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NEWS Brief

FRIENDS OF BELLE ISLE MARSH ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, March 8, at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 222 Bowdoin St., Winthrop from 2-4 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Alice Brown from Boston Harbor Now, an organization which encourages people to explore Boston's waterfront and harbor Islands, plans to develop a Boston water transportation/ferry system and works on issues such as sea-level rise in Boston Harbor. The meeting will include a review of the year's activities, presentation of the Good Neighbor Award, and the election of officers for the coming year. Light refreshments will be served. The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh is an all-volunteer environmental advocacy non-profit organization whose mission is primarily educational. Throughout the year FBIM sponsors the Belle Isle Harvest Festival, Monday

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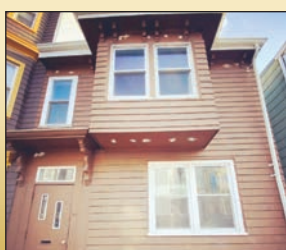
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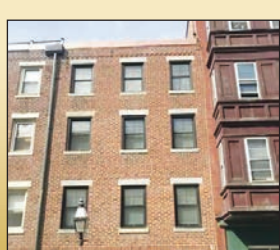
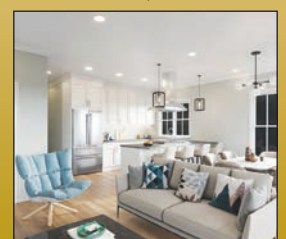
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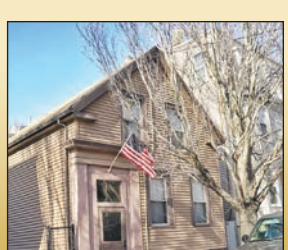
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Fifth graders get ready to board the bus to watch their teacher, Jillian Dempsey, play on Boston Pride at the Warrior Rink in Boston. Bus transportation was funded by Speaker of the House, Bob DeLeo.

Students travel to support teacher, raise funds for classmate at Boston Pride game

By Kate Anslinger

On Feb. 15, Fifth-grade students in Jillian Dempsey's class, were transported to the Warrior Rink in Boston, to watch their teacher play on the Boston Pride team in a game against the Connecticut Whales. During this time, the class took the opportunity to raise funds for their classmate, Josh Cohen, as he continues to battle cancer. A total of \$3,762 was raised from raffle tickets sold at the school and ticket sales. The Warrior

Rink donated 25 percent of the cost of each ticket to the fundraiser.

"It was an awesome fundraiser and a clear reflection of how our community comes together every time there is a need," said School Superintendent, Lisa Howard. "I attended the game with my son and honestly got goose bumps when our own teacher and professional hockey player," Jillian Dempsey, skated over to the Winthrop Crowd and banged the glass with her stick to acknowledge her students (AKA Fan

Base). How many public school kids can say "My Teacher is a Professional Hockey Player?" Jillian is a true role model for both teachers and students!"

The bus transportation was funded by Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo and raffle prizes were donated by:

Arthur T. Cummings PTO
Cervizzi's Martial Arts
Balloon city of Boston
Winthrop Pro Shop
Speaker DeLeo
Boston Celtics

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Proposed change in Town's handbook raises concerns

By Transcript Staff

A one-paragraph proposed change appearing in the new Town handbook, that was being reviewed by the Winthrop Town Council Subcommittee on Appointments and Committees, caused a major discussion at their meeting on Tuesday night at the Harvey Room in Town Hall. The proposed change in the handbook would allow the Town Council President to nominate the chairperson of each board and committee in the Town, then the council as a whole would vote on the Council President's nomination with a simple majority determining the outcome.

The current process under the Town Handbook written in 2017 is to have members of each individual board and committee select their respective chairperson.

Speaking at the public hearing was Board of License Chairperson Marc Chapdelaine, who expressed the opinion that this change would be altering the existing Town Charter. He said that the time to look at this change would be in August 2020 when there would be a review of the charter. "The charter sets forth what powers the Council President has and the proposed change is an

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License Commission acts on light agenda

By Transcript Staff

The Board of License Commissioners held their March meeting in the Harvey Room at Town Hall on Monday night and acted on a light agenda.

The commissioners still had concerns about Bob's

Bait Shop located at 2 Revere St. According to reports, the outside of the building was damaged by a car and still has not been repaired. The Board decided that the issue of the safety of the building should be

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SUPER TUESDAY IN WINTHROP

Capobianco re-elected to Dem. State Committee

By Cary Shuman

Valentino Capobianco was re-elected Tuesday to the Democratic State Committee in the First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate District that includes the town of Winthrop.

Capobianco, 31, was first elected to the Democratic State Committee in 2008 at the age of 18, the youngest person ever elected to the position.

Capobianco, who was re-elected to a four-year



Valentino Capobianco.

term, is a member of the Winthrop School Committee. He is the chief of staff to State Sen. Paul Feeney.

Capobianco claimed a convincing victory over Brian Gannon with 70 percent of the vote across the district and 85 percent in Winthrop. He said he was grateful to voters for their strong show of support.

"I want to thank the voters for their support and my friends and family for all their help, especially those

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Shown to the right: Councilor Pete Christopher and Alicia DelVento advertise their preference for Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

Below: Standing on the Belle Isle Bridge for Elizabeth Warren are: Front row: Rich Wolverton, Angela Boncore, and Donna Segreti Reilly. Second row: Joe Pike, Steve Strianese, Ginny Cronin, and Lois Meinhardt.



WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, Feb. 17

Party rep orts a Hispanic heavysset male knocked on her door regarding laundry. She spoke to him through the door and informed him he most likely had the wrong address. He left. She was advised an officer would check the area and attempt to identify the individual.

Vehicle parked for a week at the landing, unit checked on vehicle, came back revoked registration, being towed by G/J.

Female party being harassed by her neighbors. Both parties have been spoken to, advised to stay away from each other.

Two youths on dirt bikes riding through the graveyard. Unit saw them heading to Revere on the bikes through Belle Isle Marsh.

Male party wearing a black jacket, Patriots winter hat looking into cars. Spoke to reporting party, unit will canvas the area.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Store owner reports two white men walked in at between 11-12:30 p.m. sated that they were form the IRS and asked him about his taxes. He found it to be suspicious so called in to report incident. He was advised not to share any information and to call for assistance.

Caller states two men came to her house, one male tall., hark hair, dark leather jacket, second dark skinned, 5’8”, dark curly hair and mustache. Stated they were doing a follow-up on the status of an online

purchase of child safety kit. Men stated they were from International Police. The left in a red sedan. Officers spoke to calling party and game them subjects business ca rd, he works for a child safety program, finger printing and such. Officer called and left a message for him to contact them.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Scooter occupied. All juveniles will stand by and wait for family to pick them up. G/J towed scooter. Operation is getting a citation for helmet violation. Verbal warning for scooter being unlicensed and unregistered.

Caller reports neighbors cellar door is open and she knows the neighbor is not home. Units report apartment is empty and nothing looks to be missing. Units secured the door.

Received two calls from state 911 stating they received a call from a man asking for police at the Speedway. Party showed a handgun. Language barrier. Male party 6-feet tall, tattoo on left side of face, nose ring, white hoodie heading towards Malden with Lottery tickets, money and blunt wraps. Malden and State Police notified and responding to the area.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Dark colored Ford Explorer SUV seen driving around area of River Road and Lewis Avenue, for 20 minutes stopping and looking into vehicles. Units searched the area and located SUV dropping off

papers.

Governors Park Condo (tenant versus tenant), female caller stating apartment keeps banging on ceiling at 3 a.m., ongoing issue. Advised party to call when its actually happening. Calling party wanted it noted.

Received a BOLO out of East Boston, party fled East Boston court. Female party color white, reddish hair, traveling with another white female party also with reddish color hair. Winthrop units were advised. Female was being Section 35 and fled the courthouse.

Caller informed station of a group of about ten kids going around ringing doorbells and running.

Caller states that there is a skunk in the area under a truck and wanted police to respond. Police not able to do anything about the skunk.

Reports of a male inside his room by himself yelling. Party has a warrant out of Revere for destruction of property also probation violation. Subject placed in custody and transported to MGH for evaluation for drug use.

Friday, Feb. 21

Citizens Bank ATM alarm panel tamper. Called in by alarm company through Citizens Bank. Detailed officer was nearby and stated this is ongoing with tamper alarms coming in. Units clear.

Male party issued a ticket for handicapped parking. Citation issued \$300 parking in handicapped spot.

Door at Cummings School opened. Units are checking doors around the building. Units went inside, checked levels of the school. Also went around the interior and closed the door that was opened. Alarms are still going off. Janitor is enroute to reset the alarm.

Caller states a male party walking around Overlook Drive trying to gain access into the buildings checking door handles, white male wearing a yellow jacket. Units checked the area. Nothing showing. Officer spoke with caller whom stated th at male party was incoherent and mumbling when he tried to speak with him.

Caller states a young male, around 23 or 24, with reddish hair, asking about her house since it was recently purchased. She said he was wearing an official town of Winthrop badge of some sort and she invited him into the house and he was looking about. After her husband and mother came home they found this story suspicious. Officer said that no one had checked in with the police department and will dispatch units once they clear from a higher priority call.

Officer called in a hit and run that occurred around 7-7:30 p.m. The victim’s car was hit by a Black Lexus SUV. Happened in front of the Pizza Center.

Party came into police station to report that a “Slow Caution Children” traffic sign was taken from his front porch.

Reporting party came

into police headquarters to report that his girlfriend has been verbally abusive over the past few months due to certain medication she is on. He would like this fact documented as he fears that it may get physical. He does not wish to pursue charges at this time.

Unit flagged down to report of a hypo needle on Annavoy Street by First telephone pole coming into Winthrop.

Female party reporting female driver driving on the wrong side of the road, passing the police department near Meat Market.

Unit out investigating house on Revere Street, Owner burning wood, a lot of smoke and flames seen. Fire notified. Owner had it almost out before fire arrived, Fire stating on scene until it’s out. Units clear.

Report of an injured hawk that cannot fly. Contacted wildlife police who stated the bird maybe must coming down to rest, if its there for more than 24 hours they will come out.

Miller Field by the rear entrance, Little League field, looks like kids forced there way into the buses back entrance. Broke into the baseball field concession stand. No major damage done.

Caller reports vehicle driving into Winthrop via Main Street driving erratically, driving over the lines and sleeping behind wheel at stop light. Last seen in front of Odyssey Grill. Units searching the entire area, nothing showing. Units will remain in the area and search for motor

vehicle.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Caller reports son’s car was vandalized with so up and some damage to the vehicle. Vehicle has what appears to be canned soup poured on the hood and windshield. Report to follow.

Unit states there was a minor fender bender at the drive thru at entrance/exit of Dunkin’ (Donuts) on Main Street. No injuries parties exchanged paper work.

Calling party reports an injured hawk has been in the tree in his backyard over 24 hours. Both Environmental and Wildlife have been notified.

Party came into police headquarters relative to a disturbance which had just occurred at CVS. According to the reporting party, she is responsible for the health of her elderly mother. Her sister, a manager at CVS, has been withholding her medication. When the reporting party confronted her, it led to loud argument inside the store.

Multiple calls complaining of a loud house party on Shirley Street, on the second floor. Caller states this is an ongoing issue. Units spoke to owners of the residence who were advised to shut the music off and call it a night.

Monday, Feb. 24

Motor vehicle stop for (hands-free law). Party has been advised of the new law. Units clear.

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Night Forums, May in the Marsh, spring cleanups, nature walks, tide pool exploration programs, and more. The annual meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, email friendsofbelleislemarsh@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Chelsea Jewish Hospice is seeking volunteers to offer companionship one-two hours per week to persons facing terminal illness who reside in Chelsea and surrounding areas. Volunteers can make a difference for patients through activities such as holding a hand, listening to music, running an errand, or even just sitting quietly. Musicians, certified pet therapy teams, and those trained in alternative modalities such as Reiki are also encouraged to apply. Free training provided. For more information regarding this meaningful opportunity, please contact Aimee, Volunteer Coordinator, at 617-889-0779 or send email to afarrell@chelseajewish.org.

Baker says key to virus response is being ready

By Seth Daniel

Gov. Charlie Baker said on Monday that the state is preparing for any major outbreaks of the coronavirus, and will have the ability to test in health care facilities across the state.

“We’ve obviously been working this issue for over one month now through our contacts with the CDC and our colleagues in municipal government in all the departments of public health,” said the governor. “I think that the thing everybody is focused on at this point is ensuring we are in a position to make sure people who show signs are tested and tested quickly. We now have the ability to do the tests here in Massachusetts and we spent a good part of last weekend talking to our colleagues in the health care world making sure we have the testing capacity and can test when we need to.

“I certainly think that people who are coming

back from areas that have a high level of presence of this virus, some sort of stay-at-home type of quarantine is not a bad idea,” he continued. “That’s obviously one of the things we’re talking to our colleagues in the public health community for purposes of how we should move ahead in Massachusetts.”

One key focus point this week, he said, was for state officials, City officials and the public health community here to watch what happens on the West Coast – where there have been more cases and outbreaks in the last two weeks.

“I think the thing many of us are going to pay a lot of attention to in the next several days is going to be the fallout on the West Coast,” he said. “It’s pretty clear, and it may have to do with their proximity to Asia from a geographic point of view, but I think a lot of us are particularly interested in what happens there.”

Baker said the state will



Gov. Charlie Baker told members of the media on Monday while at the Beachmont School, in Revere, that they plan to watch how the virus outbreak unfolds on the West Coast, but also to be ready to act with current public health plans if need be.

be ready to work the plans they’ve had in place for some time, but with the flexibility to change course as things evolve on the front lines.

“The game plan here is to make sure we’re doing all the surveillance work we need to do and that we’re in a position to conduct testing as appropriate and we have a public health and health care system that is able and ready to deal with this as it moves forward,” he said. “I fully expect this is a thing where you plan the work and work the plan, but you also expect and anticipate the plan is going to change with the facts on the ground.”

The following are some general tips to staying healthy and protecting oneself from the flu and other respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- If you do not have access to soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- If you have cold-like symptoms, you can help protect others by;
- *Staying home while you are sick;
- Avoiding close contact with others;
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue (or arm) when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands;
- Cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces.

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1 teaspoon salt

3/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 cups flaked sweetened coconut
3 egg whites, beaten until foamy

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1:
Preheat an oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Lightly coat a baking sheet with cooking spray.

STEP 2:
Rinse and dry shrimp with paper towels. Mix cornstarch, salt, and cayenne pepper in a shallow bowl; pour coconut flakes in a separate shallow bowl. Working with one shrimp at a time, dredge it in the cornstarch mixture, then dip it in the egg white, and roll it in the coconut, making sure to coat the shrimp well. Place on the prepared baking sheet, and repeat with the remaining shrimp.

STEP 3:
Bake the shrimp until they are bright pink on the outside and the meat is no longer transparent in the center and the coconut is browned, 15 to 20 minutes, flipping the shrimp halfway through.

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amendment to the charter,” he said.

Also in attendance was Council President Philip Boncore who said that in his opinion, “the charter is (silent) on this point.” He added that every mayor can appoint a chairperson for a city or town board. “Chairpersons should be changed or we start having a fiefdom,” he added. “All members of a board should be capable of being a chairperson,” he said.

Councilor at-Large Tracey Honan wondered who changed the language in the new handbook and said “it should remain as is since this is a substantive change.”

Subcommittee member Precinct 4 Councilor Barbara Flockart said, “This change was slipped in on us. This should go to the charter review.”

Precinct 6 Councilor Stephen Ruggiero offered a motion not to change the procedure on how a board chairperson is appointed, but insert language saying every member should rotate their board’s chairmanship. Ruggiero also noted that the proposed change should go to the Charter Review Commission for a vote.

Ruggiero’s motion was accepted 2 - 1 with Chair of the Subcommittee Councilor Rob DeMarco voting against it.

Another change in the handbook also discussed at the meeting was whether the Councilors could participate in their meetings remotely. This was rejected unanimously.

The new handbook with the changes will be on the agenda for the March 24 meeting of the Town Council.

A Charter Review Committee who will look at the current charter and ordinances will start their process in June 2020 and continue for 18 months. Any changes that they recommend will then be put on the ballot for the voters to decide. The members of the committee will be appointed by Council President Philip Boncore.

License Commission // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

determined by the town’s Building Inspector. The Board had previously approved a common Victuallers License for Bob’s.

In another matter, the commissioners were divided over the application for the renewal of a livery license by Ariful Matubbar at 4 Revere St. Commissioner Joe Clark suggested that the fees for the license should be increased, given that the livery service caters primarily to transporting passengers to and from Logan Airport. The license was renewed by a vote of 3-1, with Clark voting against and Richard Ackerman abstaining.

Two applications passed unanimously. Charles Lightbody of Cal’s Auto Body located at 8 Argyle had his Used Car License renewed. Family Pastry located at 65 Revere St. had their Common Victuallers License renewed.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for April 6, at 7 p.m. in the Harvey Room at Town Hall.

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in the labor community,” said Capobianco. “I’m excited to get to work again on the State Committee and look forward to a successful November election, including supporting our nominee for President of the United States.”

Among those congratulating Capobianco on his victory was Democratic State Committeewoman Alicia DelVento of Winthrop.

“I’d like to congratulate Tino Capobianco, my State Committee colleague, on a hard-fought victory,” said DelVento. “I am excited by the passion and enthusiasm to elect Democrats on display this primary season not only in the Commonwealth but across the nation, and I look forward to working hard to ensure it leads to wins up and down the ballot in November.”

The Republican State Committee winners in the district were Paul Ronukaitus of Winthrop and Joyce Kelly of Revere.

The unofficial results of the Presidential Primary in Winthrop follows:

Former Vice President Joe Biden was the top vote-getter in the Democratic Presidential Primary in Winthrop Tuesday.

Biden received 1,370 votes, 34.9 percent of the total votes cast.

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders was second with 1,039 votes, followed by U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (664) and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (512).

Biden was the overall victor in the Massachusetts Democratic Presidential Primary.

In the Republican Presidential Primary voting in Winthrop, President Donald Trump received 600 votes, 91 percent of all votes cast. Former Mass. Gov. William Weld was a distant second with 46 votes.

APPRECIATION

Remembering Richard J. Milano

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop community is fondly remembering Richard Milano, a well-known businessman and town leader, who died on Feb. 26. He was 75 years old.

Mr. Milano distinguished himself with his outstanding service in various organizations, notably as a member of the Winthrop High School Hall of Fame Committee. He was also a member of the Cottage Park Yacht Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Milano was a former Winthrop High School



Richard Milano

athlete, competing in the same era as other notable performers, including his brother, Walter Milano, Robert DeFelice and Howie Conley. Mr. Milano took great pride in the many academic and athletic accom-

plishments of his children. He was a regular visitor to Miller Field to watch sons Patrick and Will excel for the football Vikings.

Winthrop attorney Chris Tsiotos served on the WHS Hall of Fame with Mr. Milano. “Richard was a great guy and a dedicated friend of Winthrop sports who contributed a lot to our community,” said Tsiotos. “I enjoyed our time together on the Hall of Fame Committee.”

Winthrop School Committee Valentino Capobianco said he knew Mr. Milano through his children, Patrick, Will, and Maria.

“He was a great guy,” said Capobianco. “It’s really sad. He will be missed.”

Kate’s Corner

Healthcare Professional Sandra Hurley recognized as Home Care Star Champion

By Kate Anslinger

Resident, Sandra Hurley, knows how important it is for a patient to be in the comfort of their own home, surrounded by those they love. Hurley’s passion for healthcare paired with her education, has recently landed her recognition amongst those in the healthcare industry across the state. The founder of Commonwealth Clinical Services, located in Winthrop, was honored as the Home Care Star Champion by the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts, during a ceremony at the Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy.

“I was very honored to receive the award,” said Hurley. “To think that I was chosen over all the nurses and CEO’s in Massachusetts as the Champion, is so amazing.”

During the ceremony, Hurley also received a citation from Speaker of the House, Bob DeLeo.

While completing her student nursing rotation at the Boston City Hospital in 1960s, Hurley saw a lot of patients with re-



Resident, Sandra Hurley, recipient of the Home Care Star Champion award and citation from Speaker of the House, Bob DeLeo.

portable communicable diseases such as venereal diseases, tuberculosis, diseases that were rampant at the time. Years later, when her youngest child was in school, Hurley obtained a community health nursing position, which launched her career in the industry, earning leadership positions at the Boston Visiting Nurse Association. Since then, her love for home care

patients has never waned. Alongside her late husband, Bill, Hurley started Commonwealth Clinical Services in 2005, in response to the need for in-home continuous skilled nursing care for complex pediatric patients.

“I have always wanted to provide nursing to home care patients. Patients feel comfort in their own homes. Patients thrive in their own homes. We all cherish the ones we love. We love to have the ones we cherish around us especially when we are sick. We are proud to own and operate Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc. in our hometown and provide services to our community.”

As Hurley addressed the audience after she received her Home Care Star Champion award, she was grateful to see nine of her 13 grandchildren, her four children and their spouses, and staff members who have had the pleasure of witnessing her passion in the industry for so many years.

“It was a day I will always remember.”



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OUR Opinions

MARCH IS WEATHER PURGATORY

With the promise of winter coming to an end and spring just around the corner, we have high hopes for March.

The crocuses start to pop through the ground and the sun is noticeably stronger and warmer. There also is a greater amount of daylight. The first day of spring, the vernal equinox (which will occur this year on March 19), brings us 12 hours each of day and night.

But only hope springs eternal, as the saying goes, because March always is a disappointment, especially for those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline.

The average high temperature on March 1 in our area is 42, with an average low of 28 for that date. Though the average high temperature increases to 51 (and the low to 37) by the end of the month, even on the warmest of March days, our proximity to the cold ocean -- which still has temperatures in the low 40s throughout March -- cools us by 10 degrees, which can feel even chillier if there is an onshore breeze.

In addition, with the arrival of daylight savings time (which this year is this Sunday, March 8), we may think that the additional hour of sunlight in the evening will bring milder temperatures. But daylight savings time is a trap that tricks our minds into thinking that warmer weather has arrived.

March also has the capacity for big storms. We all recall the high-tide event two years ago in the first week of March, 2018, that flooded the Boston area with the third-highest tide ever recorded in our area.

It is common in March for powerful nor'easters to pound our seashore, bringing heavy winds, high seas, and a wintry mix, including the occasional blizzard, that belie what the calendar says.

St. Patrick's Day falls on March 17, always a special day here in the Boston area. But who can recall a really warm one? Watching a St. Pat's Day parade or engaging in any outdoor activity on that day or evening requires full winter gear of a hat, gloves, and coat.

So yes, while the calendar may say that winter officially is over in March, we also know that March is not really the beginning of spring. It's somewhere in between, a version of weather purgatory -- the month that we must endure before we fully are released from the trials of winter so that we can move on to the heaven of spring and summer.



LETTERS to the Editor

TAX ATTACK ON WORKING PUBLIC AGAIN

Attention: "Revenue can't wait!" Rep. R. DeLeo.

This only two years after Speaker DeLeo enacted \$18 million Legislative pay raises.

Unfortunately, nobody told the legislature that Massachusetts State reve-

nue increased by 6.6 percent in 2019, and revenues are projected to increase by 2.7 percent in 2020.

Yet, our legislators will be discussing lifting \$612 million more from the hard working public by:

- Raising the gas tax to \$0.29 per gallon (\$5.80 tax per fill up with a 20 gallon tank)
- Imposing \$1 to \$2 add-

ed fees on Uber and Lyft rides

- A rental car sales tax
- Raising minimum corporate tax rate by up to \$150,000 from \$456
- Adding tolls to non-toll roads
- Changing tolls at established tolling places

Suggestions to Legislators: Stop supporting Illegal Immigrants with state

tax funds. This one action will free up over \$2 billion per year for your hard working constituents.

Find the Winthrop Republican Town Committee on Facebook.

Respectfully,
Paul Caruccio-
Chairman WRTC
Steve Belmonte-Vice
Chair

GUEST OP-ED

Pleasing People?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Donald Trump and all the presidential candidates want to please enough of the American people to win. When it comes time for Americans to vote, a candidate wants to please the majority of the people, but most especially a majority of the electoral college.

A ballplayer wants to please his coach. The player knows if the coach is displeased then he will see limited playing time. The student wants to please the teacher because the teacher will assign the grade.

All of us have some people in our lives who we care about pleasing. The boss is the one who writes the paycheck. There is the pressure to perform and succeed in order to get ahead in life. Some people do everything that is right such as

work performance and extra hours and performing above expectations in order to get ahead. Sadly, some will stoop too far.

We've heard a lot about Hollywood movie mogul Harvey Weinstein. Out of all the many accusations there certainly has to be some truth that Weinstein was very wrong on multiple occasions. How many occasions though have persons done whatever it took to please Weinstein in order to get a movie part and a big paycheck? How many times a day does this still go on in Hollywood, politics, the corporate world and on and on?

Do you live to please people? I bet you do some of the time. There is somebody in your life you want to be happy with you. If your answer is "yes all the time" then I suspect that most of the time you are a very unhappy person. If

you live to please people there will always be somebody displeased with you. You can't please everyone all the time and you can't even please one person all the time. If you try to please all people then most of the people will always be displeased with you because everyone has different opinions about life and how you should live your life. An old minister said once, "If you please God it doesn't matter who you please and if you displease God then it doesn't matter who you please." Keep in mind that you can please God and others may still be displeased.

People have opinions about how you should vote and how much of your money you should turn over to the government in taxes. People have opinions about how much of your money you should be allowed to keep.

You'll never make everybody happy, nor will Trump or Bernie Sanders.

Sometimes people let you know how disappointed they are in you. It's common for us to be disappointed in people especially if we are counting on them to make us happy. If your happiness today hinges on others you are already bound to face a disappointing day. If your goal is to make everybody happy today then you are already having a frustrating day.

Just do and be the best you can. That's all you can do.

Glenn Mollette offers commonsense and practical solutions to many of America and the world's problems. Mollette is published throughout the United States. Come here to stay up to date and read his columns that appear throughout the country.

WINTHROP Through the Years

10 years ago
March 2, 2000

The Board of Selectmen has narrowed its search for a new police chief to two candidates, the Acting Chief, Lieut. Michael McManus, and Edward P. Shalvey, who has been an officer with the New York City Police for 31 years, 14 as a Lieutenant.

The School Committee has approved a budget for the school department of \$14,870,983, a whopping increase of \$2,068,673 over last year's budget. It is a sum for which there is no

reasonable hope for funding, however.

Long-time residents are mourning the passing of veteran police officer and Town Harbormaster Bobby Crawford. A Pt. Shirley resident at 82 Otis St. for decades, Crawford served for 47 years with the Winthrop P.D. and was harbor-master for 18 years. Town Meeting voted in 1986 to allow Crawford to serve as a police officer past the usual mandatory retirement age of 65, a recommendation that was adopted by the state legislature. He retired

at the age of 70. Crawford died after a brief illness at the age of 77.

The Presidential Primary is set for this Tuesday.

Ray Rice has resigned as head of the Winthrop DPW after five years in that post. Rice, 35, will assume the reigns as the head of the City of Chelsea DPW, a job that pays far more than the Winthrop job.

The WHS girls basketball team defeated Notre Dame 46-33 in the opening round of the state tourney, giving legendary WHS

girls coach Ron Spinney his 400th career victory. Erin Shields led Winthrop with 13 points. Spinney was presented with the game ball afterwards by WHS Athletic Director John Lyons.

Front page photos in the Sun Transcript now will be appearing in full color.

"American Beauty," "Drowning Mona," and "The Sixth Sense" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

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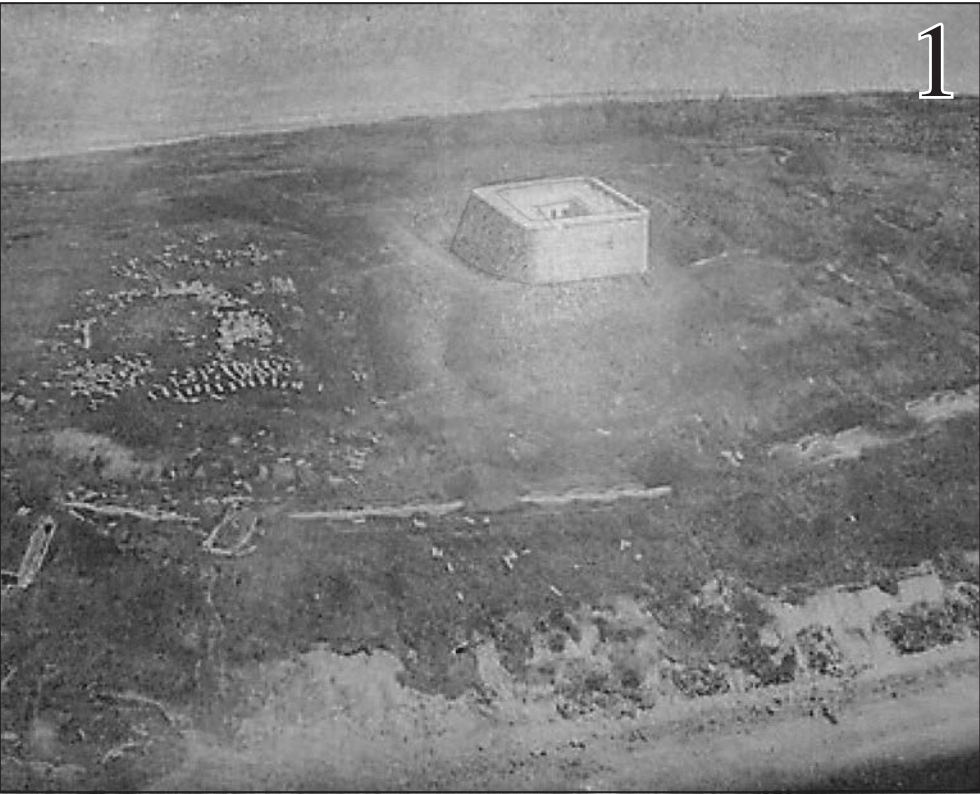
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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

ART 920 – GOVERNOR’S ISLAND



With the recent number of local programs featuring speakers on the Boston Harbor Islands, Then and Now is devoting this week’s article to one of them, Governor’s Island.

Three Boston Harbor islands, situated in close proximity to the Winthrop shoreline, have histories that are intertwined with the history of our town. The first is Snake Island, which still exists and is now a part of the conservation land owned by Winthrop. The second was Apple Island, which had a small grove of elm trees on it and at various times in the past hosted one or two summer homes. This island has since been leveled and become part of Logan Airport. The third was the 73-acre Governors Island, so named because in 1632 it was granted to our first Governor John Winthrop who used it as a farm to establish the first apple and pear orchards in New England. In 1808 Fort Winthrop was constructed of granite blocks on the island as part of the harbor defense. In the late

1850s this fort, along with Fort Warren on Georges Island and Fort Independence on Castle Island, were updated. Then, from 1861 to 1865, they were heavily garrisoned during the Civil War. The first picture is an aerial view taken in the 1930s showing the fort, sometimes called a castle. In the lower left side of the picture one can see the set of zigzag stairs from the beach to the entrance of the long tunnel that led into the Fortification. This island has also been leveled and become part of the airport.

In 1915 the filling in of the Noddles Island flats off East Boston began as a port development project that continued throughout the rest of the teens and into the early 1920s. But then the project took an unexpected turn. As a result of the advances in aviation during World War I, airplane enthusiasts began to push for construction of a landing field in Boston that would serve the needs of airmail service, commercial and military aviation as well as recreational fliers. The

East Boston flats, then being filled in, were selected in 1921 as the site for an airfield and the first plane landed on June 5, 1923, the year Boston Airport officially opened. After World War II it was expanded to become Logan International Airport. This expansion involved taking the stone and dirt on Apple and Governors Islands to further fill in the flats thereby lengthening the runways of the small existing municipal Boston Airport. The second photograph, taken in October 1946, shows the causeway built out from East Boston to Governors Island so the demolition effort could be performed. The third picture shows the North side of Fort Winthrop after the first dynamite blast opened it up. The memories of these islands still remain with those of us who, like Past Selectman Dick Dimes has described, use to go out to them during the summer months for picnics and adventure scrambling through the old fort.



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

40 years ago
March 5, 1980

Winthrop Democrats favored U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy by a 2-1 margin over incumbent President Jimmy Carter in Tuesday’s Presidential primary. Local Republicans gave their nod to former California Gov. Ronald Reagan with 368 votes, but also gave strong support to Illinois Congressman John Anderson with 290 votes and former CIA Director George Bush with 287 votes.

The deadline for filing nomination papers for the April town election has passed with former Police Lieut. John Van Dalinda filing papers to oppose incumbent Jim Reddy for the selectman’s seat.

A large group of parents attended the School Committee meeting to protest the proposal to drop three, fifth-grade classes next year at the Chase School. Parents noted that the fourth graders presently have class sizes of 17-18 students, but will have class sizes of 26-27 students next year under the committee’s plan.

School Committeeman Alex Alexanian has announced his candidacy for School Committee.

Sally Field stars in “Norma Rae “at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago
March 5, 1970

All incumbents were swept back into office in Monday’s annual town election, including Treasurer Myer Brill, who defeated challenger Marie Turner, and School Committeeman William DiMento, who turned aside three challengers, the closest of whom was Mrs. Helen Sweet, who was just 132 votes behind DiMento.

The selectmen have named Lester Towlson as the new Town Accountant.

Patriot star fullback Jim Nance was the guest speaker before a crowd of 200 persons at the annual Father-Son dinner of the local Elks.

Peter Fonda, Jack Nicholson, and Dennis Hopper star in “Easy Rider” at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago
March 3, 1960

A turnout of 40 to 50 percent of local voters is being predicted for Monday’s annual town election by Town Clerk John A. Clark. Turnout for town elections has been as low as 45 percent in 1955 and as high as 59 percent in 1956. There was a 57 percent turnout last year.

Local police are being joined by state authorities to try to solve a number of recent breaks into homes, churches, and businesses.

Winthrop residents came forward with \$2,755 on Heart Sunday, a new record, according to W. Henry Burke, chairman of the 1960 Heart Fund campaign in Winthrop.

James Garner stars in “Cash McCall” at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago
March 2, 1950

A record turnout looms for the town election on Monday, with interest highest for the School Committee contest between incumbent John B. Mattson and challenger Walter Donahue. In addition, although incumbent selectmen Peter Princi and Walter Smith seem assured of re-election, the contest for the third seat that was vacated by Chairman Robert Kirby is up for grabs among eight other candidates.

The nation’s greatest soft coal shortage in 20 years has forced the schools to cancel all night time activities and daytime gym activities to be halted in the junior high school where the huge radiators have been turned off, according to School Supt. Orrin C. Davis.

John Wayne stars in “The Sands of Iwo Jima” at the Winthrop and State theatres.

80 years ago
March 2, 1940

The annual town election is set for Monday with 33 candidates seeking 19 offices. There are 11 candidates for selectmen including the three incumbents, Walter G. Baker, Ross Batchelder, and David Belcher.

The escapee from Deer Island on Feb. 12 was arrested in Boston on Feb. 22. The man reported that he had hidden in a truck parked on the island that took him to Chelsea, from where he grabbed a ride on a freight train to Albany, N.Y., before returning to this area.

Almon Whittemore, Treasurer of the Winthrop Cooperative Bank, reports that the bank is in fine financial condition, with no real estate in foreclosure and a large amount of cash on hand.

Harold Frank has purchased the drug store at 45 Crest Ave.

Greta Garbo stars in “Ni notchka” at the Winthrop and State theatres.

90 years ago
March 8, 1930

Monday’s town election revealed quite a split between the two factions in town, the Republican League and the “independents.” The contests were close, but in the end the town elected two new members to the Board of Selectmen, John G. Clancy and Preston Churchill, with G. Wallace Tibbetts the lone returnee. There was a voter turnout of 66 percent.

Joseph E. Davison was returned as Town Meeting Moderator for the 26th consecutive year by a margin of 108 votes.

100 years ago
March 6, 1920

The annual town election was held Monday with a fairly good vote being cast. The Republican League succeeded by putting their candidates over the top, as Winthrop Magee, Harry Wright, and Leslie Griffin were elected to the Board

of Selectmen by a 400-vote margin over their nearest competitors.

Among the matters slated to come before the town meeting are articles calling for the rebuilding and resurfacing of Main Street from Magee’s Corner to the bridge with bituminous macadam; construction of a town garage; purchase of snow removal equipment; construction of a Civil War monument in Metcalf Square; and the renaming of streets and squares in the town in honor of local boys who died in the World War.

110 years ago
March 5, 1910

The March town election Monday promises to be a heated affair with the slates of the Civic League vs. the Town Government Association vying for control of the town government offices. The list of registered voters has increased by 101 from last year to a new total of 2313.

The Post Office has ordered its employees to sell stamps with the gummy side up to avoid the transfer of germs from the stamps to persons who lick them.

A large number of residents gathered to discuss the possibility of organizing a Young Men’s Christian Association in Winthrop. The group discussed construction of a suitable building for a swimming pool, gymnasium, lockers, bowling alleys, billiard and pool tables, reading room, classrooms, and sleeping quarters for the young men who might visit from other parts of the country. Committee members include Edward B. Newton, Edgar Power, and Frank Tucker.

120 years ago
March 3, 1900

Despite the stormy weather on Feb. 22, the ladies of the Highlands put on a brilliant Martha Washington party in Constitution Hall. The affair featured a number of re-enactments of scenes from American history from the Pilgrims to the present day.

130 years ago
March 7, 1890

The issue of an eight-hour workday is a hot topic of discussion in the nation with those opposed holding to the view that it would be injurious to the nation as a whole and not necessarily beneficial to those who are supposed to benefit.

Despite snowdrifts that blocked the streets for the first time this season Monday morning, voters turned out for the annual town election and the town meeting was held in the evening. Edward Newman topped the contest for selectman with 211 votes, followed by Charles Hutchinson with 201 and Lucius Floyd with 147. David White finished fourth with 145. There were 450 registered voters of whom 431 were men and 19 were women. There was a turnout of 63 percent for the men and 73 percent for the women.

Winthrop Senior Center News

March 5, 2020 – March 11, 2020

Hours: Mon-Thurs:8:30-4pm/Fri:8:30-2:30pm

www.town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
10:30am – Red Hatters Meeting
10:30am – Zumba with Barbara
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Bingo

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

9:00am-12:30pm – Podiatry Appointments with Dr. Kaplan (\$20; Appointment Required)
9:30am – Exercise Class
10:30am – Line Dancing with Cindy
12:00pm – Lunch

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

10:30am – Zumba with Cindy

MONDAY, MARCH 9

9:30am – Exercise
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Bingo
6:15pm – Zumba Toning with Barbara

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

9:30am – Tai Chi with Cindy
10:00am – Bowling (at Winthrop Elks)
10:30am – Zumba with Cindy
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm– Art Class with Dawn
1:00pm – Chorus Rehearsal
2:00pm –Technology Class with Betsy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

9:30am – Exercise Class
10:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
10:30am – Tap Dancing with Tracy (at the Methodist Church)
12:00pm – Lunch
1:15pm – Italian Class with Michael
3:00-3:45pm – Play Chess with the WMS Chess Club

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Senior Lunch: If you would like to come for lunch, please call the day before by 11:00pm so that your order is counted for the next day.

2020 Senior Citizens Tax Work-Off Program: Applications for the 2020 Senior Citizens Tax Work-Off Program will be available beginning Wednesday, March 11th at the Senior Center and online at www.town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging. Applications are due back to the Senior Center by 2pm on Wednesday, April 15th. For more information on the program, please visit our website, or contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538.

Computer Lab: The Senior Center computer lab is open Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm and Friday: 9am-2pm.

Indoor Winter Walking Club: Walk at the Middle/High School Monday-Friday (when school is in session) from 4:15-5:15pm. To walk, you will need to submit a CORI form (available at the Senior Center).

Technology & Learning with Betsy: The next learning sessions will be on Tuesday, March 10 & 24, from 2:00-3:00pm. Bring your laptops, smart phones, or tablets, along with your questions. Learning this new technology can open a whole new world for you.

SHINE Counseling: Volunteer SHINE Counselors are here to help you with any health insurance questions you may have. To make an appointment, please call the Senior Center (617-846-8538).

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

Tuesday, March 17 (12pm): Lunch and a Show. Cost: \$5. Join us on St. Patrick's Day for a corned beef and cabbage lunch provided by Mystic Valley Elder Services, with entertainment from Ruth Harcovitz. We will also be drawing the winning ticket for the \$300 raffle basket (raffle tickets can be purchased at the Senior Center). Space is limited; sign up by Friday, March 6.
Monday, March 23 (10:30am-12pm): Coffee Hour with Cohen Florence Assisted Living

Monday, March 30 (10:15am): Coffee Hour with CC&R Healthcare Solutions.

Wednesday, April 1 (2pm): Eats & Treats Café. Cost: \$2. Join Kathy as she makes a Chocolate Cake and sample the finished product.

Thursday, April 2 (1-3pm): Paint Night in the Afternoon with Dawn Mahoney. Cost: \$20 (if paying by check, make payable to "Dawn Mahoney". All materials will be provided; sign up by March 26th.


Monday, April 13 (10:30am-12pm): This & That Crafts Class with Linda Nugent. Cost: \$4. Join Linda in making floating Teacups. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any additional items to decorate your project with.

Wednesday, April 15 (10am-12pm): Vaccination Clinic. Stop and Shop Pharmacy will be offering Shingles (1st or 2nd dose), pneumonia and tetanus shots. To make an appointment, please call the Senior Center or stop by the front desk. You will need to bring your insurance/Medicare card with you to your appointment. Payment by cash or check.

OBITUARIES

Virginia King

Longtime Clerk at Bank of Boston




Wednesday, March 4 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.
To sign the online guestbook go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

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31st Anniversary




The ones we love remain with us,
For love itself lives on.
And cherished memories do not fade,
Because a loved one's gone.
The ones we love can never be
More than a thought apart.
For as long as there is memory,
They'll live on in the heart.
Those we love don't go away
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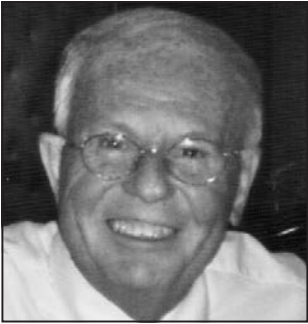
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Richard Milano

Active in many Winthrop organizations



Richard J. Milano of Golden Drive, Winthrop passed away on Feb. 26. He was 75 years old.
Born in Revere, the beloved son of the late Helen (Driscoll) and Michael Milano, he was a lifelong resident of Winthrop. He graduated from Winthrop High School and then went on to attend the University of Denver earning a BSBA. He was the former proprietor of Retail Enterprises and ICI. He was a member of the Cottage Park Yacht Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce and was a Board Member on the Winthrop High School Hall of Fame Committee.
He was the loving father of Patrick Milano, Maria Milano, William Milano and the late Michael Milano; the dear brother of Donald Milano and the late Peggy Cash, Michael Milano and Walter Milano and the cherished grandfather of Ava.
The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, March 3, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop. Committal was private. To sign the online guestbook go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.


ST. JUDE NOVENA

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My prayers have been answered.
J.T.

One Year Anniversary

Doug McGrath

2019 March 6 2020



The moment that you died our heart was torn in two
one side filled with heartache
the other died with you.

We often lie awake at night when the world is fast asleep and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon our cheeks.

Remembering you is easy
We do it every day,
but missing you is heartache
that never goes away.

We hold you tightly within our heart and there you will remain until the joyous day arrives that we will meet again.


Love You to the moon & back
Your Loving Family

In Loving Memory

Ann Marie Boland

Born: 1926

2003 March 8 2020



The day you left me,
my heart broke in two.
One side filled with memories,
the other dying with you.
I often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep and take a walk down Memory Lane with tears upon my cheek.
Remembering you is easy, I do it every day,
but missing you is a heartache that never goes away.
I hold you always within my heart and there you will remain.
Though life goes on without you, it will never be the same.
If I could have one lifetime wish, one dream that could come true, I would pray to God with all my heart for yesterday and you.


Forever Loved,
Jim, Jim Jr., Donald & Kathleen

IN MEMORIAM

Anthony "Papa" Giaimo

March 7, 2006 - March 7, 2020

14th Year Anniversary

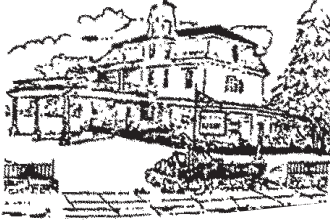


May you always walk in sunshine
And God's love around you flow
For the happiness you gave us,
No one will ever know.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone
A part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
A million times we've needed you,
A million times we've cried
If love could only have saved you,
You never would have died.

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OBITUARIES

Richard A. Lynds

Lifelong East Boston resident

Richard A. Lynds of Hudson, N.H., formerly a lifelong East Boston resident died on Tuesday, March 3, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with Lymphoma.

He was 76 years old.

Richard was born on Feb. 19, 1944, in Boston and moved to East Boston at a young age. He was the eighth child of the late Franklin and Marion (Carbone) Lynds and grew up in the Maverick Housing Development on New Street. There, he met his future wife Ann (Hennessey) Lynds of Grady Court.

Richard, like many of his neighborhood friends growing up, was a member of the Assumption CYO Drum and Bugle Corp in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The Drum and Bugle Corp performed at many competitions and had the honor of greeting then U.S. Sen. John F. Kennedy when he arrived at Boston Logan Airport to march in the East Boston Columbus Day Parade in 1958.

Richard attended East Boston elementary schools and East Boston High School before going to work as a Deli Supervisor for First National Supermarkets.

He worked for First National from 10th grade until the local First National stores went out of business in the late 1970s.

Always a worker and provider for his wife and three children, Richard worked several jobs between the late 1970s and early 1980s, including at Airways Rent-A-Car.

In the 1980s he began a career at the Boston Water and Sewer where he elevated to Manager of Facilities and Fleet. Richard was an important figure in establishing the Boston Water and Sewer’s first union.

After leaving Boston Water and Sewer, he opened his own flower shop on Meridian Street. Richard spent several years as the proprietor of Albano’s Florist before selling the business to take a more steady job at Delta Airlines.

At Delta Airlines, Richard worked as a cargo logistics specialist from the 1990s until he retired last year.

Throughout his life Richard was involved in many community activities. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus (KofC) Fitton Council. Through the KofC, he and other members were able to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years for



local organizations.

Richard was also a East Boston Little League coach, as well as a Cub Scouts of America Den Leader in East Boston in the 1980s.

During the late 1960s, he, along with many of his East Boston neighbors, fought against Logan Airport expansion and the taking of Wood Island Park. He participated in several community-wide protests, like the organized traffic slowdowns at Logan, as well as the tunnel marches.

Later in life and before retiring to Hudson, NH Richard was still an active member of the East Boston community. He was a member of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council and served for several years on the neighborhood’s Climate Adaptation Planning Delegation.

He was the husband of Ann (Hennessey) Lynds; father of Joann Lynds of Winthrop, Richard C. Lynds and his wife, Jeanine, of Lynnfield and John Lynds and his wife, Rebecca, of East Boston. He was the Papa of Sofia, Brody and Chase Lynds. He was the brother of the late Ruth Langhoff, Franklin Lynds, William Lynds, Doris Watson, Wilson Lynds, and Mary Reidy. He is survived by his sister Ella Shallow and her husband, Edward, of Dorchester. He was also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, March 8 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, March 9 at 10 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Church, 65 London St., East Boston. Immediately following the Mass committal will be held at Mt. Auburn Cemetery Chapel, 580 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Richard A. Lynds to support cancer research and patient care at: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.dana-farber.org/gift. Gifts may also be sent to the St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

House unanimously passes legislation to improve municipal public health services

Last week, House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Rep. RoseLee Vincent along with their colleagues in the House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation to strengthen local and regional public health services across Massachusetts.

The legislation, An Act Relative to Strengthening the Local and Regional Public Health System, supports collaboration between local boards of health and neighboring municipal public health departments to deliver high-quality and efficient public health services such as disease control, emergency preparedness, restaurant inspection, sanitary code enforcement, and suicide prevention and substance use disorder outreach.

“With the threat of a global virus outbreak on our doorstep, I’m proud that the House took action today to help communities across the Commonwealth protect the health and safety of their residents,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D – Winthrop). “Thank you to Vice Chair Garlick and Representative Kane for their diligence and focus on this issue.”

“In adopting this legislation, the House is providing necessary and needed tools in the toolbox for local communities in protecting the public health of their residents,” said Rep. Vincent (D-Revere). “I thank Speaker DeLeo, Vice-Chair Garlick and Representative Kane for their work in this bill, which I was proud to support.”

“The House has voted unanimously to strengthen local health departments through training and resources, and to create regional synergy with other health departments,” said Representative Denise Garlick, Vice Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Needham). “Public health departments in our 351 communities deal with issues seen and unseen, from water quality and effective sanitation to substance use disorders and suicide prevention. These are the concerns that affect quality of life in Massachusetts. This bill is vitally important and timely given current concerns over emergency preparedness with infectious diseases such as EEE and COVID-19.”

“This legislation will work toward ensuring each resident of the Commonwealth has access to the public health services they need to live a healthy life, regardless of their zip code or the size of their community,” said Rep. Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury). “It

will significantly strengthen our local and regional health systems by tackling many of the financial and operational burdens municipalities face. Representing a town that is a regionalized public health alliance member, I know first-hand how effective and efficient sharing public health services can be across multiple municipalities. I am grateful to the Speaker for prioritizing the bill’s passage.”

Specifically, the legislation seeks to strengthen local public health in three ways:

- Establishes the State Action for Public Health Excellence (SAPHE) program: A competitive grant program that provides funding to public health departments to increase sharing of services across municipalities, strengthen service delivery capabilities,

and improve system accountability and data reporting.

- Ensures the local public health workforce has access to training: Provides boards of health officials and staff with free educational and training opportunities four times annually in regions across the state.

- Sets new statewide public health standards: Department of Public Health will develop a set of minimum standards for foundational public health services to improve the quality of and create uniformity within the public health services of the Commonwealth.

As a first step, last year, the House committed to \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to fund new and expanded shared service programs in Metrowest, North Shore, and Western Massachusetts

communities.

The legislation builds on the work of the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health, a 25-member body of public health and municipal experts established in 2016. The commission released a 2019 report identifying ways for municipalities to overcome barriers and provide quality public health services to residents in Massachusetts. The report found that of the 105 towns with fewer than 5,000 residents, 78 percent lacked full-time staff and that more than half had no health inspector. The report also found inconsistencies in training and credentials of local health department staff members and a lack of consistent data reporting across communities.

The bill will now go to the Senate.

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WINTHROP YOUTH BASKETBALL SHOW OFF SKILLS TO THE SPEAKER

Photos by Emily Harney

The Winthrop Youth Basketball League hosted Speaker Bob DeLeo on Saturday morning, Feb. 29, for a presentation of their skills. The league showed their appreciation to Speaker DeLeo for his long-time support of the league.



Kids practice defensive positions.



Coach Jeff Aceres shows one of the young players how to dribble through his legs.



Kids practiced dribbling.



Speaker Bob DeLeo and Parks and Recreation Director Sean Driscoll.



Shown above: Speaker Bob DeLeo watches as young people get ready to run some drills. Shown to the right: Speaker Bob DeLeo is welcomed to the gym.



Speaker Bob DeLeo with Sean Driscoll, of Parks and Recreation, with the youth basketball coaches and participants.



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Speaker Bob DeLeo with the youth basketball coaches. (L-R) Mike Morano, Jeff Aceres, Ted Cottrell, and Tyler Mignosa.

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WHS SPORTS Roundup

WHS GIRLS PLAY WELL IN TOURNEY LOSS TO BELMONT

The Winthrop High girls hockey team played well and gave it their all, but came up short in a 4-2 loss to Belmont in a preliminary round game of the MIAA Division 1 Girls State Hockey Tournament last Wednesday evening.

The Lady Vikings, who compiled an 8-7-3 record on the season, entered the tourney as the 26th seed among the 32 D-1 teams who qualified for the post-season. Belmont was the seventh seed with a 13-3-4 mark..

The contest opened with both squads battling fiercely in up-and-down fashion, but neither could reach the back of the opposing net until Belmont's top scorer, Emma O'Donovan, escaped for some daylight to score two goals on a pair of breakaways.

"Belmont was fast, but we kept up with them until late in the period," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. "We had two breakdowns at the end of the period and both times it ended up putting the puck on their best player's stick, and she buried both of her chances."

However, the Lady Vikings responded to the challenge after the intermission and answered with a pair of goals in the middle frame to bring matters back to level at 2-2 by the second horn.

Eighth-grader Hannah Parker scored her first ca-



IN SEARCH OF SPACE: Winthrop's Maddie Stiglets tries to make her way past Amesbury's McKenna Hallinan during first-half action of Winthrop's 50-28 loss in the semi-finals of the MIAA Division 3 North sectional tourney. The team fought hard, and has a promising line-up returning for next season.

reer goal (what a game to score your first high school goal!) on a power play, with an assist going to Brooke Costin, who made a picture-perfect pass to set up Hannah for the score.

Emma Holmes then lit the lamp to notch the equalizer with a superb individual effort and well-executed finish. Emma carried the puck from center ice and skated past the Belmont defense before shooting the puck between the Belmont goalie's legs.

"This was one of our best periods of hockey the entire season," said Martuc-

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WINTHROP'S BANTAM HOCKEY TEAM HEADS TO LAKE PLACID ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF MIRACLE ON ICE VICTORY FOR TEAM USA OVER THE USSR



Shown above: Michael Eruzione, former Captain of Team USA's Gold Medal Hockey Team, also founder of Winthrop Charities is shown with the Winthrop Youth Hockey Bantam Team last week. The team is preparing for a trip to Lake Placid to compete in the ongoing tournaments, Eruzione, through Winthrop Charities helped provide funds to make the trip possible.

Shown left: Nothing like a pep talk from the captain of the most famous hockey team in history, the 1980 USA Gold Medal team that beat Russia at Lake Placid. Captain Michael Eruzione also scored the winning goal.



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Leighanne Strangie with her team.

Strangie honored for 'First-Time Team Captain of the Year' by Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

Local resident Leighanne Strangie was named "First-Time Team Captain of the Year" for her efforts in the 2019 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Leighanne was among a select group of awardees recognized at the Extra Mile Brunch on Sunday, March 1st for her fundraising and commitment in the 31st Jimmy Fund Walk event this past September.

Money raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk supports adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Scheduled for Sunday, October 4, the Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the historic Boston Marathon course. Participants choose among four distance options: 5K Walk (3.1 miles

from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute), 10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton), Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Wellesley), or Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton). All routes finish at the Copley Square Finish Line. This year's goal is to recruit 8,500 participants and raise \$9 million for Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund.

Participants who are not going to be in the area on October 4th can opt to register as Virtual Walkers. Whether participating for themselves, loved ones, neighbors, or co-workers, each walker shares a common purpose: to support breakthroughs that will benefit cancer patients around the world.

Leighanne formed her team, Team Ritchie, in memory of her son, Ritchie

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Why the Count Counts: Federal Funding and the 2020 Census

New MassBudget Brief Highlights the Impact of an Incomplete 2020 Census Count

More than \$3 billion each year come to Massachusetts from the federal government directly based on census counts. These funds support education, health care, transportation, housing, and more in our communities.

However, Massachusetts communities are at risk of an undercount in the 2020 Census. If we do not get a complete and accurate count of every single person living in the state, we are at risk of losing out on these critical resources. In its latest brief, *Why the Count Counts: Federal Funding and the 2020 Census*, the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center (MassBudget) updates and expands upon its earlier report identifying key federal funds vulnerable to a census undercount.

"A complete count of every single person living in Massachusetts gives us our best shot at making sure our communities all get the federal funding they are entitled to for the next decade," said Nancy Wagman, Kids Count Director at MassBudget, and author of the brief. "If we don't count every baby and young child - even newborns - our schools, clinics, roads, and communities will miss out on funding for 10 years. That's essentially the length of an entire childhood."

Key findings from the brief include:

- Young children are particularly vulnerable to being missed in the census. As many as 20,000 young children were missed in Massachusetts in the 2010 Census;
- Funding for Head Start, WIC, special education, Title I dollars for our local schools, are all directly affected by census population counts;
- If the Census 2020 counts are wrong, Massachusetts risks losing out on this funding for a full decade - essentially an entire childhood; and
- Low-income communities, immigrant communities, and communities of color have historically been undercounted in the census.

The lists below highlights some of the funding that is at risk from an undercount in the census and includes the recent totals to Massachusetts from these grants for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2019 or state fiscal year (SFY) 2020.⁴ This list is not comprehensive. Yet the grants listed here total more than \$3 billion annually in federal funds coming to Massachusetts that would be directly affected by an undercount in the 2020 Census.

EDUCATION

Special Education Grants to States
\$298.0 million (SFY 2020)

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) authorizes the federal government to make grants to states for special education and related services for children with disabilities.⁵ The allocation to each state is based, in part, on each state's number of school-aged children and each state's number of school-aged children in poverty.⁶ These calculations are based on census data.

Title 1 Grants to Local Education Agencies
\$237.5 million (SFY 2020)

Title I grants are available to local school districts to improve both teaching and learning in those schools with relatively large shares of low-income children.⁷ The allocation of funds to school districts comes directly from estimates of the number of children aged five through 17 in families in poverty for each school district.⁸ These calculations are based on census data.

Head Start/Early Head Start
\$170.4 million (FFY 2019)

Head Start grants support the locally-run and federally-funded preschool programs that help low-income young children prepare for kindergarten.⁹ Massachusetts is eligible for program expansion funds in part based on how many underserved low-income three- and four-year olds there are and the number of low-income children under five in Massachusetts relative to other states.¹⁰ These calculations are based on census data.

Child Care and Development Block Grant
\$146.1 million (FFY 2019)

The Child Care Development Block Grant provides funding to subsidize early education and care for low-income families and also to improve the quality of care for all children.¹¹ These funds require a state "match," meaning the state must spend a portion of its own funds to receive the federal funds. Like some other states, Massachusetts uses a portion of its federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant as part of its state match.¹² Massachusetts uses this block grant to pay for a large share of the spending at the Department of Early Education and Care. The amount Massachusetts receives is based in part on the population under five years old, the share of children in the state receiving free or reduced-price lunch, and per capita personal income estimates. These calculations are all based on census data



FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE (FMAP)
FEDERAL FUNDING TO MASSACHUSETTS NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY CENSUS COUNTS

The single largest source of federal revenue that supports the state budget comes through a formula known as FMAP, the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage. FMAP specifies the federal reimbursement rate for state spending on Medicaid, the state's MassHealth program.

The reimbursement rate is based on a state's per capita income, and ranges from a low of 50 percent reimbursement in thirteen states, to as much as 77.76 percent in Mississippi. Higher-income states receive a lower reimbursement rate than do lower-income states. Census population data are used in part to determine the state's per capita income for FMAP.

Massachusetts – a high income state – is already at the minimum FMAP reimbursement rate. A population undercount in the 2020 Census, which could distort (and increase) the calculation of per capita income, would not change Massachusetts' FMAP.³⁵ The other states that are not already at this minimum FMAP reimbursement rate could be significantly affected by a population undercount in the 2020 Census.

These are the federal revenues in Massachusetts subject to FMAP:

- Medical Assistance Program/Medicaid (MassHealth)**
\$10.62 billion (FFY 2019)

Reimbursement for state spending on the Medicaid program³⁶ (MassHealth) supports affordable health insurance to more than 1.8 million Massachusetts residents, including more than half the state's children. This funding also supports key elements of the state's services for adults with disabilities and provides essential support for health care providers that serve large numbers of low-income patients. Massachusetts also uses this funding to reimburse for operations and services in a dozen state agencies, including the Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, Devel-

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Highway Planning and Construction
\$642.8 million (FFY 2019)

The Federal-Aid Highway Program, the Federal Lands Highway program, the National Highway Freight programs, the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects, and the Highway Infrastructure Program are all encompassed under the federal Highway Planning and Construction grants.²⁴ These funds are available to support various aspects of construction, preservation, and improvement of highways and bridges. Funds are distributed in part based on the distribution of the population across the state.²⁵ These figures come from census counts.

Federal Transit Formula Grants
\$358.0 million (FFY 2019)

These grants support public transportation specifically in "urbanized" areas, which are those with a population over 50,000.²⁶ This funding is only available to areas that meet a specific population threshold,²⁷ which is determined using census population counts.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP)
\$159.5 million (SFY 2020)

The federal fuel assistance program, known as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), helps low-income families pay for heat (or air conditioning in hot climates) as well as weatherization.²⁸ The funding formula is based in part on the state's per capita income, as well as a calculation of how much low-income households spend on home energy costs.²⁹ These estimates are based on census data.

Community Development Block Grant—Entitlement Community Development Block Grant—Non-Entitlement
\$64.1 million (FFY 2019) – Entitlement Funds
\$29.8 million (SFY 2020) – Non-Entitlement Funds

The Community Development Block Grant entitlement program provides funding to larger urban areas to support affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and other activities benefiting low- and moderate-income residents.³⁰ About three dozen Massachusetts cities and towns receive this funding. The Community Development Block Grant non-entitlement program provides funding to non-metropolitan areas.³¹ The amount of funding for these grants is in part determined based on population counts, population growth rates, poverty rates, and housing overcrowding or age of housing.³² These calculations are all based on census data.

Home Investment Partnerships Program
\$31.2 million (FFY 2019)

This program provides funding to local and state government to expand the supply of affordable housing, particularly rental housing for low-income households.³³ These funds are distributed based on a formula that includes the estimated number of low-income households living in sub-standard housing and the poverty rate of an area.³⁴ These calculations rely on census data.

opmental Services, Elder Affairs, and more.

Foster Care (Title IV-E)
\$158.8 million (FFY 2019)

Reimbursement for state spending on the Title IV-E Foster Care program³⁷ supports the state's child welfare and child protection programs, including foster care. Massachusetts uses this funding to reimburse for spending at the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Early Education and Care.

Adoption Assistance (Title IV-E)
\$39.4 million (FFY 2019)

Reimbursement for state spending on the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance program³⁸ supports the state's child welfare and child protection programs, particularly adoption assistance for children with special needs. Massachusetts uses this funding to reimburse for spending at the Department of Children and Families.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) – also included above
\$724.6 million (FFY 2019)

Reimbursement for state spending on the CHIP-eligible services for low- and moderate-income children and pregnant women within the MassHealth program, based on an enhanced FMAP reimbursement rate. The legislated FMAP for Massachusetts is 65 percent, however under the Affordable Care Act in fiscal years 2016 to 2019, the FMAP increased by 23 percentage points to 88 percent, and in fiscal year 2020 it drops back to 76.5 percent. In Fiscal Year 2021 the enhanced FMAP for CHIP will return to 65 percent.³⁹ (See above description for the impact of census counts on the CHIP allotment increase.)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
\$724.6 million (FFY 2019)

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding reimburses the state for a portion of its spending on health insurance for low- and moderate-income children and pregnant women (see more detailed discussion of the state Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) below).¹⁴ The total amount of funding available to the state, however, is based on a formula that is in part based on the number of low-income children in the state without health insurance coverage,¹⁵ and these data come directly from census estimates.

Grants for New and Expanded Services under the Health Center Program
\$141.4 million (FFY 2019)

These grants support community health centers, including expanding existing services and improving access and quality of care.¹⁶ The funding available under these grants is based in part on whether a health center provides care in a "medically underserved" area, which includes communities with seasonal agricultural workers, people experiencing homelessness, and residents of publicly-subsidized housing.¹⁷ The designation of communities eligible for these grants relies on calculations based on census data.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
\$77.2 million (SFY 2020)

The WIC program provides nutritious food, guidance on healthy eating, and breastfeeding support for low-income pregnant and postpartum women, as well as infants and young children determined to be at nutritional risk.¹⁸ Participants use their WIC benefits in local grocery stores, and the funding that pays for that nutritious food is in part based on the Massachusetts share of women and young children with incomes at 185 percent of the poverty level.¹⁹ These calculations are based on census data.



State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program
\$41.0 million (SFY 2020)

The federal vocational rehabilitation grants support assessment, counseling, and services including vocational rehabilitation and training and job placement for persons with disabilities.²⁰ The funding to Massachusetts is in part based on the state's population relative to other states.²¹ This calculation is based on census data.

Social Services Block Grant
\$33.4 million (FFY 2019)

Social Services Block Grant funds are available to states to support families, prevent the abuse or neglect of adults or children, and reduce unnecessary institutionalization.²² Massachusetts uses most of this block grant to pay for spending at the Department of Children and Families. The grant to Massachusetts is in part based on the state's population relative to other states.²³ This calculation is based on census data.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- At least \$3 billion in federal grants to Massachusetts each year is vulnerable to an undercount in the 2020 Census.
- This funding is directly tied to census population counts in some way.
- Young children are at particular risk of being missed in the census.
- An undercount of Massachusetts residents could mean that communities will not receive essential funding for schools, health services, transportation, and more.

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WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL FALL TO AMESBURY IN DIVISION TOURNEY



CONSTANT CONTACT: Amesbury put the wraps on Winthrop’s leading scorer Maura Dorr. The junior was held to 11 points, including two that came on this drive past Amesbury’s Avery Hallinan.



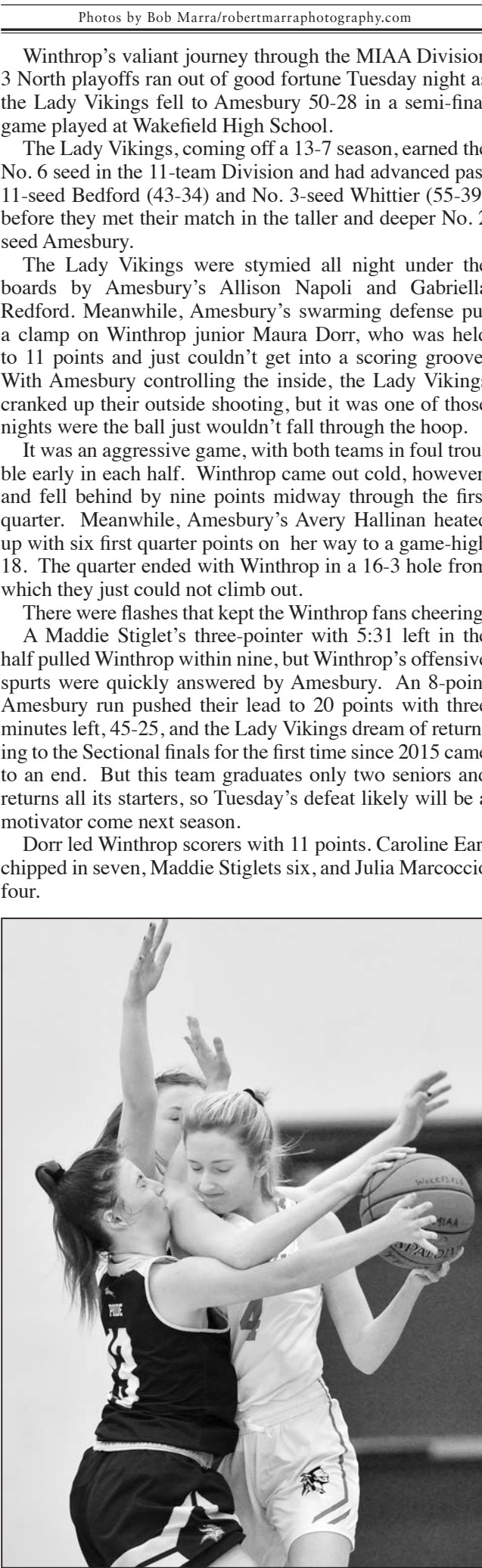
BOARD PROBLEMS: Amesbury used its height advantage to control the offensive and defensive boards, as was the case here when Avery Hallinan grabs a rebound in front of Winthrop’s Caroline Earl.



BASELINE BANG-UP: Winthrop’s Carolyn Kinsella loses control of the ball on this baseline drive around an Amesbury defender.



DEFENSIVE POSTURE: Caroline Earl fends off a drive by Amesbury’s Gabriella Redford.



PAINFUL TRAP: Winthrop’s Julia Marcoccio (#13) gets an armful of Amesbury’s Sadie Kermelewicz as the Winthrop defense pressed during second half action.

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ci. “We took over and just willed the game back in our favor with hard work and persistence. All year long this team has had a tremendous response and once again, through the leadership of our captains, we were able to respond.” That set the stage for a dynamic final 15 minutes of hockey between two evenly-matched teams. The contest remained deadlocked at 2-2 through the first 12 minutes of the period when Belmont caught a break thanks to a referee whistling Winthrop for a hand-pass (that was seen only by the ref), setting up Belmont with a face-off in the Winthrop zone.

The Vikings were unable to clear the puck from their defensive zone and with two minutes left, O’Donovan scored her third goal for a hat trick. Winthrop pulled goalie Summer Tallent in the final minute in favor of a sixth skater, but Belmont put the game on ice with an empty-netter with 18 seconds on the clock. “I have no complaints or regrets about how our team played in this game,” said Martucci. “Belmont was a very good team and we were right there. You always want to win the game, but even in losing, I was extremely proud of my team. They never gave up, never backed down, and re-

gardless of our age and inexperience, we played like champions all the way.” Martucci singled out the efforts of Jenna Dorr and Tallent for their strong performances. “Jenna played her heart out in this game and did more than we could have asked for,” Martucci said. “She blocked shots, battled along the boards, and made some great passes. The effort of Summer Tallent and our entire defense was incredible. They worked so hard and fought the entire way. I was very impressed with Summer and her effort.” With the 2020 season in the rear-view mirror, Mar-

tucci already is looking forward to next season with his young squad, but took a moment to thank the team’s seniors for their contributions to the WHS girls program. “I am very excited for next season,” Martucci said. “We have so much talent coming back. Our three seniors, Olivia Driscoll, Sydney Mignosa, and Ryan Parker, will be greatly missed. They are three of the classiest players we have ever had here. They are true leaders and role models both on the ice and in the classroom. Their contributions to this program have been immense and they will be sorely missed.”



FINDING A WAY: Julia Marcoccio (#13) gets off a shot despite the defensive effort of Amesbury’s Ciara Sullivan.

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Strangie, who passed away on June 7th, 2018, at 28 years old. Ritchie had developed a rare pediatric cancer, Wilm’s Tumor, at 26 and fought hard to beat it. Ritchie was an avid Boston sports fan who worked for the Boston Herald. Throughout his cancer treatment, Ritchie went to Spring Training and several Red Sox, Celtics, and Bruins games with the Jimmy Fund. Leighanne and her husband formed Team Ritchie to honor their son’s memory. “After our son Ritchie lost his battle with cancer, we actually missed coming to the Jimmy Fund Clinic and seeing all of the incred-

ible people we met along the way,” Leighanne writes. The team became a way for Leighanne and her family to work through their loss together and receive support from the community. “Being recognized at the Extra Mile Brunch makes me feel part of a huge community of compassionate people doing our best to better the lives of people with cancer and to help make strides in finding new treatments and cures,” Leighanne writes. “I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to the people who helped us in our time of need.” “Leighanne’s enthusiasm, passion and energy exemplify the unique

spirit of this event,” said Zack Blackburn, Director, Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. “Leighanne is a prime example of someone who has dedicated their time to conquering cancer and supporting high-level research at Dana-Farber.” To register for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFund-Walk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off registration. The Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai aims to raise \$9 million in 2020. The money supports all forms of patient care and can-

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL APPROVES HOUSING TRUST FUND

CHELSEA - Chelsea residents looking to buy their first home in the city may soon be able to get some financial help from the City.

Monday night, the City Council approved moving \$1.5 million from the City's general stabilization account to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund account. The order, introduced by Councillor-At-Large Leo Robinson, will help provide funds to support affordable home-ownership initiatives.

The affordable housing funds would be eligible for those making 65 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) to purchase one-, two-, or three-family homes or condominiums, according to Council President Roy Avellaneda.

"Anything beyond that would be considered commercial property," he said.

Councillor-At-Large Damali Vidot said the move is a great opportunity to increase home ownership in the city. During debates over affordable housing rental projects in the city, the lack of affordable ownership opportunities is an issue that has often been raised.

"This is an awesome opportunity for us to be able to support homeownership in the City of Chelsea, especially for those who are not able to afford it," said Vidot.

The AMI for the Boston area for a family of four is currently about \$113,000.

In other business, District 6 Councillor Giovanni Recupero introduced an order asking City Manager Thomas Ambrosino to look into providing \$300,000 in Free Cash funds to a general housing rehabilitation program.

The order was moved to a second reading at the next City Council meeting, where Recupero said he would further expand on the motion.

After the council meeting, Recupero said the money is essentially half of the annual Massport miti-

gation payment. Recupero has been among the councillors who pushed to use \$300,000 for a soundproofing program for residents impacted by air traffic from Logan Airport.

After Monday night's relatively speedy 30 minute meeting, Recupero said the money for the housing rehabilitation program would be available to all Chelsea homeowners, provided they earn no more than 100 percent of the AMI.

While there are similar government programs through Housing and Urban Development for lower-income homeowners, Recupero said if his order is passed in Chelsea for a more general swath of the population, it would be a first.

"That's a good thing," he said.

The council also received a request for an approval of a union contract with United Steelworkers, Local 9427. The union represents middle management in the City.

The total cost of wage increases over the three years of the agreement, which would date back to July 1 of last year if approved, totals \$335,402, with essentially three percent raises per year.

The new contract would also limit the accumulation of compensatory time for employees, a key desire of the City, according to Ambrosino.

Avellaneda introduced an order seeking to amend the zoning map that would change the zoning district of several parcels on Washington Avenue to Retail Business 2. Several businesses already occupy the parcels, and the changes would make it easier for new businesses to operate in the area down the line. The proposed change will now move to the Planning Department before coming back to the Council for final approval.

Robinson requested that there be a subcommittee meeting to discuss the expansion of an arts and recreation department for the city.

District 4 Councillor Enio Lopez urged residents to use the City-provided trash barrels.

Monday night was the last meeting for Council

REVERE OFFICIALS ATTEND RECEPTION FOR SEN. BONCORE



Revere city officials attended a reception for Sen. Joseph Boncore last Thursday night at the the Battery Wharf Hotel, Boston. Pictured, from left, are Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti, Ward 5 Councillor John Powers, Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso, Mayor Brian Arrigo, Sen. Joseph Boncore, Council President Patrick Keefe, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky, and Councillor-at-Large Jessica Giannino.

Administrative Assistant Ledia Koco, who will be moving on to a position with the Police Department. Several councillors praised Koco for her diligent and hard work over the years.

LFCFL CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

CHELSEA - It was freezing cold 10 years ago this month, and few at the brand new Leonard Florence Center for Living (LFCFL) knew what they were doing or how their risk in providing an innovative, new care model to those with ALS and MS would turn out.

Most said it was crazy; even more said not to do it.

But 10 years ago this month, several employees and administrators from Chelsea Jewish Lifecare set out to create what would become a world-wide model for residential care to those suffering with the debilitating ALS disease. Now, with a fully automated building and a new thought-process in caring for residents, many lives have been improved.

That milestone and the achievement were celebrated on Monday afternoon, Feb. 24, at LFCFL – where many of the original employees were celebrated and six of the 10 original

residents happily gave testimony as to how much better their lives have been.

In a nutshell, the risk was full of reward.

"It's hard to believe 10 years ago 10 employees and five residents from Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home set out to create what we have come to build here," said COO Betsy Mullen. "It was such a cold day. It was really an adventure into the unknown because none of us, residents or families knew what life would be like in an urban Green House. There was no pattern or no model...Then once we got settled here, all of the residents wanted to go outside and watch the snow coming down on the new porch and feel the snow on their skin. It was something they hadn't felt for a long time. It was a special time."

CEO Barry Berman, who helped lead the push for the Green House model, said no one advised him that this gamble was a good idea.

"Everyone told us this would never work," he said. "We were told over and over again not to do this. Ten years later, look at what we have here. You have Steve Saling who has been here 13 years, and was one of the first. It's truly, truly amazing. I'm truly happy to have just played some role in this process."

Long-time resident Bonnie Berthiame said she went to the hospital one day after not feeling so good, and that turned into a long-term stay in the hospital and then a nursing home.

At the traditional nursing home, she said her life felt taken away, and her grandchildren didn't want to come.

"At the nursing home, the children were nervous when they sat on the bed and they cried," she said. "I felt sad, but understood. Now they don't want to leave when they come here and they don't cry. They're happy to see me. There, I opened my eyes and was thankful. Here, I open my eyes and I'm happy. It's given me back the life that the other nursing home took."

One of the most celebrated residents, Steve Saling, helped to design the LFCFL and make it into a fully automated building – with perks such as being able to control things with the blink of an eye, literally.

"The Leonard Florence has changed what it means to live with a chronic disease," he said. "Thank you for giving my life back to me when ALS had thought it had taken it from me."

Saling was an architect, and he actually helped design the Center after he was diagnosed with ALS. He was originally given a life span of two-five years. Twelve years later, he is able to spend time with his family, travel, go skiing, sailing and even skydiving.

The LFCFL is so noted because it features state-of-the-art kitchens, spacious dining rooms and fireplace

living rooms for every 10 rooms. While traditional nursing homes rely upon one central kitchen to prepare food for the entire facility. The aroma of freshly cooked food reinforces the home concept. Each of the 100 spacious private rooms sport floor to ceiling windows and baths with showers. Residents have choices of what they eat – and when they eat it. Gathering spaces include a New York style deli, salon, spa, chapel, café, bakery, library and beautifully landscaped outdoor patio.

What's also unique: This revolutionary residence includes 30 rooms devoted to individuals diagnosed with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) and MS (multiple sclerosis.) Many of the residents are completely immobilized, but through cutting-edge technology, are able to control lights, turn on the TV, call for the elevator, open doors and raise window shades, all with help of a computer and sensor that tracks head and eye movements for instruction. Today, the award-winning Center cares for more individuals living with ALS than any place else in the world.

Six ALS and MS residents who moved into the building in 2010 continue to call the Center their home.

"There is a tremendous need for these homes," said Barry Berman. "We get calls from families all over the world whose loved ones have been diagnosed with ALS or MS. Our vision is to open more homes to help individuals living with these debilitating diseases."

Notably, 40 employees have worked at the Leonard Florence Center since it opened in 2010. The group was honored at the anniversary celebration, with each employee receiving a special plaque. Additionally, they will be treated to an all-day outing in the coming month.

"This is an extraordinary milestone," said Adam Berman, president of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare. "Continuity of care is an important factor in creating a nurturing and compassionate environment. In reality, our employees are the very essence of the Leonard Florence Center. They make a huge difference in the day-to-day lives of our residents."

WALSH STOPS BY OHNC MEETING

EAST BOSTON - Mayor Martin Walsh made a surprise visit to the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council's (OHNC) February meeting.

The Mayor, who had previously visited OHNC members a few months back, said his visit was part of a promise he made to the group to have an open and frank discussion about some of the issues on residents' minds.

Walsh started telling the OHNC that he got his start

in a life of public service by attending his local community group in Dorchester.

"I was just like you," said Walsh. "So the work that you do I really appreciate it. You are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood and keep a watch on crime, development and a whole host of other issues, and I thank you for that."

Walsh then got into the meat and bones of why he was at the local community meeting--OHNC members's concerns over the explosion of development in the neighborhood.

"We got caught in the middle of a major housing crisis," said Walsh. "Years ago, people were leaving the city for many different reasons. Then around 10 years ago things started to change and people wanted to move back to the city. Students who went to college here wanted to stay, Baby Boomers started moving back and companies started to invest in the city and bring jobs to the city so it really was a perfect storm that was brewing."

Walsh explained that the demand for housing led to a demand in housing development.

"When I was campaigning here in 2013, the one thing I heard over and over again was when was it going to be East Boston's turn," said Walsh. "People wondered about the waterfront, they wondered about the housing stock and wanted to see more investment in the neighborhood."

But as the saying goes be careful of what you ask for.

Walsh said Eastie became a very desirable neighborhood for developers and over the next six years, as the demand for housing increased, the demand for development in the neighborhood also increased.

Walsh directly addressed the criticism he's been hearing from OHNC members that the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals rubber stamps every project that comes before the group.

"It's simply not true and the numbers are misleading," he said. "People throw out this number that the ZBA approves 90 percent of the projects that go before them but that number is a little skewed."

Walsh said what residents don't see is the dozens of projects that don't have community, elected official or BPDA support and are pulled off the docket.

"So we never really get an accurate number because a lot of these projects don't go up to the ZBA when they know it is going to be a no vote," explained the Mayor. "They either go for a deferral and continue to work with the commu-

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nity or they pull the project all together.”

Walsh said since October the ZBA has only approved three projects in Orient Heights. Those projects were a three-family on Ford Street, a five-unit development with 10 parking spaces on Crestway and another three-family on Boardman Street.

“Alll those projects came before you a lot bigger but the developers worked with you, the community, and brought all these projects down to scale and moved forward,” said Walsh.

Walsh also pointed to a couple of other projects in the area that were drastically scaled back. The project at 119 Barnes Ave. was reduced from seven units to four while the project at 119 Coleridge St. was reduced from 19 units to nine.

“So a lot of these projects do get scaled back and then work for the neighborhood,” said Walsh.

Walsh also pointed to two projects that have yet to receive community, political or BPDA support that are currently in limbo.

“The project on the corner of Ford and Boardman Streets and the hotel pitched for Saratoga Street do not have our support so they are not moving forward right now,” said Walsh. “The developers still have a lot of work to do with us and with the community.

GSCA APPROVES TWO PROJECTS

EAST BOSTON - The Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) meeting, the group voted to approve two development projects.

At the first project at 14B Geneva St., the developer proposes to erect a 34-foot four-unit condo building with four parking spaces on an empty lot. After several meetings with the GSCA and abutters, the developer has agreed to move the side set back to give a little more room between the proposed development and an existing apartment building.

Attorney for the project, Jeff Drago, said the project would add some life to a lot that has sat idle for many years.

The project is seeking variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals for Additional Lot Area; Lot Width; Floor Area Ratio; Open Space; Side Yard; Rear Yard; and Parking.

The group voted 12 to 4 in favor of the project.

The second project, again presented by Drago, seeks to change the occupancy at 198-200 Maverick St. to a four-family dwelling and add a fourth story addition.

The developer, City Realty, met with GSCA members and abutters and agreed to set back the fourth floor addition six feet from the roofline.

The project is seeking zoning relief for Use; Floor Area Ratio; Height; Side YArd; Rear Yard and Parking.

GSCA members voted 7 to 8 in favor of the Maverick Street project.

ENCORE OFFICIALS INDICATE THEY ARE DESIGNING AN EVERETT AERIAL TRAM

EVERETT - Encore Boston Harbor officials said this week they are in the early stages of designing a new Everett Aerial Tram – a gondola type of transportation system – that would stretch from Assembly Row to Lower Broadway and perhaps on to Everett Square.

Encore spokesman Eric Kraus said on Tuesday the company is looking for an efficient and effective

transportation system that will allow them to develop an entertainment district on the parking lots across from the casino – and they believe the Tram will do the trick.

“We want to simply provide the most effective transportation for our employees and our guests,” he said. “We believe an Everett Aerial Tram from Assembly Row to Broadway will provide that. We want to create a Broadway entertainment district and need to get guests to that location effectively...From our standpoint, we are going through the process of designing the Aerial Tram and seeking input from various organizations and moving forward with it.”

The Tram would need a number of approvals before it could exist – including from environmental regulators, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) and the cities of Somerville and Everett. However, Kraus said it is not beyond reason that the Tram would go on from Lower Broadway to Everett Square.

“If we can get this Everett Aerial Tram approved, we can develop the Broadway entertainment district and support the mayor’s vision of having the Aerial Tram go from Lower Broadway to Everett Square. That would help in the revitalization efforts going on right now by the City. It’s incredibly exciting.”

The entertainment district idea is not a new one, as it had been suggested by CEO Matt Maddox long before the Encore resort even opened. It has also been spoken about in City meetings by Encore officials and by Mayor Carlo DeMaria. It is believed that, roughly, the district would include a large entertainment facility and about 900 additional hotel rooms.

What has never been spoken of is the idea of how to get people there – and that’s where the Tram has now surfaced.

City Transportation Planner Jay Monty said it was good that Encore was thinking about moving people to the new entertainment district in an innovative way that doesn’t include cars.

“The interest in the Gondolas is about bringing folks to the lots for when they build across the street,” he said. “The gondola plan does recognize the fact that the roadways aren’t able to handle that traffic and they can’t design more lanes and turning lanes. They need a transportation solution. Is that solution a gondola? No one is sure. They say they’ve done a study on it. We’ve yet to see that. There is a recognition that we cannot put more cars and more turning lanes on Broadway.”

The Tram is described as looking somewhat like an enclosed ski lift with pods that would hold about 10 people.

The casualty of the new Tram idea seems to be the Mystic River Pedestrian Bridge, which Encore now says it will not pay for.

Encore has already shelled out \$2.75 million for the pedestrian bridge that funded studies and 75 percent of the design. However, Kraus said the \$32 million anticipated cost has skyrocketed and now is “much more than that.”

He said Encore fully supports the pedestrian bridge, but cannot honor the commitment to pay for it in full given the drastic increase in cost.

“For us, it is not an either-or scenario,” he said. “The pedestrian bridge is a totally different discussion and conversation from the Tram. We are a proponent

of the Bridge and connecting the Northern Strand. However, it is irrelevant to the Broadway entertainment district and the Everett Aerial Tram. We do support the Bridge, but we will not be paying for it...The costs have become much more than originally anticipated and we will not be paying for it now.”

That was a brand new suggestion, as former President Bob DeSalvio – with CEO Matt Maddox beside him – pledged to pay for the Bridge once again the day before Encore opened on June 22, 2019. It wasn’t, however, unexpected as the Bridge costs did escalate beyond the \$32 million estimate.

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) said in a statement that the Bridge needs to be built, or there will be a marvelous path coming all the way from Lynn that abruptly ends at the Mystic River.

“A workhorse piece of public infrastructure, it will connect residents of Lynn, Saugus, Revere, Malden and Everett with Somerville, Boston and Cambridge,” said MyRWA’s Amber Christoffersen. “It will be to people-powered commuters as the Zakim and Tobin Bridges are to drivers. Such safe non-motorized routes are increasingly necessary as our region grapples with gridlock and the need to cut carbon emissions. With Encore having committed considerable resources to getting its employees from the Orange Line to its facility, the Commonwealth has a can’t-miss opportunity for a public-private partnership to complete this critical infrastructure. We call on the MBTA, MassDCR and MassEOEEA to work with Encore on a solution that fully serves both public and private transportation needs.”

Monty said he also hopes the state will step up to build the Bridge – especially considering the major investment in the bike path just announced by Everett and state officials.

“It a very difficult situation there at the end of the bike path,” he said. “We’re putting a lot of money into the path and the state is too and now it dead-ends at the River. We’re hoping the state comes to the table. That’s been the call all along. We’ll keep lobbying for that.”

FORMER FIRE CHIEF BUTLER PASSES AWAY

EVERETT - Fire chiefs are often noted for some specialty they have brought to the Department during their tenure, and for Former Fire Chief David Butler Sr. – who passed away on Feb. 19 – he will likely be known as the leader that brought Everett into the post-9/11 era of safety and security.

Chief Butler Chief Butler retired in 2016 after heading up the Department for 16 years, having taken over just one year before 9/11 and the new era of security at Everett’s ports and industrial infrastructure began to dominate the City’s fire service. He died surrounded by loved ones after fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer.

On Monday, a Memorial Mass at Immaculate Conception drew a crowd of fire personnel from all over the region – as Chief Butler had spoken and presented to fire leaders all over Massachusetts and the northeast. His family attended, and were distraught by a death that came too soon. He leaves his wife, Mary, his four children, and 10 grandchildren – along with three siblings.

Chief Butler told the In-

dependent that although he spent 39 years in the fire service, and loved his work, that he never intended to work as a firefighter – that coming from a man whose father was a lieutenant in the Everett Fire Department.

“I wasn’t one of those kids who ran around with a fire helmet on all the time,” he said in 2016. “I was around it my whole life, but this wasn’t in my plans...I majored in biological and marine sciences at Suffolk University. My goal was to work on a research vessel traveling the oceans. That was my plan and my father, who served on the Everett Fire Department, convinced me to take the Fire Exam as a back-up plan. I studied for it and got to know the job and was offered a job. I’m very grateful he suggested that. It’s been a great job.”

Butler served under three mayors, including David Ragucci, John Hanlon and Mayor Carlo DeMaria. His father, Roy Butler, served on the Department and retired as a lieutenant. His uncle, Arthur Butler, also served as chief of the department, and ironically, left that post the day before Chief Butler took the position.

In addition to being known far and wide for his expertise in the security and procedures around Liquid Natural Gas (LNG), he was also well-respected in the Metro Chiefs and the state Chiefs Associations. And, while he was a good administrator, he was also a good joke.

He told the Independent he fought the Vocational School fire in 1983, and the huge fire that took most of Everett Square as well.

However, it was a house fire on Myrtle Street that he said he would never forget – a fire that took the life of one of his men, Tony Conti.

“That was back in 1988 and it was the hardest day on this job, losing a man in my company,” he said in 2016. “I was a captain and one of my men got killed at the fire. It was on Myrtle Street and was actually across the street from Tony’s house. That was one of the hardest days.”

His job as chief was also was transformed by the events of 9/11 – taking the Everett Fire Department from a service that simply fought fires, to one that has to be prepared for terrorist attacks on major infrastructure in Everett’s industrial port. Chief Butler was widely known, and locally revered, for successfully transforming the fire service in that way.

Among many accolades and achievements throughout his career, Chief Butler was named Firefighter of the Year in 1985, was invited to speak internationally numerous times as an expert on LNG safety, and twice earned gubernatorial appointments, most notably as a member of the prestigious Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fire Service Commission. In his retirement, David served as Executive Director of Metrofire, working alongside the chiefs of Metro Boston fire departments, a group to which he attributes much of his success as chief and so many great friendships in his retirement.

Among his lesser known qualities was the fact that – like many firefighters who have spent years in a fire house – he was a very good cook and enjoyed cooking for his family.

GISONNO COMMITS TO WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

LYNN - The Lynn Classical football team cele-

brated its 2019 season at an awards banquet at the Knights of Columbus.

Senior quarterback Daniel (Dan) Thomas Gisonno received the team’s MVP Trophy that is named after Classical legend Harry Agganis. Gisonno, a 6-foot-3-inch, 190-pound senior, had one of the greatest seasons in school history, throwing for more than 2,200 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Head Coach Brian Vaughan announced to the large gathering of players, coaches, parents, and guests that Gisonno had committed to attend Western New England University in the fall.

All that hoopla made it a night of mixed emotions not only for Dan, but also for his parents, Daniel Edward and Kim Gisonno, who were wrapping up six consecutive years of involvement in the Classical program. Kim is the president of the Lynn Classical Boosters and she and the other volunteers were recognized by Vaughan for what was a terrific banquet that included the awarding of the traditional green and white letter jackets to the Classical eniors.

“It’s bittersweet – we’ve been part of it for six years,” said Kim, whose son, Matthew, also starred for the Rams and is now a sophomore at UMass Dartmouth. “We’re going to miss it.”

There is plenty of athletic talent and height in the Gisonno family. Matthew, a member of the World Series Lynn Babe Ruth team, is 6-feet, 5-inches, father Daniel, who played football at Tech and Georgetown, is 6-feet, 4-inches, while Dan is 6-feet, 3-inches. There is also exceptional leadership in the Gisonno family. Daniel is the former president of Pine Hill Little League while Dan was a captain at Classical. Matt is a past recipient of the Harry Agganis Scholarship. Kim’s contributions as Boosters President were “amazing,” according to Coach Vaughan.

Dan said he made the decision to attend Western New England earlier this month.

“I’m excited to start a new chapter in my life and in my football career,” said Dan. “I hope to compete for the starting position.”

Asked about his record-breaking senior season, Dan replied, “I had something to prove to a lot of people this year after being the backup quarterback the last two years.”

Dan added that playing football for Coach Vaughan was a tremendous experience.

“He’s a great coach and a great man,” said Dan. “You just listen to what he teaches and he’ll help you become a better football player.”

Dan said he is looking forward to playing in the Harry Agganis All-Star Classic in June. “I plan on being there, representing Classical and honoring Harry Agganis’ memory. The rest of the summer, I’ll be working and getting ready for college.”

Dan credited his parents for their support - from his days in Pine Hill Little League and East Lynn Pop Warner to those years in Lynn Babe Ruth and at Lynn Classical.

“I would like thank them for everything they’ve done for me – getting me to where I need to go today and making me the person I am,” said Dan. “And I’ve looked up to my brother, Matt, a lot in my life. He’s been a great example for me.”

Head coach Brian Vaughan, a former All-Scholastic running back for the 1990 Lynn English Super Bowl team quarterbacked by Chris

Warren, said he witnessed “something special” at the Rams’ QB position this season.

“Dan had an unbelievable senior year, one of the best performances by anybody in the state,” said Vaughan. “It was the best season I’ve seen by a quarterback in this area in a long time.”

Vaughan, who rushed for 2,473 yards during a spectacular career at Northeastern, believes that Gisonno can excel at Western New England.

“Dan was recruited by a lot of D-2 and D-3 schools and he chose Western New England because he felt it was the best fit for him academically and athletically,” said Vaughan. “I think he’s going to play a lot of football there. He’s a competitor all the way and I’m excited for his future.”

GIANNINO ANNOUNCES FOR STATE REP. POST

REVERE - Revere City Councillor At-Large Jessica Giannino announced her candidacy for State Representative. The districy includes Chelsea, Revere and Saugus.

The following is her statement:

“With Representative RoseLee Vincent announcing that she will not be seeking re-election, I have decided to run for State Representative. For years, the 16th Suffolk District has been represented by strong women who knew how to get things done. They have been in leadership at the State House and given a new generation of elected officials a lot to live up to. I am running for State Representative to continue the battles that remain. From protecting our environment against companies like Wheelabrator to ensuring our transportation systems work for our residents, I will be a fervent advocate for the people of Revere, Saugus and Chelsea,” said Giannino.

She added, “I am committed to running a race that takes me to every corner of the district, engaging voters who have voted for decades and those who have just registered. I will be a candidate and State Representative who provides a voice to those who feel left out of the conversation and will bring our communities together on the many issues that we all care about. Good schools, safe streets, a place to live, work and raise a family in...these are the issues we ALL care about regardless of how long we have lived here and where we have come from. I look forward to speaking with each of you in the coming months, and hope to earn your support before the Democratic Primary on September 1st.”

Jessica began her career in politics as a City Councillor At-Large for the City of Revere in 2012. In that time, she has worked on countless issues that impact the daily lives of the citizens of Revere, as well as ordinances that will impact generations to follow. In 2013 her inclusive style and strong leadership qualities prompted her colleagues to elect her Vice President of the Council. In 2016 and 2018, Jessica had the honor of serving as City Council President. During that time, she worked ensure the agenda maintained a balance between protecting and growing the city’s economic base, without compromising the quality of city services to residents. Jessica believes it is her responsibility to ensure that Revere’s government is accountable to the people, financially responsible and forward thinking.

WINTHROP STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

RESIDENTS MAKE THE DEAN'S LIST AT UMASS AMHERST

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2019 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

Sean Matthew Arria
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Emily Anna McGovern
Padraic Deavan Murphy
Melissa M Rodriguez
Patrick James Sennott Jr
Katerina Thano
Fatma Tufa

RESIDENT NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Daniel S. Reis, a resident of Winthrop, has recently been named to the Dean's

List at Boston University for the Fall semester.

Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. Consisting of 16 schools and colleges, BU offers students more than 250 programs of study in science and engineering,

social science and humanities, health science, the arts, and other professional disciplines, along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes integral to the University's research and teaching mission. With more than 33,000 students, BU is the fourth-largest private university in the country and a member of the American Association of Universities (AAU), a nonprofit association of 62 of North America's leading research-intensive institutions.

THREE STUDENTS

GRADUATE BU STUDENTS IN JANUARY 2020

Receiving degrees were Krystle R. Boyajian, Bachelor of Science in Journalism; Kristin E. Meehan, Master of Business Administration in Business Administration and Management; Jacquelyn S. Goodwin, Bachelor of Science in Communication.

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BOOK REVIEW

'ADAM SMITH FOUNDER OF ECONOMICS'

By JESSE NORMAN

Reviewed By Bernie Kelly

Jesse Norman does an excellent job in tracing the life and work of a renowned author and theorist in "Adam Smith Father of Economics." The book is divided into two parts-the first dealing with Smith's life, while the second part deals with his writings and their impact on society.

Smith himself never married. His life was spent with his devoted mother and his cousin, who kept house for him. He excelled in school as a youth, and eventually he matriculated to Oxford.

He did well there, but he felt somewhat out of place, partially because of his allegiance to the Scottish Renaissance, which was taking place while he was attending Oxford. There was evidently some tension between his British classmates and the Scots with whom he identified.

After graduation he took a post as a tutor to an established family in Scotland, while also working on his own writings during his spare time.

He corresponded with

and befriended David Hume, the famous Scottish philosopher. The two proved the old maxim that opposites attract, with Hume being gregarious and outgoing, while Smith tended to be taciturn and introverted. Despite their personality differences, Smith and Hume became lifelong friends and their collegiality was the stuff of legends.

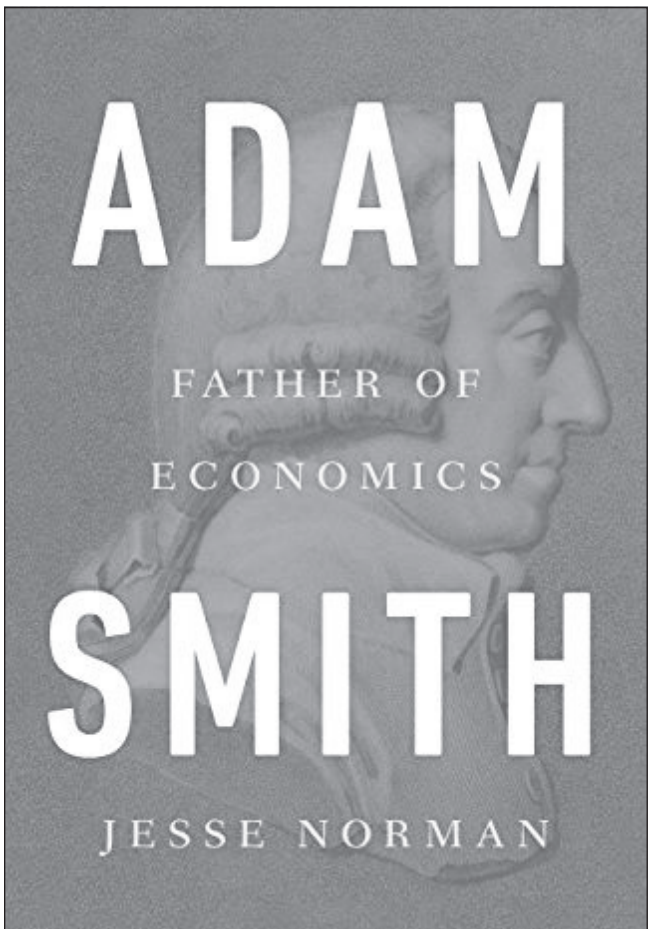
"The Wealth of Nations" was Smith's most famous work, but he also wrote "The Theory of Moral Sentiments" which gives an op-

posite view to the somewhat utilitarian sentiment evoked in his Magnus Opus. Smith also penned a series of lectures entitled "Letters on Jurisprudence" which are far less famous. Later in life Smith had plans to augment his corpus of writings, but he passed away before he had a chance to finish it off.

The second part of the book deals with the impact of Smith's work. He was a strong opponent of slavery. He abhorred slavery -Condemns it as a matter of fact.

Smith was an interesting character. It can be assumed from the fact that he never married that he was a single-minded scholar. He had close friendships, notably Hume, but he was something of a recluse. His writings stand as a testament to his life, especially "The Wealth of Nations" which is widely known as a precursor to most studies of economics as we know it today.

Jesse Norman himself is a graduate of Oxford University. In addition to this book, he also wrote "Edmund Burke: The First Conservative." His writing style is concise and infor-



mative. His study of Adam Smith is a welcome addition to the annals of biography. Norman was a Governor of the UK National Institute of Economics and Social Research and a visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford.

"Adam Smith" is a book

that you will enjoy reading. It is clear and well written. Norman has a gift for delineating the twists and turns of Smith's career, as well as his foibles and eccentricities. Be prepped for an enjoyable perusal. Happy reading!

Bernie Kelly



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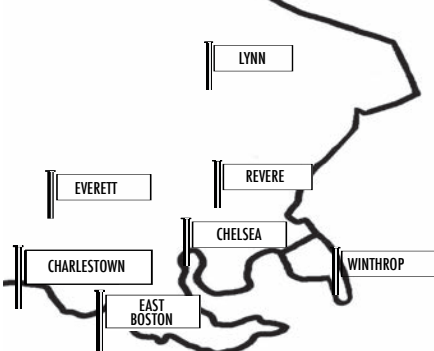
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The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities in or reject any or all bids as may be in the best interests of the Town of Winthrop. Bids

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And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU20P0383EA
Estate of: Paul G. Gaffney
Date of Death: 11/15/2019
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Richard B. Villotte of Revere, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Richard B. Villotte of Revere, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have

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a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/06/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 24, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL Docket No. SU16P2070EA
Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
Estate of: Robert Jude Donahue
Date of Death: 07/29/2016
To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Sean F. Donahue of Winthrop, MA and Mary E. Page of Winthrop, MA requesting that Sean F. Donahue of Winthrop, MA be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 03/26/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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FRESH AND LOCAL

Begin with what you know

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The best starting point for learning to cook or exploring food cultures is to begin with what you know. If you know how to make scrambled eggs, that can be your starting point for making a diner-style omelet with ham and cheese. From there you can move on to a frittata or strata. With more egg experience under your apron, you might decide to master the perfect French omelet or a soufflé.

When it comes to food from other cultures, you can take the same approach. Someone new to Vietnamese food might start with pho ga— chicken noodle soup. It’s familiar but comes with a plate of typically Vietnamese additions like Thai basil, mint, cilantro, bean sprouts, lime wedges, hoisin and chili sauces. The newcomer can add some or all of these and

edge from what they know to what is new.

Try New Versions

As with many home cooks, we have a number of dishes in our regular rotation. We love to make new versions of our basic recipes. We might exchange ground beef for ground chicken, kielbasa sausage for chorizo, and then adjust the seasonings to match the cultural origins of that ingredient.

Most recipes evolve over time. If you make your family’s meatloaf, you may find your version is very different from the one your grandmother taught your father to make. The method and ingredients he passed down to you probably had a few tweaks that he added over time.

Start Where You Are

New cooks have a world of ingredients to explore

and thousands of ways to turn those ingredients into wonderful dishes. However, they can also use a small pantry of trusted items to expand their cooking skills.

The cookbook “Lateral Cooking” by Niki Segnit is a guide to this sequential learning method. The publisher explained, “The book is divided into twelve chapters, each covering a basic culinary category, such as ‘Bread,’ ‘Stock, Soup & Stew,’ or ‘Sauce.’ The recipes in each chapter are arranged on a continuum, passing from one to another with just a tweak or two to the method or ingredients. Once you’ve got the hang of flatbreads, for instance, then its neighboring dishes (crackers, soda bread, scones) will involve the easiest and most intuitive adjustments.”

Since this is the month when we celebrate all things Irish, you could



This is our favorite variation on Irish Soda Bread. It has whole wheat flour, oatmeal, and raisins added to the classic mixture.

make soda bread your starting point. Even if you have never baked before, you can make soda bread. You are about to see recipes for it on every food site you visit.

Our favorite variation is an oatmeal and whole wheat version that includes raisins. Ed loves this bread so much that he (who has never had to bake or cook on his own) learned to make it when Penny was too busy

to supply his cravings.

In “Lateral Cooking,” Segnit gives readers what she calls “leeways” – her ideas for adaptations and substitutions. She occasionally warns you about things her experience says not to try. In the soda bread, biscuits, cobbler section, she warns against replacing all the flour with gluten-free grains but instead suggests using oatmeal for some of the flour in soda bread, as

we do.

Wherever you find yourself, as a cook or an eater, is a great starting place. From where you are today, you can choose to expand your skills, knowledge, and palate to move on to new recipes and new tastes from near and far.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

TOWN PAWS

Choose Your Family

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Choose Your Family

Adopting an animal and making it part of your life is



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Adopting a cat may be the perfect choice for a small urban home.

a choice. We all hope this is a choice for a lifetime. Very careful, honest, and deliberate thinking through the process and assessing your

abilities, needs, and wants will help ensure a long and happy relationship.

Consider All Your Budgets

We all have limits on the various budgets that rule our lives. An animal is an added expense for your monetary budget. A few years ago, the ASPCA estimated “... a small dog will cost you \$1,314 in the first year, a medium dog \$1,580. Want a large dog? Be prepared to spend \$1,843 in your first year as a dog owner.”

They pegged the cost of a cat at \$1,035 in the first year. Those figures include some start-up costs that you may not face if you already

have pet supplies. Many of those who write on this topic also suggest you set up an emergency fund to cover unexpected situations.

Next, think about your time and energy budgets. What activities will you exchange for the time you will be spending exercising, playing with, and taking care of an animal? If you choose a highly active animal, you may also tap into a portion of your personal energy reserves.

Consider Your Needs and Limitations

There are many appropriate reasons for choosing an animal and we should think about what we are hoping to gain with our selection.

If you want a quiet, comforting companion for a small urban home, a cat may be the right choice. Or, you may crave the warmth of a small dog with a cuddly personality.

An athletic lifestyle is

perfect for a dog with a need for lots of exercise. If social contact and becoming part of the urban dog community is your goal, look for an outgoing breed or mix, and do the training work needed to be sure your dog will play well with others. If protection is on your list, you might choose a large but highly trainable dog. Think about the breeds that first responders select for K-9 training.

Consider your own limitations. For many years we watched a small woman try to control a series of untrained, large dogs on our walks. We saw her nearly pulled off the sidewalk into traffic on a number of occasions. She was not physically able to control the dogs she chose. There will also be times when you might have to assist or lift your animal. Have a plan on how you might do this or who could help you if you choose a large dog.

Final Thoughts

If you have other animals in your home or who are a part of your life on a regular basis, you will want to be sure the new family member will be the right fit. Some individual dogs are cat safe, but that has to be tested. We have had friends who were heartbroken when a younger dog became the alpha and bossed around their longtime companion.

Finally, you need a plan for these family members if something happens to you. Who will help you care for them if you are not able to do so for a long or short time. In Massachusetts you can set up a trust that will pay for the expenses a caregiver would incur for a short time or for the rest of your animal’s life.

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