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Council provides updates on election; discusses service attack

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met on Feb. 16, where it provided updates about the upcoming election, zoning, and the town wide cyber attack.

Election

The Town will be hosting elections for Mass. State Rep. on March 2. Postcards will be mailed out to registered voters. Precincts 1, 2 and 5 will be voting at the former mid-

dle school. Precinct 4 will vote on Golden Dr. and Precincts 3 and 6 will vote at the Senior Center.

Caller Wendy Millar-Page urged her fellow residents to vote in the upcoming election.

"A local vote affects us directly and affects our day-to-day life," she said. "These are the things we have to pay attention to. People really need to get out and vote on the second."

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Capobianco releases statement on accusations

In response to recent accusations, candidate for State Rep. Valentino Capobianco has released the following statement.

"I am running for State Representative for the same reason I ran for the Democratic State Committee and Winthrop School Committee — to do as much good as I can for as many people as I could. The large number of people who have chosen to honor me with their support in this contest demonstrates that while not perfect, I clearly have accomplished at least some of that goal, and for that, I am genuinely proud. I know that politics can be a blood sport but I remain incredulous of the false and outrageous allegations that have suddenly been dropped on me. In the last 6 hours, two completely untrue and ridiculous accusations have been made about me in

high school. I would have been 15 or 16 at the time, and these things simply never happened.

It is deeply personally embarrassing to see some dumb college behavior also be raised — I will own my own mistakes.

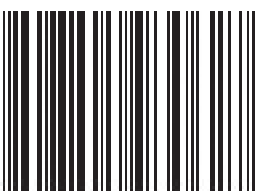
It was not predatory. I was overly enthusiastic texting someone I had a crush on. That is the juvenile behavior of a nerdy kid. In hindsight as an adult, I know that.

I'd like to think that despite any personal embarrassment this story brings to me, the people of this district who know me will decide that I can still do more for their families and our community over the next two years than can any of the other candidates running. If that is the case, I'd be honored and humbled to become their voice and their vote on Beacon Hill."

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NEWS Brief

POLL WORKERS NEEDED

The Town Clerk's office is seeking additional election workers for upcoming elections. There are several positions open for the March 2, 2021 & March 30, 2021 elections. If you are able to work a full day from 6:30 am to 8:30 pm, please call 617-846-1742 or email jdemato@town.winthrop.ma.us. If we can't use you for this election your name will be placed on a reserve list for future elections.

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PHOTOS BY RICHARD HONAN

On Thursday, Feb. 18, the skies opened up and began an over 24-hours snowfall covering Winthrop and the surrounding communities in snow and rain through the weekend.

Positive cases in Winthrop see slight uptick

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified the town of 38 — five more than last week — additional confirmed positive cases of the virus in Winthrop

since our last reporting on Feb. 18. These additions bring the Winthrop case total up to 1,969, with 35 deceased, 53 isolated and 1,881 recovered.

The Winthrop Public

Health will be offering assistance to those who may have difficulty registering for the Covid vaccine.

Anyone in need can call

See COVID-19 Page 2

Four candidates vie for state representative nomination

By Cary Shuman

In most elections in Massachusetts, candidates have several months to meet with residents, hold campaign events, and get

their message out to the voters, especially in spring and summer when the warm weather arrives.

But in the March 2 Democratic Primary for the Nineteenth Suffolk state

representative seat previously held by Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, the four candidates, Juan Pablo Jaramillo of Revere, and

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JEFFREY R. TURCO

for State Representative

"I'm completely humbled by the encouragement I've received from across the District.

To even be considered by my peers and former colleagues that I dearly respect is exciting on its own. To have their full support is nothing shy of a dream. They've seen me in action, they know my passion for community and they know I'm fit for the job. I won't let them or any other resident of Winthrop or Revere down."

WINTHROP LEADERS TRUST JEFFREY TURCO



Russ Sanford

Former Winthrop Town Council President

I'm voting according to my values, so I'll be voting for Jeff Turco for State Representative. Jeff not only has the best interests of the residents of Winthrop and Revere, but he has what it takes to lead our District with transparency on Beacon Hill.



Jeanne Maggio

Former Winthrop Town Council Member

I endorse Jeff Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk because he cares. His dedication to our town, surrounding communities and our residents is a true testament to his work ethic and I know he will do right by all of us as a legislator.



Larry Powers

Former Winthrop Town Council Member, Retired Fire Chief, Current Harbormaster

Jeff was a great colleague and partner on the council as well as a friend. His dedication to Winthrop and Revere is unmatched and I know he will be a strong advocate for working families.



Linda Calla

Former Winthrop Town Council Member

Jeff Turco has my endorsement because he will keep Winthrop and Revere families where they belong on the priority list -- at the very top. Having worked alongside Jeff, I know he has the drive to always do what's right for his constituents. He is the best candidate to represent the needs of our District on Beacon Hill.



Paul Flanagan

Winthrop, MA

I'm proud to endorse Jeff Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk. Jeff has always been a strong supporter of first responders, and now more than ever we need proper representation. Jeff is not the type to be backed into a corner and I know he will do what he needs to in order to keep public safety on the forefront.



Jim Letterie

Former Winthrop Town Council President

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Jeff over the past dozen years as a colleague and a friend, and I am honored to endorse his campaign for State Representative. Jeff's leadership, communication skills, integrity, and energy make him the right choice to represent us on Beacon Hill.



Paul Varone

Former Winthrop Town Council Member

Please join me in voting for Jeff Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District. Jeff has a tremendous amount of experience working within our neighborhoods and showed his true abilities while serving on the Town Council.



RoseLee Vincent

Former State Representative

Jeff's deep commitment to his family, faith, friends and community are evident by the way he lives his life. He is the only candidate, who as a husband, father, and homeowner knows first-hand the struggles of working-class families like ours! He will be able to make an immediate impact in the legislature for Revere and Winthrop and I am extremely proud to endorse him for State Representative for Revere and Winthrop."



Rich Boyajian

Former Winthrop Town Councilor

I believe Jeff Turco is the only person qualified to be our next state representative. While Jeff and I have not always seen eye to eye on things, I have always respected his passion, intelligence and most of all, his strong advocacy for what is right for the citizens he represented as the Winthrop Town Council President. Now more than ever we need Jeff. On Beacon Hill, Jeff is not going to just agree with policies because everyone else does. Jeff will always do what he believes is in the best interest of the citizens of Winthrop and Revere. I urge you to vote for Jeff Turco on election day so he can advocate for all of us."



Dan Rizzo

Former Revere Mayor

For roughly 30 years, the city of Revere and our neighbors in Winthrop have had the good fortune to be represented by Speaker Bob DeLeo. Now, as he announces his retirement and moves on to the next phase of his life, we must select his replacement. I can think of no better choice than Attorney Jeff Turco. Jeff has the academic, professional and political experience that is needed to make a positive impact on his district starting on day one. His values, work ethic, and commitment to good government are some of the many reasons why I am proud to wholeheartedly support his candidacy.



Terry Delehanty

Winthrop, MA

Jeff Turco's commitment to public safety for all residents is what makes him the best candidate for State Representative. I offer him and his candidacy my full support and look forward to seeing his grounded and honest approach to tackling the issues of the 19th Suffolk District.



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State Rep. Race Highlights

Several Public Safety Union’s endorse Jeffrey Turco for State Rep., 19th Suffolk

Special to the Journal

Last week, Jeffrey Turco received the endorsements of the:

Revere Police Superior Officers Union

Revere Police Patrolman’s Union

Winthrop Police Patrolman’s Union

Massachusetts State Police Commissioned Officers Association (MSPCOA)

Massachusetts Coalition of Police (Mass C.O.P.)

New England Police Benevolent Association

Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union (MCOFU)

Turco is running for State Representative, 19th Suffolk which represents

Winthrop and part of Revere. The seat was vacated by former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and a Special Election Primary is being held on March 2nd.

“Given the situation with police reform I feel it would be to our benefit to have the next State Rep. on our side during this fight,” said Lt. Charles Callahan, Revere Police Superior Officers Union. “I feel that person is Jeff Turco, he is an attorney and is pro law enforcement. I have known him personally for over 20 years he is a family man and his values are in line with ours.”

The Revere Police Superior Officers Union represents high-ranking officers of the Revere Police

Department.

Jeff Turco is a local, family man that has the knowledge and experience to make difficult decisions during these unprecedented times,” said Joe Duca, Revere Police Patrolman’s Union President. “The importance of protecting communities is evident with his support for public safety occupations.

“I am writing to announce that the Winthrop Police Union MACOP Local 421 AFL-CIO has voted favorably to endorse Jeff Turco as our candidate in the upcoming election for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District,” said Sgt. Arthur Hickey, Winthrop Police Union. “Jeff knows we are here to protect and serve the

public but this can only be done if everyone has the same goal in mind. I know Jeff will be an advocate for police and correctional officers who maintain that Thin Blue Line that stops crime and chaos from occurring in people’s neighborhoods.”

“Jeff’s leadership, experience and understanding of Public Safety is unparalleled, and the MSPCOA is proud to endorse your candidacy for State Representative..” said Bruce Horns, MSPCOA President.

The MSPCOA currently represents and acts as the exclusive bargaining agent for all Massachusetts State Police Commissioned Officers. Members include those that fall under the ranks of Colonel, Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Detective Captain, Captain, Detective Lieutenant and Lieutenant.

“I am pleased to announce that the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Coalition of Police has voted to endorse Jeff Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District,” said John Nelson, Mass C.O.P. First Vice President. “It is important to have Jeff’s commitment to public safety for the citizens of the Commonwealth. We look forward to his continued support of the Massachusetts Men and Women in blue who serve across our state.”

Mass C.O.P. is the largest law enforcement union in the Commonwealth. For 40 years, they have focused on the welfare of Massachusetts police officers and 911 police dispatchers. They now represent over 4,000 members serving in more than 157 cities and towns in Massachusetts.

“Jeff Turco has the ex-

FLANAGAN AND DELEHANTY ENDORSE TURCO



Candidate for State Rep. Jeffrey Turco with Winthrop Police Chief Terrence Delehanty (left) and Winthrop Fire Chief Paul Flanagan.

Winthrop, Revere Firefighters unions endorse Jeffrey Turco for State Rep.

Special to the Journal

Last week, the Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 and the Revere Firefighters Local 926 endorsed Jeffrey Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District. The seat was vacated by former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and a Special Election Primary is being held on March 2nd.

“It’s with great pleasure that Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 announces its endorsement of Jeffrey Turco for State Representative,” said Eric Cusack, President, Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070. “We are excited for his leadership moving forward.”

“There is no candidate in this race with a clearer understanding of the sacrifices first responders make,” said Kevin O’Hara, Pres-

ident, Revere Firefighters Local 926. “Now more than ever, we need elected officials willing to stand up for those who work day and night to keep us safe. That is why Revere Firefighters Local 926 is proud to endorse Jeff Turco for State Representative.”

Local 1070 and Local 926, both affiliates of IAFF, represent all fire fighters of the Winthrop and Revere Fire Departments.

“I’m very grateful to have received the endorsement of both Firefighter unions in the 19th Suffolk District,” said Jeff Turco. “I will fight hard for public safety and to improve the quality of lives for the residents in the District, including those who selflessly protect our streets and keep us safe.”

As a seasoned attorney

with local roots, Jeffrey Turco is the ideal blend of experience and professionalism, with the know-how to be a strong leader for his community in these most uncertain times. In 2005, Jeffrey was the Special Sheriff and Superintendent of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office and starting in 2006 was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General representing the Agency. Since 2011, Jeffrey has owned and operated the Law Office of Jeffrey Rosario Turco in Chelsea. Working for his community has always been in the forefront for Turco, for two years he served as Town Council President in Winthrop and a School Committee member. Jeffrey resides in Winthrop with his wife, the former Melissa Carbone, and their six children.

perience, the knowledge and the commonsense approach to properly represent those in his childhood home of Revere and his adopted hometown of Winthrop. Jeff Rosario Turco will bring the same vigor and commitment to Beacon Hill that he does as a former elected and appointed local official, as an attorney in the courtroom, and as a community activist and coach,” said Gerald Flynn, Jr., New England Police Benevolent Association Executive Director.

“In the opinion of our Executive Board, Jeff Turco will fight hard for public safety and to improve the quality of lives for the residents in the District,” said Kevin Flanagan, MCOFU Legislative Representative.

The MCOFU currently represents all employees in Bargaining Unit 4 of the DOC, Bristol County Jail and House of Correction CO’s, the Plymouth County BCI and Communication Officers and the Dukes County Correction Officers.

“To even be considered by these brave women and men in blue is an absolute honor,” said Jeff Turco. “A safe community is a

healthy community. I truly understand the value of public safety and the issues that the members of all of these unions face. I look forward to working to mitigate the hazards of the job as well as the overall improvement of public service in the Commonwealth.”

In 2005, Turco was the Special Sheriff and Superintendent of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office and starting in 2006 was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General representing the Agency. Since 2011, Turco has owned and operated the Law Office of Jeffrey Rosario Turco in Chelsea. Turco said, “I have the ideal blend of experience and professionalism, with the know-how to be a strong leader for his community in these most uncertain times.”

Turco added, “working for my community has always been in the forefront for me, serving for two years as Town Council President in Winthrop and a School Committee member.” Turco resides in Winthrop with his wife, the former Melissa Carbone, and their six children.

Mass. Teachers Association and Boston Teachers Union endorse Juan Jaramillo for State Rep.

Special to the Journal

Juan Jaramillo’s bid to represent the 19th Suffolk District continues to pick up steam with the endorsements of the widely respected Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) and the Boston Teachers Union (BTU). This support from our educators boosts Jaramillo’s grassroots campaign 13 days from the Democratic Primary being held on March 2nd and sets him apart as the best candidate to champion Revere and Winthrop public schools, teachers, and students.

“I’m a proud product of the Revere Public Education system, and I know that investing in our public schools is critical to helping Revere and Winthrop students reach their fullest potential,” Jaramillo said.

“With the COVID-19 pandemic disrupting learning and teaching, it’s essential that public education is fully funded, that reopening plans center the most vulnerable students, and

that educators and staff are safe and supported. I’m honored by the trust that teachers in Revere, Winthrop and throughout the Commonwealth have placed in me and am ready to work with the MTA and BTU as my partners. We live in one of the richest states in the country, and our public schools will get the investments our students and teachers deserve if our state’s wealthiest residents, corporations, and suburbs pay their fair share in taxes.”

“The Massachusetts Teachers Association is proud to recommend Juan Jaramillo to represent the 19th Suffolk District,” said Massachusetts Teachers Association President Merrie Najimy . “Juan has a proven record of supporting and empowering working families in Revere and Winthrop. He understands from his personal experience in public education, and as a leader in the labor movement, that strengthening public schools and colleges and the rights of workers are



Candidate for State Representative Juan Jaramillo.

central to advancing racial and economic justice in our communities. Now more than ever, we need champions like Juan at the State House. Educators know that we can always count on him to have our backs.”

Deb Cherry, a Revere High School Teacher and graduate said that “As a high school student, Juan demonstrated leadership skills, concern for others, and a curiosity to learn. He displayed leadership as class president, student representative to the Revere School Committee, as well as to the MA Department of Secondary and Elementary Education. His strong social conscience and desire to question the status quo make Juan who he is, a leader and change agent.”

Juan has been a tireless advocate for education justice and labor rights for many years, both in the

ing the notion that when we invest in our students, we set them up for success. Juan is committed to fully funding our schools with a great sense of urgency because he knows the impact it will have on the most marginalized students and families if we don’t. We are excited to support him as he advocates not just for educators, students, and schools, but also for an equitable COVID recovery to rebuild an even stronger Massachusetts,” said Jessica Tang President of the BTU,

Jaramillo is building the strongest coalition of state and local support in the race to succeed Speaker DeLeo, having already secured local endorsements from Revere School Com-

mittee Member and former Superintendent Carol Tye, Revere City Councilor Patrick Keefe, Revere City Councilor Steven Morabito, Former Council President Catherine Belinfante-Penn and Revere School Committee Member Susan Gravelle.

Further, he is the only Revere candidate on the ballot for the Democratic Primary.

The Democratic party primary for the special election for the 19th Suffolk district is on March 2nd. Go to juanforrep.com/voting to find your local voting location. The district covers Winthrop and parts of Revere (Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 3).

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State Rep. Race Highlights

DeVento earns endorsement of State education leader, former Mass. Child Care Services Commissioner

Special to the Journal

The Alicia DeVento for State Representative campaign is proud to announce she has earned the endorsement of Ardith Wieworka, former Commissioner of Massachusetts Child Care Services. Ardith Wieworka and Alicia DeVento released the following statements to accompany the announcement:

“There is so much at

stake in this election for public education in Winthrop and Revere,” said Alicia DeVento. “As our next State Representative, I want to pick up where I left off in the House of Representatives, fighting and delivering for our schools, our kids, and our teachers. I am proud that so many of our educators in Winthrop and Revere are part of this campaign, and I am excited that a leader like Ardith has

joined our team.”

“Alicia will prioritize the issues that matter to families: quality early education and after school care so that families can work, secure in knowing their kids are safe and learning,” said Ardith Wieworka, former Commissioner of Massachusetts Child Care Services. “Leadership needs to be demonstrated: Alicia has done just that.”



Alicia DeVento and supporters holding signs on Belle Isle Bridge in Winthrop.

DeVento earns endorsements from EMILY’S List and Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus

The Alicia DeVento for State Representative campaign is proud to announce that she has earned the endorsement of EMILY’S List and the Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus (MWPC).

“I am excited to wel-

come to our movement the two leading organizations helping women in the Commonwealth run for office: EMILY’s List and the Massachusetts’ Women’s Political Caucus (MWPC),” said Alicia DeVento. “Strong women

built our community. Not only are they our local leaders -- such as Councilors Tracey Honan and Barbara Flockhart, leaders in their fields, and front-line workers helping the Commonwealth fight back from COVID-19, they are our mothers and our families. They power our campaign, and on March 2nd, I hope to take the first step towards making sure the women of the 19th Suffolk have a seat at the table in the House of Representatives for the very first time.”

“EMILY’s List is excited to endorse Alicia DeVento for the Massachusetts House,” said Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY’s List. “Raised on Winthrop’s water tower hill, the granddaughter of a union laborer and a war refugee,

Alicia has deep roots in her community and strong ties to educators, nurses, and essential workers. After working for four years as committee staff in the Massachusetts House, Alicia has the critical experience to serve the people of Winthrop and Revere and will fight to increase public school funding, protect women’s access to reproductive health care, and advocate for working families.”

The Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus (MWPC) released the following statement with their announcement: “We are proud to endorse Alicia DeVento for the Massachusetts House 19th Suffolk District seat. A Winthrop native, former House staffer, and public health policy wonk, she is ready to serve.”



Candidate for State Rep. Alicia DeVento stops on the campaign trail to speak to Kay Moriarty and her son.



State Rep. candidate Alicia DeVento waves to passersby on Highland Avenue as supporters standby holding signs.



State Rep. candidate and Winthrop's own Alicia DeVento with Tracy Honan.

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State Rep. Race Highlights

Bernie Sanders endorses Juan Jaramillo for State Rep. of the 9th Suffolk District

Jaramillo is the first candidate to earn a national endorsement

Special to the Journal

Juan Jaramillo’s campaign to represent Revere and Winthrop in the State Legislature received a massive endorsement from United States Senator Bernie Sanders one

week before election day on March 2nd.

In a statement endorsing Jaramillo, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders said, “I’m endorsing Juan Jaramillo for state representative because, when he gets to the state house, he will put the working people of the 19th district before the needs of special interests and the wealthy.

He’s seen up close as a union leader that the working class is right now living in great desperation, and we need to address the pain and suffering they face. He’s building a grassroots movement to win, and I’m proud to support him.”

“For decades Bernie Sanders has been fighting for working class Americans and inspired millions

of young people to take back their country from the rich and the well connected,” Jaramillo said. “I am one of them and I could not be more humbled by his trust in me to continue that fight for you. This movement is for the workers of Revere and Winthrop. Together we can recover from COVID-19 stronger, guarantee health-care for every person in

the commonwealth and create thousands of good paying union jobs that will build a green economy that works for all of us.”

Jaramillo is standing out as the grassroots candidate heading into the Democratic primary on March 2nd after recently earning endorsements from the Massachusetts Teachers Association, SEIU Local 509, SEIU

Local 888, SEIU Local 1199, SEIU Local 32BJ, UNITE HERE 26, and the Boston Teachers Union.

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Juan Jaramillo earns endorsements from leading environmental advocacy groups

350 Mass Action and Sunrise Salem become the first climate action groups to endorse in 19th Suffolk race

Special to the Journal

Juan Jaramillo’s campaign to represent the coastal communities of Revere and Winthrop in the State Legislature received another big boost after becoming the first candidate to receive endorsements from environmental advocacy groups 350 Mass Action and Sunrise Movement Salem. 350 Mass Action

is a statewide volunteer network working to combat the climate crisis by eliminating our dependence on harmful fossil fuels. Since its founding in 2016, the group’s primary focus has been to elect climate champions and end the influence of fossil fuel special interests over the political process. Sunrise Movement Salem is part of the larger Sunrise Movement that is working to transform our economy by creating millions of well-paying green jobs while saving our planet from the harmful impact of climate change.

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out as the grassroots candidate heading into the Democratic primary on March 2nd after recently earning endorsements from the Massachusetts Teachers Association, SEIU Local 509, SEIU Local 888, SEIU Local 1199, SEIU Local 32BJ, UNITE HERE 26, and the Boston Teachers Union.

“I’m proud that our campaign’s commitment to climate justice is being recognized with these massive endorsements,” Jaramillo said. “Our coastal communities are facing unprecedented challenges from climate change. As our state rep-

resentative, I would focus on building infrastructure that protects us from flooding, holding large institutions, like Amazon and MassPort, accountable for noise, air, and water pollution, and create a green

state economy that invests in Revere and Winthrop by creating good-paying jobs that allow all working people to afford basic life necessities like housing, food, and saving for their retirement.”

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Juan Jaramillo earns endorsement from union representing essential workers

Endorsement from UFCW 1445 bolsters Jaramillo’s case as the leading working class candidate

Special to the Journal

Juan Jaramillo’s campaign to succeed Speaker Bob DeLeo received another big boost after earning the endorsement of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1445 on Monday. Local 1445 is among the largest affiliates of the UFCW in Massachusetts representing tens of thousands of workers in retail, industrial laundries, warehousing, health care, and the expanding cannabis industry. The vast majority

of the membership are considered essential workers.

In a statement endorsing Jaramillo, UFCW Local 1445 said, “UFCW Local 1445 is proud to endorse Juan Jaramillo. Our local represents unrecognized essential workers in many industries and services. Juan’s organizing experience and personal background is exactly what we need in Beacon Hill.”

“The members of Local 1445 have been at the forefront of this pandemic. Stocking the shelves in our super markets and making sure the most vulnerable communities in Revere and Winthrop had food to get by. They’ve always been essential which is why I proudly stood by then during their contract

negotiations a few years ago, I’m honored to have their support.”

Jaramillo’s campaign to represent Revere and Winthrop in the State Legislature is peaking heading into the Democratic primary on March 2nd after recently earning endorsements from the Massachusetts Teachers Association, SEIU Local 509, SEIU Local 888, SEIU Local 1199, SEIU Local 32BJ, UNITE HERE 26, and the Boston Teachers Union.

The Democratic party primary for the special election for the 19th Suffolk district covers Winthrop and parts of Revere (Ward 1: Precincts 1, 2, Ward 2, Ward 3: Precincts 2, 3, Ward 5: Precinct 3.)



State Rep. candidate Juan Jaramillo shown with a large crowd of supporters during a stand out in Kimmerle Park in Beachmont, Revere, where he has received several endorsements from elected officials.

Meet Rachel Kelly

Winthrop's newest Planning Director

By Laura Plummer

Rachel Kelly began her role as Winthrop’s first Director of Planning and Development on Feb. 1. She was chosen from a candidate pool of approximately half a dozen individuals.

According to the official job description, the Planning Director will perform “supervisory, administrative, technical, and professional work in current and long-range planning programs of the Town of Winthrop, related to the development and implementation of land use and related municipal plans and policies.”

Kelly’s specific duties are broad and include advising town officials on land use, upholding design aesthetics for construction projects, working within specified budgets and acting as a liaison to other departments.

She will be working under the general supervision of Town Manager

Austin Faison. Should the Planning Dept. expand to include other employees, she will be in charge of supervising them.

Kelly received her undergraduate degree in regional planning and communications from Westfield State University in 2006 and went on to earn a Master’s of Public Policy from Tufts in 2015.

Her previous titles have included Planning Intern for the Northampton Planning Dept. and the Town of Russell; Assoc. Planner for the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission; Green Infrastructure Planner for the City of Somerville; and Sustainability Planner for the City of Everett. Most recently, she was the Conservation Administrator for the Town of Bedford.

Kelly was attracted to Winthrop due to its unique location and landscape.

“Winthrop has a little of everything—a downtown with great restaurants, vital environmental land-

scapes within the local marshland, great beaches, and strong community involvement,” she told the Transcript.

Kelly is most looking forward to tackling the issues presented by residents during the Win2030 planning process.

“One consistent request was for more trees throughout the town,” said Kelly. “That would be a request I would like to help fulfill.”

Kelly will also be prioritizing the middle school zoning project.

Coming on board in the middle of a pandemic doesn’t seem to faze Kelly.

“I will miss out on face-to-face interaction with coworkers and residents,” she said. “But I know that someday soon that will change. The Town is doing its best to maintain a high performance level of work.”

Rachel can be reached at rkelly@town.winthrop.ma.us.

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GOV. CANDIDATE DOWNING RAISES \$100K IN A WEEK

Former state Sen. Ben Downing raised \$100,000 in his first week since launching his campaign for governor last Monday, with roughly three-quarters of those donations coming from people in Massachusetts, according

to his campaign.

Downing, a Berkshire native who represented the state’s westernmost district for a decade, last week became the first Democrat to officially enter the 2022 race for governor with Republican Gov. Charlie Baker still considering seeking a third term and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito waiting in

the wings should Baker decide two terms are enough.

The substantial first-week haul for Downing is a promising sign for Democrats, as the 39-year-old was able to raise in one week nearly a quarter of what the party’s 2018 nominee raised in all of 2017, a full year before the election.



Lent 2021

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

It is hard to believe but the “Alleluia” and the green vestments have been put away, replaced by purple vestments and a more somber and spartan liturgy. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. This season will carry us from the starkness of the desert with sand and ashes to the vitality of tulips, lilies and the Resurrected Jesus. It asks us to consider our sinfulness and need for repentance and carries us to God’s vast mercy and forgiveness. Lent invites us to journey from death to life.

- Father Chris O’Connor

Eucharistic Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation



St. John’s Church will be open every Wednesday evening from 5 pm to 7 pm for Eucharistic Adoration. Drop in for a few minutes during that period or spend the entire time. All are welcome to come and sit in prayer with the Lord.

Throughout Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 5 pm to 6 pm on Wednesdays, after Masses and through the rectory by appointment.

Fridays at St. John the Evangelist at 7 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer Group, lower church
Stations of the Cross, upper church



Virtual Lenten Faith Sharing Group

This faith sharing group is based on the Lenten Gospel Reflections of Bishop Robert Barron. Sundays, February 21-March 28, 7:00-8:00 pm

For more information or to register, please contact Graceanne Bowe at St. Michael’s Faith Formation office, bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org

Lenten Regulations

On the Fridays of Lent, the Church requests all over 14 years of age to abstain from meat. On Good Friday, the Church requests all between the ages of 18 and 60 to fast, having one full meal and two smaller meals for nourishment and strength. Liquids are allowed throughout the day.

The Faithful enjoy freedom of conscience to excuse themselves from these regulations but, as the U.S. Bishops state, “no Catholic Christian will likely excuse themselves from so hallowed an obligation” on these days.

OBITUARIES

Lauretta Noe

Telephone company retiree, worked in Winthrop City Hall Accounting Office

Lauretta T. Noe of Winthrop passed away at the Newton Wellesley Hospital on February 2021. She was 80 years old.

Born in Boston, the beloved daughter of the late Alice (Cataldo) and Louis Lanzi, she was a long-time resident of Winthrop. She worked for the telephone company for many years before working in the accounting office for the Town of Winthrop. She was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers.

She was the devoted wife of the late Santo Noe and the dear sister of Joan Griffin and her late husband Walter, the late Paul Lanzi and his wife, Cathy, the late Rosemarie Massa and her husband, Robert, the late Louis Lanzi and

his late wife, Barbara and Joseph Lanzi and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.


Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, February 26 from 10 to 12 noon followed by a funeral service in the funeral home at 12 noon. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Attendees must observe social distancing and wear masks in the funeral home and at the cemetery

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Louis DiBenedetto

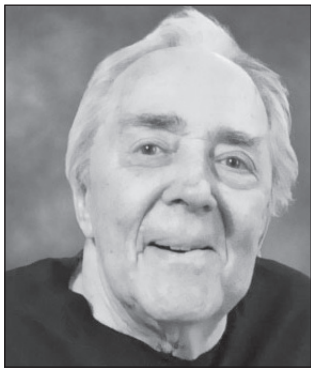
Late proprietor of Lou's Donuts Shop in Orient Heights

 Louis DiBenedetto, 90, of Winthrop, formerly of East

Boston, passed away on Monday, February 8.

Louis was the late proprietor of Lou's Donuts Shop in Orient Heights East Boston, and Affiliate of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor. Louis served his Country during the Korean War in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The cherished son of the late Ralph and Maria (Vassallo) DiBenedetto, he was the beloved husband of the late Giuditta "Judy" (Polcari) DiBenedetto; loving father of Louis DiBenedetto and his wife, Joyce, Peter DiBenedetto, Tommy DiBenedetto and his wife, Patty, Robert DiBenedetto and his companion, Kristen Irving and Maria DiBenedetto; adored grandfather of Jared, Christian, Brittany,



Mary, Tommy, Elizabeth and Tiana and dear brother of the late Vincent and Clara DiBenedetto. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral arrangements were by Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Louis' name to New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court St. Unit 2601 Boston, MA 02108. For online guest book, please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Alice D'Almeida Petrucci

July 20, 1928 — February 20, 2021

Alice Daniel D'Almeida Petrucci, formerly of Winthrop, passed away peacefully at age 92 on February 20 in Bellevue, WA of advanced Alzheimer's disease.

A natural extrovert, Alice had a big personality and a mega-watt smile. She was vivacious, curious, adventurous, and funny. She also was a loving, loyal, and dedicated wife, daughter, sister, and mother, as well as a fun and engaged grandmother of eleven.

The daughter of Remedio and Laura Guerra D'Almeida, Alice was raised in Pawtucket RI and graduated from St. Xavier Academy and the University of Rhode Island. At age 19, she met her future husband, Dr. Joseph Vincent

Petrucci, to whom she was happily married for 67 years until his passing in 2018. Together they had four children, whom they raised in Winthrop and Lexington, MA, and created a warm and welcoming home where they hosted many lively gatherings of extended family and friends.

When their children were young, Alice helped manage Joe's burgeoning optometry practice and was involved in local civic activities as an elected member of the Winthrop School Building Committee and Town Hall. After their children were grown, she worked as a professional in the travel and telecommunications industries.

Always energetic and intrepid, Alice became an avid sailor, skier, and traveler in middle age. Sailing out of the Cottage Park Yacht Club, she skippered a Snipe racing boat, aptly christened the "May Day," in regattas from Boston Harbor to Oklahoma with her next-door neighbor as crew. While the only all-female team never won a race, they had a wonderful time.

Alice also became an accomplished skier, proudly serving as a member of the National Ski Pa-



trol. And she traveled to six continents, reveling in meeting new people and experiencing different cultures.

In the early 2000s, Alice and Joe moved west to be closer to family. She and Joe were involved in their grandchildren's lives and activities up and down the west coast, from Los Angeles to Silicon Valley to Lake Tahoe to Seattle. Whether a sporting event, an art show, a "grandparents' day," or a graduation, Alice and Joe participated with enthusiasm and love. In Los Angeles, Alice became a sought-after docent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Autry Museum of the West. A born performer with a beautiful voice, she also sang with the Los Angeles Ebells Chorale. And she made new friends of all ages wherever she went.

Alice is survived by her four children - Laura Petrucci (James Carlson) of Incline Village, NV; Joseph Petrucci (Carol Hausmann) of Mercer Island, WA; Linda Geiger (Dan Geiger) of Los Altos CA; and Lisa Petrucci (Keith Mullin) of Truckee CA - as well as grandchildren Julia, Robby, and Madeleine Carroll; Andrew and Caley Petrucci; Matthew, Emily, and Nate Geiger; and Amelia, Sawyer, and Tyler Mullin. Alice also is survived by her beloved brother and sister, Alfred D'Almeida of Pawtucket, RI and Helena Matthews of Pittsfield, MA, and by many loving nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date due to the pandemic. In lieu of flowers, please extend extra love to your family and community during this challenging time.

Jaqueline Nunes

Wonderful wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend

Jacqueline C. "Jackie" (D'Angelo) Nunes, 77, of Winthrop, died peacefully at her home surrounded by her family after a long illness on February 18.

She was the beloved wife of Walter E. Nunes, the love of her life; they were together for 64 years and married for 57 years. Born in East Boston, the daughter of the late Frank and Margaret (Grifoni) D'Angelo, she attended schools in East Boston and graduated from East Boston High School, Class of 1961. She was employed as a clerk for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue for 17 years.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend and loved spending time with and nurturing her family. She also enjoyed scratch tickets, soap operas and afternoon tea with her friends after Days of Our Lives.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons: Walter and his wife, Patricia Nunes of Tewksbury, Michael D. and his wife, Patti Nunes of Winthrop and Richard Nunes of Revere, two daughters: Kathryn and her husband, Michael DeBenedictis of Wakefield and Kristine and her hus-



band, Christopher Randall of Walpole; three sisters: Janice and her husband, Frank Wainwright of Florida, Peggy D'Angelo of Brookline and Maryann and Richard Bancroft of Peabody, one brother Frank D'Angelo of East Boston, ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Bonita Tino.

A visiting hour was held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Tuesday, February 23 followed by funeral services in the funeral home. Interment followed in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). Donations in her memory can be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation 844-TALK-PFF or online at www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org

To sign Jackie's guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Linda Amato Visconti

She loved Joe Biden, and happily, lived to see him elected President of U.S.

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Linda (Kopperdahl) Amato Visconti announces that on February 12 she died peacefully in her sleep following a four year battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

The eldest of Sam and Mary Visconti's four daughters, Linda was born on July 27, 1943 in the North End of Boston. The daughter of a career Army man, she and her family were privileged to travel the world, and lived in Kyoto Japan, Munich Germany, and Verona Italy.

She lived in the San Francisco area most of her life, working for several major accountancy firms. Following her husband Roy's death and her retirement, she returned to the Boston area. She resided in Winthrop, where she enjoyed get togethers with her family, crocheting, reading, and watching MSNBC, The View, and



Anderson Cooper.

Although she never had children of her own, Linda was the beloved "Auntie L" of her nieces Kirstin Pennington (South Carolina) Casey Lalonde (Washington) Robin Eccles and Gina Murray (Massachusetts), and Christina Murray (New Hampshire). She had a great niece Ana Eccles (Massachusetts) and great nephew Kaiden Lalonde (Washington) who were the apples of her eye.

Linda loved Joe Biden, and we are glad she lived to see him elected President of the United States.

She is survived by her sisters: Rosalind Bryant (South Carolina), Valerie Amato (Washington) and Theresa Visconti (Massachusetts). Theresa and her companion, Michael Faren lovingly devoted much of their lives to her care for the past four years.

If you would like to honor Linda's memory, please consider a donation to her favorite charity, St. Jude's Hospital for Children. The family would like to thank Dr. Jeffrey Barnes of Mass. General Hospital and all the supporting staff who did everything possible to save her life. We are grateful for the tender care provided by the nursing staff, especially Kathy Blais. We appreciate your commitment to delivering the best care in the world to cancer patients.

We cannot say for certain what awaited her on the other side; but we can only hope that somewhere over the rainbow, Linda is basking in the Italian sun, drifting down the canals of Venice while a handsome gondolier croons love songs to her. Ciao, Bella! Te amo.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Francis M. Vatalaro

Feb. 27, 2018 — Feb. 27, 2021

*His smiling way and pleasant face
Are a pleasure to recall,
He had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.
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Someday, we know not when,
To clasp his hand in the better land,
Never to part again.*

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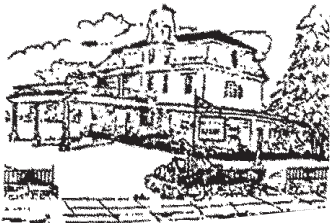
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*The tide recedes but leaves
behind bright seasells on
the sand*

*The sun goes down, but
gentle warmth still lingers
on the land*

*The music stops, and
yet it echoes on in sweet
refrains...*

*For every joy that passes
something beautiful
remains*

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Shawna, Chris, Mom
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OUR Opinions

BE SURE TO VOTE ON TUESDAY

This Tuesday, March 2, is Primary Election Day for the four candidates -- Valentino Capobianco, Alicia DelVento, Juan Pablo Jaramillo, and Jeff Turco -- for the Democratic nomination for State Representative from the 19th Suffolk District, which encompasses all of Winthrop and a large portion of Revere (Ward 1 -- Precincts 1 and 2; Ward 2; Ward 3 -- Precincts 2 and 3; and Ward 5 -- precinct 3).

The opportunity for Democratic voters (Unenrolled voters also may vote in the Democratic Primary) from the 19th District to choose a new State Representative literally is a once-in-a-generation event. Bob DeLeo held the seat for 30 years and before him, Alfred Sagesse was the State Rep. for 16 years.

We would note that Jessica Giannino, the State Representative from the remainder of Revere, encompassing the 16th Suffolk District, recently was elected to her first term in November. Seldom has it been true in the history of Winthrop and Revere that our delegation in the Mass. House will represent generational change to such a large extent.

Although all of the candidates on the ballot on Tuesday are Democrats, this past week's debate highlighted the differences between the four candidates on many issues and provided voters with an opportunity to make a judgment as to which candidate would be the most effective in representing our district's interests on Beacon Hill.

In addition, Democratic voters should keep in mind that there will be a final election in four weeks on March 30 in which the winner this Tuesday will face Republican and Unenrolled (Independent) candidates.

Tuesday's primary election is a rare opportunity for voters of our district to bring new leadership to the State House. We urge all Democratic voters in the 19th district to take the time to vote this Tuesday.

AN UNFATHOMABLE NUMBER

When COVID-19 first came into our national consciousness more than a year ago, it was just a blip on the news. The prospect that a viral bug originating halfway around the world would alter every aspect of our lives seemed inconceivable.

And even if the virus did come here, America was not some third-world country. We had confidence that the world's best medical care system and scientific minds would work together to prevent something as seemingly trivial as a mere virus from overwhelming our nation.

But one year -- and 500,000 American lives -- later, that which was unimaginable has become a nightmarish reality.

To be sure, the unprecedented incompetence and outright malevolence of the previous administration contributed substantially to amplify and worsen the problems brought on by the pandemic.

But even in a best-case scenario, the virus would have upended every aspect of our lives. Although the politicization of the virus contributed to our nation's suffering, the pandemic still would have caused death and economic turmoil to an unprecedented extent.

The official count of 500,000 COVID deaths was surpassed this week. Let's hope that as we move forward and as the daily numbers of deaths and hospitalizations continue to decline, we have learned that despite our high-tech lifestyle, we are no match for Mother Nature.

The pandemic has exposed many problems in our country, including the inadequacy of our health care system, especially for minority groups, and the danger of politicizing scientific information.

Hopefully, we have recognized our multitude of mistakes and we will make the necessary investments in our health care and pandemic detection systems to ensure that we will be ready for the next pandemic.

As the philosopher succinctly put it, those who do not learn from the past are condemned to repeat it.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

This winter has not been a particularly difficult one for us in the Northeast, although February has been colder and stormier than January.

But with temperatures reaching the 50s by the middle of this week, there is the feeling that spring is just around the corner.

We realize that "spring" is a relative term for those of us living on the Massachusetts coast, but undeniably the onset of warmer weather will provide more opportunities to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine after months of being cooped-up amidst our pandemic quarantines.

Spring traditionally symbolizes rebirth and rejuvenation. That thought is especially meaningful in the spring of 2021.

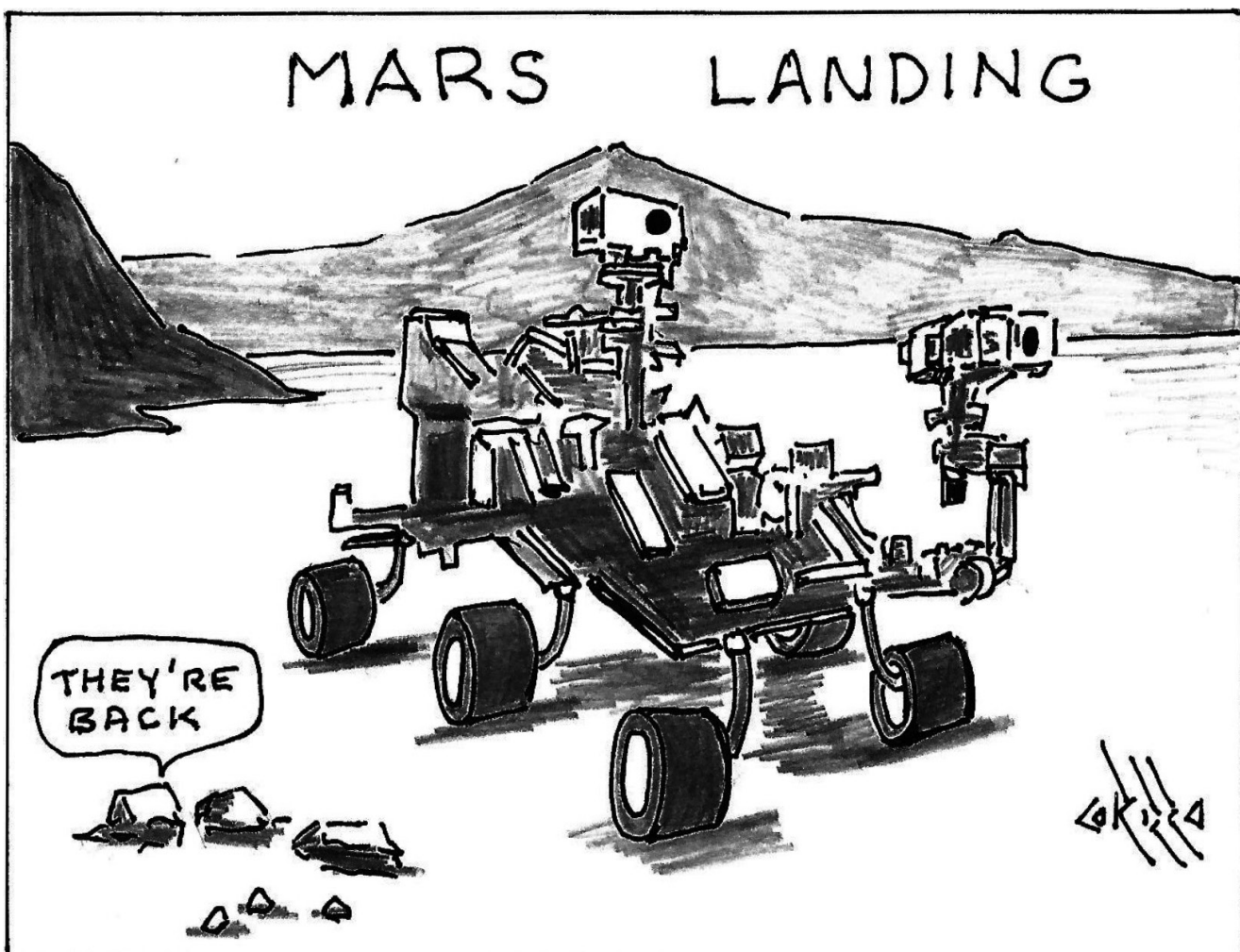
Hopefully, the coming of spring and the availability of mass vaccinations will enable all of us to emerge from our cocoons and allow us to return safely to our pre-pandemic lives.

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LETTERS to the Editor

MOTHERS SUPPORT DELVENTO

Dear Editor,

We are a collection of Winthrop mothers with young children writing to voice our support for Alicia DelVento in the Democratic primary for state representative on March 2. We need a fighter for women and families, and Alicia is the woman for the job.

A proud product of Winthrop public schools, Alicia is passionate about putting Winthrop's youth first. She will work for increased school funding, social-emotional learning strategies that develop students as whole people, and expanding after-school programs and early education for *all* families. With a degree in public health and extensive experience in the State House, Alicia has a plan to protect the safety of educators, caregivers, and children, and to help Winthrop and Revere fight back from COVID-19.

As mothers living through the global pandemic, we know that a plan for our education system must consider the realities of raising children during a public health crisis. We know what it is like to do Zoom calls with toddlers desperately seeking our attention. We have reduced our work hours and worked late into the night after our babies go to sleep. We worry about going back to daycare and preschool and the risk of exposure to COVID-19. We know how scary it is to be pregnant right now, and how hard it is to plan for the future.

Nationally and in Massachusetts, women account for well over half of pandemic job losses. Many of the lost jobs are in industries primarily worked by women -- such as childcare, where women of color are the majority. Three decades of progress in workforce participation have been erased in the last year, and women of color and those with young children are being hit hardest.

Representation matters. As women and mothers to the next generation of Winthrop, we believe that Alicia DelVento is the role model and representative

our children and families deserve.

**Ashley Blackburn
Bethany Biller
Stefanie Finocchio-Durham
Carissa Juengst
Suzanne LaPorte
Victoria McKay
Christina Wilson Zhe**

SUPPORTS DELVENTO

Dear Editor,

Alicia DelVento's passion and character come across when you meet her. She is a self-starter, full of enthusiasm, sincerity, and a willingness to get the job done.

Alicia shares my priorities: increase much-needed access to behavioral health services, particularly for our youth; community collaboration on city infrastructure; meeting the needs of our seniors; decisive action on climate.

Alicia listens to people, and she has my support.

**Susan Maguire, RN
Former Member of
the Winthrop Board of
Health**

ELECT A WINTHROP STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Editor,

In the Democratic Primary for State Representative on March 2 there are four candidates, three from Winthrop and one from Revere.

In past Democratic primaries, approximately 60% of the vote has been in Winthrop and 40% of the vote has been in Revere.

Hypothetically, given the fact that voters most often choose a candidate from their own community, if the three Winthrop candidates split the vote equally in this town, and the Revere candidate gets a majority of the vote in Revere, the Revere candidate could conceivably win the primary.

In addition, even though there are a Republican candidate and an Independent candidate from Winthrop in the March 30th Election, the winner of the Democratic Primary will most likely prevail.

The election of a Revere candidate as State Representative could also have implications for this representative seat for many years.

The 2020 Census has estimated that the population of Massachusetts is 6.8 million which means that each one of the 160 seats in the State House of Representatives will represent approximately 42,500 people.

The State House of Representatives will conduct a redistricting process later this year for all representative districts in the Commonwealth before the 2022 election.

The current population for Winthrop is approximately 18,500, which means that the Revere portion of the district population would have to be around 24,000, if the district more or less remains the same as currently configured.

However, there is no guarantee that Winthrop would remain all in one district if the new representative is from Revere.

It is quite possible, if not likely, that the representative would seek to have more of Revere in the district and less of Winthrop.

It is quite possible that a part of Winthrop could be included in a district with East Boston.

Democratic Primary voters in Winthrop who believe it is important to have a State Representa-

tive from this community might want to consider this information when they cast their vote.

William Schmidt

SUPPORTS DELVENTO

Dear Editor,

On March 2, voters in Winthrop and Revere will be heading to the polls to elect our next State Representative. A new generation of new leaders are bringing energy and enthusiasm that is so sorely needed on Beacon Hill. Alicia DelVento is one of those leaders and we are voting for her to serve as our next State Representative. Ms. DelVento has worked with diverse groups of people from all over the metro Boston area in her previous rolls as a legislative aide and policy advisor at the State House. Alicia's education and work in public health policy will serve as an important asset to us during this difficult time of Covid-19. She will fight to develop a clear path to get schools and business back open safely. We also know Alicia will protect our three daughters' reproductive rights and enact laws that ensure access to quality health care for ev-

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ARTICLE 955 - WINTHROP'S ONE REMAINING SHORELINE ISLAND

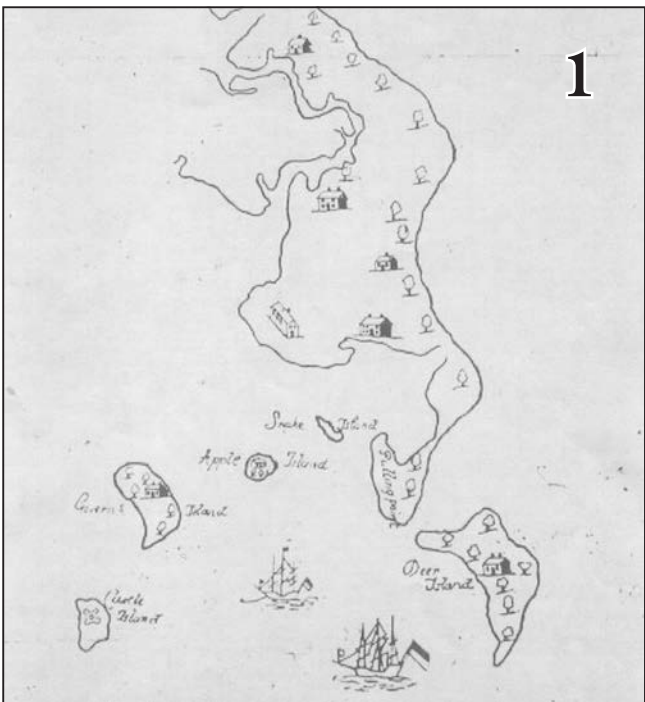
We have recently received a number of requests for information on the islands in the Boston Harbor that used to be near Winthrop and are therefore repeating a previous article on them. When the Massachusetts Bay Colony was established in 1630, it consisted of what are now Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. Along the Southern end of our peninsula were four islands as shown on the map in picture one. These four islands are as noted below from largest to smallest.

ONE. Deer Island acquired its name from the large number of deer that frequented it in its early days. This Island has seen many uses beginning with being the place where the colonists quarantined a large number of Indians, many of whom died for lack of food and shelter, during the 1675 uprising led by King Phillip to drive the British Colonists from their shores. It has provided grazing land for the colonist's cattle, been the site of the Boston House of Correction, a Hospital, the WWII Military site of Fort Dawes with extensive concrete bunkers (described in a previous article) and two sewerage processing facilities the second of which is an extensive treatment plant that was completed over 20 years ago and now occupies most of the island. This island was originally separated from Point Shirley by a water passageway (Shirley Gut) of over 1000 feet in width in the 1700's. By the time of the 1938 hurricane it had been reduced to 100 feet and then was completely filled in to provide a road for the construction of Fort Dawes. Hence the area was no longer an island.

TWO. Governors Island was a 73 acre plot of land so named because in 1632 it was granted to Governor John Winthrop who used it as a farm where he established the first apple and pear orchards in New England. In 1805 the state took it over and built Fort Winthrop out of large granite blocks as part of the Boston Harbor Defense. See picture two. In the late 1850's this fort, along with Fort Warren on Georges Island and Fort Independence on Castle Island were all updated and during the Civil War heavily garrisoned (described in a previous article). In the 1940's as Logan Airport was enlarged to its present size, this island was leveled and became an integral part of it and another island was gone.

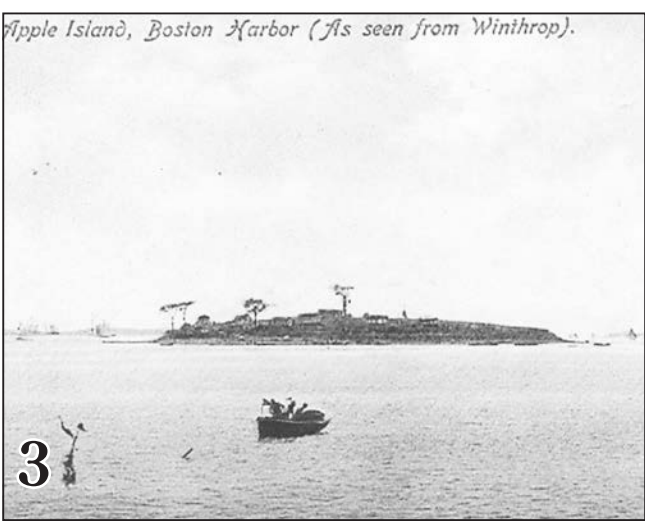
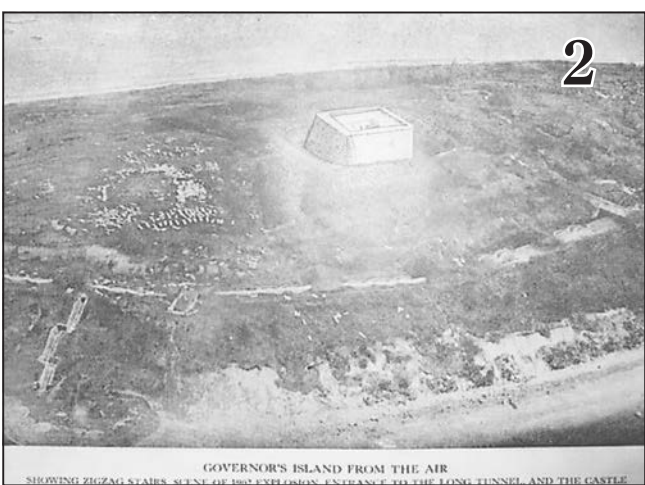
THREE. Apple Island, in early times, had a small grove of Elm Trees on it and at various times several summer homes. See picture three. This island was also leveled after WWII to become part of Logan Airport and again another island was gone.

FOUR Snake Island is the only one of the four neighboring islands which still exists and is now part of the conservation land owned by Winthrop. It is only about 3 acres with a maximum elevation of 10 feet. While it was once called "Bare Island", by 1680 it was named Snake Island because of its serpentine shape. Sometime in the 1700's, this island was owned by a John Tenny and livestock grazed on it. In about 1900, the cabin of the grounded steamer "United States" was desert-



ed on the island then served as a residence for the Treworgy brothers who were lobstermen from Winthrop. They tended about 150 lobster traps around the harbor. Although they did not stay on the island year round, they came to the island about the first of March and left about the middle of November. One of the brothers was drowned from his boat a few years later, and the other brother finally gave up the lobster business. According to Edward R. Snow, the Treworgy families lived in Winthrop during the winter in a home at the corner of Pleasant and Buchannan Streets. The island later passed into the possession of the Tewksburys and the Belchers and was sold for tax claims to Captain Samuel G. Irwin for twelve dollars. O. E. Lewis then purchased the land late in the 19th century from Captain Irwin. In 1912 the several squatters on the island were told that the three-dollar yearly fee they had been paying to stay on the island would be raised to ten dollars. The shack on the south side was the home of a James Adams. The cabin occupied by Horton D. Fullerton was next in line, while the residence of Bill Carey came next. The latter's hut boasted the only

flagstaff on the island, from which the Stars and Stripes floated on the breeze Sundays and Holidays. Next door was John Green over whose door the sign "Welcome to Guests" somewhat surprised the casual visitor. Judson G. Fullerton lived nearest Winthrop's shore in a small shack. Another man by the name of Hunt made his home there at this time. Each man was in the lobster-trapping and clam-digging business. See picture four for a later view of Snake Island from Cottage Hill. The Winthrop Board of Health finally decreed against the occupation of Snake Island and gradually the inhabitants moved away to less deserted shores. It has been many years since a house has stood on Snake Island, and probably many more years will pass before some venturesome person again dares to locate there. For a brief period, from 1990 to 1996, the Town's magnificent fireworks display on the Fourth of July was ignited by Lou Camacho from Snake Island, something we will always cherish the memory of. After that the fireworks were set off from Coughlin Park at the Point. Snake Island is now only visited by boaters for recreational purposes.



10 years ago February 24, 2011

The town sustained two major windstorm incidents that were met with swift action by fire and public works crews responding to the calls for help. On Saturday morning, Winthrop firefighters were called to a report of a telephone pole down on Chamberlain Ave., which pulled the electrical and phone connections out of several houses. A second incident on Birch St. a short time later, in which a 50-foot Silver Maple was toppled, took out electrical service to five homes and destroyed two cars. Two homeowners had to be evacuated because of the dangerous conditions in their homes when a neutral wire became charged with electricity.

Winthrop Schools Director of Finance Kevin Meagher tendered his resignation to the School Committee on February 10 in an abrupt move that caught committee members off guard. Meagher cited rumors that his position may be consolidated with the Town Accountant post.

Hall Pass, I Am Number Four, and Just Go With It are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago Feb. 22, 2001

Town Clerk Paul Dawson said that the upcoming town election in May is beginning to take shape with the opening of the period for candidates to take out nomination papers.

The School Building Committee will begin the process of re-assessing the costs for the new Centre elementary school after rejecting the bids that have been submitted because they exceeded the budget for the new school.

A 35 year-old Winthrop man has pleaded guilty to stealing \$40,000 worth of unsold lottery tickets from a Revere store where he was an employee.

WCVB newsman Anthony Everett will be the guest speaker at the annual Rotary Club senior luncheon on March 5.

The Wedding Planner, Hannibal, and Down to Earth are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Feb. 20, 1991

The Advisory Committee predicts that 20 teachers, five police officers, and four firefighters will be among the town employees who will be laid off because of the dire financial straits facing the town in the upcoming fiscal year, including a 10

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

per cent reduction in local aid.

Nineteen candidates have filed their nomination papers for the April 1 town election, which will be highlighted by the selectman's contest between incumbent Richard DiMento and challenger Marie Turner.

A farewell reception was held at the Union Congregational Church for part-time minister Debbie Clark, who will be taking a position in Malden.

Local author Alan Lupon will hold a book signing for his new book, The Messiah Comes Tomorrow, at the Winthrop Book Dept and Cafe at 11 Somerset Ave. Lupo, a veteran Boston Globe reporter, writes of the stories of working-class Jews in the Boston area whom he has known and interviewed over the past four decades.

Sleeping with the Enemy, The Silence of the Lambs, and L.A. Story are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Feb. 25, 1981

Police Chief David Rice has threatened to sue the Board of Selectmen if they carry through on their unanimous vote of three weeks ago to eliminate the position of Chief of Police. The selectmen have recommended cutting the chief and four patrolmen as part of the budget cutting process with the imminent implementation of Prop. 2 and 1/2.

The State Office of Community Development has rejected the request by the Winthrop Housing Authority to purchase and renovate the fire-plagued home at 49 Sagamore Ave.

Clint Eastwood stars in Any Which Way But Loose at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago Feb. 24, 1971

Scores of local residents are expected to attend the hearing by the Army Corps of Engineers on the proposed expansion of Logan Airport by the Mass. Port Authority, which wants to fill in some of the flats in Boston Harbor adjacent to the airport. The Winthrop Woman's Club is chartering buses to take local residents to the hearing in Boston.

The School Committee has reached an agreement with the teachers' union to increase the starting salary of a teacher from \$6800 to \$7300.

The selectmen and the town employees' union have agreed on a new contract that will give

employees a nine percent raise this year and a seven percent raise next year.

A man with a knife knocked down a young woman who was one her way to Winthrop Community Hospital and stole her purse.

Mel Brooks's The Twelve Chairs is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago Feb. 23, 1961

Winthrop's population has increased to 20,303, a gain of 803 residents since 1950, according to preliminary U.S. Census figures.

A Winthrop soldier, 23 year old Pvt. Kenneth A. Kelly, was killed when he was struck by a car while crossing Boylston St. in Boston. Kelly, who was born and raised in Winthrop and known as a perfect "A" student, was on his way home to surprise his folks.

Coast Marine of Winthrop is planning a large and modern marina at its headquarters just outside of the Belle Isle Inlet at the East Boston line, citing the growing need for recreational boating spaces in the Greater Boston area.

Brazen burglars hauled away a 1000 pond safe from the offices of realtor Curtis Hicks as unsuspecting onlookers watched as the thieves pulled into Hicks's driveway and loaded the safe into their station wagon. However, all that the burglars got for their trouble was \$30 in cash and \$10 in old coins.

Edward M. Kennedy, the 26 year-old brother of Pres. John F. Kennedy and an Asst. District Atty. in Suffolk County, will head the April Cancer Crusade of the Mass. Division of the American Cancer Society.

Robert Mitchum and Deborah Kerr star in The Sundowners at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago Feb. 22, 1951

Special buses will carry more than 150 local residents who will appear at a legislative hearing to demand funds for the protection of Winthrop's coastline after the winter storms this year that exacted a record-breaking amount of damage to their homes. Town Meeting will take up an article calling for matching funds from the town for any state appropriations.

Philip G. Vitagliano, President of the Winthrop Veterans Council, said that gifts from Winthrop residents for local soldiers on the Korean battlefield will be mailed out this week.

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eryone.

Alicia will put the needs of families in our communities at the top of her list. Funding schools and after-school programs so working parents can feel confident that their children are getting the best education and are safe. Ensuring Winthrop is a place where young professionals can thrive and grow, while also making sure long-time residents can afford to stay here.

Winthrop cannot afford the "same-old, same-old" representing our community at a time when so many changes are hap-

pening. We want a person who is not only honest, transparent, and accessible, but someone who will make the concerns of Winthrop and its citizens, her full-time job. She will have an open-door to all constituents, from small-business owners to senior citizens to parents of public-school kids, addressing our needs first.

We are so excited to see the new ideas and energy Alicia will bring. Alicia DelVento is a natural leader and will fight hard for all of us on Beacon Hill. Please join us and our family to elect our first

female State Representative in the history of this district. We can't wait to see what the future brings and know Alicia DelVento will be a strong advocate for us, representing and respecting everyone in our community, giving us, the citizens, a voice in the decisions that will shape our future.

Please join us in voting for the first woman to represent Winthrop on Beacon Hill! Vote for Alicia DelVento on March 2.

**Patrick and Kimberly Costigan
Precinct 1, Winthrop**

Boncore on COVID: 'We're gonna beat this thing'

By Laura Plummer

COVID-19 was the dominant theme of the evening at the meeting of Town Council on Feb. 16. Following a dip in cases, Winthrop was finally downgraded to a Yellow Zone community. As of the meeting date, the town had 1,919 total cases, with 35 deceased and 47 in isolation. The percent positive rate of 4.85 was 18 percent lower than the

previous council meeting. Winthrop currently has the space and the staffing to open its own vaccination site, either at the Senior Center or on Golden Drive. However, the Mass. Dept. of Public Health (DPH) had not yet issued any vaccines to the town. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) received 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine from the East Boston Neighbor-

hood Health Center (EBNHC), which it was able to administer to homebound elders in Winthrop. The EOC expects to procure an additional 200 to 300 doses from DPH or EBNHC. Appointments for at-home vaccines can be made by calling the EOC at 617-539-5837. Vaccines are still available at clinics in East Boston, Chelsea and Revere by appointment only by calling 617-568-4870. The EOC is in the pro-

cess of producing informational mailers for elderly residents without access to the internet. Winthrop's vaccination efforts have been reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Costs not covered by FEMA are likely covered by the town's CARES Act allocation. Council Pres. Phil Boncore urged residents to continue with preventive measures such as wearing

masks, washing hands and socially distancing. "If we can do that, we're gonna beat this thing in the next month or two," he said. Students continue to learn with a hybrid of remote and in-person classes. In-person learning may resume four days per week as early as Apr. 4, pending the results of a safety study. The school department recently reached out to the 515 students who had opted to remain ful-

ly remote, inviting them back to the hybrid model. It is unclear how many will choose to return. During the public comment portion of the meeting, resident Kathleen Cappuccio pressed the council to take up the issue of returning students to the classroom. "I would hope at some point that a councilor would make a statement with regard to our children not being in school," she said.

Winthrop Senior Center News

Website: town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us

The Senior Center remains closed to the public at this time. If you need assistance, please call us at 617-846-8538 (or email coareception@town.winthrop.ma.us) and leave a message, as well as your name and phone number. We will do our best to get back to you in a timely manner.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center COVID Vaccine Clinics: The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is now offering vaccination clinics in East Boston, Revere and Chelsea. You

must schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine. Vaccination is free to all residents. You may be asked for your insurance information if available to bill your insurance, but you do not need to have insurance. Eligible residents (currently residents 65+, and individuals with two or more comorbidities) can request an appointment by calling 617-568-4870. Vaccinations at EBNHC locations are available by appointment only. You must call for an appointment. For more information,

go to: ebnhc.org/en/services/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine To find other locations to receive the vaccine, please visit the State's COVID-19 site: mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccination-locations **Mystic Valley Elder Services Offering Transportation Services to COVID Vaccine Sites for Adults 60 Years and Older.** There are three eligibility guidelines to get approved for your two roundtrips: you must be 60 years of age or older;

do not have other means to get to a vaccination site; or do not have access to the vaccine in the building complex where you live. For more information, or to schedule a ride, call MVES at 781-324-7705. If you need a ride, please make sure to call in advance so you can plan the most convenient travel time for yourself. **Meals on Wheels** continues to operate. Residents who are in need and are not currently on the list to receive meals through Meals on Wheels can call

Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705, with their name, phone number and address to be included in the program. **Senior Phone Buddy Program.** Senior Center volunteers are available to make friendly phone calls to homebound seniors. If you, or someone you know would like to receive a call, please contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538, or email COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us. Additionally, if you would like to volunteer to be a friendly caller, email mrodes@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Exercise with Ernie Sarro: WCAT will present Exercise with Ernie Sarro Monday – Friday at 10:30am on Channel 3. Subscribe to the Senior Center's monthly newsletter. You can now subscribe to receive the Senior Center newsletter via email. To sign up, go to www.town.winthrop.ma.us/subscribe, enter your email address and select "Senior Center Newsletter" from the options.

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago February 17, 2011 WHS star gymnast Danika Dell'Anno took a third place medal out of 45 gymnasts Sunday at the Mass. State Individual Meet and was chosen to be on the High School National team. She was selected with 20 of the best female senior gymnasts in the state. They will compete in May in Fort Myers, Florida. Dell'Anno is the first gymnast from Winthrop to achieve the distinction of being selected for the national team. Venerable Larsen Rink, which is approaching its

40th anniversary, was rockin' and rollin' with a huge crowd last Wednesday night and the Winthrop High hockey team did not disappoint their fans, as they demolished defending Northeastern Conference champion and current contender Peabody, 9-0. "We were emotionally ready for this game and the big crowd had the team pumped from the moment we set foot on the ice," said WHS head coach Dale Dunbar. Chris LeBlanc got the Vikings off to a 1-0 lead a few minutes into the contest, assisted by Nick Clewer and

Joe Scarfo, and Scarfo made it 2-0 before the period ended with assists going to Ryan McKinnon and LeBlanc. Chris Page (assisted by Dan Eruzione and Bobby Clewer) and Matt Todisco (assisted by Jake Paulsen and Mike Paulsen) notched goals in the middle period. The Viking fireworks exploded in the final period with five more goals: Scarfo from Jim Barker; Tyler Pettee, unassisted; LeBlanc from Nick Clewer; Bob Clewer from Eruzione and Mitch Paulsen; and Mitch Paulsen from Pettee. In a key 2-1 win over Danvers, Scarfo (from LeBlanc) and Bob Clewer (off a face off play from Todisco) lit the lamp for the Vikings, who had to stave off a Danvers comeback bid when the Falcons scored with 2:47 to play. Michael Griffin drained a 15-footer from the elbow with 0.4 seconds showing on the clock to give the Winthrop High boys basketball team a dramatic 56-54 triumph over Gloucester Tuesday night. Anthony Hatzisavas powered his way to yet another double-double with 20

points and 12 rebounds. Griffin ended up with 13 points and Quinton Dale added 11. The Winthrop High girls basketball team came out on the short end of both of its contests this past week, falling to Danvers 41-31 on Friday and to Gloucester 63-44 on Monday. Johnna Fisher led the Lady Vikes with 13 points and Temison Meggison hit for 10 in the Danvers tilt. Fisher led the way with 24 points vs. Gloucester. The Winthrop Lady Bulldog hockey team, which is now ranked seventh in the Boston Globe Division 1 poll, continued to roll along this past week, defeating Everett 4-2 and Masconomet 7-0. **20 years ago Feb. 15, 2001** The rookie card for Winthrop resident Ricky DiPietro, who was chosen number one in the recent NHL draft by the New York Islanders, has been in high demand by sports card collectors who are betting that the card will rise in value as DiPietro's stardom rises in the NHL. The cards are available at Sportsworld in Everett for \$15 each. The Winthrop High boys hockey team defeated non-league rival Re-

vere, 4-1, to improve to 11-3-2 on the season. Rob DeLeo, freshman defenseman Dan Coughlin, Lucas Guarino, and Mike Moran scored the goals for the Vikings. Nine year-old Courtney Finn has won the 2001 Elks Hoop Shoot free throw contest. Courtney missed her first five shots in the finals, but then came back to sink 18 of her next 20 to earn a tie with the leader, forcing a playoff shootout. She then hit on four of five in the playoff to win the state crown in her age group. Her twin brother, Paul, made it to a three-way playoff in the final, but fell short, and older sister Kristen, making her third straight state finals appearance, took third place in the girl 10-11 division. The WHS boys basketball team kept its state tourney hopes alive with a 61-56 win over Gloucester. James Arena poured in 24 points and Jeremy Jenkins and Sean Burgess added 13 points each for coach Peter Grimes's squad. **40 years ago Feb. 18, 1981** Jim McDonald, who played for the JV most of this season, notched a

hat trick to lead the WHS hockey team to a 6-1 whipping of Marblehead and clinch a share of the NEC title with Danvers. Bubba Jaworski had two goals and John Tiano had one in the win over the Magicians, who also were in contention for first place coming into the game. It was announced this week that movie star Andrew Stevens will portray Mike Eruzione in the three-part, made for TV mini-series, Miracle on Ice, the story of the 1980 U.S. Gold Medal hockey team. Eruzione was the captain of the U.S. squad and scored the winning goal that beat the heavily-favored Russian team in the semifinals. **50 years ago Feb. 17, 1971** After losses to Marblehead and Gloucester, the WHS hockey team needs to win or tie both of its last two games to qualify for the state tourney for the first time in the program's history. Despite a one-point loss in the final seconds to Marblehead, the WHS basketball team can reach the state tourney with wins in their last two games against Saugus and Newburyport.

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

CONWAY POWERS WHS BOYS BASKETBALL TO THREE STRAIGHT WINS TO WRAP UP 2021 SEASON

The Winthrop High boys basketball team concluded its 2021 season in magnificent fashion with a run of three straight victories this past week.

“These guys came a long way over the course of 16 games,” said first-year WHS head coach Mike Triant. “It was nice that they got to see the fruits of their labor at the end and the important lesson to keep working hard and practicing doing things the right way regardless of results.”

The Vikings opened their winning week with an exciting 57-54 triumph over Salem Charter last Wednesday on the Tsiotos court at Winthrop High.

Although Winthrop led the entire way, save for a three-point bucket by Salem to open the game and an 18-18 deadlock early in the second period, the Vikings never were fully able to shake loose from the visitors, whose coach was ejected by the refs midway through the third period.

Whenever Winthrop opened up a double-digit lead, Salem stormed back to keep things close. With 3:00 to play, the Vikings held a slim 51-47 advantage -- but it was at that point that senior captain Cam Conway displayed the sort of effort that senior captains are born to do.

After Cam made a nice drive to the hoop to increase the Winthrop margin to six, 53-47, with 2:10 to go, Salem struck back with a trey and then a steal (that led to two free throws), slicing the Winthrop lead to 53-52 with 1:01 remaining.

A Viking was called for an offensive foul on the ensuing possession, but when Salem failed to capitalize, Conway took a nice pass from Luca Zanelli as he cut down the lane to make it 55-52 with 24 seconds on the clock.

Salem made good on its next possession, leaving matters at 55-54, but Conway was fouled with 7.4 seconds to go, sending him to the line for a one-and-one -- and Captain Cam calmly sank both tosses to complete his personal six-point run down the stretch to put the game on ice.

Although Conway led all scorers with 20 points, he had a host of teammates who made enormous contributions to the winning effort. Freshman point guard George Galuris continued to display the poise of a senior, as he has throughout the latter part of the season. George reached double figures with 12 points, including a spinning drive down the lane in which he seemingly let the ball go while his back was still to the basket, banking the ball off the backboard.

His gravity-defying,

eyes-in-the-back-of-his-head bucket came with 5:15 left in the game and stemmed a six-point Salem run that had narrowed a Winthrop lead from 45-35 at the end of the third period to 45-41.

Junior Luca Zanelli hit for seven points, including a pair of clutch buckets in the final minutes that preceded Conway’s heroics. Both of Luca’s hoops were of his patented, flash-to-the-lane jumper variety, and fended off a pair Salem three-pointers that had closed the gap to 47-44 and 49-47.

Senior Tyler Rockefeller contributed five points, including a four-point play with less than a second left in the third period. Tyler was fouled when he sank a three from the corner and proceeded to hit the free throw, giving the Vikings a nice boost for a 10-point lead, 45-35, to start the final quarter, a margin that proved invaluable when Salem fought back down the stretch.

Sophomore Zach Bogusz struck for seven points, including a pair of three-pointers. Senior Alijah Preble chipped in with two points after making a nice steal across mid-court and outracing his opponent to the hoop for a layup.

And in a game where every point mattered, juniors Mikey Chaves and Chris Cappuccio added two points apiece.

“This was a tough game,” said Triant. “I’ve been saying all year we need to learn how to win games. This was the one. There were still mistakes and we weren’t perfect, but we made plays to win. We were looking to foul, up three, at the end and not give them a look at a game-tying three-point attempt. But the guys got a little gun-shy and we never did. But thankfully George Galuris closed late on the shooter and we secured the rebound. It was a great team win.”

Two nights later the Vikings pulled out their most significant victory of the season, overcoming a strong Swampscott that stood in second place in the South Division of the Northeastern Conference.

The contest began inauspiciously for the Vikings, who trailed 22-8 at the first buzzer.

“Swampscott was tough,” said Triant. “They came out hot and were just running us off the floor. But we made some in-game adjustments and held them to 11 points over the next two quarters.”

Winthrop sliced the gap to 28-20 at the half and then scored the first six points after the intermission on two buckets by Zanelli, sandwiched around a steal by Cappuccio. That was followed by a blocked shot by Luca that led to Cappuccio getting fouled going to the rim and making both free throws.

Conway hit a big baseline jumper to tie matters at the four minute-mark

WHS GIRLS HOCKEY HONORS THEIR SENIORS

Last Wednesday evening at Larsen Rink, the seniors of the Winthrop High School Lady Vikings Hockey Team and their families were recognized for their dedication and contributions to the program for the past four years. Flowers were presented to the moms of the players, prior to the start of the scheduled game.



Shown above, WHS seniors, Antea Schlichting and Jenna Lindinger were presented flowers by the team before the game.

Shown to the right, Senior Captain, Jenna Lindinger with her parents, Stephanie and Miki, brother Stephen and sister Sophia.



Senior Captain Antea Schlichting with her parents, Holly and Tom.



and Cap’n Cam then drained a trey a minute later to boost the Vikings into their first lead of the contest, 33-31.

Bogusz then got into the act, hitting a three on a kick-out pass from Zanelli to put Winthrop up 36-31.

Conway closed out the third period with a great bank shot off the dribble to make it 39-33 entering the final eight minutes.

Swampscott made a run to start the final period, closing within 42-41 with five minutes to go, but a pair of free throws and

three-pointer by Conway forged the Vikings into a 47-43 lead.

Swampscott quickly answered with a three-pointer of their own, making it a 47-46 contest with 1:25 to go. Swampscott then came out of a timeout with some pressure and fell into a man-to-man defense for the first time of the day.

“Our guys recognized it immediately,” said Triant. “We ran a little stack set with Bogusz popping off of a Conway screen. Galuris fed Bogusz, who was strong with the ball with

some tight defense on him, and made a great entry pass to Conway, who had established great position on the block.”

Cam used his position to hit a one-dribble, turn-around bank shot to put Winthrop up, 49-46, with 1:00 to go. Bogusz snared a huge defensive rebound on the next Swampscott possession, but the Vikings were unable to convert on a one-and-one.

Swampscott came down court gunning for a three and got an offensive rebound of a contest-

ed three-pointer, but then missed another contested three. Senior Alijah Preble hauled in the defensive rebound and made the front end of his one-and-one to make it 50-46.

Zanelli grabbed the offensive rebound off the missed free throw and was fouled and sank the front end of his one-and-one to increase the lead to 51-46. Swampscott hit a free throw to close the score to 51-47 with five seconds remaining.

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Winthrop came out of a timeout and, sensing man-to-man, full-court pressure, Cappuccio inbounded the ball, with Zanelli setting a screen for Conway, who displayed his tight end skills to go deep for the long ball.

Cappuccio threw a strike downcourt on which Cam was fouled and made one of his two free throws for the 52-47 finale.

“This was a phenomenal win on the road in the NEC, which has not been easy over the past few years,” said Triant.

Conway turned in a strong double-double with 24 points and 14 rebounds. Cappuccio reached double figures with 12 points and grabbed eight boards. Zanelli hit for six points, followed by Preble with five, Bogusz with three, and Galuris with two.

Triant and his crew then had a quick turnaround with a contest the following afternoon on Saturday at Northeast Regional.

Despite a quick start, the Vikings found themselves trailing, 22-19, at the half.

“Northeast threw a run at us and we scrapped to stay in a tough, physical, up-and-down game,” noted Triant.

Northeast opened the second half with a 6-2 run, prompting Triant to call a timeout with his team trailing, 28-21, at the five minute mark of the third.

After Triant regrouped his troops, the Vikings went on a big (13-3) run of their own to close out the third period with a 34-31 advantage.

Winthrop held a 37-31 edge with six to go, but Northeast made two quick threes to tie it at 37.

“One of our assistants told the kids, ‘It’s okay. Basketball is a game of runs and it’s our turn’.” said Triant. The Vikings then proceeded to reel off seven unanswered points to move out to a 44-37 lead. The Winthrop defense held Northeast scoreless on its final eight possessions until a meaningless three at the buzzer for the victory.

Conway capped his fine Viking basketball career with a 24 point performance.

“Cam did a great job establishing an inside presence,” noted Triant. “However, this victory was more about toughness and defense, especially late in the game. Tyler Rockefeller played most of the second half and did a tremendous job controlling the paint. Rock also had a magnificent ‘and-one’ put-back of an offensive rebound to seal the deal late in the game. Alijah Preble had two huge steals late in this one as well.

“It was a great way to end the season by winning three straight,” Triant continued. “Results will come. Hopefully the public health situation continues to improve and these wins can springboard us into a great off-season and some youth clinics and camps here in town.

“We owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to our school administration, our superintendent, and our town health department for all of the hard work in making this season a reality. I cannot imagine the lives of any of our coaches or players without the experiences we have had together over these past 10 weeks.

“I am really proud of our guys for believing in

themselves and in one another. Even during the moments when others may have strayed the course, we didn’t. We worked harder and trusted more.”

Triant also gave a nod to the efforts of coach Rockefeller. “The weather postponed our Gloucester game, which enabled us to watch some film from Salem Charter and practice. I want to give a huge shout-out to coach Rockefeller, who is our video guy and is always downloading and uploading for us. He’s a huge part of what we are doing here.”

## WHS GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM WRAPS UP FINE SEASON

The Winthrop High girls hockey team concluded a highly-successful 2021 season with three contests this past week.

Last Wednesday the Lady Vikings hosted Beverly for Senior Night festivities.

“This was a night to honor two of the classiest players we have had in this program,” said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. “Antea Schlichting and Jenna Lindinger have given everything to this program, and never expected anything in return. Both of these players worked their hearts out every single day, they led by example, and they were an excellent representation of our program. They will be sorely missed.”

However, Beverly did not join in the celebration, handing Winthrop a 2-1 defeat.

“I have to take my hat off to the Beverly team, and especially their goalie, senior Maddie Delano, who stood on her head to ensure a victory for her team,” said Martucci.

Winthrop’s lone goal was an unassisted tally by Mia Norris.

“Mia has been amazing all season, but in the last five games she really bailed us out with some tremendous plays,” said Martucci. “Summer Tallent was also excellent in this game. We just could not get the puck past Delano, and believe me, we had our chances.”

A few days later at Larsen, the Lady Vikings avenged an earlier loss this season with a 3-1 triumph over Masconomet Regional.

“This one was a game we had circled after the way they beat us up in Haverhill,” noted Martucci. “They gave us our first loss of the year (by a score of 8-6) and to be honest, we just were not on that night. So we wanted this game badly, and the team was amped up for it.”

Winthrop took a 1-0 lead at 10:13 of the first period when eighth grader Talia Martucci fired a shot from a tough angle to the right of the Masco goalie and found the back of the net.

“Talia’s goal was great,” noted Martucci. “She ripped a shot off the face-off after a nice win by Lily Tallent, and it snuck through the Masco goalie.”

The Lady Vikings extended their lead to 2-0 at 3:50 of the second period when Emma Holmes found the range. Mia Martucci took the puck away from a Masco defenseman and gave a nice pass to Holmes in the slot area, who was skating in from the point.

Masco made things in-

teresting, scoring a short-handed goal at 4:04 of the third period to make it 2-1, but the Lady Vikings were not to be denied. Winthrop continued to dominate the action and Mia Martucci removed all doubt when she slammed home a rebound off a Julia Holmes shot with 7:18 to play.

Tallent, who made some nice glove saves throughout the contest, and the Winthrop defense held firm the rest of the way for the win.

The Lady Vikings then took on Marblehead at Cronin Rink in Revere for the season finale and battled their chief rival of the Northeastern Hockey League to a 1-1 draw.

Winthrop took an early lead on a goal by Emma Holmes, a margin that held up until Marblehead eventually brought the contest back to level in the third period.

“This was a good game,” said Martucci. “Marblehead played really well. Summer Tallent was great for us.”

The Lady Vikings concluded their season with a superb record of 10-3-1 for their 2021 pandemic season, placing them solidly in second place in the NHL, behind only 12-1 Peabody, whose only loss came from Winthrop.

“This was a very different year, but I am so proud of this team, and their ability to play through all of the rules and regulations due to the pandemic,” reflected Martucci. “This team carried themselves with dignity and respect. They played hard, they played together, and they left it all on the ice in every contest. The one thing I will never forget about this team is their elite response. We were down in a few games, but we never wavered. This team had an elite response all season long and it was the difference in winning games.”

Martucci expressed thanks on behalf of his team and coaching staff to Winthrop High School Athletic Director Matt Serino, the staff at Larsen Rink for their help this year through the COVID protocol, and all of the parents for their support.



**Winthrop High star gymnast Danielle Carter has been selected for the Massachusetts girls gymnastics National Team. The top female gymnasts from Massachusetts will compete in May in Ft. Myers, Florida. Danielle, a senior, is only the third gymnast from Winthrop to be selected for this honor, following in the footsteps of former Lady Vikings Danika Dellano and Christa Vaccaro.**

## GYMNASTS TOP FENWICK, SET NEW SCHOOL MARK (AGAIN)

The Winthrop High gymnastics team completed its 2021 season with a bang. Not only did the Lady Vikings defeat Bishop Fenwick in their season finale, but they set a new WHS record of 142.15 points, eclipsing the mark

of 141.5 that the team had set only the week before when they broke the previous school record of 141.4 that had stood for 10 years

“The seniors were simply on a mission to set the bar as high as possible and they didn’t disappoint,” said WHS coach Pete Gobiell.

Starting the Lady Vikings off on bars, as she has all season, freshman Shannon Abbott hit her routine and scored her highest score all year with an 8.3.

Eighth-grader Isabella Rice hit her bar routine with her highest score of the year, an 8.4.

Next up was Megi Zogasi, who has been dealing with a nagging back injury for the last two weeks. However, Megi hit her routine to score an 8.8.

“We’ve had to limit Megi’s practices and save her for competition,” said Gobiell. “She’s been an unsung hero for the last two meets.”

Brandi DiCicco and captain Danielle Carter both hit their routines for an 8.7. Last up for Winthrop was the team’s anchor for the bar lineup. Mary O’Donnell, who scored her highest score of the season with the only 9.0 score for the last three years for Winthrop on the uneven bars.

“By this time in the season the girls have figured out if they score 35 on four events, it comes out to 140 and puts them in the hunt for a new record,” said Gobiell, who noted that the team’s score on the bars came to 35.1.

Heading to the balance beam, which has been hit-or-miss this season for Winthrop, the first three scores tied at 8.2, putting a lot of pressure on the remaining athletes to hit their routines.

Sophomore standout on beam Alayna Ronan hit her routine, scoring a 9.0. Captain Danielle Carter and junior Brandi Diccico, who are riding a six-meet, no-falls-on-beam season (which hasn’t been done in the history of Winthrop’s team), both stuck their routines for a 9.1 and a season-high of 9.3 respectively.

“Simply put, both Danielle and Brandi have been unbelievable this year and true leaders for our team,” said WHS coach Daria Milerick.

“We scored 35.6 points on the beam,” said Gobiell, “and at this point it was like sharks smelling blood in the water. The girls knew they had a chance to set a new record and started to get really psyched up.”

“However, our next event was the vault, which we knew would be a tougher challenge because we wouldn’t be throwing two of the flipping vaults,” noted Gobiell. “The first person up sets the stage for the rest, so hitting it is important, as well as establishing the highest score possible.”

Isabella Rice was the team’s first vaulter and did a clean vault for an 8.25. Captain Rachel Farley hit her vault for an 8.3, followed by Carter, who scored an 8.5. With the last trio of the Winthrop vaulters needing to be as clean as possible, Alayna Ronan, who has been a steady force on vault all year, scored an 8.75. Mary O’Donnell had to stick her flipping vault to give the Lady Vikings a chance at the record and

Mary came through to score an 8.9.

Anchor Brandi DiCicco, who has been having her best year ever, hit her vault, scoring a 9.2.

The vault team score was 35.35 and to hit a 142, the team would have to average four 9.0’s on the floor exercise, not an easy feat.

Isabella Rice and Ellie O’Donnell led off for Winthrop, both scoring an 8.5 with clean routines. Senior floor specialist Gabriella Elsa Guiffre, competing in her last floor routine as a Lady Viking, went out and nailed it, scoring her season-high of 8.8.

“We are going to miss Gabriella’s signature jumps and leaps next year,” said Gobiell.

Ronan was up next and performed outstandingly to receive a mark of 9.2, her highest score of the season. Captain Danielle Carter followed, hitting her routine and scoring a 9.1.

The pressure then fell on DiCicco, the all-around leader of the team, whose specialty is the floor exercise. Brandi came through with a clutch performance to score a 9.0 and pushing the team’s final floor score to 36.1, thereby giving the Lady Vikings a final score of 142.15 (Fenwick scored 124.95) and establishing a new school record.

“It was a final tribute to our seniors for a remarkable year,” noted Gobiell. “The future looks bright with juniors Mary O’Donnell, Megi Zogasi, and all-around Brandi DiCicco coming back. Isabella Rice, an eighth grader, who has been compared to Christa Vaccaro, the most decorated Winthrop gymnast, has already set her goals for next season. Most girls take a few days off after the season ends, but Isabella asked to increase her time in the gym.”

Gobiell also mentioned that the team wished former Lady Viking star Christa Vaccaro good luck in her upcoming final collegiate meet for Rhode Island College against Springfield College.

“Christa will be graduating this year and plans to start coaching next fall,” noted Gobiell.

## HOLGERSEN, HOVERMALE LEAD THE WAY FOR VIKING VICTORY

The Winthrop High hockey team earned a victory in its final game of the 2021 pandemic season in fitting fashion with a 5-1 triumph over Beverly that was attributable principally to the Vikings’ senior captains, forward Joe Holgersen and goalie Ryan Hovermale, this past Saturday at Larsen Rink.

After spotting the visiting Panthers a 1-0 lead in the first 21 seconds, the Vikings took control of the contest. Freshman Peter Silverman, assisted by senior Charlie Lane and assistant captain Joey Hayes, brought Winthrop even with a power play goal at 4:08 when Peter neatly redirected a shot by Lane from the left.

The Vikings enjoyed another power play a few minutes later and once again took advantage of the opportunity. Winthrop worked the puck around the perimeter adroitly, with Hayes at the right point passing to Lane at the left point, and Charlie sliding the puck to assist

tant captain J.D. Parker on the left wing, who in turn fed a nice pass to Silverman, who was alone in the slot. Peter one-timed his shot to beat the Beverly goalie cleanly for a 2-1 Winthrop advantage.

Holgersen then took over the game. The Viking captain scored the first of his three goals on the afternoon with 1:11 left in the period when he flipped the puck past the Panther netminder from just outside the crease. The goal culminated Viking pressure in the Beverly end, with asst. captain Chris Ferrara and senior Connor Hurley earning assists.

Holgersen then executed one of the most beautiful individual plays by a Viking this season in the second period. Joey picked up a loose puck at mid-ice and split two Beverly defenders as he accelerated past the Panther blue line.

That created a 1-on-4 situation, with Holgersen squarely surrounded by four Panther defenders, the two he had left behind in his ice chips and the two he was facing as he approached the Beverly goal.

Rather than attempting to split the remaining two defenders, Holgersen skated to his right to take on a Panther 1-on-1. He burst past him, switching to his backhand, and as he swung past and around that defender, shielding the puck with his body, he lifted a backhander high to the far post from a tough angle to beat the Beverly netminder.

Joey’s spectacular goal brought to mind one of those Amazon AWS Next Gen sports ads (like the ones with Christian McCaffrey and Russell Wilson), because there is no doubt that his probability of scoring a goal in those circumstances was under 10 percent.

Holgersen’s final goal of his high school career, as well as for the Vikings’ 2021 season, came at 4:29 of the third period. Linemate Ferrara did a nice job to keep the puck inside the Beverly zone at the blue line and gave Holgersen a pass on the left wing board. Joey skated toward the net and, from about 18 feet out, let go a wrist shot from what seemed to be an impossible angle. However, Holgersen had found a small window and sniped his shot to beat the Panther goal high to the short side.

Hovermale was perfect for the remainder of the game’s 44:08, turning aside 24 Panther shots en route to the victory.

Winthrop concluded its season with a record of 8-2-3, a mark that earned Dale Dunbar’s crew an unofficial Northeastern Conference North Division title (the NEC’s athletic directors had agreed that there would not be any official league championships because of the uncertainty created by COVID). The Vikings’ accumulation of 19 points was tied with Masconomet for the top spot in the NEC North, but the Vikings earned three of a possible four points from Masco in their two head-to-head matchups.

It is hoped that the team will be able to get together at some point for a break-up banquet to recognize the players and acknowledge the team’s accomplishments.





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On February 18, resident Josephine Fatta met the owner of the GoPro camera she found on Yirrell Beach, via a Zoom call hosted by WCVB Boston news. Fatta is pictured in upper right corner, above camera owner, Texas resident, Theo Kassuga, and alongside the WCVB report

# A shared love of the ocean connects two people

By Kate Anslinger

For resident Josephine Fatta, it’s not rare to stumble across nature’s many treasures during her daily five mile walks; however, her most recent find earned her a spot in the limelight.

While taking her daily steps on a blustery day in early January, Fatta discovered a working GoPro action camera washed up on the shore of Yirrell Beach. The camera had been tucked into a pile of seaweed along with other debris swept up by the waves, following a storm.

“I saw a corner of it peeking out of a pile of seaweed, thinking it was a lobster buoy,” recalled Fatta. “When I pulled it out, it took me a minute to realize it was a video camera because it was housed in a bright orange flotation case and handle. I hit the power button and was truly shocked it still worked. Then again, they’re made for extreme outdoor envi-

ronments.”

As soon as Fatta was able to power up the camera, she was face to face with 40 minutes of crystal clear footage of a dedicated windsurfer, and immediately set out on a mission to track the surfer down. After capturing a screenshot of the man’s face on the video, she posted it to Facebook and presented it to the local kitesurfing community, but it wasn’t until she contacted WCVB Boston news that the mystery surfer was placed. Within hours of the footage being aired, Theo Kassuga, a resident of South Padre Island, Texas, had received a message from a Boston windsurfing group, sharing the news story, ultimately linking him to the camera.

On February 18, Fatta and Kassuga connected on Zoom, alongside the WCVB reporter.

“It was pretty amazing, especially after watch-

ing Theo’s recorded windsurfing footage, which I found on the SIM card in the camera. I felt bad it took me six weeks to get a reader for the card to realize it was there. Luckily it captured a clear image of his face which was a big clue in getting him identified. So, when I finally met Theo via a Zoom call with the WCVB reporter, it was extra special — he was at celebrity status at that point!”

Fatta, a Point Shirley resident for 25 years, always knew that she’d wind up living near the beach, and her longtime love of the sea has allowed her to bring joy to a fellow ocean lover.

“Winthrop has always been the perfect match for me. I’m grateful every day for the easy access to the beautiful beaches and Deer Island Harborwalk, especially during a pandemic. Working from home has allowed me more time to get outside.”

# Sen. Boncore reappointed Chair of Transportation

By John Lynds

Sen. Joseph Boncore (D-Winthrop) was recently reappointed by Senate President Karen Spilka to once again chair the Joint Committee on Transportation. Boncore, who represents Winthrop, East Boston, Revere, the North End and part of Cambridge, was first appointed chair of the committee by former Senate President Harriette Chandler in 2018 after Tom McGee left the state senate to become mayor of Lynn.

“I was to thank Senate President Karen Spilka for reappointing me Chair of the Transportation Committee,” said Boncore. “I look forward to continuing our work to make transportation equitable, reliable and safe.”

With a major international airport, highway, and MBTA line in his district it made sense for Spilka to reappoint Boncore chair of Transportation.

Over the years Boncore’s work on transportation has been rooted in a commitment to the priorities of the Commonwealth-- including his transit-heavy First Suf-



Sen. Joseph Boncore

folk and Middlesex district, which encompasses stretches of both Interstate 90 and 93, all five MBTA subway lines, Logan Airport, South Station and portions of the Boston Harbor.

Since being elected Boncore has advocated for increased ferry service in the Harbor, improvements to the Sumner Tunnel toll plaza, an increase in Massport mitigation to surrounding communities, late night MBTA service as well as addressing other transportation needs and improvements in his district.

In the last legislative session Boncore led efforts to pass the transportation bond bill; a \$16.5 billion investment to modernize the Commonwealth’s transportation

system. In addition to the wide variety of infrastructure projects, the bond bill addresses equity in public transit by requiring a low-income fare program, modernizes the transportation network fee structure, and decriminalizes fare evasion on MBTA service.

Boncore emerged as a staunch opponent of the MBTA’s proposed service cuts late last year due to a decrease in ridership due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Boncore argued that those who continue to utilize public transit throughout this public health crisis are the families, individuals, and essential workers who rely on it most.

Of the proposed cuts, Boncore said, “We must treat public transportation as a public good, similar to our roads and bridges. Expecting riders to face the consequences of less frequent service, delays, and crowding is unacceptable. Especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we must prioritize public health and safety.”

Prior to joining the Senate, Boncore was an attorney in Eastie and served as the chair of the Winthrop Housing Authority.

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CHELSEA - More than 60 candidates applied for the new Diversity Director position within the City of Chelsea – a new department that will have high-level status and will be charged with making City government more inclusive and welcoming.

It’s a department proposed by City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Councilor Leo Robinson last summer in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, and in response to a list of demands from young people in Chelsea. Earlier this year, the City put together a Hiring Committee chaired by City Attorney Cheryl Fisher Watson. That Committee is currently interviewing candidates, and reportedly has some great options.

Fisher Watson said they had approximately 60 applicants and the Committee has reviewed all 60 applicants. They were ranked and from those rankings, six or seven were interviewed.

The goal will be to forward three applicants to the City Manager for the final hiring decisions.

Councilor Damali Vidot, who is on the Committee, said she was excited about the pool of applicants.

“We have some amazing candidates and we’ve narrowed it down now to a couple of folks,” she announced at the Feb. 8 Council meeting.

A decision is expected in March.

•MORE MARIJUANA  
LICENSES

Council President Roy Avellaneda has proposed to increase the number of marijuana licenses from four to six in the City. While there was trepidation at first for the new industry, Chelsea has embraced it and already has one recreational marijuana store operating since November. Others are expected and Avellaneda said he hopes they can explore capping the number at six and not four.

“In light of some of the delays because of marijuana expansion, I feel this warranted consideration,” said Avellaneda.

However, Councilor Calvin Brown warned caution on the matter, and said an increase in licenses for marijuana outlets was not what voters approved some years ago on the ballot.

“When the voters went to the ballot in 2016, it passed in Chelsea,” he said. “There were certain expectations of what that meant. Now, to do this is something we need to pay attention to because it goes beyond the intent of the law when we voted on it... We need to slow down on this.”

Councilor Damali Vidot disagreed and said the marijuana question passed easily in Chelsea, perhaps as much as 10 percent, and she said there is an appetite for local people to try to get into the industry. To do so, they need more licenses.

“For Black and brown and immigrant communities this is a chance to build equity and affluence,” she said. “This is an opportunity to level the playing field. I don’t think we’re necessarily moving too fast.”

Councilor Todd Taylor said one thing to consider is those that invested in the

City and already opened, thinking that there would only be four competitors. With more competitors, he said, that makes their license potentially less valuable.

“The concern I have is adding additional licenses and whether it might affect people who have already invested in a license and a business that’s open,” he said.

The matter will be brought up again at a future meeting.

•TAX ON ROAD  
SALT

Council President Roy Avellaneda also proposed at the Feb. 8 meeting a tax on road salt coming out of the Eastern Salt complex on Marginal Street.

He proposed a Home Rule Petition that would allow Chelsea to charge something like 1 percent or less on the sale or transfer of a quantity of road salt. It would be levied on any company with salt storage in Chelsea.

It was moved to a Subcommittee on Conference.

•STOP WASTING  
FOOD

Councilor Giovanni Recupero was quite bothered during the meeting Feb. 8 about many people he sees taking food from the local food pantry relief efforts, and then throwing most of it away.

He encouraged those that don’t need the relief food not to take it if they only plan to waste it. He said the problem is much larger than many would expect, particularly in his district.

“Please, if you get food, don’t throw it away,” he said. “I’ve been seeing food boxes that people get thrown in garbage cans. I’m in favor of giving out food to those that need it. I’m not in favor of wasting it. Give it to someone that needs it.”

•IN THE CHAMBER?

Councilor Leo Robinson said he was only trying to ask a simple question of those that have been helped by the City’s Business Relief Fund, but apparently it’s a question others don’t support.

At the Feb. 8 meeting, Robinson asked that the City gather responses about Chamber of Commerce membership amongst those that have taken assistance from the City’s business fund. He said he simply wanted to know if they were members, or if they had joined since getting the City help.

Both Councilor Damali Vidot and Council President Roy Avellaneda objected, and said the Council and City had no authority to promote the Chamber of Commerce.

“I don’t see anything wrong with them asking if it’s only for informational purposes,” said Councilor Todd Taylor.

“I think it’s a very simple question to ask,” said Robinson.

The matter was voted down 7-3.

REP. RYAN LANDS  
CHAIRMANSHIP

CHELSEA - State Rep. Dan Ryan was appointed to his first chairmanship position late last week by House Speaker Ron Mariano, with the veteran representative taking the lead on the House Election Laws Committee.

Ryan has served for his first several terms on important committees, such as transportation, but gaining a role as a chairman indicates somewhat of a promotion within the

legislative body.

Ryan said this week he knew it was going to be a very busy Committee, with a lot of hearings and testimony to be heard given the changes to the voting and Elections systems during COVID-19. The future of those changes, and any new alterations, will likely be hashed out in his new Committee in the coming months.

“I want to thank Speaker Mariano and his leadership team for putting their trust in me to take on this important role,” he said. “The COVID pandemic has certainly tested our resolve as a country and Commonwealth. This past year has laid bare the fragility of many sectors of society. However, out of necessity, we have also pulled together to test some ideas that have been around for a while. Early voting, no-excuse absentee voting and other forms of ballot access initiatives were very popular. It will be a lot of work right out of the gate to refine these processes for this year’s elections - as well as for the long term. We need to ensure that elections are safe and fair with as much access to the ballot box as reasonably possible.”

Due to the anticipated agenda of the Committee, Ryan was not assigned to any other Committees as a member in the coming session.

TDM HEADS TO  
CITY COUNCIL

EVERETT - After more than a year of discussion about Transportation Demand Management (TDM) within the City’s development process, and several months of presentations to the Planning Board, the Board approved a recommendation to adopt a TDM plan – sending the matter now to the City Council for potential passage.

The TDM was proposed and discussed in early 2020, and even before, as development in Everett began to ratchet up and both the City and the development community looked for predictability in regards to parking, traffic and transportation.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria has endorsed the plan that his Administration has proposed via Transportation Director Jay Monty – something that is central to his philosophy of pushing public transit so there could be more density in the buildout along Everett’s main corridors.

“The whole premise here is we want the Site Plan Review process to take a holistic look at the transportation impacts,” said Monty. “Zoning in most communities use parking and traffic as a proxy for transportation impacts. The two are kind of conflicting. The more parking, then the more traffic. It becomes a vicious spiral where there’s more parking, more traffic and then more impacts. That’s what the mayor has been saying the last several years now.”

The TDM plan works where it gives developers and the City more choice.

Monty compares it to a menu in a restaurant. The developer still has some choice as to what they will choose to mitigate the transportation impacts of their project, but the City sets the menu and what is offered. In that way, there are no surprises and the plan set forth by the developer must be approved at Site Plan Review by the

ST. MARY'S GIRLS HOCKEY WINS THE CCL CUP



St. Mary's High School sophomore goaltender Angela Catino holds aloft the CCL Cup championship trophy in the company of her triumphant teammates following the team's dramatic 3-2 victory over Malignon in championship game Saturday night.

Planning Board.

The items in the plan would be different for every development, depending on the impacts, the size of the development and the location of the development, he said.

“Every project is different,” he said. “The 600 on Broadway for example has lots of amenities, good transit and bike and bus lanes that can be used to mitigate. The needs of that will be different from 1090 Parkway, or the Stop & Shop site, where the transit isn’t that great... This allows the developer to say what’s best for them and their project. Then we work with them for the best plan.”

The TDM proposal takes parking and transportation out of the hands of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), and puts it within the Site Plan Review process. That allows zoning to focus on zoning, he said, and the Planning Board to work on transportation and predictable impacts and mitigation.

“We really designed this so the Zoning Board had skin in the game,” he said. “It gives them more discretion and more power to shape a project... This allows the Planning Board to look at it in a much greater level and produces a project that has mitigated all concerns.”

The matter will have to go through the City Council process, but the Planning Board has recommended passage. If it does pass, Monty said he will be very interested in seeing how the first few applicants use the process and shape it.

An accompanying piece about codifying residential parking stickers – which have been not allowed for many new developments – is still being reviewed in the Planning Board.

CHANGES AT OLD  
WOOD WASTE SITE  
APPROVED

EVERETT - The Planning Board on Feb. 8 approved a minor modification to the newer plan for the old Wood Waste site, a 600-plus unit residential community build on the construction waste yard, and paved the way for the project to start very soon.

Greystar Development’s Tammy Copson was at the Board on Feb. 8 for a minor modification to make sure the former conditions on the approvals jived with what the

plan is now on paper. The changes clear the path for a potential construction on the site of 650-units of housing in two, six-story buildings with 9,000 sq. ft. of retail space.

Copson told the Board that the 57 conditions on the permit that was given more than two years ago needed some updating so that everything was understood and clear.

“We wanted to clarify some edits of the conditions,” she said. “

“(The project) will most definitely start if we can get everything cleaned up,” she said.

Greystar, the largest residential apartment developer in the world, got involved with the project last summer after taking it over from the former Wood Waste ownership, under Billy Thibeault.

Planning Board member Leo Pizzano pointed out that once the project gets under construction, it’s going to be a very confusing situation. That’s because there are going to be multiple projects under construction at the same time.

Greystar will like start first, but the 18-month construction period will likely overlap with Grossman Properties’ massive project at the Stop & Shop and Block properties’ residential project on Second Street.

“That will be three massive projects and a fourth on Vale Street that are going to be going all at once and the residents at The Pioneer are going to be wanting to get out of there,” he said. “I keep saying that.”

The matter was approved 5-0.

•BLOCK PROPERTIES  
TIES

Block Properties made their second official appearance at the Planning Board on Feb. 8 after a trip there in January for a full presentation. The residential project at Second and Vine Streets was informally introduced to the Board, though, last October.

In January, the development team had appeared before the Board and had a thorough presentation. However, a technology snafu didn’t allow all Board members to get questions submitted.

The team was back for those questions on Feb. 8.

The plan is to demolish two industrial buildings on Vine and Second Streets in the Commercial Triangle near the City Line with

Chelsea. They hope to build a six-story building with 320 units of apartment housing with 4,000 sq. ft. of retail space and a parking garage. The project meets most all zoning codes, and only needs to complete the Site Plan Review process.

The City has been working on transportation issues and stormwater issues with the development team, and that continues. The developer has ceded a portion of the property fronting Second Street to be used for the Silver Line extension when and if it comes to be. Meanwhile, Block Properties will likely be one of the first groups to work through the new Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan approved by the Board last month.

An Activity Use Limitation (AUL) for pollution on the site is likely to be filed in the coming months, allowing the developer to provide 5 percent Affordable Housing rather than the usually-required 15 percent.

REP. MADARO  
APPOINTED  
BOARD CHAIR

East Boston - House Speaker Ronald Mariano appointed Rep. Adrian Madaro as Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

This is Rep. Madaro’s first chairmanship since being elected to the House in 2015. Madaro previously vice-chaired the Joint Committee on Transportation.

The Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery considers all matters concerning behavioral health, mental illness and substance use disorder, including prevention and early intervention, treatment and recovery services as well as homelessness.

The committee oversees the state’s Department of Mental Health and the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services.

“I’m very excited for the opportunity to work on issues that change people’s lives, that save lives, that really makes an impact on our communities in East Boston and the Commonwealth,” said Madaro. “If you think about it there’s no family that I know or can think of



# WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

## CHICKEN THIGHS WITH VEGGIES

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2 cups basmati rice 4 cups water 1 tablespoon vegetable oil 1 red onion, cut into 1/2-inch slices 3½ pounds skinless, boneless chicken thighs, cut into 2-inch strips 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger root 6 cloves garlic, minced	3 cups mushrooms, cut in half 12 fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces 2 small green bell peppers, cut into 1/2-inch strips 1 tablespoon fish sauce 1 egg 2 cups fresh basil leaves 1 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, for garnish soy sauce to taste
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### DIRECTIONS:

**STEP 1:** Bring the rice and water to a boil together in a saucepan. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until the rice is tender and the liquid has been absorbed, 35 to 40 minutes.

**STEP 2:** When the rice is nearly done cooking, heat the oil in a large skillet over high heat. Cook the onion in the hot oil until softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the chicken, garlic, and ginger to the skillet and continue cooking and stirring until the chicken is completely browned, 7 to 10 minutes. Fold the mushrooms, asparagus, bell peppers, and fish sauce into the chicken mixture; continue cooking just until hot, about 5 minutes. Crack the egg, and scramble it into the mixture. Add the basil leaves to the mixture; cook until the leaves wilt slightly, about 30 seconds. Remove pan from heat immediately. Serve over the basmati rice; garnish with the cilantro and sesame seeds and a drizzle of the soy sauce.

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# Kitchen Cleaning

## ORGANIZE YOUR APPROACH

FAMILY FEATURES

Maintaining a clean kitchen is important. However, there are often cleaning tasks that get put on hold because they require a great deal of time and effort. According to the Scrubbing Bubbles Dirty Work Index survey, men and women agree the kitchen is the most difficult room to clean after the bathroom. Luckily, following a few simple steps and using all-purpose kitchen cleaners make tackling tough kitchen messes easier — ensuring that your home is not only clean but also healthy. Follow the below tips and tricks to learn how to clean your kitchen with ease.

### Tackle the Appliances

Use these tips for maintaining your oven, microwave, dishwasher and refrigerator:

#### Oven

If your oven boasts a self-cleaning mode, go ahead and turn it on. For the stovetop and exterior of the oven, spray a grease-cutting cleaner that stays where you spray, such as the new Scrubbing Bubbles Total Kitchen Foaming All Purpose Cleaner with fantastik, to thoroughly cover the surfaces, exterior walls and oven door. Allow the cleaner to go to work penetrating and lifting grime while you move on to the microwave. Use damp sponges or paper towels to remove the cleaner when the grease and grime have dissolved.

#### Microwave

To loosen grease and food spatters, boil a cup of water with a few lemon slices in the microwave for one minute, which will help to soften dried food particles to make cleanup easier. Then, use a foaming all-purpose cleaner and a damp sponge to easily wipe away residue and grease and leave a fresh scent behind.

#### Dishwasher

Use a toothbrush and warm, soapy water to clean around the rubber seal on the door of your dishwasher. Use a scrubbing brush or sponge to wipe away dirt and grime on the inside of the door, as well as the walls. Wipe away debris around the drain that could cause later clogging. Run your empty dishwasher on the hottest cycle to help further remove buildup.

#### Fridge

Because the refrigerator houses perishable foods, it's crucial to your family's health to keep it well-maintained and sanitary. Cleaning the refrigerator requires more work than just pitching old food. To ensure your fridge is thoroughly cleaned, turn the dial control to "0" and remove and discard old food items before removing shelves and drawers, then wipe them down using mild soap and water. Next, use a toothpick and toothbrush to clean corners, hinges and the rubber gasket. Finally, sanitize the drop pan with an antibacterial all-purpose cleaner. Cleaning the drop pan weekly will help reduce spilled food odors. After these steps are complete, return the dial control to the original temperature setting.

### Five Tips to an Organized, Clean Kitchen

- **Create a plan of action.**  
Before you begin cleaning, gather everything you'll need to tackle the kitchen as a whole, from rubber gloves and sponges, to the vacuum and mop. Assign tasks to each family member to help speed up the process. To ensure everything gets squeaky clean, make a checklist.
- **Use all-purpose cleaners.**  
Make it easier with a quality, all-purpose cleaning product that can tackle all sorts of kitchen messes while killing germs, such as the Scrubbing Bubbles All Purpose Heavy Duty Cleaner with fantastik, which kills 99.9 percent of germs and bacteria. This cleaner can wipe out tough grease and grime, without leaving behind a filmy residue.
- **Reorganize and prioritize.**  
As you clean the kitchen, reorganize contents of pantries, cabinets, drawers and spice racks so everything is easy to find, with your most-used items in front for easy access. Ensure anything expired is thrown out, and donate canned foods you don't plan to use to a food bank.
- **Dust cabinet interiors.**  
Remove dry-storage food items and dust out your cabinetry. Make sure you get back into the corners of your cabinets with a duster or vacuum. Wipe down dry food items with a damp cloth and place back in the cabinets.
- **Get your floors gleaming.**  
Vacuum or sweep floors to get them prepped for mopping. Make sure to dust baseboards and corners where dust and pet hair can get trapped. Pay special attention to the cleaning solution you purchase to clean your floors, as hardwood flooring especially requires specific cleaners.

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# Gov. Baker signs \$16 Billion Transportation Bond Bill

Staff report

Gov. Charlie Baker, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, and Acting MassDOT Secretary of Transportation Jamey Tesler joined legislators, municipal leaders, and other stakeholders in a virtual ceremonial signing of the \$16 billion Transportation Bond Bill legislation.

This legislation was signed into law on January 15, and authorizes funding across all modes of transportation to support and facilitate the ongoing continual efforts of MassDOT and the MBTA to invest in and modernize the Commonwealth's transportation system.

"The Transportation Bond Bill builds upon our Administration's ongoing commitment to create a 21st-century mobility infrastructure that will prepare the Commonwealth to capitalize on emerging changes in transportation technology and behavior," said Governor Charlie Baker. "MassDOT and the MBTA have continued to implement widespread

improvements throughout the transportation system and this new bond authorization will further support capital investment planning to rebuild, modernize, and expand the capacity of the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure."

The legislation includes nearly \$5.1 billion to continue modernizing the MBTA, \$100 million to improve the pavement condition on state numbered municipal roads, \$50 million to ensure municipalities have resources needed to continue efforts to build 'Complete Streets' infrastructure to encourage the public to travel more on foot and by bicycle. The bill also includes \$70 million for the Municipal Small Bridge Program and expands the use of designated bus lanes and transit signal priority through two new grant programs. Additionally, the bill authorizes the MBTA to use well-established procurement methods such as Job Order contracting for smaller projects.

The bill also responds to the needs of municipal partners by reauthorizing or creating five funding partnerships to supplement and complement the Chapter 90 program, and reauthorizes the popular Municipal Small Bridge Program and Complete Streets Program. In addition to local bottleneck reduction program already mentioned, a third municipal funding initiative would improve the condition of roadways by authorizing \$100 million for a municipal pavement partnership program to help cities and towns care

for state-numbered routes that are locally owned.

Highlights of the Transportation Bond Bill are as follows:

- \$4.4 billion for use as funding for Highway federal aid projects
- \$3 billion for Transit System Modernization Investments (MBTA)
- \$1.25 billion in Non-Federal Aid for use as funding in Highways projects that are not eligible for federal funding
- \$1.25 billion for the new Next Generation Bridge program
- \$70 million for the popular Municipal Small

Bridge Program

- \$50 million for the popular Complete Streets program
- \$20 million for 'public realm' COVID-related Shared Streets and Spaces program
- \$100 million for a new Municipal Pavement program for pavement projects on locally owned but state numbered roads
- \$100 million in four new programs to provide financial assistance for municipalities seeking to improve infrastructure, such as bus lanes or bus signal prioritization projects, and connectivity

- \$350 million for the Cape Cod Bridges approaches project
  - \$825 million for South Coast Rail
  - \$595 million for Green Line Extension
  - \$89 million for Aeronautics Division
  - \$760 million to support the Regional Transit Authorities and Rail & Transit's Mobility Assistance Program and Rail improvements
- Construction Zone Speed Limits that allows posting of speed limits in construction zones and doubling of speeding fines for violations.

## LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF MARCH 9, 2021

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 2.9 (c) of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at on or after 7:00 pm VIA ZOOM That the Town Council vote to transfer \$696,568.02 from Free

Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund That the Town Council vote to transfer \$447,047.10 from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Fund That the Town Council vote to transfer \$48,510.48 from Free Cash to the Building; all transfers in accordance with Town Council Policy All documents, legally

accessible, pertaining to this hearing(s) and Zoom information can be requested by email to councilclerk@town.winthrop.ma.us or calling 617-846-1852 x 1034. Zoom information will also be available on the Town Website under the Calendar. Denise Quist Council Clerk

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# Department of Early Education and Care adopts innovative parent co-pay model for families receiving child care subsidies

Staff report

The Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) adopted a new, first-in-the-nation, parent co-pay model that will dramatically reduce child care payments for families receiving state subsidies by exempting family income up to the federal poverty level. The Board of Early Education and Care approved a parent co-pay schedule that will reduce the average co-payment for families from 10% to 2.4% of their overall month-

ly income. This change marks a substantive step forward in EEC’s efforts to make child care more accessible and affordable to families across the Commonwealth. Since March 2020, EEC has fully covered the cost of co-payments for families receiving state subsidies during the current public health crisis, totaling more than \$43 million. Over the last year, EEC worked with the Urban Institute, a national organization with expertise in child care subsidies, and with other family and

child care provider advocates to develop the new co-pay model. Under the leadership of Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy – who was appointed in August 2019 – the fee scale is the first in the country to address the impact of co-payments on the lowest income families by creating the federal poverty level exemption. “This progressive reform will not only provide relief to most families that are eligible for child care subsidies, it will also ensure consistency and fairness in parent contri-

butions as their income rises,” said Education Secretary James Peyser. Co-payments are based on a percent of each family’s income above the poverty threshold that ranges from 4% to 15% of eligible income, and parent co-pays will only be required when a family’s income rises above the threshold. The percentage of families in Massachusetts required to pay a co-pay is expected to drop from 72% to 58%, and 98% of these families will now pay a co-pay of 7% or less than their overall income,

the federal benchmark of child care affordability. The new model uses a co-pay schedule built on 28 incremental income ranges by family size, spanning incomes from 100% of the poverty threshold to 85% of state median income, which is the maximum income eligible for child care subsidies under federal regulations. When considered as a percent of families’ full income, co-pays are expected to range from <0.01% to 12% of a family’s full income for the vast majority (99%) of families above the pover-

ty threshold. Co-pays for siblings are also charged at a discounted rate. EEC will build an online calculator and develop additional technology to support implementation of the new parent co-pay schedule. EEC licenses 6,700 child care providers, with capacity to care for 200,000 children aged birth to 15 years old. EEC provides child care subsidies that support approximately 55,000 children each month.

## The Cat Fanciers’ Association, ZYMOX and Oratene present TrapKing’s ‘From Feral to Fancy’ TNR fundraising cat photo contest

Special to the Journal

What do you get when you team up rapper-turned-trapper Sterling “TrapKing” Davis with the world’s largest cat organization, two top pet healthcare brands, and 10 well-known internet purrsonalities? A CFA Virtual Cat Competition destined to turn 11 lucky kitties into mini-celebrities!

Cat owners can enter their cats in the competition. Spectators can enter and vote on their favorite cats now through Febru-

ary 26 and the judges will announce the winners on Facebook February 27 and 28.

Davis is an African American cat rescuer dedicated to Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), widely considered the only humane way to stop cat overpopulation. It’s endorsed by the Humane Society of the United States, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the American Humane Association, and many other progressive animal welfare organiza-

tions.

TrapKing’s From Feral to Fancy TNR Fundraising Cat Photo Contest offers cats everywhere the chance to compete for 100 prizes with their photos. “I love how CFA realizes that rescue, shelter and feral cats are just as beautiful as the fancy pedigree ones,” said Davis recently. Top winners in each of the competitive categories will enjoy photo appearances in New York City’s Times Square! Proceeds from the event will go to Davis’ nonprofit, Trap-

King Humane Cat Solutions, which will use the money to teach cat rescuers the basics of TNR.

CFA is partnering with Davis because of his exemplary work in bringing diversity to the animal world. “It’s no secret the cat scene is dominated by white women, and Sterling brings a message of acceptance and compassion. He’s trying to bridge the racial divide between the cat world and the black community,” says Desiree Bobby, CFA’s Marketing Director. Davis is known

for his motto, “You don’t lose cool points for compassion.” The show is also sponsored by the brands ZYMOX® and Oratene®, veterinarian recommended solutions that have been helping pets have healthy ears, skin and mouths for over twenty years.

The event is part of CFA’s Companion Cat World Program, reflecting the organization’s mission to enhance all cats’ lives. Kitty contestants can choose from 11 categories, including the Main Event, Me & My Cat Lady/Cat

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