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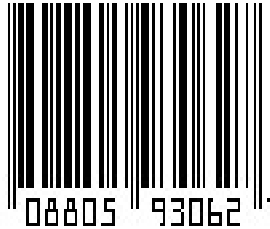
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INDEPENDENT



Newspaper Group

Judge awards legal fees to Judy Racow

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

A Superior Court judge has awarded Police Office Judy Racow with the legal and other costs associated with the Racow vs. Town of Winthrop sex discrimination case she initially filed with the MCAD.

On Dec. 18 Judge Karen Green denied the Town's motion for judgment notwithstanding the verdict (an attempt to vacate the verdict) and granted Racow's Petition for Award of Attorney's fees and costs.

Under the anti-discrimination anti-retaliation statutes, if a plaintiff is successful at trial the plaintiff is entitled to be reimbursed for reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

In this case over 1,100 hours have been tallied by Racow's team, totaling \$541,554 in attorney's fees and \$13,187 in costs. This brings the total judgment against the town to more than \$2.5 million.

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WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND PERFORMS FOR TRAVELERS AT LOGAN AIRPORT



The Winthrop Middle School band delighted travelers prior to Christmas when they were given the opportunity to play holiday favorites in Terminal C at Logan Airport on Dec. 19.

Winthrop Sun Transcript's 2018 People of the Year Ron Vecchia is Man of the Year

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

This past year has not been an easy one in Winthrop. There have been three town managers, three legal cases stemming from the Police Department, an outcry from the residents about the future of the center business district, a continued complaint about parking and the unknown impacts of development at nearby Suffolk Downs.

Throughout it all one man has been taking it all in stride as the Town Council president and he has been above board when dealing with the town matters. Ron Vecchia has maintained a decorum to keep



Town Council president Ron Vecchia.

the challenging times under control. He is open and takes the time to give the bottom line answer on a situation.

This year Ron Vecchia is Winthrop Sun Transcript's Man of the Year.

Getting past this year Vecchia said that he relies on his experience.

"A lot of these issues I have seen and they come and go," he said. "I understand why people are concerned about certain things, and I listen. Then I go through a process to work it out."

The first six months of 2018 Vecchia said he spent a lot of

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Rose Trifoni Mazzuchelli is Woman of the Year

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

There are those who exude goodness, and Veteran's Services Officer Rose Trifoni Mazzuchelli is one of those people. She attributes this to

the way she was raised in the North End and Revere.

For many years, she's been helping veterans, not just from Winthrop, but also from Billerica and East Boston and around. She is one of 30 fe-

male Veterans Services Officer in the Commonwealth, a rare breed that is growing said Mazzuchelli.

Mazzuchelli served in the Army from 1979 - 2000 in active duty and reserves, multiple deployments. As a military police officer, Mazzuchelli soon was appointed a special agent.

In 2013 she was hired as the town's first female veterans services officer

When she is not working with a veteran Mazzuchelli is a teacher with Hallmark Health teaching first aid, CPR. She teaches the same privately and also for the town, most notably

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Santa's Winthrop driver retires after 35 years

By Kate Anslinger

When Winthrop Firefighter Dennis Boudrow was only 12 years old, he rescued an elderly man from a burning building behind his family's store in East Boston. It was in that moment that he developed what would become a life-long passion for the fire service.

During his 35-year career on the Winthrop Fire Department, Boudrow has served the people in the town through his heroic efforts, but he is most well-known for his role as Santa's driver on Christmas Eve. Initially he took on the role as a temporary assignment, but it only took one night to realize that he was the perfect fit to cart Santa around town. On Monday evening, Boudrow kicked off his retirement in a fitting way, driving Santa around on Christmas Eve one final time. The only difference this year was that

he was greeted with residents holding up "happy retirement" signs along Santa's entire route.

"I had no idea about any of this, it was beyond amazing," said Boudrow, as he was interviewed by Fox 25 News.

There was no shortage of people wishing Boudrow well, as he was presented with cards and gifts along his route.

"I'm still a bundle of emotions right now," he said. "Last night was amazing, I never expected that in my life. I never did that job for any kind of accolades and I simply loved seeing the faces of both kids and adults throughout the years. I have the perfect vantage point as Santa's driver. The looks on their faces takes your breath away, that's what Christmas is for me."

Boudrow's passion for fire service was contagious and both of his sons, Doug and

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PHOTOS BY KATE ANSLINGER

Firefighter Dennis Boudrow makes his way through the crowd as he gets off the fire truck. Boudrow, who retired this week, has been Santa's driver in Winthrop for the Santa Parade on Christmas Eve for years. It was his last round with Santa this Christmas Eve. Meanwhile, Santa was a hit on the route, shown here waving to one of the "nice" children on his list. See more photos on Page 6.



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In 1897, Francis P. Church, an editorial writer for the New York Sun, received this letter from a little girl, and wrote the now-famous reply. It remains appropriate for this holiday season 107 years later.

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon 115 West 95th St. New York, N.Y.

Dear Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal life with which the child-hood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairs! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimney on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove. Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is not a sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is not proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, Dec. 17

Report of male party in lobby of Governors Park. He is sleeping. 93 and 94 spoke with male party who fell asleep waiting for his friend. He will be on his way.

Caller at Bellevue and Johnson Avenue, stated she was walking her dog and witnessed a motor vehicle hit another vehicle.

Caller on Sea Foam Avenue stated that trucks are blocking the sidewalks making it difficult to walk. Officer had one truck move off the sidewalk.

Officer went to Tewksbury Street to see if party is there and have him contact a State Police trooper. Officer spoke with party's mother and she told officer he no longer lives there and believes he is living out of his vehicle. He does not answer calls from her or his friends. Officer left a piece of paper with the Trooper's information just in case she is able to get in touch with him.

Caller states he was driving by and did not get the plate but this vehicle is parked way too close to the street. Caller states it is right before the playground at the end of Cutler Street. Vehicle is legally parked.

Citation issued for crosswalk violation to subject at Putnam and Jefferson Street.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Caller on Summit Avenue states that the apartment above her is making a lot of noise. Units clear, no noise coming from the apartment and no way to get in contact with the party inside.

911 hang up on Sargent Street. Accidental by son. Units checked the home and everything checks out.

Party at Shirley Street and Trident Avenue states there is a large pickup truck parked on the sidewalk and parked past a no parking sign. Unit clear, made contact with the party and he was informed not to park his vehicle there.

Probation Officer out of Cambridge stated she would like a unit to go by Governors Park and check out individual. He is on a GPA bracelet and curfew, and they are unable to track him at this time. He

is supposed to be home until 6 p.m. and they are unable to contact him by phone. If he is there have him call his probation officer or a warrant will be issued. Officer spoke to the male party and he will be contacting his probation officer.

Report of two parties stuck in an elevator at Kennedy Road. Parties were able to get out through the basement level. Fire was on the scene.

Party came into the station to report that a third unauthorized party has been using her EZ pass account with her credit card information.

Party on Quincy Avenue came to the station to report a larceny from his residence. The larceny is believed to have taken place on Dec. 1 during a move from his old apartment to his new apartment. His wife's engagement ring was taken from a jewelry box. The reporting party suspects that the movers who were alone in the apartment for five to 10 minutes stole the ring.

Caller on Crest Avenue states an erratic driver parked in front of the liquor store. Caller states she is worried he is possible intoxicated. Unit checked the area but nothing showing.

Tow driver reports a trespass tow from Governors Park for being in the fire lane.

Tow driver reports a towing of a motor vehicle from Governors Park for an expired inspection sticker.

Another tow from Governors Park for motor vehicle repo.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Motor vehicle blocked a driveway at Shirley and Nevada Street. Owner of the vehicle came by and moved the vehicle. Party was spoken to about parking in front of driveways and issued a ticket. Unit is working not he removal of a green scooter/motorcycle with no plates chained to the street sign. G&J has the scooter. Scooter was chained to a stop sign o the corner of Shirley and Nevada streets.

Call by an individual on Pleasant Street who saw kayak floating in the ocean. The owner of the kayak lives on

his boat at the marina which is still in the mooring. The kayak has been floating around in the harbor. Having the harbor master to respond to the boat that is attached to the mooring. Harbormaster checked boat and no one on board. Spoke with the caller. The kayak was originally drifting near Belle Isle but ended up at the marina unattended. Missing party was fond on the edge of Bayswater in East Boston. He was looking for his kayak.

Shirley Street resident reports that an unknown party had left a CD labeled "Christmas Music" in their mailbox and when they attempted to play the CD, it appeared to contain a computer virus that disabled their computer and may have compromised their personal data.

Walk-in to the station to report that individual has gotten two notes left on her vehicle in the past three months. Her vehicle is parked legally. The notes have been left anonymously.

Caller on Woodside Avenue states he had two suspicious male customers using fake identities. Will be investigating situation more. Cleared with report to follow.

Coral Avenue resident came into the tasting to report that he suspects a former roommate may have stolen clothes and other items from another roommate and he believes those items are at a storage unit in Everett. It was explained to the reporter that the roommate alleging that her items were missing will have to be the one to filing a report and further, that we would be unable to obtain a warrant to search the storage unit without facts establishing probable cause not a mere suspicion.

Caller will be at the corner of Cutler and Shirley Streets. States he had an expensive lock on the street sign on the cross street and it now gone. Would like to speak to an officer. Caller had a scooter locked up on a public street sign. Police towed it to G&J this morning. Caller was given this information.

Party on Beach Street and Shore Drive states there were two males stating they were

from the gas company looking for a gas leak in the neighborhood. This pair was going house to house. Units checked the area and spoke to people, but could not locate the vehicle or male parties in question at this time. They will continue to check the area but are clear for calls if needed.

Caller on Shirley Street states that her husband is bipolar and left the house stating Q5 statements. He usually hangs near the Winthrop Yacht Club. Caller then called back to say that her husband had returned back to the house. Police are on the scene requesting medical aid. 35-year-old male transported to the Whidden Hospital voluntarily.

Thursday, Dec. 20

Trespass tow by Todisco Towing from Governors Park.

Caller on Wadsworth Street state there is a dead possum in the street. DPW notified.

Assisted Delta 6 and medical with student who has an injured shoulder on Main Street. An 18-year-old vocational student injured from working outside. Transferred to BMC.

Caller from Pauline Street states a vehicle is parked over the limit in front of his store. Vehicle is in the 1 hour limit spot. Officer will go back in an hour to check if it still there. When officer went back the vehicle had moved.

Party from Veterans Road says a male party who has caused problems in the past at said address broke the handle off to the apartment building door and it is preventing them from getting inside. Two parties were interviewed on the matter and the officer will be going to talk with the individual who was suspected of breaking the door handle.

Female party called the police station to report that she received a call from the IRS stating she owed money and needed to withdraw money from the bank. The party on the other end of the phone stated that if she did not get the money a sheriff would come to her house in 25 minutes and take her into custody. The caller was advised that

this was a SCAM and not to give money to anyone.

Caller on Cottage Park Road states her handicapped parking spot is getting blocked by an oil truck. Officer in the area is stating there there is nothing showing.

A male party came into the station to report that he received a phone call from a person stating that his grandson had been arrested down the Cape and he needed \$5,000 to post the bond. The caller said that he wanted him to purchase five \$1,000 Home Depot gift cards. The reporting party was advised that this was a SCAM and not to get any gift cars for the calling party.

Report of a male searching through cars pulling door handles. Units searched the area of Main Street on both sides of the bridge and nothing showing matching the description of the male or the vehicle.

Caller is a truck driver's box and states that his driver went down Marshall Street because of the Main Street block and he is now stuck on the street unable to make any turns. Detail officer going to assist. Units will assist in moving a few parked cars so the truck can get through. Vehicles were moved and the truck was on its way.

93 off with parked motor vehicle at Hannaford Park. Units advised to take their activities elsewhere.

Party came to the station to report that he lost his black wallet somewhere between JWs and the police department. He is unable to get home. Party is confined to a wheelchair. Winthrop Taxi contacted but was unable to assist. Party was provided with \$7 so he could take the bus.

Friday, Dec. 21

Caller is a taxi driver and stated he just dropped off a male party on Myrtle Avenue and the male party did not pay his fare. He just walked into his house. Unit stated the fare was settled.

93 requests vehicle on Circuit Road be added to the 72-hour list. Multiple parking violations on the vehicle.

Caller on Almont Street found a brown-and-white dog. No collar. Caller has the dog at home. ACO believes the dog came from Summit Avenue so he will be heading in that direction to possibly find its home. Animal was brought back to its owner on Summit Avenue.

At approximately 6 p.m. Friday, Winthrop Police responded to CVS, 3 Woodside Ave., for a report of a pedestrian that was struck by a motor vehicle in the parking lot.

Upon arrival, officers came upon a 61-year-old Winthrop man who had suffered a serious leg injury and was lying on the ground next to a white, 15-passenger van.

Officers immediately rendered aid to the victim. Officers tended to the man until Winthrop Fire personnel and emergency medical technicians from Action Ambulance arrived on scene.

The man was taken by ambulance to Massachusetts General Hospital with injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the man was accidentally struck by his own vehicle upon exiting the van. The cause of the incident remains under investigation.

No further information is being released at this time.

Saturday, Dec. 22

At approximately 10 a.m. on Department of Recreation and Conservation property, two dogs came in contact with a metal panel on the ground used to cover electrical wires and components and were electrocuted.

The two dog owners called Winthrop Police. The Winthrop Animal Control Officer arrived on scene across from 33 Shore Drive, and checked on the dogs. Both of them were ok and were not transported and went home with their owners.

State Police were notified and took over the scene. They are investigating the cause. One of the dogs was a German Shepherd and the other was a Boxer.

Income tax rate to drop to 5.05 percent on Jan. 1

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue confirmed last week that the required revenue metrics have been met to ensure the state's Part B income tax rate will drop on Jan. 1, 2019 from the current 5.10 percent to 5.05 percent.

"A strong economy and careful management of the Commonwealth's finances have created the conditions for Massachusetts taxpayers to get a much-deserved break," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "We are pleased that next year we will see taxpayers be able to keep more of

their hard-earned money."

A state law enacted in 2002 provides the statutory mechanism to lower the Part B individual income tax rate, based on certain revenue milestones. The legislation replaced a tax rate reduction schedule that had passed by ballot initiative in November 2000.

"I was pleased to receive confirmation from the Department of Revenue that the revenue trigger had been met. This reflects steady revenue growth and a nice break for taxpayers," said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan.

The law provides that for

each tax year in which certain inflation-adjusted baseline revenue growth requirements are met, the income tax rate will be reduced by increments of 0.05 percentage points until the rate reaches 5 percent.

Part B income includes wages, salary, and many other forms of income, including self-employment income; business, professional and farm income; S corporation distributions; and rental income from personal property. The rate associated with Part B income is also applied to several other income categories, including interest and dividends and most long-term capital gains.

There are five revenue tests that determine whether a rate reduction is required, beginning with growth in revenue over the previous fiscal year, and including a series of four additional growth measures. If any one of the incremental tests is not met, the rate reduction does not proceed. With

DOR's certification of the most recent revenue measure, all five tests in 2018 have now been met.

The rate reduction was last triggered on Jan. 1, 2016, when it dropped from 5.15-percent to 5.10-percent. Previous reductions included:

- Jan. 1, 2012 (rate reduced from 5.3-percent to 5.25-percent)

- Jan. 1, 2014 (rate reduced from 5.25-percent to 5.2-percent)

- Jan. 1, 2015 (rate reduced from 5.2-percent to 5.15-percent)

The state budget for Fiscal 2019 accounted for the income tax rate change, which is projected to reduce tax revenue by approximately \$84 million in Fiscal Year 2019 and approximately \$175 million in Fiscal Year 2020.

If revenues in 2019 are sufficient to trigger a further rate reduction, the Part B income tax rate will drop to 5-percent for the 2020 tax year.

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time just listening to people

"Listen, it's very important," Vecchia said, even if it means letting someone at a council meeting speak longer than three minutes. "I think there has been a craving for that ever since we lost the Town Meeting. Because people felt at Town Meeting they could go on and on and on."

Coming off his first full year as Council President, Vecchia is no stranger to serving the community. He is a former three-time member of the Board of Selectmen (before the Charter change more than a decade ago.) He has also been a member of the Conservation Commission

Vecchia, 71, has also been a dedicated member of WCAT cable television for over 30 years. In fact he was on the

Board of Selectmen when the contract was signed with Time-Warner in the mid-1980s. Since then he has made time for his show "Community Forum with Ron Vecchia" showcasing clubs and organizations in town or talking about the hot issues. Now he also has a show called "Me and the Manager" where he invites the town manager on the show to talk about Winthrop.

Ron and his wife Linda have four daughters, and seven grandchildren with one on the way. He is a Vietnam veteran Air Force military police, serving from 1965-1969 and during the Tet Offensive.

In his earlier career, Vecchia worked for Raytheon and General Electric.

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

BEEFY PIZZA ROLL-UP

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 pound prepared pizza dough
- 12 slices pepperoni, thinly sliced
- 1/2 (8 ounce) package shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 (4 ounce) ball shredded mozzarella

- cheese
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, or as needed
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt, or to taste
- 1 (8 ounce) can pizza sauce, or as needed

Directions:

1. Heat a skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir beef until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes. Add onion; cook until translucent, about 3 minutes more. (Drain and discard grease.)
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
3. Roll out dough onto a baking sheet. Layer pepperoni, beef mixture, Cheddar cheese, and mozzarella cheese in the center of the dough. Roll up and seal all ends. Brush with olive oil; sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and sea salt.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes.
5. Pour pizza sauce into a microwave-safe bowl; heat in the microwave until warm, 3 to 4 minutes. Serve alongside pizza roll.

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North Shore Music Theatre honors David Coffee & Cheryl McMahon in celebration of their 25th productions of ‘A Christmas Carol’

On Sunday, Dec. 9, Bill Hanney’s North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) honored two cast members, David Coffee (Ebenezer Scrooge) and Cheryl McMahon (Mrs. Dilber), both celebrating their 25th appearance in the holiday show, “A Christmas Carol.”

Following the 2 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday, Dec. 9, citations were presented on stage to both recipients by State Representative, Jerry Parisella and; on behalf of Senator, Joan Lovely’s office, by Chief of Staff Johanna Wakelin and Director of Constituent Services, Hannah Mori. Following the performance, nearly one hundred guests gathered at NSMT’s Backstage Bistro for a celebratory dinner in honor of the recipients.

“This year’s production of ‘A Christmas Carol’ is even more festive than ever before. This year we are celebrating two beloved cast members, David Coffee and Cheryl McMahon, who are both marking their twenty-fifth appearance in the show,” said NSMT’s owner and producer Bill Hanney. “With each passing year, we look forward to watching them perform together on stage. We are never disappointed with the new ways they find to make us laugh, and cry, and fill us with the spirit of the holidays!”

Sunday night’s post show celebration was filled with heartfelt stories that had guests in tears as we listened to sentiments shared by Owner/Producer, Bill Hanney; the

show’s creator, Jon Kimbell, NSMT’s Producing Artistic Director and Director/Choreographer of the show, Kevin P. Hill, NSMT Staff, Cast members, former trustees and patrons.

“Both David and Cheryl were incredibly moved listening to the impact their portrayals of these iconic figures have left on our community. We surprised both David and Cheryl, as well as Bill Hanney with official A Christmas Carol bathrobes and presented David and Cheryl with beautiful crystal sculptures with customized holograms of their characters,” said NSMT’s General Manager, Karen Nascembeni.

Jon Kimbell said, “Hiring David Coffee was the smartest move of my entire career.” Director/Choreographer, Kevin P. Hill said, “I can’t imagine doing this show without David, or, Cheryl, and I hope I never have to.”

In their thank you speeches, Cheryl McMahon closed by saying, “I want to make it clear that this is not a retirement party. David, I’m in for another 25 years. What about you?”

David Coffee gave an emotional speech reflecting on his long history in performing this role, but, somberly reflecting on his Mother’s absence, “This would have meant so much to Mother, who, I so wish was with us tonight. I know she is in spirit. My dear friend, Pat Burke is wearing her sweater and Cheryl is wearing her jewelry. I know

she’s looking down on us this evening with joy and pride.”

Based on the Charles Dickens classic, “A Christmas Carol” is an original adaptation by former NSMT Artistic Director Jon Kimbell and members of the NSMT staff, following Ebenezer Scrooge through a series of strange and magical ghostly encounters, where he ultimately discovers the true spirit of the holiday season. With dazzling special effects that have grown even more exciting over time, traditional and original songs, and colorful costumes, “A Christmas Carol” has become a holiday favorite throughout New England having been seen by more than one million people since 1989.

NSMT audience favorite, David Coffee, returns for his twenty-fifth year playing Ebenezer Scrooge. “A Christmas Carol” also features Leigh Barrett (The Ghost of Christmas Past, Mrs. Cratchit), Peter S. Adams (The Ghost of Christmas Present, Gentleman 1), Ryan Mardesich (The Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come, Young Scrooge), Freddie Kimmel (Jacob Marley), Tommy Labanaris (Narrator), Russell Garrett (Bob Cratchit), Cameron Hobbs (Pearlie), Parker Krug (Pearlie), Joy Clark (Belle), Andy Tighe (Fred), Cheryl McMahon (Mrs. Dilber/ Mrs. Fezziwig), J.T. Turner (Mr. Fezziwig/Gentleman 2), Bobby Conte (Old Joe, Ensemble), Lianne Gennaco (Meg, Ensemble), Allsun O’Malley (Ensemble), Ian Shain (Dick

Wilkins, Ensemble), and Janelle Yull (Ensemble).

The cast of 27 actors also feature many local young performers including Isabella Carroll (Belinda Cratchit), Jake Ryan Flynn (London Boy), Joseph Flynn (London Boy), Asher Navisky (Peter Cratchit), Grace Olah (Fan), Cam Perrin (Ensemble), AJ Scott (Tiny Tim), and Nicole Talbot (Martha Cratchit), and Wade Gleeson Turner (Boy Scrooge).

The creative team for “A Christmas Carol” includes Kevin P. Hill (Director and Choreographer), Milton Granger (Music Direction), Howard C. Jones (Original Scenic Design), Kelly Baker (Costume Coordinator and additional Costume Design), Jack Mehler (Lighting Design), Leon Rothenberg (Sound Design), Natalie A. Lynch (Production Stage Manager), Dakotah Wiley Horan (Assistant Stage Manager), and Robert L. Rucinski (Assistant Music Director). Flying effects are provided by ZFX, Inc. A CHRISTMAS CAROL is produced for North Shore Music Theatre by Bill Hanney (Owner/Producer), Kevin P. Hill (Producing Artistic Director), and Matthew Chappell (Associate Producer, Casting Director).

Throughout the run of “A Christmas Carol” NSMT is collecting toys in the lobby for Tiny Tim’s Toy Drive. NSMT will be accepting unopened, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2 – 12. All toys will be donated to Toys for Tots.

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for the coaches in the Parks and Recreation Department. She also used to be in the catering business but gave it up this year. Over at St. John’s you will find her teaching in the Genesis program, religious education for special needs.

“It is so rewarding,” Mazzuchelli said. “We have kids who are non-verbal and by the end of the year they are saying simple prayers.”

She also runs a food bank, shuttles her mom to appointments, she’s on the executive board veterans services officers association, she also travels for public speaking events in other communities, and recently had an opportunity to speak in front of a physicians group about the role of a VSO. She also mentors upcoming VSOs.

The Italian culture that runs through her runs through her family too. Her daughter Lauren helps with the Veterans Food Bank and her 21-year-old son Paulie helps in the office.

Mazzuchelli, 57, is married to David. She is mother to six

children, four of her own and two that she took in – she’s actually had a lot of young people find their way to her house, friends or acquaintances, all needing the extra support that Mazzuchelli has to give. Some stay for months, others years.

“My house was always the house kids came to, because I would cook, I never knew how many people were going to be at my dinner table every night,” she said.

She is a traditional Italian cook. “I always had an extra few pounds of pasta so there was enough. That’s how my house was growing up too,” she said.

“My house was like that growing up,” she said about her home near St. Anthony’s. “We always had food, and anybody could come over to the house. We were always a warm family.”

She lived around a lot of family, uncles, grandparents saying, “You could never have a secret in an Italian family, everybody would know in three minutes,” she said.

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Beth Myers of Powers, Jodoin, Margolis & Matell in Boston has been representing Racow and Attorney Jeremy Silverfine, of Perkins, Brody, Hardon and Kesten in Boston, has been representing the Town of Winthrop in this case.

“At this point we are more focused on the punitive award of damages with the original decision” said Town Manager Austin Faison.

The original decision came in March 2018 when Judge Green found in favor of Racow and awarded damages just over \$2.3 million.

After a two-week long jury trial last winter Justice Karen F. Green decided in favor of Sgt. Judy Racow, who has been on the force for 23 years. The 12-member jury and

two alternates found that Racow had been discriminated against on account of her sex.

In December 2013 Racow filed discrimination charges with the MCAD alleging sex discrimination and retaliation. She withdrew the complaint in September 2014, yet had complained that the defendant’s response to her alleged misconduct was more severe than alleged misconduct of male officers. She also claimed that complaints about working conditions were not taken as seriously, and that she was denied special assignments, training and other benefits awarded to less-qualified colleagues.

Racow also claims she was passed over for becoming a motorcycle officer, school resource officer and K-9 officer.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Food Trends for 2019

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Changes in the way we eat and what we are offered to eat sometimes happen so slowly we hardly notice them. Other fads burst onto the scene and quickly become the brunt of jokes about having a yogurt shop, smoothie shop, juice bar, or the current contender a poke shop on each block.

As in past years, we’ve gathered information about a few subtle trends that you may notice in 2019.

Making Taste Important

Back in 2014 we reported on some early work from Dan Barber: chef, author, and a leader of the sustainable and flavorful food movement. Barber said, “I was talking with a seed breeder— a brilliant young guy who looks like Harry Potter—and when I told him I was looking for a particular flavor in a squash, he stopped me: ‘No one has ever asked me to breed for flavor.’ Everyone has asked him to breed for yield.”

That conversation led to the development of the oh-so-delicious Honeynut Squash. Now Barber is developing other foods, including wheat and tomatoes from the genetic level, through his Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture. This is a man to follow and support.

Resources and Education to Stop Food Waste

The latest project from Irene and Mei Li is the website Food Waste Feast where they teach you “How to cook more creatively... and stop throwing out perfectly good food.” Sustainability has always been part of their businesses – the Mei Mei food truck, catering business, and restaurant.

A different aspect of food waste is composting to keep food out of landfills. Boston has a pilot program, Project Oscar, with a few composting bins around the city. We are also seeing more buckets out for pick up by businesses like Bootstrap Compost.

More Healthy Options, Less Service

Unhealthy junk food chains



One of our favorite trends is the development of new food varieties that are bred for flavor, like our favorite – Honeynut squash.

are closing locations and smaller, healthier fast food venues are springing up. Some feature a farm-to-table feeling with bowls of grains and veggies. Others are offering foods from up-and-coming ethnic cuisines like those poke shops we mentioned earlier.

Watch for more small, sharply focused restaurants, pop-ups, and street food vendors. Their specialty may be a dish like ramen, hot pot, yakitori, Egyptian koshari, popovers, or an outstanding artisan pizza. You’ll be seeing more food from places like Cuba, Peru, Brazil, Korea, the Philippines, North Africa, and Greece.

Food Related Issues for 2018

Finding workers is a serious problem for the hospitality industry. New food ventures may come with less

service. You’ll find yourself ordering on a phone app or at the counter, picking up your meal, and serving yourself.

Noise in restaurants is an ongoing issue, but there is a new way you can do something about it. The app Soundprint lets you report a decibel reading for a restaurant. As crowdsourced noise levels are compiled, the app will help you find quieter places where your meal can include relaxation and conversation.

As you think about the changes that are happening, keep in mind that where you spend your food dollars is ultimately a vote for what you want to happen. If you support small local businesses who care about their customers, offer a great product, and try to be good corporate and environmental citizens, they can survive and thrive. If you vote for big national chains, junk

food, highly processed food, and products from big agribusinesses, those may be your only choices in the future.

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OUR *Opinions*

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE --

AND MINDFUL -- NEW YEAR

The arrival of a new year marks a time for reflection, as to both the year that has passed and the year that lies ahead. In the words of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

But to put it another way, we might ask ourselves, “Where have we been -- and where are we going?” The latter question asks us to foresee the future, which by definition is an impossible task. Though we may make our best guess to predict what may lie ahead -- and to plan accordingly -- none of us has a crystal ball. The vicissitudes of life more often than not throw us curve balls that lay to waste even the best-laid of our plans for the year to come.

However, the former question is equally as tricky. Answering it requires both introspection and understanding, two qualities that are in short supply in our hurried world. We have barely enough time to do all the things we need to do every day, let alone try to figure out the, “Why?” of what we have done.

“Mindfulness” became the watchword of 2108. We are advised to step out of our busy lives for a few minutes each day to allow ourselves to practice “mindfulness” in the quest to bring ourselves inner peace and calm.

In a previous era, prayer served essentially the same purpose. Reciting the Rosary or a few Our Fathers, or going to a church to say a novena, was the preferred form of practicing mindfulness (though that was not the term for it in those days).

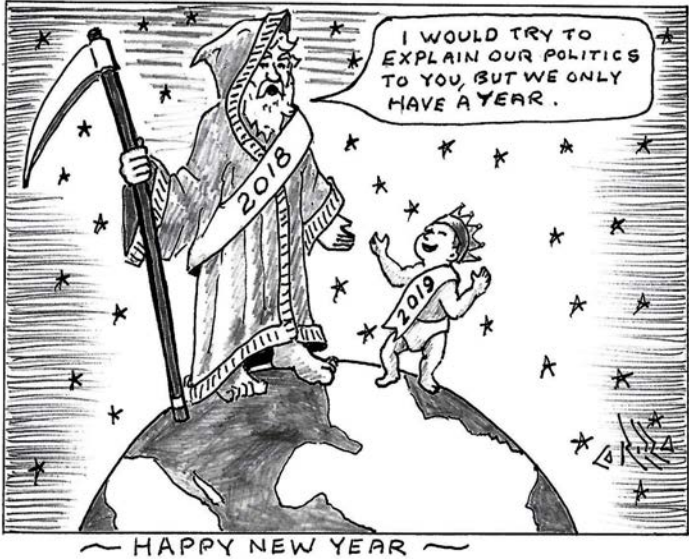
But with belief in god and attendance at church in steep decline in America in 2018, meditation and mindfulness have become the secular version of religious practice, a drug-free prescription to bring relief from the anxiety-inducing life we face every day we wake up.

However, one thing we can advise all of our readers is that celebrating the New Year -- especially over what for many of us will be an extra-long weekend -- requires all of us to make sure that we do so safely and that we are vigilant regarding the safety of others.

Although most of us these days take precautions to ensure that we do not operate a motor vehicle while under the influence on New Year’s night -- whether by means of having a designated driver, or using Uber, or staying overnight in a hotel -- there still are too many among us who will get behind the wheel of a car after having had too much to drink.

The most important thing we can do at an individual level is to prevent our friends and loved ones from becoming another tragic story by taking their keys or offering them a ride home if they appear incapable of driving soberly and safely.

We wish all of our readers a happy, healthy, safe -- and mindful -- New Year.



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LETTER to the Editor

THANK YOU

WINTHROP ELKS

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the Winthrop Elks for organizing the 39th Annual Elks Holiday Party WINARC Holiday Party. This year was their 39th annual event. Speaking as a board member of WINARC and a parent of a special needs child, I can't begin to tell you how much Winthrop participants appreciate the fine work that they do. This is evidenced by the smiles on the faces of our members who were up dancing to Mojo's singing, enjoying the tasty dinner, and delighting in the gifts in their Christmas bags.

Their event provides a venue where the WINARC participants can meet their friends, socialize, and dance together during the holiday season. It also gives an opportunity for parents, guardians, and group home workers to get together and communicate. The Elks party is considered a significant event in our calendar of activities, and we all look forward to it every year.

We truly recognize the great deal of time, effort, and financial cost it takes to put on this type of event. The Elks' committee led by Roberta DiPiero should be proud of the fine work that they do every year, and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them. The cooks, the servers, the Winthrop High School football team volunteers, and Mr. and Mrs. Santa all helped to make the event a success.

The Elks' WINARC Holiday Party truly captures the essence of the "Christmas Spirit." The good will and joy that they brought to our group members and our families represents to me what Christmas is really about.

Thank you,
Ralph Tufo

OPINION

ON CENTER

DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT PLAN

REVIEW

The following remarks were delivered at the Review Meeting at the Cultural Center on Dec 13. The following condensation of opinion are edited by the writer for this paper.

Dear [Editor],

In the front page article of last week's Transcript, two images were shown of an intended housing project atop the old CVS (formerly First National, formerly Woolworth's) store. The current brick building, though now boarded-up, was designed and scaled to fit the narrow confines of the extended Somerset Avenue, and had provided an anchor storefront of good businesses for this tight street-scene. However, the photo of this existing building is taken from the opposite direction on Woodside Avenue, making it appear large by comparison, and emphasizes the deteriorating condition of the structure.

But above this photo is an image of the outrageously overly scaled housing scheme as seen from the north end of Somerset Avenue, far away

from this new expanded structure, which gives the newspaper image a sense of a smaller complex. This view angle, as shown, was also depicted from an elevated horizon or viewpoint, which diminishes the apparent height of the complex, and would not accurately convey for a pedestrian a true sense of the project's impact.

Given my training and practice in architecture and design, and based on my 45 years of experience in working closely and intensively with world-class architects to provide design and illustrations for a huge variety of projects around this country and the world; and having a highly developed understanding of the critical importance for points of view in explaining the scale, design features and visual impact of a project with such drawings, I suggest that these images are far from telling a true or complete story of what this project would look like, or what it is really about. The developers have dictated this narrow point of view in the paper, but have yet to publicly show town residents what the actual height, bulk, depth, and aesthetically compatible design would look like from French Square, or Bartlett Road, or from abutting neighbors on Somerset Road. The recently available set of drawings at the Town Clerk's office does show other street and aerial views, however. The plans on the Town's web site are not contextual to the adjacent properties or to the larger Center, nor are they clear for most people to read or understand. Such a visible, high profile and impactful project needs to address numerous criteria, and these first impressions seem very wanting.

The other subtle aspect of this image is the picturing of an auto turning in the wrong direction from Somerset St. onto a one way street, Cottage Park Road. The very sharp presenters of this project, responsible for every nickel of expense and every detail of their proposal, excused their architect's, engineer's or illustrator's error on this traffic direction. From the current scope of this project, we might infer that the developers and the Town are intent on altering the Zoning Guidelines for the building heights, unit numbers, and occupancy density in the Center, and further to allow this development to accommodate the flow of even more vehicles into a congested area. Or will the street pattern be changed, without public input, to accommodate this project?

The street-side and other elevations, on all sides of the structure, show the town and its residents the height and bulk of this oversized project. What will be the demand on the new, soon-to-be-installed utilities by the 60, 70, 80 or so occupants of this project? It seems evident that it immediately strain the new infrastructure's capacities. What about the many inconveniences of long-term, or even compressed construction time, and eventual property devaluation to abutters that remains unad-

dressed? What has been considered about the increased traffic on our public streets by another 34 cars, as the garage plan shows, in the densest part of town? It also doesn't help that that this blocky design looks like a Lego structure, or something transplanted from Revere Beach. This project will be as high as the roof lines, and as bulky as the E.B. Newton School, in the middle of the Center.

It is also telling in the developer's project plans that on key critical points - of maximum density, maximum building height, minimal yard area or setback, and the Town's parking requirements - are all listed as "Requires Relief" from zoning restrictions.

Guidelines from the Planning Board should not be changed, altered or amended just for one project for the convenience of a developer, and to the disadvantage of the larger community. How can a developer come into town and change the rules of the game? Doing so, as this project threatens to do (or may have done already; who knows?), will mean that any zoning can be changed for any project. Hence such a precedent will result in developers swarming all over this town doing what they want, without any interference or objections. Lawsuits derive from such an unregulated, irresponsible process.

Many residents are understandably disturbed by this project. Our townsfolk should have a consensus of what the Center should look like, how to enhance its visual appeal as well as its commercial and social appeal. Successes can be easily found in other towns that have undertaken comparable transformations. There are plenty of such examples nearby to emulate. It's the Town Council, the Manager and the Townspeople, in some capacity of agreement, which should dictate how we achieve a comfortable, well-fitted transformation of a sensitive business district. How dense an area should be, how tall a project can be according to our current zoning guidelines; what materials or colors can be used, what public amenities - such as street-scapes, planting, storefronts, etc. - will be provided. These are aesthetic issues that are implied in, and should complement, the design of any project. Such design qualities affect the look and character of our Town, and are equally critical elements as is the rentable square footage that can be squeezed out of a project. There are also social issues of the residency, dependent on the market cost for these units, which will also have a long-term impact the town.

We should not overlook these issues having to do with aesthetics, scale, materials, social uses and integration of any project in the unique setting of our Center; let alone the necessities and access issues of municipal services, let alone the disruptions to existing businesses, abutting or nearby residents; let alone value impacts to their property values. And let alone the

rules-bending by any party to realize their vision that clouds residents views; from which they are have recorded on their drawings will "require relief".

Of principal concern, that this project might offer is what benefits the community environment; or from the Town Council, what the short and long-term advantages might be for all concerned parties; other than increased tax revenues. I suggest that the proposed benefit of increased tax revenues to the Town is a financial intangible that no one really sees on the street every day. But a proposed project, that might fatten the Town's budget and provide a better bottom line, will never offset the disturbing, unsettling, unsightly, over-scaled, and over-dense conditions that would be created by unfettered construction.

The intended or unintended results of this project are much too large to not consider more fully. The center should not be shaped in a way that only suits developers, but enhanced in deliberate ways to become an asset for the entire community. Winthrop's town officials and residents need to be more pro-active as to what they want our town to be. A development of this scope will alter Winthrop's Center for decades, if not generations to come. Collectively, we have to proceed with a full sense of civic commitment from residents and Council alike that this project is worth creating in this Town and in this place.

I have reserved confidence in the new Town Manager, but remain skeptical of the diminished decision-making of only a six-member Town Council that will vote to decide the fate of the center.

The Town could first and economically, readily initiate a celebratory project that adds to the distinctive appeal or character of the town and the Center specifically. An inviting competition or open proposals for a mural on the CVS wall, for example, depicting the narrow gauge train, or an ocean scene, or the docked boats that occupy our yacht clubs. A sculpture or some telling project about Mike Eruzione celebrating the undiminished recognition for his Olympic performance, would be quite relevant in this sports-minded town. Or a historic restoration of Scotty's seminal gas station canopy and facade that hearkens back to the 50s. Our cultural council could help with any such arts project. Arts are what accentuate a town and enhance its identity, and can make Winthrop a most attractive destination for many visitors.

No matter how a developer wants the rules changed, and wants us to play his way, Winthrop should not be bullied into letting this project proceed. This project will stomp on the center. Bottom line for me, this project is an ugly foot, and much too big, for too small and delicate a shoe. I believe the residents, and our Town, deserves better.

Sincerely,
Frank M. Costantino

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

By G. David Hubbard • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

ARTICLE 859 - NEAR WATERTOWER HILL IN THE 1950s



An article in 2014 reviewed life at Fort Dawes during the late 1950s as described by Robert Higgins a young serviceman who was stationed there at the time. Among the material he sent me, from his home in California, were a number of photographs he had taken in Winthrop when he was off duty and explored the area near Water Tower Hill, which we felt would bring back memories to those of us who were living here then. Picture one shows the ice cream store known as Hams at Delby's Corner which was the intersection of Shirley Street and Washington Avenue. This was a favorite hangout for many of the people who were enjoying a day on Winthrop beaches. This building is now an apartment house and Hams is long gone. Picture two was taken from the same spot, which is now in front of the Hi Tide restaurant, looking north up Shirley Street where one can see Myer Brill's Tele-

vision Store in the building where D'Parma Restaurant is today. The large brick building further up the street was the Winthrop Beach Casino built circa 1912 which initially had a large Dance Hall on the second floor. In 1934 the 12 bowling alleys from the New Winthrop Hotel on Sturgis Street, where the All Inclusive Care for the Elderly Center is today, were moved into the first floor where they were operated by the brothers Ernest and Robert Lessard. This building was razed in 1962 to make way for the Crystal Cove Apartments that are now there across the street from the old Shirley Street School that has been converted into the Chase Condominium. . Picture three is of the Governor Winthrop Hotel, which still stands at 600 Shirley St. and is known today as the Inn at Crystal Cove. It was originally constructed about 1895 as the Colonial Inn. During the 1940 to 1960 period it was known as

the Governor Winthrop Motel and Apartments. The cannon in the front yard is reported to be identical to those brought from Fort Ticonderoga by Revolutionary War Patriots to Dorchester Heights to fight the British in Boston. Today there is a swimming pool in the yard. Picture four shows the beach along Shirley Street looking north toward Water Tower Hill before the tower was painted Red White and Blue. This beach was named "Yirrell Beach" after Frederick W. Yirrell who died in the South China Sea during World War II. As you can see, this beach was being enjoyed then by many people just as it is today. We appreciate Bob Higgins kindness in sending this material to us. If anyone else that reads these 'Then and Now' articles has any old pictures or historical information that might be useful in future articles, please call me at 617-846-2901.



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

20 years ago
Dec. 24, 1998
An arbitrator has awarded police officers a generous 5-3-3 percent pay raise over three years, starting retroactively back to July 1, 1997, through June 30, 2000. She also rejected the selectmen's proposal for mandatory drug screenings for officers upon suspected drug use.
The assessors have set a new tax rate at \$14.47, an increase of just 22 cents over last year, which will mean a small increase of only \$37.40 for the average home assessed at \$170,000. That home will have a new property tax bill of \$2459.90.

The body of a Wakefield woman was found at the Public Landing at 2:15 Tuesday morning, the victim of a self-inflicted gunshot. The victim reportedly had serious health problems and had been told she was facing knee, back, and heart surgery.

Santa will ride through the town's streets stop a fire truck courtesy of the Fire Department on Christmas Eve.
'Patch Adams,' 'Stepmom,' and 'Might Joe Young' are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
Dec. 28, 1988
Local officials are expressing their disappointment with a ruling by the U.S. Department of Transportation that has rejected a plan by Massport to impose new landing fees at peak hours for small aircraft. Massport plans to appeal the decision.

A 30-year-old Winthrop man has been charged with attacking a 79-year-old school crossing guard in front of the Willis School on Hermon St. Thursday morning.
'Twins,' 'Rain Man,' and 'The Land Before Time' are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago
Dec. 27, 1978
A 16-year-old East Boston youth and a 17-year-old Revere youth have been charged with the kidnaping and rape of a 16-year-old local girl. The girls told police that she was walking along Main St. near Pleasant St. at 5:50 p.m. when a light-colored car pulled alongside her. She then was dragged into the vehicle by one of the defendants.

The selectmen will hold a second public hearing on their plans to submit a preapplication to HUD for a federal block grant. Previous grants have refurbished Massa Playground and instituted a housing rehabilitation program.
The new professional building at 57 Putnam St. opened this week.
'Grease,' starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton John, is being held over for a second week at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago
Dec. 26, 1968
The selectmen have taken under advisement a petition signed by 500 residents calling for a Special Town Meeting to vote on the question of issuing all-purpose liquor licenses to local clubs pursuant to a recent bill filed in the legislature.
Winthrop's George "Red" Hill was the presenter of the Bulger Lowe Award, emblematic of the top college football player in New England, to Brian Dowling, the star Yale quarterback, at the recent awards dinner of the Gridiron Club of Boston. Winthrop's Swede Nelson is a member of

the awards committee.
Frank Sinatra stars in 'Lady in Cement' at the Winthrop Theatre.

60 years ago
Dec. 25, 1958
A number of Winthrop residents attended the first Mass said by Richard Cardinal Cushing since his return from Rome after his elevation to Cardinal last week. Cardinal Cushing said the Mass in the chapel at Logan Airport.
Winthrop is mourning the passing of civic and business leader Eugene P. Whittier, who had been an integral part of the town life upon arriving here 50 years ago. He had been associated with the insurance form of Eliot & Whittier, now Eliot, Whittier, and Hardy, since 1906. He was 78.
Pat Boone stars in 'Mardi Gras' at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago
Dec. 23, 1948
Horace Edwards, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election at the annual town election in March.

Eugene P. Whittier, chairman of the Winthrop Community Hospital's debt clearance fund committee, has made a special Christmas appeal for \$814 to put the fund over the top.
Capt. Albert J. "Jerry" Wyman has been named to the newly-created position of Deputy Fire Chief by the Board of Fire Engineers. Wyman in effect now is the de facto chief of the department for day-to-day operations.

The School Committee has acceded to the demands of local teachers by granting an immediate \$100 pay raise, about half of what the teachers had been seeking, effective January 1. The immediate raise comes on top of raises that will go into effect next Sept. 1 for long-time teachers.
Chelsea Soldiers Home Commandant Lawrence F. Quigley, well-known among veterans groups in the town and who has owned a summer residence on Pt. Shirley for many years, passed away this week after a lengthy illness. He was 55. Quigley had been the youngest member of the legislature when he resigned as State Representative to enlist in the first world war in 1917 and was elected to eight terms as the mayor of Chelsea in the 1920s and '30s before being named the Soldiers Home Commandant. His youngest son, Andrew, 22, won election as a Chelsea State Representative this past fall.
Edmund Gwenn, Donald Crisp, and Janet Leigh star in 'Hills of Home' at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago
Dec. 24, 1938
The public once again will be afforded the opportunity to see the beautiful Nativity Scene on the rear grounds of the Bennison estate at 170-174 Winthrop St. on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
The holiday window at Shirley Hardware, 421 Shirley St., is exceptionally well-decorated with Christmas merchandise, attracting youngsters and adults alike. The store is well-stocked with games, toys, skis, skates, sleds, and many things that will make suitable gifts for men, women, and children. Dave Groman, the proprietor, says, "This is Santa Claus' headquarters and there are only a few days left for all his

workers to gather up the items on their lists."
Tyrone Power and Loretta Young star in 'Suez' at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago
Dec. 29, 1928
It seems each year that Winthrop residents are spreading Christmas cheer more abundantly by the elaborate lighting decorations about their homes and grounds. Residents drive around town with their families to witness the spectacle and all agree they never have been prettier than this year.
A large crowd of happy children attended the appearance of Santa Claus at the Winthrop and Dream Theatres on Christmas morning after watching the movie, Hold That Lion, Santa delighted a packed house at both theatres.
Clara Bow stars in 'Three Week Ends' at the Winthrop and Dream Theatres.

110 years ago
Dec. 26, 1908
A 17-year-old East Boston youth has been charged with stealing a refrigerator from a Winthrop resident that was standing on the resident's back porch. Other local residents have been complaining lately of break-ins into their exposed refrigerators.

Residents are being warned that it is a crime to purchase federal property from soldiers. A Hull man recently was the first to be convicted under the new law after purchasing some government items from a soldier stationed in that area.

120 years ago
Dec. 30, 1898
Local churches observed the Christmas holiday with special services and events. Each of the churches was decorated beautifully.
The town is mourning the passing of Walter R. Noble, 16, who died of pneumonia. He had been ill for two months.
Do not look with disfavor at the short skirts being worn by the ladies these days, as they still have been able to keep up their appointments even during the winter season.

130 years ago
Dec. 28, 1888
Town Meeting members, of whom about 150 were present, held a long discussion about the manner in which Crest Ave. and the bulkhead from Crest Avenue to Neptune Avenue should be rebuilt. The wood work alone was estimated to cost about \$3,000 with the filling being additional to that sum. The motion to rebuild the bulkhead was defeated, with members instead deciding to write our federal legislators to seek help in having the federal government pay for the protection of Winthrop beach. However, members did approve \$500 for immediate repairs and ordered that only Winthrop men be hired to do the work, rather than having the town's money be sent to Italy.

Police are investigating a stabbing that took place Saturday morning when two men allegedly walked to Winthrop from East Boston. The two then got into an argument and one drew a knife, stabbing his companion twice in the back and neck. The victim staggered to a local home. Mr. P.M. Hayden took the victim to the city hospital upon seeing the seriousness of his condition.



Santa pointing someone out in the crowd.

Boudrow // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Stephen, are Cambridge firefighters today.

“He didn’t just like being a firefighter...he lived it and always needed to be a part of it,” said Stephen Boudrow, who recalls wearing his dad’s fire boots when he was a young boy.

Playing the role of Santa’s driver has become a part of the family’s tradition and both his sons spent several Christmas Eve’s riding in the truck alongside him.

“Growing up, Christmas Eve was my family’s favorite holiday because we got to see my dad drive Santa around Winthrop. He’s helped more people in this town that any-

one can imagine. He loved the fire department and driving Santa more than anything and I know he’s going to miss it.”

Boudrow credits the help of his fellow firefighters and longtime Christmas Eve passenger, Captain Richard Schwartz, for making every



Firefighter Boudrow with sons Doug and Stephen, both Cambridge firefighters.



Boudrow interviewed by Boston News 25 reporter.



Boudrow surrounded by family and friends in front of the family home on Somerset Avenue.

year successful. The job of driver comes along with a lot of responsibility and Boudrow and his crew have spent several hours prepping the sleigh to make it in prime shape for the annual tradition. This year, before his last spin around town, Boudrow painted the sleigh, rewired the set, added new lighting and updated the speaker system.

As of midnight on Christmas Eve, Boudrow took off his fire boots for the last time and has plans for a relaxing retirement. After working two full-time jobs for several years, having also owned a heating business, he is welcoming the change of pace and he will continue to work his part-time job doing maintenance at Kowloon Restaurant in Saugus.



Residents line the streets as Santa goes by.



Boudrow’s family gathers before his arrival to thank him for his over three decades of service to Winthrop and work with Santa Claus.



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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

LADY VIKINGS EDGE LYNN ENGLISH, 40-37

The Winthrop High girls basketball team picked up a hard-fought victory, edging Lynn English, 40-37 in overtime, last Thursday at the WHS gym.

The contest started well for the Lady Vikings, who pitched a shutout with intense defensive pressure in the first quarter to take a 9-0 at the first buzzer against the visiting Lady Bulldogs.

Winthrop maintained its

nine-point margin through the second period, taking a 20-11 lead at the half. However, the visitors came out strong after the intermission, led by its top scorer, Johnson (19 points on the night), who sank four three-pointers and two free throws in the period, to cut the Winthrop margin to one, 26-25, as the teams prepared for the final eight minutes of play.

The contest remained a defensive struggle in the fourth quarter, with English eventually knotting the score at 33-33 with two free throws in the

waning seconds of regulation. Winthrop's Lily Pulsifer was able to get off a half-court shot at the buzzer, but the ball hit the front of the rim.

The Lady Vikings switched their defense to a box-and-1 to try to keep the ball out of Johnson's hands and the strategy paid off, with Winthrop outscoring English 7-4 in the OT session.

Maura Dorr led Winthrop in the scoring department with 19 points, including five in OT. Pulsifer hit for 11 points and Caroline Earl added nine,



DETERMINED DRIVE: Holly Vaccaro (10) drives past Lynn English's Jessica Ruiz on a baseline move to the basket.

including two big free throws in the final 0.3 of overtime to seal the victory.

Two nights earlier, the Lady Vikings endured a heartbreaking 50-48 loss in overtime at Lynn Classical.

The contest was a close battle all the way, with Winthrop leading by one after one period and trailing by three, 22-19, at the intermission. The Lady Rams maintained a slight edge at the third buzzer, 35-31, but the Lady Vikings switched to a man-to-man defense for the final period that held Classical to just eight points in the final eight minutes.

Earl hit for six points in the fourth period to lead the Winthrop comeback charge,

but it was Pulsifer who tied the game at 43-43 when she drained a dramatic trey on a pass from Earl with 18 seconds to go to send the game into overtime.

Classical grabbed a quick lead to start the OT session, but Winthrop pulled within two, 50-48, led by Carolyn Kinsella, with 40 seconds on the clock. The Lady Vikings made a defensive stop and had a chance to send matters into a second overtime, but a shot by Dorr, who was draped by her defender, rolled around the rim and out at the buzzer.

Dorr led Winthrop with 15 points, followed by Earl with 12 (six in the fourth period), Kinsella with nine, and Pulsifer with five. Classical's

Crayton sisters struck for 14 and 10 points and Gup-ton-Morrison added 13.

Winthrop's Grace Galuris dislocated her shoulder on an outlet pass early in the third quarter and was forced to leave the game.

Coach Rick Pulsifer and his crew were set to play this afternoon (Thursday) in the Pope John XXIII Christmas Tournament at 1:00 against No. Reading and then will play tomorrow at either 1 or 3 p.m. in either the consolation or championship game.

The Lady Vikings will travel to Somerville next Friday, Jan. 4.

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ON HER WAY: Lily Pulsifer (4) dribbles past Lynn English Alana Espinosa on her way to two of her 11 points on the night.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:

Senior Smotrich is serious about ballet and education

By Kate Anslinger

When Grace Smotrich was just 3 years old, she discovered that she had both talent and a love for dance. Starting out at the Winthrop School of Performing Arts testing out a variety of different dance styles, the now high school senior, became serious about ballet when she was 10 years old, transferring out of town

to highly-selective dance school that centered specifically around ballet.

In 2014, Smotrich auditioned for the Pre-Professional Program at Boston Ballet School, where she was accepted and has been ever since. She is no stranger to hard work and adapted to a strict ballet training schedule,

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Grace Smotrich .

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WINTHROP HOSTS LYNN ENGLISH BULLDAWGS DEC. 20

VIKINGS BRING THE HEAT, WIN IN OVERTIME 40 - 37

Photos by Bob Marra/
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Winthrop and Lynn English gave their fans an early Christmas present last Thursday as they battled to a 33-33 tie at the end of regulation. After overtime, though, it was the Vikings with smiles and the feisty Bulldogs with coal in their stockings as Winthrop came out on top, 40-37, in a wildly entertaining girls basketball game at Winthrop High School.

Drama? How about Winthrop shutting out Lynn English in the first quarter, building a 9-0 lead powered by a pair of three-pointers by Lily Pulsifer? That nine-point difference prevailed as the Vikings held a 20-11 lead at the half, but the Bulldogs came out roaring in the third quarter.

To be more accurate, Lynn English Mashayla Johnson came out roaring as she netted four three-point shots and added a pair of free throws to account for all 14 Lynn English points as the Bulldogs narrowed the score to 26-25, Winthrop, after three quarters.

A back-and-forth fourth quarter came down to more dramatics.

With Winthrop up 33-31 and the clock ticking down, Lynn English's Maylin Echevaria was fouled. She stepped to the foul line with 3.9 seconds on the clock, and calmly swished her first shot.

Winthrop called time out, Echevaria kibitzed with her teammates, then returned to the foul line. Her second shot appeared long, but the ball hit the support, bounced straight up about five feet, and then obliged gravity, falling right through the hoop on its way down to tie the game.

Winthrop's Maura Dorr's

buzzer-beater from three-point land bounced off the rim and it was on to overtime.

Lynn English went up 35-33 on an Echevaria shot, but Dorr answered with a three-pointer, giving Winthrop a 36-35 lead that they never surrendered. Caroline Earl secured the win with a pair of free throws that sealed the Vikings' 40-37 win.

Dorr and Johnson led all scorers with 19 points each, with Dorr scoring five in overtime. Winthrop's Lily Pulsifer added 11 points and Echevaria had eight for Lynn English.



▲ WE GOT IT: Winthrop's Caroline Earl (14) and Carolyn Kinsella team up to secure a rebound.



◀ ARMS RACE: Lynn English's Jessica Ruiz (23), Winthrop's Emma Turner (5) and Caroline Earl (14) reach for a rebound.



FLOOR GAME: Lynn English Ravyn Rapley and Winthrop's Caroline Earl (14) tangle on the floor as they struggle for a loose ball.



SURROUNDED: Lynn English Ravyn Rapley (with ball) tries to escape Winthrop's Lily Pulsifer and Maura Dorr (11).



LOOSE BALL: Winthrop's Cat Grimes (15) and Lynn English Ravyn Rapley.



PYRAMID PILE: Lynn English's Maylin Echevaria (on floor, 10), Winthrop's Emma Turner (5) and Carolyn Kinsella, and referee Mike Hinojosa form a pyramid shape as they keep their eyes on a loose ball.



LEADER OF THE PACK: Maura Dorr (11) scored 19 points, including five in overtime, to lead the Vikings to a 40-37 overtime win against Lynn English Thursday, December 20 at Winthrop High.



OUT OF BOUNDS: Winthrop's Emma Turner and Lynn English Mashayla Johnson watch a loose ball bounce out of bounds.

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HAT TRICKS BY CARLETON, MARTUCCI POWER WHS GIRLS TO 6-3 VICTORY

Senior captain Emma Carleton and freshman Mia Martucci both recorded natural hat tricks to pace the Winthrop High girls hockey team to a 6-3 victory over Northeastern Hockey League rival Marblehead last Wednesday evening at Larsen Rink.

The visiting Lady Magicians seized the initiative early in the opening period, but the Lady Vikings struck back with a vengeance, reaching the back of the Marblehead four times before the sound of the first horn.

Martucci first delivered her hat trick, with assists going to Olivia Driscoll, Elle English, and Abby Stafford, and Carleton potted the first of her three goals, to leave matters at 4-1 after the first period.

Marblehead scored early in the second period, but Carleton scored her second to keep the visitors at bay, 5-2, at the second intermission.

The Lady Magicians cut the lead to 5-3 early in the final period, but Carleton sealed the deal for Winthrop with her third goal for the 6-3 finale.

"Emma scored three beautiful goals," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. "She is a lead-by-example type player. She simply flies around and makes plays."

As for the hat trick by Martucci, her coach said, "Mia is playing well for us right now. She worked very hard in the off-season to be ready, and so far it has paid off, as she has nine points in three games."

Martucci also praised the play of other members of his front lines. "Other forwards who are really standing out are Olivia Driscoll, Julia and Emma Holmes, Syd Mignossa, and Mia Norris. They are all going for us, playing a ton of minutes, and really work-

ing hard every shift of every game."

Martucci also lauded the performance of Winthrop goalie Summer Tallent, who finished the game with 16 saves. "Summer is playing awesome in net for us," said the coach. "She is the ultimate competitor and an exceptional athlete."

The double-hat trick by Lady Vikings Carleton and Martucci offset the hat trick by the Lady Magicians' star, Sydney Cresta,

"This was a was a nice conference win for us," said Martucci. "Marblehead has one of the premier players in the state in Sydney Cresta. She is the real deal and is very hard to stop. So we just tried to slow her down. Our defense did a great job of keeping her from taking over the game. She did have a hat trick, but it was a very quiet one. Bella Perotti, Abby Stafford, Elle English, Kayla Morrill, Liv Holmes, Abby Holmes, and Brooke Costin did a great job all game long."

Martucci and his crew, who now stand at 3-0 on the season, host Falmouth (Maine) today (Thursday). Face-off is set for 3:30 p.m. at Larsen.

The Lady Vikings will travel to NEC rival Peabody on Saturday and will engage in a home-and-home series with non-league foe Watertown on Monday (at Watertown) and on Wednesday (at Larsen at 6:10 p.m.)

WHS GIRLS, BOYS TRACK RACE AGAINST SOMERVILLE

The Winthrop High girls and boys indoor track & field team competed against Somerville last Tuesday.

Four Lady Vikings captured first place in their individual events against the Lady Highlanders: Marykate Pote with a shot put toss of 29'-

8"; Daniella Zanelli with a 50-yard high hurdles sprint of 8.5 seconds; Camilla Miranda Llovera in the mile in 5:59; and Kat Thano in the two mile with a clocking of 16:35.

Adding three points to the Winthrop scoresheet with second-place efforts were: Nora McCarey in the 300 dash in 45.4; Devon Barry in the 600 in 3:49; and Mary Teixiera in the two mile in 17:21.

Scoring single points with third-place performances were: Emily Creador with a shot put throw of 20'-7"; Clare Nargi in the hurdles in 8.8; Sonia Dahlquist in the 300 in 1:51.3; Ella McCarey in the 1,000 in 3:50.3; and Brianna Marley with a 6:34 in the mile.

The WHS 4x400 relay team came across in a time of 4:48.5 to edge their Somerville counterparts by 1.1 second.

The final tally showed the Lady Vikings falling short by the close score of 45-40.

On the boys' side, Cormac MacPhail, Ryan Buccini, and Pat Haskell were the top performers, taking second place in their individual events. Cormac grabbed second in the mile in 5:10, Ryan took second in the 300 dash in 40.9, and Pat did likewise in the 600 in 1:31.

Three Vikings took third place in their races: Cam Martin (9.2 in the hurdles), Bobby Hubert (5.7 in the 50 dash), and Ian Harris (42.3 in the 300 dash).

Both the boys and girls teams will meet Saugus next Thursday.

BOYS HOCKEY TROUNCES PEABODY, HOSTS FALMOUTH (ME) TODAY AT LARSEN AT 6 P.M.

The Winthrop High boys hockey team gave coach Dale Dunbar an early Christmas

present with a 10-1 rout of Peabody this past Saturday at Larsen Rink in the opener of the Vikings' Northeastern Conference North Division schedule.

Dunbar and his crew will entertain Falmouth (Maine) today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. as part of a doubleheader with the WHS girls' team.

The Vikings, who now are 3-1 overall, will return to NEC play Saturday against Lynn at Larsen at 1:30 p.m. and will trek to Medford Wednesday after the New Year.

GIRLS JV TEAM DEFEATS CLASSICAL

Coach Ben Cimmino's WHS girls junior varsity basketball team played well in its two contests this past week.

A 28-21 loss to Lynn Classical last Tuesday was a close battle all the way, with Winthrop leading 8-7 after the first period, but trailing 13-12 at the half and 21-18 after three periods, before falling by a final score of 28-21.

Sophomores Polina Bell and Lily Skomro led Winthrop in the scoring department with five points apiece and freshman Samantha Galuris added four.

In a 38-26 loss to Lynn English two nights later, the Lady Vikings fell behind early thanks to a full-court trap defense by English, leaving Winthrop trailing 16-4 at the first buzzer.

However, the Lady Vikings flipped the script in the second period and were able to beat the trap of English and apply their own full court trap to draw within 20-16 at the half.

However, the Winthrop offense struggled after the intermission and trailed 34-19 at the third buzzer, a deficit the junior Lady Vikings were unable to overcome. Freshman MacKenzie Acevedo hit for double figures with 10 points and freshman Samantha Galuris added five.

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which requires her to leave school at 1 p.m. several days a week. In the interview below, the 18-year-old chats with the Sun Transcript about education, ballet and the pay-off of hard work...

How do you manage to juggle school and your intense ballet schedule?

I am incredibly thankful that Winthrop High School (WHS) is willing to accommodate my Pre-Professional schedule. In addition to my year-round training, it is a requirement that I train over the summer as well. I have attended summer intensives which are five weeks of all-day dancing, at both Boston Ballet School and Chautauqua Institution. Chautauqua Institution is a gated community in up-state New York for various art forms. Their Festival Dance Program, which I've attended for the past two years, takes 20 girls each year and runs for seven weeks.

I've performed in more than 50 performances of 'The

Nutcracker' with Boston Ballet at the Boston Opera House, and four performances of 'Next Generation,' which is a one-night-only show done annually at the Boston Opera House to showcase the Pre-Professional Program. This past summer at Chautauqua Institution, I was fortunate enough to have been able to perform in George Balanchine's 'Serenade,' staged by Kennedy Center Honoree Patricia McBride, along with various other pieces of choreography.

A lot of discipline and balance goes into being a top student and a committed dancer. Balancing school and ballet training at this level requires a lot of discipline, so it's a good thing that I love both so much. With having two areas of my life that I am passionate about comes sacrifice, but I know that's not specific to just me. Overall, I think that not often falling victim to procrastination is what allows me to stay on top of everything. I'm naturally a routine-oriented person, so I try to follow a quite regimented schedule on a day-to-day basis to ensure that I meet deadlines at school and am prepared for my ballet classes. Thankfully, I can read and write in the car, so I utilize that time as well.

What other activities are you involved in?

I'm a second-year member of National Honor Society (NHS). Unfortunately, since I either leave school early or have to leave for ballet right at the final bell, I can't participate in any clubs after school, although I have always wished that I could.

Any plans for college?

In the Fall of 2019, I will be attending Barnard College of Columbia University to major in neuroscience. The school is incredibly special to me; in terms of school and ballet, Barnard has my uniquely perfect balance of the two. Not only is the newly inaugurated president a cognitive neuroscientist in addition to the fact

that Columbia University is one of the top places to study neuroscience, but I will also be able to continue dancing and performing at a high caliber in the Columbia Dance Collaborative. I find it uncanny how perfect Barnard is for me and I'm grateful for all of the support I've received from my family and my teachers at school that has led me to where I am today.

Who is your role model?

I've honestly never thought about this before, but my role model is definitely my mom. She's undoubtedly one of the most hardworking people that I know, balancing both a successful career and making sure that my brother and I have everything that we need to succeed as well. She has done a wonderful job of teaching my brother and I the value of hard work. It is my hope that when I'm older, I will be able to emulate that.

Winthrop Senior Center News December 27 – January 2, 2019 Hours: Mon-Thurs:8:30-4pm/Fri:8:30-2:30pm
Thursday, December 27 10:00-11:00am – Options Counseling/Information and Referral Services with Mystic Valley Elder Services (please call the Senior Center to make an appointment) 10:30am – Zumba with Barbara 12:00pm – Lunch 1:00pm – Bingo
Friday, December 28 9:30am – Exercise Class 10:00am – Ceramics with Gerry 10:30am – Line Dancing with Cindy 11:30am – Cards and Cribbage 12:00pm – Lunch
Saturday, December 29 10:30am – Zumba with Cindy
Monday, December 31 9:30am – Exercise 10:00am – Art Class with Dawn 12:00pm – Lunch 1:00pm – The Senior Center will be closing at 1pm
Tuesday, January 1, 2019 The Senior Center will be closed.
Wednesday, January 2 9:30am – Exercise Class 10:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5) 10:30am – Tap Dancing with Tracy (at the Methodist Church) 12:00pm – Lunch 1:00-3:00pm – SHINE Counseling (Appointment Required) 1:15pm – Italian Class with Michael 3:00-3:45pm – Play Chess with the WMS Chess Club

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Senior Center Holiday Schedule

Monday, December 31st: the Senior Center will be closing at 1:00pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: the Senior Center will be closed

Hearing and Vision Support: The Low Vision and Hearing Impaired support groups will not meet in January or February. The next meetings for these two groups will be in March 2019.

Zumba with Barbara: Classes are canceled for the rest of December and will resume the week of January 7, 2019.

Tai Chi and Zumba with Cindy: Tuesday's Tai Chi and Zumba classes will not meet in January or February. Classes will resume on Tuesday, March 19th.

Senior Lunch: If you would like to come for lunch, please call the day before by 12:00pm so that your order is counted for the next day. Thank you!

Play Chess with the Winthrop Middle School Chess Club: Beginning January 2nd members of the WMS Chess Club will be at the Senior Center on Wednesdays, from 3-4pm. No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Beginner and experienced players are welcome to come and play. If you would like to sign up, or would like more information, please call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538. All equipment will be provided.

Indoor Walking Club: The Indoor Walking Club will be starting Monday, November 26th; walkers can use the Middle/High School Monday-Friday from 4:00-5:00pm (when school is in session). If you would like walk, please sign up at the Senior Center. You will also need to fill out a CORI form (forms are available at the front desk of the Senior Center).

Technology & Learning with Betsy: The next learning session with Betsy Duplin is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th and 22nd from 2:00-3:00pm. Bring your laptops, smart phones, or tablets, along with your questions. Learning this new technology can open up a whole new world for you.

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Do you have any unused jewelry hanging around the house? If so, would you consider donating it to the Senior Center? We put jewelry on sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Senior Center. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Thursday, January 3 (11am-1pm): Prescription medication drop-off. If you have any old/unused medications that you would like to dispose of safely you can bring them to the Senior Center between 11am and 1pm on January 3rd.

Tuesday, January 15 (1:00pm): Diabetic Shoe Clinic. Sign up at the front desk. Please bring your Medicare card, as well as any other supplemental insurance cards, and a completed doctor's order form (forms are available at the Senior Center).

UPCOMING CASINO TRIPS

Casino Trips Cost: \$29; sign up at the Senior Center. Please make checks payable to "Friends of the WCOA". You must sign up by the Friday before the trip.

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February 26th – Foxwoods Casino (departs Senior Center at 7am).

BOOK REVIEW

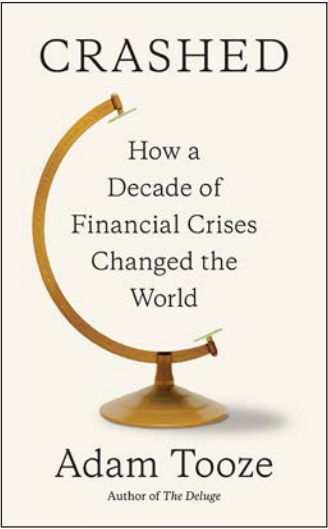
"Crashed: How a decade of Financial Crises changed the world"

By Adam Tooze
Reviewed By Bernie Kelley

This is an exemplary retrospective of the financial crisis of 2008 and its aftermath. Adam Tooze regales us with a depiction of the horrors that were unfurled during and after the crisis. The book is divided into four parts, each of which attends to different facets of the 10-year period following the financial disaster.

The author does a nice job of holding the reader's interest. The book is filled with facts and figures pertinent to the monetary emergency, but Tooze does his best to make it accessible to the average reader.

The crisis originated in the United States when Lehman Brothers collapsed, but to quote Tooze: "To view the crisis of 2008 as basically an American event was tempting," but in fact the emergency spread all over the world, especially to the Eurozone, which experienced the brunt of the crisis around 2010 and 2011. Tooze divides the



blame on liberals and conservatives alike, although I got the feeling that he is/was a moderate left-winger.

In Europe the difficulties involved Ireland, Spain and most famously and harmfully Greece, which experienced economic turmoil after European authorities imposed austerity measures due to a terrible run on banks. European countries, especially

Germany experienced great duress over the prospect of bailing out Greece.

In addition, the world was beset by what was viewed as populist political remedies, in particular the rise of Donald Trump in America and the Brexit vote in Britain. Tooze attributes most of the blame for these maladies to the shaky fiscal situation which arose from the crisis of 2008. The author lumps all these phenomena under the financial banner, and I am not sure they were all inter-related, but he does make an intersecting case for it all.

Tooze's chapter on Trump elaborates on what the author believes to be the rise of a right wing demagogue, but he barely mentions the positive effect that Trump has had on the U.S. economy.

The crisis of 2008 was widely viewed by many to be the most unstable period since the Great Depression, which germinated in 1929 and lasted beyond the 1930s.

During the latest crisis, millions of people lost their jobs and/or homes in the period from 2008 to 2015. President Obama who inherited the mess from the previous Bush Administration, did his best to contain the crisis, but the enormity of the instability was such that government intervention by itself could not contain the onslaught from the failing banks.

Adam Tooze is a gifted writer and his book on the fiscal disaster is filled with minutiae relevant to the duration of the financial difficulties. I had never heard of Tooze before I read this book, but I will pay great heed to whatever he publishes in the future.

"Crashed" is an excellent read. The reader leaves it well informed on the niceties of finance. You, the reader will find it to be an excellent book. I recommend it heartily.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 Docket No. SU18P2281PM In the matter of: Linda Dellaria Of: Winthrop, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by East Boston Neighborhood Health of East Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Linda Dellaria is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the

court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/17/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 06, 2018 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. SU18P2320GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 In the interests Of Skyla Zappulla Of Winthrop, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/10/2018 by Skyla Zappulla of Winthrop, MA will be held 01/07/2019 10:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114. You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best

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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Skyla Zappulla of Winthrop, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Skyla Zappulla is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jessica Zappulla of Winthrop, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent

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Getting Out

BARBER SHOP CHRONICLES- Where Real Men Gather, Gab, and Get Groomed

By Sheila Barth

We all do it. While getting our hair cut or styled at the barber shop or salon, we engage in small talk with our hairdresser/barber. We even discuss lofty topics, solving the world’s problems.

Sometimes, we lean over a bit, to eavesdrop on what the person in the chair nearby is revealing.

Strangely enough, we openly talk about family and friends’ secrets, our feelings, likes and dislikes, political and personal problems to a stranger. You never know what truths, boasting, or bravado may erupt, but you know the dynamic exists globally.

That’s the premise upon which Nigerian-born, British transplant author Inua Ellams, bases his play, “Barber Shop Chronicles”.

There’s more to his premise, too. Ellams explores the fact that African men, regardless of what country they’re in or hail from, gather at the local barber shop to talk men’s talk - real men’s talk. It’s a place they can come together without fear of being arrested,



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Ekow Quartey and Kenneth Omole in Barber Shop Chronicles.

he says.

Whether they’re in London, Johannesburg, South Africa, Ghana, Harare, Kampala, Lagos, Nigeria, Uganda, or Accra, their conversation is spirited. Seated in barber’s chairs, as the barber ceremoniously drapes a cape over his customers, his scissors or clippers poised artistically like a surgeon, men discuss the world and masculine issues. They profess their sexual prowess, family issues, fatherhood and how times have changed. Some immigrants and migrants decry post-Af-

rican diaspora, the accursed aftermath of British colonization and its ruinous effect on their culture and language. Languages are emerging together, erupting or dying in cultural erosion because of globalization and post-colonization.

They also discuss gays’ treatment in Uganda, Mandela’s and other political leaders’ roles in shaping or destroying their countries.

Between these lively scenes, Jack Knowles’ subtle spotlights illuminate large banners hanging aloft, indicat-

ing where the next highlighted barbershop scene occurs. An illuminated circular mobile, bearing a blue-outlined Africa, slowly swirls above, while the 12 men chant a cappella, dancing tribally, at times in a circle, their arms interlocked.

Kudos, Music Director Michael Henry and Movement Director Aline David.

Deftly directed by Bijan Sheibani, several of the dynamic dozen actors - Maynard Eziashii, Alhaji Fofana, Solomon Israel, Mohammed Mansaray, Patrice Naiambana, Anthony Ofoegbu, Kenneth Omole, Ekow Quartey, Jo Servi, David Webber, Tuwaine Barrett, and Elliott Edusah - portray more than one character. They engage in candid conversation that’s humorous at times or tinged with anger, but they all ardently watch, listen to, and cheer soccer games on TV and radio.

There’s strife, too, when a younger man lunges at an older man apologizing for past wrongdoing. Despite his trying to placate the younger man with a coveted poster, the angry young man rejects it, shouting, “Get out! Get out!”

BOX OFFICE

One-act, 110-minute play, written by Inua Ellams, co-produced by The Fuel, National Theatre, and West Yorkshire Playhouse, appearing at American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.) through Jan. 5, 2019, on its US premiere tour; Loeb Drama Center; 64 Brattle St., Cambridge; Dec. 26-29, 31, Jan. 2-5, at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 27, 29-31, Jan. 5, 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$25, subscriber, member, groups, student, senior, Blue Star families EBT cardholders and other discounts. americanrepertorytheater.org, 617-547-8300.

Everybody loves to tell stories, too, especially a man who’s out of work, claiming he’s happily married, but has a white mistress and a beautiful black mistress. Sheepishly, he admits he prefers white women in his bed.

While younger men’s philosophy rivals their elders’, in one shop they agree about the evil of apartheid and need to reclaim their land for themselves.

They deplore treatment of immigrants in England and the disparity in incarceration of Black men, especially in British prisons.

And one universal truth is oft-repeated. A father chides his son for speaking back to

him. “In my day, young people never talked to their elders like that. They treated them with respect! The world is different today...”

In a contrasting scene, a father and son, hugging, proclaim their love and admiration for each other.

Surprisingly at the post-show talkback, the teen-age/young adult audience asked few questions.

Later, actor Tuwaine Barrett, originally from Jamaica, said to me, regardless of what country the scene depicts, people are the same. Fathers and sons love each other. Families are most important. That fact is Ellams’ point - precisely.

AROUND THE CITY

ACE TICKETS

Bruins battle the Flames, Jan. 3, 2019, at TD Garden, and the Wild on Jan. 8; Celtics vs. the Nets, Jan. 7, and the Pacers Jan. 9, also at TD Garden; and new musical, “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” sweetens the Boston Opera House, Jan. 8-20. aceticket.com.

DONKEY SHOW NEW YEAR’S EVE

The long-running hit show presents a special late-night New Year’s Eve celebration Sunday, Dec. 31, with doors opening at 9 p.m., performance at 10 p.m., toast at midnight and party ‘til 2

a.m., 2 Arrow St., Cambridge. \$55, dance floor, \$95 VIP table seat. americanrepertorytheater.org, 617-547-8300.

SALUTE TO VIENNA

Boston Symphony Hall, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston, ushers in the new year for all ages, with dancing and singing, reminiscent of Vienna’s Golden Age, Jan. 4, 2019, at 8 p.m. Featured performers are the Strauss Symphony of America, soprano Michaela Oeste, tenor Brian Cheney, the Kiev-Aniko Ballet of Ukraine, and International Champion Ballroom Dancers. Tickets start at \$39. VIP tickets also. 8880266-1200.

LET’S HANG ON

Greater Boston Stage ushers in the new year with a full-stage production-live band tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Dec. 31, 7 and 10 p.m., 395 Main St., Stoneham. The evening is festive, with party hats, noise-makers, and a complimentary glass of champagne. Tickets from \$70; \$75, premium, members, \$5 discount. 781-279-2200, greaterbostonstage.org.

A DOLL’S HOUSE PART II

Huntington Theatre Company and Berkeley Repertory Theatre present Lucas Hnath’s hit

Broadway comedy, making its Boston debut, Jan. 4-Feb. 3, 2019: select Tuesdays-Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. at Avenue of the Arts, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston. Days, times vary. Special events also. Tickets start at \$25, senior, subscriber, patrons 35 years old-younger, military, student discounts. 617-266-0800.

ONE-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL

The annual festival is held Jan. 5-7, 2019, 8 p.m., at Boston Playwrights’ Theatre, 949 Comm. Ave., Boston: Saturday, 8 p.m., with 60 established and


emerging Boston-area playwrights and directors. \$20. BostonPlaywrights.org.

DWIGHT AND NICOLE



Soul duo Dwight Pitcher and Nicole Nelson, with three-piece soul-rock-blues band ring in the new year Dec. 31, as doors open at 9 and the show opens at 9:30 p.m. for this 21+ year-olds’ celebration at the Regattabar, One Bennet St., Cambridge. Singer-songwriter Ali McGuirk opens the show, and midnight champagne toast tops it off. \$95. Regattabar.com, 617-395-7759.

ERIC DARIUS

The smooth, contemporary jazz star ushers in the new year at Scullers Jazz Club, 400 Soldiers Field Road, Boston. Ultimate package, \$569 per coupe, including a four-course dinner, breakfast on New Year’s Day, both at Boathouse 400; preferred seating for the 11 p.m. show, champagne toast, party favors, stayer in standard king bed suite, overnight parking, taxes and gratuity. , show only, \$140/couple, \$70 single; dinner, show 8 p.m., \$350 couple; 11 p.m. show, \$160/\$80; spend the night special rate. 617-562-4111, scullersjazz.com.




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Winthrop High School football players volunteered their efforts to help make the event a success. From left, are R.J. Dalton, Dillon Riley, Chris Ferrara, Michael Carter, Victor Dagama, Chris Viscio, and Stevie Perullo.



The many guests are pictured at the WINARC Christmas Celebration hosted by the Winthrop Lodge of Elks.



The volunteers are pictured at the Lodge of Elks WINARC Christmas Celebration, from left, Jane Howell, Sharon Lee Bulger, Committee Chair Roberta DiPierro, Judy O'Keefe, Heather Martin, Linda Robertson, Karen Bogken, and Susan Landey.



Committee Chair Roberta DiPierro, with Board Member Ralph Tufo, Nancy Tufo, and David Tufo.



Committee Chair Roberta DiPierro greets Nancy Kinsella (left) and Susan Briggs.



Santa and Mrs. Claus and Committee Chair Roberta DiPierro greet guest Ned Davenport, who received a Christmas gift.

Cary Shuman photos

The Winthrop Lodge of Elks hosted the 39th Annual WINARC (Winthrop Advocacy Resource Center) Christmas Party at the Biggio Hall.

Committee Chair Roberta DiPierro and volunteers welcomed WINARC participants and guests to the event.

Guests enjoyed an Italian dinner prepared by Exalted Ruler Steven Reardon and Elks member Otto Wolf.

Singer and entertainer MOJO (George Smith) performed songs for the guests. His upbeat music drew the guests to the dance floor.

Santa and Mrs. Claus (Ronald and Linda Vecchia) distributed gifts to the participants.



Singer and entertainer MOJO was a big hit at the Lodge of Elks WINARC Christmas Party.



Julie Mei, WINARC Co-President Nancy Giuffre, Committee Chair Roberta DiPierro, and WINARC Past President Yvonne Cernaro.



Councillor-at-Large Phil Boncore, Committee Chair Roberta DiPierro, and MOJO are pictured at the Christmas Celebration.



Committee Chair Roberta DiPierro welcomes guest Chrissy Kinsella to the Christmas Celebration.

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