakfast establishments and transient housing. The change in the ordinance comes from the trend of people renting out bedrooms in their homes through programs like Airbnb and similar home-sharing opportunities. The Planning Board and the Town Council's Rules and Ordinance Committee have both gone over the revisions. It is proposed that a special permit is now needed for bed and breakfast and transient housing establishments. The Board of Appeals will grant permits, which are good for two years.

Superintendent of Schools John Macero is requesting more than \$18 million to operate the Winthrop schools next year. This is a four percent increase over last year's budget.

Resident Debbie Carroll spoke for a group of people in front of the Town Council this week, explaining why Winthrop needs a dog park and what it could be like. She said the group has looked at several sites, including Ingleside Park, Palmyra, an area off Veterans Road, and Coughlin Park. Carroll said they have narrowed it down to Coughlin Park in the Point Shirley area. She said they were thinking of an area of 300 by 65 feet, with a fence, gravel, trees, and water. There would be one area for small dogs and one for larger dogs.

Zootopia and Gods of Egypt are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago March 2, 2006

Work on the Winthrop Beach Restoration Project is expected to begin next winter now that the office of the State Secretary of Environmental Affairs Stephen Pritchard has signed off on the project. However, several other state and local agencies must give their approval as well.

The future of Suffolk Downs and Wonderland dog track remain up in the air as the legislature takes up the issue of whether to permit slot machines at the tracks, a move that the tracks' owners say is necessary in order for them to remain open.

The Town Council's Capital Assets Subcommittee is expected to take up the matter of the disposition of the vacant Dalrymple School shortly. The Dalrymple Cultural Arts Community Coalition is seeking to present a plan for the creation of a cultural arts center.

Running Scared and Mada's Family Reunion are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago March 7, 1996

Winthrop Republicans gave a narrow victory to Kansas Senator Robert Dole in Tuesday's Massachusetts Presidential Primary. Cross-fire talk show host Pat Buchanan, who has made impressive showings against Dole in other state primaries, came within 19 votes of Dole in Winthrop, with 294 votes for Dole and 275 for Buchanan.

The MWRA said this week that the yellow discoloration in local water is not a health hazard, but is being caused by low levels of iron corrosion in local water mains.

Police Chief Thomas Shamshak said this week that officers will be targeting graffiti artists and will seek the maximum penalty against them.

Former East Boston Savings Bank President Richard P. Belcher Sr., who worked his way up from clerk to president, passed away this

week at his winter home in Green Acres, Florida. He was 75 and had been a lifelong Winthrop resident.

WCVB newscaster Liz Brunner charmed an audience of senior citizens at the Rotary Club's annual senior luncheon this week.

Babe, Dead Man Walking, and Up Periscope are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago March 12, 1986

The main topic of discussion at the Advisory Committee's public hearing to discuss the Town Meeting warrant was whether the town should buy new vehicles for various town departments.

Gov. Michael Dukakis has promised that the Deer Island jail, long a thorn for Winthrop, will be moved to make way for the new MWRA sewage treatment plant.

The selectmen have signed a five-year contract with Warner Cable. The highlight of the new contract is that five percent of Warner's revenues will go toward funding a town cable access corporation.

Donald Tabbut is the new Worshipful Master of the Odd Fellows.

Hannah and Her Sisters, Pretty in Pink, and Down and Out in Beverly Hills are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago March 10, 1976

The selectmen and State Rep. Alfred Saggese met with Suffolk County Sheriff Thomas Eisenstadt to discuss how the town can oppose the order of the federal district court to enlarge the Deer Island jail to accommodate prisoners from the ancient and dilapidated Charles St. Jail, a facility that the federal judge has ordered closed.

Burt Reynolds and Catherine Deneuve star in Hustle at the Kincade Theatre.

60 years ago March 8, 1966

Former selectman Melvin T. Carver made a successful

comeback to the board after a one-year absence, knocking off incumbent Frank Baumeister in Monday's annual town election. The other incumbents, James T. Reddy and Walter Van Dalinda, were re-elected.

George Pulsifer handily won re-election to the Board of Assessors in the only other contested race on the ballot.

Burglars continued their spree of break-ins throughout the town with two more housebreaks being reported to police this week.

Former Mass. Governor Foster Furcolo will be the guest speaker at the breakfast of the Holy Name Society of St. John the Evangelist Church Sunday morning. Local toastmaster Nile V. "Swede" Nelson also will speak to the group. About 200 persons are expected to be in attendance.

Peter Sellers and Peter O'Toole star in What's New Pussycat? at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago March 8, 1956

Walter T. Carver ousted incumbent William E. Pierce for a one-year seat on the Board of Selectmen in Monday's annual town election. Carver received 4161 votes to Pierce's 1776. Carver will join Harold Katz and Walter Van Dalinda on the board.

Acclaimed by all as the finest facility of its kind in New England, the new Winthrop High gymnasium and auditorium were dedicated in impressive ceremonies Sunday at which Mass. Attorney General George Fingold was the guest speaker.

Police Officer Ralph Sirianni is recuperating at his home after being thrown from his motorbike in a collision with a car. Sirianni was trying to pass the other vehicle as it was turning into a driveway.

The Winthrop League of Women Voters will hold a number of public meetings prior to Town Meeting to discuss the various articles on the town warrant.

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Firefighters // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Dudley, Haverhill, Malden, Middleton, Milford, Sudbury, Templeton, and Winthrop.

Basic Firefighter Skills

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Career Recruit Program, all students have met the national stan-

dards of NFPA 1010, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, and are certified to the levels of Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

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chemical spills. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice, an office worker stuck in an elevator, or a motorist trapped in a crashed vehicle. They test and maintain their equipment, including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, recruits learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive train-

ing in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

The MFA provides recruit and in-service training for career, call, and volunteer firefighters at every level of experience, from recruit to chief officer, at campuses in Stow, Springfield, and Bridgewater.

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Rory Calhoun and Shelley Winters star in The Treasure of Pancho Villa at the Winthrop Theatre.

**80 years ago
March 7, 1946**

Ross Batchelder, George Hamilton, and Walter Smith were elected to the Board of Selectmen in Monday's annual town election, which was the most hotly-contested since before the war. A. Walter Larkin handily won re-election to the School Committee. Walter Van Dalinda scored the only upset with a victory over incumbent Horace Edwards for Town Constable.

Funeral services were held Sunday for beloved Winthrop High School teacher Frank Reed, who passed away suddenly at Winthrop Community Hospital. Reed was 35.

Sgt. Danny Honan reports that he is headed home from his tour of duty in Manila.

John Wayne stars in Dakota at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

**90 years ago
March 7, 1936**

The exceedingly-high vote of A. Russell Belcher, who received 3447 votes of the 6136 ballots that were cast in Monday's annual town election, has been the talk of the town this week. Roy Pigeon was Belcher's nearest rival with 2942 votes. Chester O'Donnell won the third seat on the board with 2610 votes. Other than O'Donnell, the entire slate of candidates endorsed by the town Republican League won election.

The Winthrop Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Minnie Floyd Monday afternoon.

The furious and totally incoherent squawks of Donald Duck in his new movie may have an effect on the American language. Movie-goers are heard leaving the theatre squawking at each other in the manner of the Disney character.

Eddie Cantor stars with a bevy of beautiful girls in Strike Me Pink at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

**100 years ago
March 6, 1926**

A large turnout of 3245 voters, almost 50 percent of the registered voters in town, chose Joshua Remby, Artemus Reade, and Joseph Hodgkins for the seats on the Board of Selectmen. The Republican League ticket won for almost every office the league endorsed.

Ft. Banks was the scene of a retirement ceremony last week for Sgt. Peter Shea, a Massachusetts man who served for 31 years in the Army. He saw action during his career in the Philippines, Cuba, and in Europe during the world war.

Local artist John Whorf is holding an exhibition of his watercolors in Baltimore, Maryland.

The police lung motor was used Sunday morning at the Community Hospital to save the life of a newborn.

**110 years ago
March 11, 1916**

Winthrop had one of its quietest elections in a good many years with less than half of the town's total vote, 1333 men and 57 women (who are allowed to vote only for School Committee) casting ballots. Joshua Remby, Winthrop Magee, and James Carr were returned to the Board of Selectmen, but the big highlight was the race for Tree Warden, with Fred A. Whittemore coming

out on top of a three-man field by five votes. He defeated incumbent Millard F. Smith Jr., who will ask for a recount.

Nearly 150 citizens gathered to hear George Willett of Norwood speak of the success of that town since it adopted a town manager form of government. He said towns can save millions of dollars if they manage their finances professionally. He noted that Norwood's tax rate dropped from \$25 to \$8 within a few years of the town manager taking over.

Waves were shooting 30 to 40 feet in the air as they smashed along Shore Drive, flooding the Beach section of town during Saturday's nor'easter.

**120 years ago
March 10, 1906**

One of the most strenuous political battles in town history is now at an end and the "Citizens" group of candidates are the victors almost without exception. The lone candidate backed by the "Town Government Association" group to win was Delos Bristol, who was elected to the Board of Selectmen by a margin of only 26 votes. Winthrop Magee and Edward Clark were the other two candidates elected to the board. Both of the opposing organizations utilized automobiles to get out the vote, which consisted of 1291 men and 91 women. An 11th hour "report" distributed by the Citizens group, without any chance by the Town Government group to respond, is thought to have played a large part in the victory of the former's slate of candidates.

As expected, the majority in favor of a "No liquor license" vote was 878-147, the largest no vote in town history on this issue, attesting to Winthrop's desire to remain a dry community.

Boston's population stands at 1,260,481, making it the fourth largest in the nation and 11th in the world. Boston enjoys the largest per capita wealth in the United States.

**130 years ago
March 7, 1896**

Voters have expressed the desire that something be done soon to improve our fire department.

The election for the Board of Selectmen was held in the utmost good nature and the outcome generally has been acquiesced in, with no visible signs of dissatisfaction or dissent. O.E. Lewis, high man with 296 votes, Alfred Tewksbury, and Charles Cobb were chosen by the Town Meeting members.

Hopefully, the new members of the Board of Selectmen will not delay in printing the town report any longer than already has occurred.

**140 years ago
March 12, 1886**

The adjourned Town Meeting was held Monday night, and one of the topics of discussion was what the new Board of Health intends to do regarding the sewage problem along Winthrop Beach. Mr. Richardson of the board said that his board will visit other communities where cesspools are in use.

Mr. O.F. Belcher, owner of the famed Cottage Park resort, is planning an expensive expansion and wharf on the site of the 17 adjoining acres that he recently purchased.

The tugboat explosion that occurred in the area between Long and Deer islands was heard throughout the town.

Andrew Blake

Retired Boston Globe editor and teacher at Boston University

 Andrew Blake, 85, of Winthrop, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2026.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Barbara (Sutton) Blake; his daughters, Elizabeth (Blake) Delvecchio and her husband, Stephen and Nancy Blake; his sisters, Deborah Vivolo and Eileen Rountree and he was predeceased by his sister, Kathleen Blake. He is also survived by many sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, extended family members and dear friends.

Andrew grew up in East Boston and proudly served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He attended and later taught at Boston University and enjoyed a distinguished career as a reporter and editor for The Boston Globe. His career with The Boston Globe took him across the country and abroad, and he cherished the adventure and sense of purpose his work provided.

A lifelong lover of the



sea, Andrew enjoyed sailing and boating from a young age and was a member of the Winthrop Yacht Club and the Winthrop Elks. His wit, humor, and gift for storytelling brought joy to all who knew him, and he will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family kindly requests that donations be made to a favorite charity in Andrew's memory.

A celebration of Andrew's life will be held at a later date.

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

Arrangements under the direction of the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

Mary Wood

Past Massachusetts State President of the Emblem Club and the Rochester, New Hampshire and Winthrop Emblem Clubs

Mary C. Wood of Winthrop passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on February 20, 2026. She was 96 years old.

She was the devoted wife of the late A. Rayner Wood, III; Loving mother of Mark Wood of Winthrop and Karin C. Wilcox and her husband, Richard of Florida; cherished grandmother of Molly, Emma and Sam; great grandmother of Aspen, Leo James and Lori. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Dorothy Kinlin of New Hampshire, many nieces, nephews and their extended families and in laws and their families.

A special thank you to Beth Wagner for her patience and compassion through many difficult days.

Mary was the past Massachusetts State President of the Emblem Club. Also, past President of the Rochester, New Hampshire and Winthrop Emblem Clubs along with many National positions throughout the



country.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, February 27 from 3 to 6 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home at 6 p.m. Interment will be private.

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Norman Gill

He will be remembered for his generosity, his unwavering loyalty, and the joy he brought to everyone fortunate enough to know him

 Norman Gill, 94, of Winthrop, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born and raised in Winthrop, Norman was the beloved husband of 67 years to the late Marion Gill. He was the devoted son of the late Alfred and Rose Gill and the loving brother of the late Charles Gill and Rosemarie Gill.

Norman was a proud graduate of Boston Trade School, Class of 1949, where he served as co-captain of the football team. He later graduated from the New England School of Embalmers and Funeral Directors and worked locally in funeral homes in both Winthrop and on Cape Cod. A proud veteran, Norman served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

Throughout his life, Norman remained deeply committed to public service and to his community. He was on the Board of Fire Engineers for the Winthrop Fire Department from 1965 to 1980 and went on to serve as the Veterans Agent for the Town of Winthrop and later for Barnstable County, a role he held for 33 years. His dedication to veterans extended statewide through his service as President of the Massachusetts Veterans Service Officers Association (MVSOA), where he tirelessly advocated for those who had served their country.

Norman was also a longtime member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks, where he proudly held membership for more than 70 years and was a Past Exalted Ruler. He was known for his warm personality, sense of humor, and lifelong devotion to family, friends, and community.

He was the loving father of five daughters: Nancy Weise of Winthrop; Janet Gill-Campbell and her husband, Michael of Swampscott; Susan Evans and



her husband, Charles, Julie Haskell and her husband, Leo and Amy O'Keefe and her husband, Michael, all of Winthrop. He was the cherished grandfather of eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, as well as a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Norman will be remembered for his generosity, his unwavering loyalty, and the joy he brought to everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, February 26 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. Services will conclude with military honors in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Donations in Norman's memory may be made to the New England Shelter for Veterans, 17 Court Street, Boston, MA 02108 or go to www.nechv.org.

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Council President Jim Letterie delivers State of the Town address

Staff Report

Town Council President Jim Letterie delivered the annual State of the Town address at the beginning of last week's council meeting. Following is the text of the address:

"Good evening — It says something about the kind of winter we have experienced when an over-cast 38-degree day feels like a welcome reprieve. As we know, the weather is beyond our control. In some respects, our town can feel similar. It is discussed, debated, praised, and at times criticized. It is tested by challenges both expected and unforeseen. Yet through it all, we consistently come together. We support one another, we assist our neighbors, and in doing so, we strengthen the bonds that define our community.

While no analogy is perfect, this one speaks to an enduring truth about who we are.

One of the responsibilities — and truly one of the privileges — granted by the Winthrop Town Charter is for the Council President to deliver the annual State of the Town address. This occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on our current standing, recognize the progress we have made, acknowledge the challenges that remain, and look ahead with clarity, purpose, and a shared commitment to continued progress.

This is my fifth opportunity to stand before you in this capacity, and I do not take that responsibility lightly. I am sincerely grateful for the trust you have placed in me and for the privilege of serving a community that means so much to all of us.

No State of the Town address would be complete without first expressing my sincere appreciation to our department heads, their dedicated staff, and the many members of our boards and committees. The effective operation of our town depends on their professionalism, expertise, and daily commitment to public service. They ensure our safety and well-being, educate our children and grandchildren, maintain clean and welcoming public spaces, provide vibrant parks and recreational opportunities, and preserve and improve our infrastructure and streetscapes. In short, their work sustains the quality of life that makes our community one we are proud to call home.

The State of Our Town

The state of our town is good.

That does not mean perfect. It does not mean without challenges. But it does mean we are stable, responsible, and moving forward.

Like every municipality in the Commonwealth, Winthrop faces a wide range of daily issues — many of

which are discussed regularly on social media, in coffee shops, and around kitchen tables. It is natural to focus most closely on the issues that affect us personally. Yet even though we are small in land mass, the scope of what we manage as a community is substantial. And I believe we are doing a tremendous job.

Fiscal Responsibility and Stability

State aid continues to be a lifeline for cities and towns. Nationwide, municipalities receive approximately 31 percent of their revenue from state aid. In Massachusetts, that figure is closer to 26 percent. We must therefore rely heavily on sound local fiscal management.

At the same time, we are facing continued cost pressures. Health insurance costs have increased more than 22 percent over the past two years, and projections for Fiscal Year 2027 indicate an additional 7–9 percent increase.

Because of conservative and disciplined budgeting, we have been able to absorb these pressures while continuing to invest in our priorities.

Recently, the Finance Subcommittee discussed the distribution of "free cash." As many of you know, that term is somewhat misleading — it is neither truly

"free" nor simply "cash." It is the result of responsible financial management and careful forecasting. Through structured financial policies, we use these funds to strengthen our stabilization accounts.

Our stabilization accounts — Capital, General, Building, and most recently Education — position us for long-term success. The benchmark many municipalities strive for is approximately 10 percent of the operating budget in stabilization. We have made remarkable progress to reach that goal.

This financial strength has helped us maintain an excellent bond rating, saving taxpayers millions of dollars when we borrow for major projects — such as the new fire station.

That is not luck. That is discipline.

Major Projects and Progress

As I reviewed past State of the Town addresses, I noticed certain projects have been consistent topics of discussion. The difference today is that most are now well-defined and actively progressing.

The Middle School site

The new Fire Station

Infrastructure improvements on Tileston, Girdlestone, and Pico

The Revere Street TIP Project

Each of these required extensive planning, coordination, and perseverance. While they are in different phases of development, they are all moving forward.

In addition to the new Fire Station, I am hopeful we will see meaningful improvements to the Eruzione Center — upgrades that will make the rink and gym cleaner, safer, and more aesthetically welcoming for residents of all ages.

I also continue to advocate for a community arts center as a potential future use for the Pauline Street Station once the new Fire Station becomes operational — a space that could serve creativity, culture, and connection within our town.

3A and Moving Forward Together

No issue has generated more discussion over the past several years than 3A.

Last year, we were one of 34 communities not in compliance. Today, we are one of 10. That reflects serious effort and continued engagement.

We remain committed to identifying a solution that works best for Winthrop — one that satisfies state requirements, one way or another, while preserving what makes our town special. Our goal is to present new information in the near future that will move us forward constructively.

3A will not define us. It will not divide us.

We are far more effective working together than apart.

To ensure residents remain informed and engaged, I will be holding bi-monthly office hours focused on respectful dialogue and transparency. Even when we disagree, we must do so thoughtfully and constructively.

Our Shared Responsibility

Winthrop is special to all of us.

The world has changed in many ways, but I hope we never lose the values that define us — respect for one another, civic pride, and the understanding that the goal is not individual victory, but community achievement.

We are fortunate in many ways. Yet too often, we focus on what divides us rather than what unites us. We look at the glass as half empty instead of half full. We focus on what might go wrong instead of what will likely go right.

Life is too short to be consumed by negativity.

Let us work together.

Let us support one another.

Let us keep Winthrop the jewel that it is — and the place we proudly choose to live, raise our families, and build our future.

Thank you, and may we continue moving forward — together."

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of music, dancing, raffles, giveaways and luncheon. MA Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco addressed the guests on how the Legislature, Mystic Valley Elder Services and the Council on Aging all play a role in safeguarding supports for older adults and people with disabilities. Lisa Gurgone, CEO of Mystic Valley Elder Services, and Matthew Rodes, Council on Aging Director, discussed how the two organizations work together to provide services and resources to the community. Rodes is also a Mystic Valley Board member.

Mystic Valley Elder Services would like to thank everyone who made the event possible, including: Representative Turco, event sponsor Suburban Home Health Care, Matthew Rodes and the Council on Aging team, Judie VanKooiman of the

Mystic Valley Board of Directors, and the people of Winthrop.

Mystic Valley Elder Services was founded in 1975 with a handful of staff and now serves over 20,000 people in 11 communities. The nonprofit provides in-home services in Winthrop like housekeeping support and meal delivery. Mystic Valley also has recurring programs at the senior center, such as Medicare counseling and technology support, and provides meal service for the center's daily lunches. For more about Mystic Valley Elder Services, please call 781-324-7705 or visit www.mves.org. For more about the agency's 50th, including its upcoming Legacy50 event and the awards program it is hosting to recognize community heroes, visit www.mves.org/MVES50.



Peter Gill, former Town Council President, stopped by Mystic Valley Elder Services' table. The nonprofit agency provided giveaway items, raffle tickets for a \$50 Amazon gift card, and information about its services.



The town's older adults were all smiles as they danced to classic and new favorites. Some even provided audience participation.



MA Representative Jeffrey Turco addresses the guests.



Members of Mystic Valley Elder Services' leadership team on the dance floor with residents, Council on Aging Director Matthew Rodes, and DJ Alan LaBella.

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VIKINGS END REGULAR SEASON ON WINNING NOTE; BEGIN TOURNEY

The Winthrop High boys hockey team was scheduled to meet Rockport in the opening round of the MIAA Division 4 state tournament last night (Wednesday) at Larsen Rink as the Sun-Transcript was going to press.

The Vikings entered the tourney as the #5 seed in D-4 with a 12-6-2 record. Rockport is the 28th seed with a record of 11-8-1.

Coach Dale Dunbar's squad ended its regular season on a winning note with a 5-4 victory over a strong non-league opponent, Essex Tech, which is the ninth seed in D-3 with an 11-7-2 record.

The contest proved to be an epic encounter between two fast and physical teams. After the Hawks jumped out to a 2-0 lead, Viking captain Joe Pumphret scored the first of his three goals on the night, assisted by Nick Romano. However, a minute later Essex responded with another lamplighter to take a 3-1 lead into the first intermission.

The second period began with the same fast and physical style of play by both teams. Winthrop once again drew within goal when captain Paul Ferrara, assisted by Romano and Dom Spinale, found the back of the Hawk net on a power play, but Essex responded once again to make it 4-2.

Pumphret then gave the Vikings a big lift with his second goal of the night, assisted by Romano and Braedon Lounsbury, before the period ended to leave Winthrop trailing by one entering the final 15 minutes.

The Vikings then turned in one of their best periods of hockey this season. Spinale, with an assist from Nate Previte, finally brought Winthrop back to level midway through the period and then, with less than three minutes remaining, Spinale fed a great pass to Pumphret, which Captain Joe converted for his hat trick and the game-winner.

Winthrop goalie Jim Lyman turned in an outstanding performance in the net, stopping 31 shots to preserve the victory.

LADY VIKINGS WIN SEASON-FINALE AHEAD OF STATE TOURNEY OPENER

The Winthrop High girls hockey team celebrated Senior Night in appropriate fashion with a 2-1 victory over Boston Latin last Thursday evening.

The eight Lady Vikings who are members of the WHS Class of 2026 were recognized for their contributions to the girls hockey program: Tegan Pereira (who will be playing hockey at Keene State), Avalina Coffey (who will further her hockey career at URI), Riley Towse (who will be furthering her career at Salem State), Avery Shea, Reese Ferrara, Stella Pelletier, Chloe Couture, and team manager Amber Claire dowsd(team manager).

The Latin game was a battle right from the start. It was a torrid pace with very physical play on both sides.

Latin struck first with a goal off the half wall on a strange shot that fooled goalie Riley Towse. However, from thereon, Towse was in full-out, brick-wall mode, stopping everything else that was shot at her for the rest of the game.

"Riley is the real deal. She now has a program record of 60 wins," said WHS coach Anthony Martucci.

Winthrop brought the contest back to level in the middle of the second period on a goal from Amelia Serino, assisted by Reese Ferrara. The remainder of the period continued back-and-forth at a very fast and physical pace, but the terms remained deadlocked at 1-1 at the second buzzer.

The final 15 minutes proved to be an absolute battle until the final minute of play. Winthrop called a time-out with a face-off in the Latin zone both to give the team a rest and strategize with the five players on

USA men's hockey team brings home the gold; Eruzione appears in NBC pre-game interview

By Cary Shuman

Forty-six years after Winthrop's Mike Eruzione led the USA men's hockey team to Olympic gold in Lake Placid, the 2026 team has returned from Italy with gold again after defeating Canada, 2-1, in a thrilling final watched by millions across the globe.

Jack Hughes scored the golden goal in overtime to give Team USA the dramatic victory, 46 years to the day (Feb. 22, 1980) that Captain Mike scored the winning goal to beat the Soviet Union in the semifinal on the way to the 'Miracle on Ice' team's gold medal.

Adding to American hockey fans' complete joy was the U.S. women's hockey team also besting Canada, 2-1, in overtime in the gold medal game last Thursday. Megan Keller, a Boston College alumna and former Eagles' teammate of Katie Burt (who played one season in Butch Martucci's WHS girls hockey program), netted the winning goal.

Considered Olympic royalty, Eruzione was in demand and highly visible throughout the week. He was interviewed by NBC-TV's Mike Tirico right before the game Sunday, predicting a USA victory. Sunday night, Eruzione was featured on the CBS-TV news show, "60 Minutes." On Monday, Eruzione was a guest on the Fox and Friends show where he talked about Team USA's stunning victory over Canada.

Eruzione was invited to speak to the USA players and his inspirational message paid dividends. Eruzione's alma mater was represented on the Olympic team by former BU stars Jack Eichel, Clayton Keller, Charlie McAvoy, Brady Tkachuk, and Jack Oettinger. Head coach Mike Sullivan and assistant coaches John Hynes and David Quinn are BU alumni.

Eruzione's winning goal sent the broadcasting career



Mike Tirico of NBC-TV Sports interviews 1980 USA Olympic hockey captain Mike Eruzione moments before the start of the USA-Canada men's hockey gold medal game Sunday in Milan, Italy. Millions watched the game that started at 8:10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (2:10 p.m. local time).

TV broadcasting team, led by Tirico, Albert, Eddie Olyczk, Brian Boucher, and Kathryn Tappen, was terrific throughout the telecast.

Tappen's post-game interview with Hughes has become legendary, with Hughes telling Tappen, "We're so proud to be Americans." Notably, when Tappen offered her congratulations to Hughes, he politely said, "Thank you" to Tappen while hurrying to join his teammates on the ice for the celebration and ultimately the medal presentation ceremony.

Just as Mike Eruzione had told Mike Tirico before the game: Outside of serving in the military or as a first responder, "there is no greater feeling or honor" than wearing the USA jersey and representing the country.

of Al Michaels off to extraordinary heights following his famous call of "Do You Believe in Miracles? Yes!"

Hughes' game-winning goal was called beautiful-

ly by Kenny Albert: "Jack Hughes wins it! The golden goal for the United States! For the first time since the 1980 miracle, the United States takes the gold!"

In fact, the entire NBC-

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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago February 26, 2016

The Winthrop High boys basketball team wrapped up its season last week, dropping a 72-49 decision at Salem, who were undefeated in the NEC this season and who rank as one of the top teams in the state. Devin Pulsifer turned in a solid effort for the Vikings with a powerful double-double of 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Two weeks ago the Vikings earned their fourth win of the season with a dramatic 49-48 triumph over Saugus. A three-point shot by Pulsifer, his fourth of the night, as time was expiring provided the margin of victory. Tayjaun McKenzie played a key role in the triumph with 11 points, including two treys, and 13 rebounds. Dimonne Marshall also reached double figures with 11 points and drained a pair of three-pointers.

20 years ago February 23, 2006

With a 17-3 record in hand, the WHS girls basketball team now is awaiting to begin play in the Division 3 North State Tournament. The Lady Vikings will enter the tourney as the second

seed after a 60-45 win over New Mission Friday. Courtney Finn scored 22 points and Meredith Soper pulled down 15 rebounds and added 13 points in the victory. WHS head coach Peter Finn has been named the NEC Coach of the Year. Both Finn and Soper, who are freshmen, have been named NEC all-stars.

The WHS boys basketball team earned a trip to the state tourney with a 65-57 win over St. Mary's of Lynn to improve to 10-9 on the season. Anthony Griffin led Winthrop with 15 points.

The 7-9-1 WHS hockey team needs to win its last two games to reach the state tourney. In a 2-1 win over Brookline this week, Chris Dalrymple and Jim Leary scored the goals for the Vikings.

Winthrop's Kareem Thompson earned a medal with a sixth place finish in the 55 meter dash with a time of 6.93 seconds at the State Division 4 Meet Saturday.

30 years ago February 29, 1996

The WHS hockey team will meet Andover in the opening round of the state

tourney Friday.

The WHS boys basketball team will open the defense of its Division 3 state title with an opening round tourney game against Greater Lawrence. WHS junior Lawone Bennett was the second leading scorer in the NEC this season with a 21.1 ppg. Bennett, Anthony Poto, and James Buono were named NEC all-stars from coach Peter Grimes's squad.

The WHS girls' hoop team ended the season with a 49-33 win over St. Mary's of Lawrence. Jill Gunther scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Margo Souza and Kerri Lally scored 12 points apiece.

80 years ago February 28, 1946

The WHS basketball team defeated Danvers in a special, one-game play-off to win the Northeastern Conference title, the second NEC crown for Winthrop in the two years that Winthrop has been in the conference. Milton Neal scored 12 points for Winthrop and Myron Atlas added eight in the 38-26 rout. Winthrop now awaits a bid to the Tech Tourney in the B Class.

Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

the ice for the waning seconds.

The move paid off, with Ferrara winning the face-off that led to a howitzer by Pereira that caught the top corner, sending the Larsen Rink faithful into a frenzy with 37 ticks left on the clock for the 2-1 victory.

"It was just a great high school hockey game with a lot of excitement and good goaltending on both sides," said Martucci. "I would like to personally thank the eight seniors for all of the dedication and hard work that they put into our program. These eight girls are so much more than just great athletes, they are great people. I am grateful to have had the privilege

of coaching them."

The Lady Vikings, who finished their season with a 10-4-3 record, were scheduled to meet Methuen (18-0-2) in the Round of 32 of the MIAA Division 1 state hockey tournament last night (Wednesday).

Winthrop came into the tourney as the #27 seed and Methuen is #6. The victor will advance to face the winner of the match between #11 Woburn and #22 Pope Francis.

WHS BOYS BASKETBALL OPENS PLAY IN TOURNEY

The Winthrop High boys basketball team was

scheduled to open play in the MIAA Division 4 state basketball tournament last night (Wednesday) at the WHS gym as the Sun-Transcript was going to press.

The Vikings, who entered the tourney as the #22 seed in D-4 with a 5-15 record, were set to host Smith Vot-Tech, the #43 seed with a 12-6 mark.

The winner will advance to the Round of 32 where they will travel to meet #11 Ipswich (13-7).

Ironically, the Vikings and Ipswich met in the regular season finale for both teams last Wednesday, with Ipswich prevailing by a narrow margin, 57-54.



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Benny Milam hits the ledge at Red Bull Heavy Metal in Boston on February 21.



Lj Henriquez hits the jump at Red Bull Heavy Metal in Boston.

LJ Henriquez and Telma Särkipaju crowned Red Bull Heavy Metal 2026 Champions

Special to the Transcript

More than 25,000 spectators packed Boston City Hall Plaza on Saturday for the return of Red Bull Heavy Metal, one of the top contests in modern street snowboarding. Energized by the largest crowd in street snowboarding's history, LJ Henriquez and Telma Särkipaju claimed overall titles in the men's and women's category.

Overnight snow and light flurries helped set the stage as the world's best riders took on three zones built into Boston City Hall Plaza's natural terrain, using the city's rails, stairs, gaps and brick walls to put street riding on full display in front of a live audience.

LJ Henriquez, a Northeast native from Little Falls, New Jersey, described the win a milestone moment.

"This is the pinnacle event in the world for street snowboarding right now," Henriquez said. "To win here, close to home, in front of my friends and family is such a surreal feeling. Everyone here is the best, so I had to go as hard as possible at all times to come away with the win."

Särkipaju, a first-time Red Bull Heavy Metal competitor who recently returned to riding after a back injury, said the win felt like a defining moment in her comeback.

"I had no expectations coming in and was just hoping to make finals, so to actually win something this big means a lot," Särkipaju said. "I saw videos from last year and thought it was next level, but being here and feeling that crowd was unlike anything I've experienced. Their energy definitely made the difference."

The single-day finals unfolded across three distinct zones integrated into City Hall Plaza's renovated architecture, with the Loon Mountain Terrain Park Team trucking in roughly 150 tons of snow to shape



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Nick Fox hits the jump at Red Bull Heavy Metal in Boston on February 21, 2026.

the competition zones. Riders competed for individual zone wins and overall titles as the field mixed contest standouts with video part heavy hitters, including Lucas Magoon, Egan Wint, Halldor Helgason, Jess Perlmutter and Zeb Powell.

Powell, one of the sport's most recognizable riders and a fixture at Red Bull Heavy Metal, said the event's second year in Boston raised the bar.

"This was another one for the books for Boston," Powell said. "Same energy just leveled up. The production was bigger, the features were cleaner and more playful, and it was more dialed in for everyone. Seeing the Northeast snowboard community show out in record numbers meant everything to me. I can't wait to see where we take Red Bull Heavy Metal from here."

Red Bull Heavy Metal's legacy is rooted in video

part riding and rail innovation, led by generations of riders who built street snowboarding into what it is today. The 2026 season honored that history by providing a platform designed to elevate the next generation of talent and introduce more people to the sport.

For the latest Red Bull Heavy Metal action and event updates, follow @redbullusa and @redbullsnow and visit redbull.com/heavymetal.

RED BULL HEAVY METAL 2026 WINNERS Overall

Men: LJ Henriquez
Women: Telma Särkipaju

Men: Zone 1

- 1 Benny Milam
- 2 Mees Oostdijk
- 3 Nick Fox

Men: Zone 2

- 1 LJ Henriquez
- 2 Beck Lobben
- 3 Benny Milam

Men: Zone 3

- 1 Nick Fox
- 2 LJ Henriquez
- 3 Benny Milam

Women: Zone 1

- 1 Telma Särkipaju
- 2 Veda Halen
- 3 Jaylen Hanson

Women: Zone 2

- 1 Egan Wint
- 2 Jess Perlmutter
- 3 Veda Halen

Women: Zone 3

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Diann Slaviv Baylis announces candidacy for Governor's Council

Special to the Journal

Immigration attorney Diann Slaviv Baylis announced today that she is running for Governor's Council in Massachusetts' 6th District. Slaviv Baylis, a resident of Marblehead, took out nomination papers this week from the Secretary of State's Office, and plans to collect nomination signatures throughout the district.

The Governor's Council is an elected body in Massachusetts that provides advice and consent on the Governor's judicial appointments, pardons and commutations, and warrants for the state treasury. The Council also plays a role in the certification of statewide election results. The 6th district encompasses parts of Boston, most of Cambridge, the cities of Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Revere and Somerville, and the towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Reading, Saugus, Stoneham, Swampscott, Wakefield, Winchester and Winthrop.

"We need judges with knowledge, integrity and compassion at every level of our judiciary, and I will

be a voice for that on the Governor's Council," said Slaviv Baylis. "What many people don't know is that critical decisions impacting the lives of children who enter the country unaccompanied, like the clients that I have represented as immigration counsel, are being made in our state probate courts. This is a dangerous time for immigrant families. We must ensure that people appointed to judgeships understand immigration law, and that they will stand up for the constitutional rights, safety and best interests of immigrants and immigrant children."

While most immigration proceedings take place in federal immigration courts, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, a path to citizenship for unaccompanied minors, is determined at the state level through the probate courts.

Slaviv-Baylis, a lifelong resident of the North of Boston region, is a graduate of Merrimack College and Suffolk Law School. She has a long history of public service, including volunteering for the Lawyer of the Day program at Essex Probate Court. Earlier



Diann Slaviv Baylis

in her career she served as Deputy Campaign Coordinator for the Massachusetts Democratic Party, and she is currently an active member of the Marblehead Democratic Town Committee. Slaviv Baylis has also supported the work of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, having testified at legislative hearings and spoken at State House rallies to urge action on much-needed gun violence prevention legislation.

"I come from a tradition of public service," said Slaviv Baylis, the youngest daughter of former Haverhill Harbormaster William "Red" Slaviv. "There is important work to be done on the Governor's Council, and I look forward to engaging voters in a conversation about their priorities, and what I can offer them as their Councilor from the 6th District."

Aquarium's café goes plastic-free as part of sustainability commitment

Phasing out plastic items a decade in the making for Harbor View Café

Special to the Transcript

The New England Aquarium, in collaboration with its hospitality partner, Sodexo Live!, is celebrating the removal of all single-use plastics from its on-site dining and concessions, a milestone that has been a decade in the making.

The Aquarium began the process of eliminating single-use plastics from the Harbor View Café in 2017 to be more environmentally responsible and emphasize the commitment of the institution to protect the blue planet. Utensils, serving ware, beverage bottles, and many food products in the café have been plastic-free for some time, replaced with recyclable or compostable versions. This past year, however, marked an important step in the Aquarium's sustainability journey as it worked closely with the Sodexo Live! team to remove 33 percent of its café menu items that had plastic or non-compostable packaging. This included yogurt

cups and boxes of cereal; bags of pretzels, popcorn, and chips; and individually packaged cookies and desserts.

"Plastics are the most common form of marine debris, and as an ocean conservation organization, it is important that we lead by example—phasing out plastics and reducing waste that goes to landfill," said Suzanne Liola Matus, Vice President of Marketing, Sales, and Visitor Experience at the New England Aquarium.

Among the other changes to the café, individual plastic condiment packages have been replaced with portion-controlled dispensers. Candy and snack packaging can be composted commercially or at home. The dining services team also uses biodegradable cups and compostable to-go containers.

"We're excited to celebrate this milestone at the café and are proud to support the New England Aquarium's mission by transforming operations in ways that reduce waste, protect ocean health, and prove that sustainability and a great guest experience can

go hand in hand," said Juli Shultz, Sodexo Live! General Manager. "This wasn't something that happened overnight, and we're looking forward to seeing the positive impact it will have in the years to come."

As an ocean conservation organization, the New England Aquarium has been steadily working toward removing plastic from its operations over the years. In 2017, it eliminated plastic straws and single-use plastic take-away bags, followed by replacing all plastic beverage bottles with aluminum in 2018. The Aquarium then took the significant step in 2024, in partnership with retail partner Event Network, to replace all plastic products in its gift shop with those that are plastic-free, biodegradable, or constructed from recycled plastic materials.

The New England Aquarium is committed to leading by example by implementing green and sustainable practices across all areas of its operations. This includes using sustainable energy sources, reducing waste, and growing its own live food in-house when possible.

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Massachusetts House passes bills regulating AI use in elections

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts House of Representatives today passed bills regulating the use of artificial intelligence in political advertisements. The bills would require the disclosure of AI use in political advertisements and would ban deceptive communications about a candidate or about the electoral process within three months of an election.

“As artificial intelligence continues to reshape our economy and many aspects of our daily lives, lawmakers have a responsibility to ensure that AI does not further the spread of misinformation in our politics. That’s why these bills are so important, as they mandate that campaigns disclose the use of AI in any political advertisements, and they ban the use of AI in campaign ads 90 days before an election,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I want to thank my colleagues in the House for their work on this legislation, and for recognizing the importance of the safeguards that these bills put in place.”

“If you watched the Super Bowl, you saw how widespread artificial intelligence has become. AI is no longer theoretical - it is in our everyday lives,” said Representative Daniel Hunt (D-Dorchester), House Chair of the Committee on Election Laws. “At the same time, the conversation around election security, which has been front and center for the last several years, feels more turbulent and under siege. Voters deserve to know that what they’re seeing is real. That’s why the Legislature continues to strengthen our election infrastructure, and why we’re focused today on setting clear standards for the use of AI in election materials, so we can guard against deceptive or misleading content.”

“The use of AI-generated deepfakes for the purposes of manipulating voters and disrupting elections is an attack on democracy,” said Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier, House Chair on the Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity. “As technology advances at a rapid pace, voters should not have to wade through maliciously altered or AI-generated content to get the facts about an election. The House is taking reasonable and timely steps to mitigate any possible negative outcomes and preserve election integrity.”

“As we approach another election season, we cannot ignore the reality of artificial intelligence being weaponized to spread misinformation at an unprecedented scale,” said Representative Jessica Ann Giannino (D-Revere). “Deepfakes and synthetic media pose a direct threat to voter trust and to the integrity of our democratic process. These bills send a clear message: in Massachusetts, we will not allow deception to undermine our elections. Voters deserve to know that what they are seeing and hearing is real. I am grateful to Speaker Mariano, Chairman Hunt, Chair Farley-Bouvier, and our colleagues for their leadership in advancing these critical protections to safeguard our

democracy.”

“Integrity in our elections is essential to our democracy. These pieces of legislation require that the public be notified when AI is used in a political campaign and prohibits the unlawful use of AI to create fake ads. I am pleased to support both of these bills,” said State Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D. Winthrop).

An Act to Protect against Election Misinformation prohibits the distribution of deceptive communications within 90 days of an election, which includes:

- Audio or visual media which depicts a candidate with intent to injure their reputation or deceive a voter into voting for or against them.
- Media that concerns the safety or regular operations of an election with intent to disrupt the integrity of the electoral process.
- Content with the intent to mislead voters as to the date and time of an election; the requirements, methods, or deadlines to vote; the certification of an election; and the express endorsement of a candidate or ballot initiative by a political party, elected official, nonprofit organization, or another person.

The bill authorizes a political candidate whose voice or likeness appears in a materially deceptive audio or visual media to seek injunctive or other equitable relief prohibiting the distribution of the media, or to bring an action for damages and attorney’s fees against the party that distributed the media. Exemptions for the 90-day prohibition include: media outlets who air the ads or report on the ads as part of a newscast as long as they clearly acknowledge that there are questions about its authenticity; websites, newspapers, magazines and periodicals; and satire and parody.

Act enhancing disclosure requirements for synthetic media in political advertising requires that any synthetic media audio or video communication intended to influence voting for or against a candidate or ballot proposition must disclose at the beginning and end of the communication that it contains AI generated materials. Violations are punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

“With the rapid advancement in new media technologies, it is important that we have proper safeguards in place to ensure this technology is not abused or manipulated to intentionally mislead voters,” said House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones. “House Bill 5094 provides for greater election transparency by mandating the full disclosure of any artificial intelligence-generated synthetic media used in political advertising and establishing monetary penalties for violations. Promoting the responsible use of new technologies in campaign advertising will help to ensure that voters have access to reliable information, so they can make an informed decision about whether to support a candidate.”

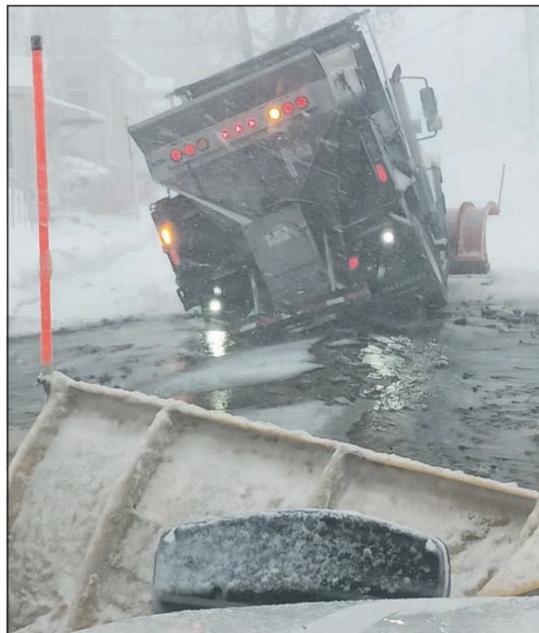
An Act to Protect against Election Misinformation passed the House by a vote of 154-3. An Act enhancing disclosure requirements for synthetic media in political advertising passed the House by a vote of 157-0. Both bills now go to the Senate for consideration.

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