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Hate-filled terror comes to Winthrop

By Transcript Staff

The tranquility of a typical mid-afternoon summer Saturday in Winthrop was shattered within a matter of 20 minutes when a 28 year-old local resident, reportedly wielding two handguns, shot two Black persons on Shirley Street.

The shooter, Nathan Allen, began his rampage when he stole a large box truck at approximately 2:30 p.m., from an industrial yard on the outskirts of town at the edge of the Belle Isle Marsh on Argyle Street.

Allen turned right onto Revere St. and then made a left onto Shirley St. As Allen sped along Shirley



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The SUV hit by the out of control box truck was sent crashing into the stairs of a nearby property.



A stolen box truck shown crashed into a home on Shirley Street. The shooter not only crashed into another vehicle, but demolished the structure at the intersection of Shirley and Cross streets.

St., investigators believe he crashed head-on into an SUV with three female passengers near the intersection of Cross St.

The force of the impact sent the SUV crashing into the front stairs of a nearby home on Shirley St., while Allen's box truck careened into a small home on the opposite side of Shirley St. at the corner of Cross St., all but demolishing that structure.

Allen emerged from the

truck unscathed and proceeded, reportedly in his bare feet, along Shirley St., at one point jumping into the back seat of another vehicle in an apparent carjacking attempt.

However, when the operator of that vehicle told Allen to leave his car, Allen did so and took off on foot once again on Shirley Street in the direction of Winthrop Beach.

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NEWS Brief

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TEMPLE TIFERETH ISRAEL OF WINTHROP HAS NEW RABBINICAL INTERN

Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop is privileged to announce that it has engaged the services of a new rabbinical intern for the coming year. The rabbinical intern – Josh

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NO TRASH DELAY

Due to the July 4 holiday being on a Sunday, THERE WILL BE NO DELAY IN TRASH PICK UPS

Capitol Waste Services, Inc.

‘It could have been me’

Longtime resident shocked by violence

By John Lynds

A week before Nathan Allen crashed a box truck into a house on the corner of Shirley and Cross Streets and then executed two Black residents, lifelong Winthrop resident Anthony Williams was at the baseball field just a few steps away coaching Little League.

“I wasn’t in Winthrop the day of the shooting, but if it happened a week earlier I would have been at the baseball field coaching,” said Williams. “For the past two months I was walking through that area around that time.”

When Williams heard the news, he was shocked because things like what happened Saturday just don’t happen in Winthrop.

“I lived here for 39

years and nothing like this has ever happened,” said Williams.

However, when news started to spread that Allen targeted Air Force veteran Ramona Cooper and retired Massachusetts State Police trooper David Green because they were Black, Williams was frightened.

“It could have been me,” said Williams, who is Black and a member of the Town’s Diversity Committee. “After I had those initial emotions of sadness for the victims, I started to think about how many times I have walked by this guy with my kids and not known it or how many times I was in the same place in Town as him.”

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Residents have created a memorial of flowers and messages of love along the fence erected at the site of the demolished home at the intersection of Cross and Shirley streets.

Candlelight vigil set for this evening

Staff report

Winthrop police chief and interim town manager Terence Delehanty has announced that there will be a candlelight vigil this evening (Thursday, July 1) at 7 p.m. on the Winthrop

Town Hall lawn in Metcalf Square to honor and recognize David Green and Ramona Cooper, the victims, of Saturday’s tragic shooting.

The vigil is being hosted by the Winthrop Commission for Diversity, In-

clusion and Community Engagement. Residents are advised that there will be some road closures and detours around the Metcalf Square area.

Representatives from

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Officials condemn actions of shooter, thank first responders for their heroism

The following statements were made by local and state officials regarding the hate crime which occurred in Winthrop on Saturday, June 26.

COUNCIL OFFERS CONDOLENCES, THANKS FIRST-RESPONDERS

Winthrop Town Council President Philip Bon-

core issued a statement on behalf of the Town Council expressing their condolences to the families of

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY, JUNE 14

0726: A Brookfield Rd. resident who reported that there may be a raccoon in the basement was informed that this is a private matter and that he will have to call an exterminator.

1046: A caller, against whom there is a domestic abuse prevention restraining order pursuant to c. 209A, requested a police escort be on hand while he collected his personal belongings from his former residence.

1423: An officer strood by while a male party retrieved his personal belongings from his former residence.

1704: Officer Carter assisted a resident with the installation of a child car seat.

1709: A bicyclist reported being struck by an automobile at Veterans Rd. and Cutler St. The victim refused medical assistance. The officer filed a report.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

0904: DPW workers reported finding a hypodermic syringe in the middle of the cemetery on River Rd. An officer retrieved the needle and brought it back to the station for proper disposal.

0914: A person came into the station to report that his parked motor vehicle (MV) had been struck and damaged on the driver’s side by a hit-and-run operator on Cross St.

1035: A Payson St. resident reported that a Fed Ex package had been stolen from her premises. The officer filed a report.

1117: DPW workers reported finding another hypodermic syringe in the middle of the cemetery on River Rd. An officer retrieved the needle and brought it back to the station for proper disposal.

1401: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1843: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Shirley St. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2121: An officer assisted the parties at a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) in the 400 block of Shirley St. with the exchange of papers.

2252: An officer directed persons playing music loudly at Governor’s Drive to turn down the volume.

2324: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Nevada St. and Shore Drive for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

0150: An officer issued eight parking tickets to vehicles on Bartlett Rd.

0609: An officer assisted State Police with the execution of a search warrant on Edgehill Rd.

0623: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle on Pearl Ave.

0857: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles in the No Parking area at Ingleside Park.

0935: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Washington Ave. and Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (47 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1129: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Waldemar Ave. and Pleasant St. for the

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

1219: An officer dispersed a group of about 20 youths who were play-boxing at the Mary Kelley Pavilion on Morton St.

1220: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer reported that the operator almost struck a child and issued a citation to the operator.

1258: An officer dispersed the same group of youths who had been on Morton St. from the skate park at Ingleside Park. The youths were engaged in a boxing match. The officer confiscated a pair of boxing gloves and called the mother of one of the youths.

1321: An officer returned to Ingleside Park to disperse the same group of youths once again.

1353: An officer stood by while a motorist changed a flat tire at Winthrop and Pleasant Sts.

1419: A resident came into the station to turn in a box of ammunition. The officer filed a report.

1515: An officer responded to a call from a Paul Revere bus driver who reported that a passenger was refusing to wear a mask. The officer gave a courtesy ride to the male party.

1757: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a MV at Governor’s Park.

2032: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle partially blocking a driveway on Beach Rd. The officer had attempted to contact the owner of the vehicle before tagging it.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

0203: An officer dispersed two persons who were playing basketball and playing music loudly from the courts at Governor’s Park.

0640: A resident in the area of the golf club reported that groundskeepers once again were using loud machinery prior to 7:00 a.m. An officer will follow up with management.

0806: An officer assisted with pushing a disabled motor vehicle to the side of the road at Wadsworth Ave. and Winthrop St.

0825: An officer assisted State Police with the execution of a search warrant.

0847: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Lincoln St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for that offense. The operator also had an issue with the registration of the vehicle and the officer stood by while she resolved that issue on-line.

1708: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a vehicle.

2338: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant and Main Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

0256: An officer dispersed two persons from the basketball courts on Walden St.

0513: An officer assisted a Cottage Park Rd. resident with moving a fallen tree from the middle of the road. The DPW will be notified later in the morning.

0801: A Wave Way Ave. resident came into the station to report a case of vandalism.

1436: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant and Main Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1647: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle that was blocking the

walkway at Yirrell Beach.

1740: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle in the No Parking area of Cutler St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

0001: An officer dispersed a group of four persons who were trespassing at the Winthrop Y.C. and warned them that they will be arrested if they do so again.

0805: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant St. and Bartlett Rd. for the civil moving infraction of failing to yield for an emergency vehicle. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0859: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Walden and Main Sts. and issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV. When the owner of the vehicle showed up, the officer gave him a citation for the criminal offense of allowing an unlicensed operator (who is an employee of his business) to operate his motor vehicle.

1129: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Winthrop St. in which a vehicle passing by struck a parked MV and damaged the driver’s side mirror.

1352: An officer ordered a tow for a boat trailer with an expired registration plate on Winthrop St.

1509: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Hermon Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (55 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2026: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Kennedy Rd. for the civil moving infractions of an equipment violation and a number plate violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2035: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the No Parking Here To Corner area at Ocean Ave. and Shore Drive.

2055: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Shore Drive and Ocean View St. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2102: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Shirley and Cross Sts. for the civil infraction of operation of an unregistered MV. The owner of the MV, who was the passenger in the vehicle, was able to renew the registration on-line while the officer stood by.

2126: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle blocking a fire hydrant at Ingleside Ave. and Enfield Rd.

2138: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) in the 900 block of Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

1236: An officer directed workers for a fence company to cease doing work at an Almont St. residence. They were unaware of the town by-law regarding construction work on Sundays.

1347: A report of a dog on the loose on Veterans Rd. was resolved when the owner reported finding the animal.

2036: An Almont St. resident reported that there was an exotic bird in her backyard. An officer informed the caller that this is a migratory bird from the south and that Mass. Wildlife is monitoring the bird, which apparently has a nest on Nevada St.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

0015: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle at Somerset Ave. and Pleasant St.

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Schreiber - is currently a fourth-year student at the Rabbinical School of the Hebrew College in Newton. While a “native” - born in the Boston area - Josh spent his childhood on a secular kibbutz in Israel. He discovered American progressive Judaism after college in the U.S. and has been involved in Jewish education and prayer-leading in one capacity or another since the mid-1990s.

Josh has a Masters in performance from the



Josh Schreiber.

Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA. and is also a certified teacher of the Feldenkrais Method

of Somatic Education®. He uses the Feldenkrais Method to help musicians avoid injury and develop their musical voices.

Beginning at the end of June, rabbinical intern Schreiber will be leading various functions at the Temple where all can meet and welcome him.

In addition to the town of Winthrop, Josh and Temple Tifereth Israel service the Jewish communities of Chelsea, East Boston Everett and Revere.

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DA Rachael Rollins announced that investigators found racist, anti-semitic and other xenophobic material in Allen’s apartment after the shooting. It became clear to Williams the Town he’s called home his entire life is not immune to the racial divide that has gripped the country.

“Once that news came out it was obviously very personal to me because I’m Black,” said Williams. “It really hit home. This was serious, this was stuff that you see on TV that you don’t think would ever happen in Winthrop.

You think a town like Winthrop is immune to it but we’re not. There are haters everywhere.”

However, Williams cautioned that Allen was in no way representative of the community he loves and the people he grew up with.

“You start to think about the community as a whole and there’s a ton of great people and I grew up with a ton of great people,” said Williams. “And this guy, he wasn’t from Winthrop. He lived in Winthrop but he wasn’t born and raised here. I was born and raised

in Winthrop and people here are not like that.”

Since the shooting Williams has been learning about the victims and feels a connection to victim Trooper Green.

“The thing that kind of touched me a little bit was after I started learning about Trooper Green I learned we kind of had the same upbringing,” said Williams. “His family, like mine, was one of the only black families in Winthrop when he was growing up. He went to Winthrop High School like me, he played sports--so it really kind of hit home. To think both Trooper Green and Staff Sergeant Cooper gave their lives to the public and this is what they get in return.”

Williams said he will attend Thursday evening’s vigil and is positive the best of Winthrop will shine.

“Just watch, the people that will come out Thursday night will be the true representation of the Town I know,” he said.

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‘The Best of Humanity’

David Green is fondly remembered by friend Nick Tsiotos

By Cary Shuman

As they had done so often during their wonderful, lifelong friendship, Nick Tsiotos and David Green met for coffee last Saturday at 8 a.m. The two Winthrop High 1972 classmates would share close to a couple of hours of conversation.

Green, a retired Massachusetts state trooper, visited the Tsiotos home later that afternoon.

“About 1:15, David came over the house and dropped off some fruit,” recalled Tsiotos. “He talked to my wife in the kitchen and he was in such a great mood. David came to the backyard and we

sat down with my oldest son, Dino, and we talked about college and life and he gave Dino some sound advice.”

Just a few hours later, David Green was gunned down as he sought to help others after hearing a loud crash in the neighborhood.

Tsiotos still can’t believe the unimaginable tragedy that took his friend’s life.

“I’ve gotten calls from our classmates all over the country and we’re all in shock,” said Tsiotos. “This was just a terrible, senseless act of violence. This isn’t supposed to happen.”

Tsiotos said David Green was admired by all who met him or lived near

his home on Beach Road.

“David Green was the best of humanity,” said Tsiotos. “He had great character his whole life. He always strived for personal excellence. He was loved by his classmates and his neighbors. He would do anything for anybody. Everybody respected him.”

Tsiotos said he is not surprised that David Green immediately rushed toward the scene of the accident in hopes of assisting people.

“David was sitting with a couple of neighbors and the minute he heard the loud noise, he headed toward the incident thinking it was a car crash where he

was going to help people out,” said Tsiotos. “As a Massachusetts State Police officer, David did that for 36 years honorably.”

Nick Tsiotos met David Green in the seventh grade at Winthrop Junior High. “We played junior high and high school basketball together,” said Tsiotos. “David also played for a championship football team in junior high school, but he stuck with basketball after that. I remember Jack MacDonald was coaching us in ninth grade and one day David took the basketball after practice and he dunked it. He was the only ninth grader that I had ever seen stuff the basketball.”

Tsiotos said he also had the opportunity to get to know David parents, Ray and Ruth Green, and his older brother, Ray Green.

“Ray was a great role model for David,” said Tsiotos. “He was one of Winthrop’s greatest gymnasts and won a state championship. He was accepted to Cornell but he took an academic and ath-



Winthrop High classmates and friends Nick Tsiotos and the late David Green.

letic scholarship and went to Penn State.

“Their parents were wonderful people,” continued Tsiotos. “Their father arrived in Winthrop in 1938. They were just a wonderful, hard-working family. The father was a wonderful man, a war veteran, and everyone knew the Greens.”

Tsiotos said the Winthrop High Class of 1972 has been planning its 50th reunion for next year. Olympic gold medalist Mike Eruzione is a mem-

ber of the class.

“We were a close, hard-working, blue-collar community back then,” said Tsiotos. “David and I were looking forward to getting together and being with our old friends at the reunion.”

Tsiotos said in the numerous interviews he’s done with media he’s tried to convey to all what a great person David Green was.

“David was the best,” said Tsiotos.

Winthrop’s Meredith Hurley nominated as a Commonwealth Heroine

By John Lynds

Last week, Sen. Joseph Boncore announced he nominated Winthrop’s Director of Public Health and Clinical Services Meredith Hurley for the 2021 Commonwealth Heroine Award for her commitment to improving the quality of life in the Town and beyond.

As the Director of Public Health, Hurley has played an essential role managing the public health crisis in Winthrop during the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the pandemic Hurley collaborated with state and local leaders to ensure the safety of the community and has helped the town address the local spread of COVID-19.

“Meredith Hurley is a leader dedicated to the health and well-being of the Winthrop community,” said Boncore, “Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Meredith has literally been a life saver. During unpredictable and difficult times, her leadership has led our community to recovery. Meredith’s work over the past several days to ensure access to mental health resources is just another example of the reasons she is a Commonwealth Heroine.”

Additionally, Hurley is a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC),



Sen. Joseph Boncore nominated Winthrop's Director of Public Health & Clinical Services Meredith Hurley with the 2021 Commonwealth Heroine Award.

which she helps provide information on specific emergency preparedness topics.

“It is an honor for us to identify extraordinary women from across the Commonwealth,” said the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women in a statement. “We would like to thank our many legislative partners who have recommended and recognized women within their district who perform unheralded acts daily that make our homes, neighborhoods, cities and towns better places to live. These acts of public leadership and volunteerism help advance the status of women and girls in Massachusetts in ways big and small, and the collective effort is meaningful.”

Each year the Commission partners with state legislators to identify women who make

outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities. Each legislator is encouraged to submit one woman from their constituency as a means of recognizing their invaluable community contributions.

The Commonwealth Heroines are women who don’t always make the news, but truly make the difference. They are the women who use their time, talent, and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make a difference in their neighborhoods, cities, and towns. They are mentors, volunteers, and innovators who do what needs to be done, without expectations of recognition or gratitude. These women are the glue that keeps a community together and every community has them.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. The Commission provides a voice for Massachusetts women and has 19 members who are appointed by the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Caucus of Women Legislators.

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a multitude of support services, including the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, the Winthrop Public Health Crisis Intervention Team, the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, and the Boston Public Health Commission will be present to assist residents who may be experiencing emotional responses, as well as provide support and resources for dealing with trauma. School adjustment counselors and other school representatives also will be present at the vigil.

“We know that this horrific and hateful incident has affected many of our community members and everyone will process this grief and trauma in a different way and at a different pace,” Delehanty said. “Processing and healing following this tragedy will take time and the Town of Winthrop is committed to making available services and resources to support

community members of all ages in the coming days and weeks.”

The vigil is among the many trauma-informed services that are being provided to community members following Saturday’s critical incident under the direction of Delehanty, Winthrop Public Schools Superintendent Lisa Howard, and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley.

On Tuesday the Winthrop Public Health Department’s Crisis Intervention Team, which includes a licensed clinical social worker and a Winthrop police outreach officer, undertook a canvassing of the neighborhood where Saturday’s incident occurred to check in and talk with residents. The team provided flyers and cards to community members that include information about available community and online resources.

The School Department also started its own out-

reach services on Tuesday, contacting any impacted families and staff to offer support and make them aware of the resources that are available to them.

The Public Health Department held a Neighborhood Drop-In meeting at the Winthrop Senior Center last night (Wednesday evening) which also was attended by representatives from the School Department, at which behavioral health support resources were made available to residents, including smaller youth groups sessions as needed.

Town officials also are planning to hold a community-wide meeting next week to discuss dealing with trauma and various stressors that may trigger emotional responses, and what to look for in friends and family who may need additional support following a tragedy. Details regarding this meeting will be released as they become available.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Center Business District Project updates

Special to the Transcript

The following is a summary of the work completed this week and the work P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc. (contractor) has scheduled for the next two weeks. Please note, the anticipated schedule may vary due to unforeseen site conditions, weather conditions, or other factors out of the contractor’s control.

Construction Updates and Schedule:

Work completed this week (6/21/21 to 6/25/21):

- Reclaim and paving of road surface on Somerset Avenue, between Woodside Avenue and Pleasant Street, and on Cottage Park Road, between Somerset Avenue and Pleasant Street.

Two-week Anticipated Schedule

June 28 to July 2, 2021: Scheduled Work:

- Begin raising castings on installed structures on Somerset Avenue, between Woodside Avenue



Reclaiming of road surface on Somerset Avenue, between Woodside Avenue and Pleasant Street.



Vibratory rolling of road surface on Cottage Park Road, between Somerset Avenue and Pleasant Street.

and Pleasant Street, and on Cottage Park Road, between Somerset Avenue and Pleasant Street.

- Site clean-up of staging areas and stockpile areas.

Traffic Management (7 AM to 4 PM):

- Streets within the immediate work area will be posted no parking 48 hours in advance of work. Localized road shutdowns will be coordinated with the Owner as required.
- Somerset Avenue and Cottage Park Road will be closed at Pleasant Street. Access will be permitted to local residents and businesses.

July 5 to July 9, 2021 Scheduled Work:

- No work will occur on Monday, July 5th, in observation of Fourth of July holiday.
- Begin reclaim and paving of road surface on Woodside Avenue, between Pauline Street



Grading of road surface on Somerset Avenue, between Woodside Avenue and Pleasant Street.



Paving of binder course on Somerset Avenue, between Woodside Avenue and Pleasant Street, and French Square; on Hagman Road; on Jefferson Street, between French Square and Fremont Street; and in French Square.

Traffic Management (M-F, 7 AM to 4 PM):

- Streets within the immediate work area will be posted no parking 48 hours in advance of work. Localized road shutdowns will be coordinated with the Owner as required.

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OUR Opinions

NO PLACE IN AMERICA IS SAFE FROM HATRED & VIOLENCE

Saturday's tragic shooting that claimed the lives of 68 year-old Winthrop native David Green and 60 year-old Ramona Cooper, two Black residents of our community who were walking separately along Shirley St. on a placid early-summer afternoon, were heinous hate crimes perpetrated by a 28 year-old white man, Nathan Allen, who was armed to the teeth with two semi-automatic weapons.

The gunman shot them both multiple times, execution-style, with a degree of ferocity that can only be described as maniacal and motivated by sheer racial hatred.

The speedy and effective response by Winthrop police stopped the gunman in his tracks before he could wreak further carnage, but the damage already had been done, and two innocent persons, both of whom were military veterans and one of whom was a lifelong and well-known Winthrop resident, lay dead on the town's sidewalk.

Our hearts grieve for the family and friends of the victims. It is unfathomable that two persons could be taken from our midst so cruelly and so suddenly.

We have been covering the news in Winthrop for more than 50 years, but never have we been as horrified and as saddened by any incident as by Saturday's events -- and we have no doubt that all of our fellow residents feel the same way.

Winthrop is not a "small" town in terms of our population (about 19,000), but our land-area of 1.6 square miles make it the second-smallest town in Massachusetts. We often think of our compact, peninsula community as the equivalent of the old TV show Cheers -- a place where everybody knows your name -- that is isolated from big-city problems.

As all of us have watched on TV the media coverage of the many mass shootings in our country over the years from the comfort of our living rooms, we reassured ourselves with the thought, "It couldn't happen here."

One bystander in the aftermath of the shootings succinctly put it this way to the Boston Globe, "I can't believe that this would happen in Winthrop. It's just a calm, quiet place."

But the unthinkable occurred without warning on Shirley St. on Saturday.

We can try to convince ourselves that Saturday's shooting was just some random event. But the reality of America in 2021 is that hate crimes, fueled by the easy access to military-grade weaponry, are now a commonplace occurrence.

Nathan Allen came across other persons on that same sidewalk who were white, but he did not threaten them. He saved his wrath -- and his bullets -- for two Black persons.

Racial hatred is nothing new in America -- it's as American as cherry pie (in the words of H. Rap Brown) -- but incidents of race-based hate crimes have been on the upswing in recent years, not only as to persons of color, but also against the Asian, Latino, Muslim, and Jewish communities.

The greatest threat to the safety of every American exists within our own country from white supremacist groups and individuals. Whether our nation is capable of facing up to the threat of these domestic terrorists will determine the fate of our democracy and our way of life -- a reality that struck home on a quiet street in our community on a Saturday afternoon.

HORRIBLES PARADE SET FOR FOURTH OF JULY

A grand Winthrop tradition -- the Pt. Shirley Fourth of July Horribles Parade -- is returning after a year's absence that was mandated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Horribles Parade is open to residents of all ages. Entrants are urged to arrive at the Public Landing on Shirley St. (next to the Winthrop Y.C.) between 7:30-8:00 on Sunday morning in order to register. The parade will start promptly at 9:00 sharp when the streets along the parade route will be closed.

The route is approximately one mile long, traversing Shirley St., to Tafts Ave., then circling back on Eliot St. past the Holy Rosary Church, where the reviewing stand will be situated, and then onto Coughlin Park via Grand View Ave.

Entrants will be judged in six categories, including Most Patriotic, Most Hilarious, Most Original, Most Beautiful, Most Horrible, and Best Float, and the always-coveted prizes will be awarded.

The Board of Health is requiring that all persons at the Public Landing must be masked, but will be able to remove their masks as they parade along the route.

Candy may NOT be tossed either by, or at, the participants along the parade route.

There will be a modified set of activities at Coughlin Playground for the youngsters, but there will not be the traditional blueberry pie-eating contest.

Goodie bags and the usual refreshments will not be available for sale at Coughlin Playground, but Senator Joe Boncore graciously has donated water for the event.

Forum



LETTERS to the Editor

THE EYES OF THE WORLD ON OUR SLEEPY LITTLE TOWN

Dear Editor,

It all began with a few helicopters' urgent thup-thup-thupping a few hundred feet above my home, taking turns, hovering back and forth over the eastern end of Winthrop. Over what, though? Usually helicopters signal that the beach is being scanned because of a boating accident or a missing swimmer.

But there was something oddly different this time. The commotion overhead didn't fade away after an hour or so; no, a determined group of choppers seemed to keep vigil, rotating in turn above something, something ominous, presumably for the five and six o'clock local TV newscasts...

Big news spreads like wildfire of course, especially news of this magnitude, and especially in a small town in the age of social media. So I soon found out about the truck (astonishingly embedded in what I remembered as a sub shop from my youth), the gunman, and three dead people. Others were hurt as well, in a car that was hit by that truck barreling down Shirley Street at twice the speed limit.

Slowly the pieces came together in multiple news reports and press conferences. I could now construct a picture in my mind's eye, in slow motion and with vivid detail, even though I was many blocks away from the epicenter. I pictured Bolster's, Shirley Street, people out walking, happy, finally free of masks and all things COVID. And best of all it was summer, and that part of the summer where school usually lets out for ten glorious weeks. Liberation. Exhalation.

And then, when time couldn't stand anymore

still, out of the mad void, roaring at the stillness, comes that Rapid Flow box truck.

Who would do this?! That's what flashes through your head, a primal violation. I immediately formed a mental picture of an outsider. I think that's what growing up and living in Winthrop does to you; when we were kids even East Boston was almost a foreign country in our peninsula that feels like an island.

Everybody seemed to be in shock that the turbulence of our times hit our placid little hometown on that innocent, lazy Saturday afternoon. Hit hard.

And now I was reading about it in accounts local, national and international. The BBC wrote, "Allen walked through a marsh to a garage in the city of Winthrop where he stole a plumber's lorry. He crashed the vehicle into an unoccupied home."

That's our marsh they're talking about! And though we're technically a city with our town council, we still choose to be called a town. There's something fascinating about seeing yourself through the lens of another. A Lorry? A truck with an English accent.

I also read that we're "close-knit," "seaside," "working class"... All those adjectives that add up to us, as defined by them. Yes, we're definitely under a microscope this week, our erstwhile happy little town. The "Eye of Sauron" if you like...

But if you flip that over, that sense of collective voyeurism, there's another feeling. It's compassion and empathy from beyond. That's what's settling in with me now anyway. More eyes on this thing. The disturbing, fresh hell of this thing, Allen's own white supremacist writings and his decision to execute blacks and not whites.

I know that I wish this

man hadn't lived among us. I resent that. I really do. That kind of hatred is savage to me, and acting on that kind of hatred is unspeakably evil. Unspeakably evil. And yet, there he was, with his freshly minted Ph.D and his condo on the marsh, lurking in the shadows...

Also, blessedly, living among us was U.S. Air Force veteran Staff Sergeant Ramona Cooper. Ms. Cooper, who leaves behind an identical twin sister, a son, and two grandchildren, was crossing Shirley Street near Expert Auto, a half mile from her home, when she was shot three times in the back. Just like that, a sacrificial lamb in this wounded world.

Ms. Cooper moved to an apartment she loved with an ocean view on Shore Drive a year or two ago, next to Café Rosetti, and she loved the smell of garlic that drifted through her windows. A lifelong public servant, she talked endlessly about her work with veterans at the VA Medical Center in Jamaica Plain.

Also living among us for all of his 68 years was retired Massachusetts State Police Trooper David L. Green. State Police Col. Christopher Mason summed up Green like this: "Trooper Green was widely respected and well-liked by his

fellow Troopers, several of whom yesterday described him as a 'true gentleman' and always courteous to the public and meticulous in his duties."

And his lifelong friend from WHS Class of '72, Nick Tsiotos, described David Green as "the best humanity had to offer, a man of charity and integrity." Truly, everything I read about David made me sad that I never knew this man who lived on nearby Beach Road.

I'm proud to share the same hometown with him, though, this textbook definition of a hero. He ran toward the danger. May he rest in the arms of an angel, in God's perfect love, and may we always remember that Trooper David Green sought to save our very lives in the last moments of his own.

And last but not least, the heroic Winthrop police officer who confronted Allen in a gun battle the likes of which Winthrop has never seen. If not for him, also a veteran like Cooper and Green, who knows how many more may have lain dead on our streets. I do not know his name, but I hope one day to shake his hand.

So I hope those eyes of the world see what we see. Because hate has no

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THE MORE Things Change ...

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

10 years ago June 30, 2011

Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty announced this week that an alleged dangerous sexual predator has been taken into custody and removed from the community thanks to the bravery of two young girls and solid police work that led to his capture and arrest. According to police reports about the crime and investigation that followed, a 48 year-old Winthrop St. man was arrested and charged with the felony charge of Open and Gross Lewdness and was held on \$15,000.00 cash bail last week, following a report that he exposed himself to two young girls on Tuesday, June 21 at the Winthrop Public Library.

A community liaison consultant hired by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) said on Tuesday that the long-awaited Belle Isle bridge replacement project is about one month behind due to an outstanding issue regarding the planned use of a large crane on the project, which the Federal Aviation Administration has objected to.

The town of Winthrop's annual Independence Day celebrations are scheduled to take place Monday, July 4. The annual Horribles Parade, led by the volunteers from the Point Shirley Association, is set to step off from the Public Landing at 9 a.m. Monday morning and veteran fireworks organizer Lou Camacho and his band of volunteers will be ready to light up the night sky beginning at sunset on Monday evening.

Transformers: Dark of the Moon, Cars 2, and X Men: First Class are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago July 5, 2001

The selectmen and School Committee met this morning to discuss the possibility of bringing another Prop. 2 and 1/2 override petition to the voters in the fall.

The Winthrop Parks and Rec. Commission held its annual Sand Castle Festival Sunday at Yirrell Beach. The event once again was a huge success.

Cats and Dogs, A.I.: Artificial Intelligence, and Scary Movie 2 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago July 3, 1991

The Winthrop Fireworks Committee is promising the best and biggest fireworks display ever put on by the town for the night of July 5. The pyrotechnic display will take place on Snake Island, with good viewing from all around the harbor.

The annual Strawberry Festival held last Tuesday by the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association was a great success.

The local Rotary Club enjoyed its annual outing to the Rockport Inn.

The Rocketeer, Terminator 2, and Dying Young are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago July 8, 1981

The dialogue between residents and the MDC concerning the latter's

plans to expand the sewage treatment plant on Deer Island is proceeding in a civil manner. The MDC has reiterated its plan to take sludge from the Nut Island plant and incinerate it on Deer Island, but Jeanne Howard, vice-pres. of the Winthrop Citizens Advisory Committee, has suggested that the MDC consider composting the sludge.

Winthrop firefighters used the jaws of life to extract five passengers from a car that had crashed head-on into a parked car on Revere St. All five of the victims were young women from Somerville, one of whom was rushed to Mass. General.

Sy Smoller is the new President of the Winthrop Rotary Club. Gerard Noc-ton is the Pres.-elect.

The American Legion's annual Fourth of July Carnival was held at Ingleside Park.

Sean Connery stars in Outland at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago July 7, 1971

The Exec. Committee of the Metro Area Planning Council has come out against the proposed expansion of Logan Airport by construction of Runway 15L-3R. The committee also recommends a nighttime curfew and that Massport undertake a program to purchase homes in areas heavily affected by Logan's noise and fumes.

Residents are complaining about the worsening conditions on Shore Drive where large groups of youths congregate and make loud noise throughout the night. A growing drinking problem has been blamed for a large part of the increase in rowdiness by youths at the beach.

Capt. Thomas J. Hawes of Winthrop has been presented the Bronze Star for valor in military operations against the enemy in Vietnam.

Joey Petrucci and Johnny Biggio were the first-place winners in the Cottage Park Y.C.'s junior Turnabout regatta this past weekend.

The annual American Legion Carnival at Ingleside Park opened this week and will continue through July 10.

James Mason and Kirk Douglas star in 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago July 6, 1961

Logan Airport soon will be one of the first airports in the nation to install a new lighting system that will ensure uniformity of runway approaches by airplanes, which in turn should mean less noise for residents of Winthrop and East Boston, who have been complaining about low-flying aircraft on landing.

U.S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall has filed a bill that would provide \$300,000 in funding for the town as a reimbursement from the federal government for the fire protection the town provides to the U.S. military bases here.

Local Post Office Supt. Ray Flannery is the new President of the local Rotary Club. Myer Brill is Treasurer.

Jerry Lewis stars in Ladies Man at the Winthrop

Theatre.

70 years ago July 5, 1951

Judge Charles Flynn, president of the Rapid Transit Co., which provides bus service to Winthrop. told the State DPU that without a fare increase, the company will have to abandon its bus service here because of its poor cash situation.

A total of 55, two-player teams competed in the annual member/guest day at the Winthrop Golf Club last week.

John M. Tacelli is the new President of the newly-reorganized Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, formerly known as the Winthrop Board of Trade. The new Chamber of Commerce will seek to broaden its interests and participate in a wider scope of activities within the town than the old Board of Trade.

Town Moderator Edward Sharkey has named a committee of five men to look into the matter of the town abolishing the Board of Fire Engineers and appointing a permanent Fire Chief. The five are Harold Bangs, Frank Beale, Joseph Harvey, Leon Paine, and Oliver Green.

Salvatore LaMonica, a local 16 year-old youth, has convinced his father to allow him to obtain a driver's license after the young man won the grand prize, a 1951 Chevrolet, at the American Legion Fourth of July Carnival last week.

The state legislature came to Deer Island last week for its annual summer outing.

Kirk Douglas, Virginia Mayo, and Walter Brennan star in Along the Great Divide at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres. Robert Mitchum and Ava Gardner star in My Forbidden Past at the Revere Drive In.

80 years ago July 3, 1941

A taxpayer group has filed a lawsuit in Suffolk Superior Court to enjoin the Board of Health from choosing a Chelsea firm for the town's rubbish removal on the basis that the Chelsea firm's bid is for more money than was appropriated by Town Meeting for the contract.

Mayor Edward J. Voke of Chelsea served as the installing officer of the local Rotary Club last week. Edward H. Homer is the new President.

Thirty three Coast Guard artillerymen of Battery A at Ft. Heath have passed their examinations for enlisted specialist courses at Ft. Monroe, Virginia.

A special town meeting may be in the offing for next month to discuss the matter of widening Tafts Ave. leading to Shirley Gut. It is understood that the Army is making the request to facilitate traffic flow to and from Ft. Dawes, which is on Deer Island.

Town officials have requested that Rapid Transit open its rear doors for easier discharge of passengers on its buses.

The 22nd annual American Legion Fourth of July carnival will take place at Ingleside Park starting tomorrow.

Alice Faye and Jack Oakie star in The Great American Broadcast at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago July 4, 1931

Workmen have begun taking apart the old organ at the Union Congregational Church, which will be replaced by a new, \$8000 organ, of which half of that amount already has been raised. The new organ will consist of 1000 pipes, of which 400 will be reconditioned ones from the old organ.

The American Legion carnival on the Fourth at Ingleside Park will feature games, athletic contests,

baseball, a five-mile road race, and the grand prize of a 1931 Chevrolet.

Spencer Tracy stars in Quick Millions at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

100 years ago July 2, 1921

The grand Fourth of July pageant, under the direction of Harry Whorf, to be shown on the big stage at Ft. Banks, is all set to go. Mr. Whorf is a native of Provincetown, but has been a leading citizen of

our community for many years. He has devoted many hours to the patriotic pageants over the past few years.

Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson, our town's oldest resident, celebrated her 101st birthday June 28 at her home at 15 George St. Visitors from all over town dropped by to wish her well throughout the day. Although confined to a room in her house because of an accident, her hearing is sharp and she reads without the need for glasses.

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home in Winthrop.

Count on it. We do.

Bill Pimentel

REMEMBERING LIVES LOST

"My Condolences, to both David Green & Ramona Cooper families and friends may they rest in eternal peace! Black Lives Matter!!"

Love, Krystal Hart

"The WINARC Board and its participants would like to express our condolences to the families of David Green and Ramona Cooper. We hope the support from the Winthrop community can help you in dealing with your grief. We wish the injured police officer a quick recovery."

WINARC

"Keeping the victims of Saturday's senseless tragedy in our thoughts and prayers with condolences to their loved ones. In honor of David and Ramona, let's embrace our neighbors as friends."

Mary Lou Osborne

MORATORIUM ON TREE CUTTING WAS IGNORED

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing the letters to editor re the moratorium. Sadly, our request to accept (or even acknowledge) our moritorium was ignored (despite the 350+ signatories) and the Tree Warden continues to cut down tree after tree in violation of the Massachusetts State Laws and without regard for our increasingly terrible environmental situation...no hearing, no notice to the public, and without response or regard for our FOIA requests for copies of contracts/receipts of tree removal work and a list of trees removed over the past 3 years (although they have provided a list of plantings over the same time period). That said, our citizen's group has just



Some of the town's cut trees shown in a tree graveyard on Kennedy Drive.



One of the recently chopped down trees.

this week received notice of 3 additional public trees taken without the requisite public notifications, by a tree warden who does not hold the requisite qualifications to make any of these determinations.

Sadly, this is quickly becoming out of our town's hands as outside authorities are taking notice and will soon be stepping in, while at the same time our town counsel refuses to appoint effective tree committee members (ignoring the 6 new applicants who applied this year and leaving in place the felon-member and other failure-to-act existing members -- no plan, missing money, cuttings without state-mandated notice or hearings, nepotism, this list goes on). Here are the addresses of the 3 trees removed outside of state mandated procedures for removal of public trees (MGL Ch. 87):

- 44 Court Road
- 24 Brookfield Road
- Next to 90 Degrees

Restaurant

Diana Viens

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

NO-BAKE BLUEBERRY SQUARES

INGREDIENTS:

1½ cups graham cracker crumbs

3 tablespoons white sugar

½ cup butter or margarine, melted

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1 cup white sugar

¼ teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

½ teaspoon lemon juice

1 (8 ounce) tub frozen whipped topping, thawed

3 cups blueberries

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: In a medium bowl, stir together the graham cracker crumbs and 3 tablespoons of sugar. Mix in the melted butter. Sprinkle evenly into the bottom of a 9 inch square baking dish, and pack down into a solid crust.

STEP 2: In a large bowl, beat cream cheese with 1 cup of sugar until smooth. Stir in salt and lemon juice. Fold in the whipped topping until well blended, then fold in the blueberries. Spoon over the crust in the baking dish, and spread evenly. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before slicing into squares and serving.

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David Green and Ramona Cooper and thanking the many first responders who assisted at the scene of Saturday's tragic circumstances:

"On behalf of myself and the entire Town Council, we are devastated by the tragedy that took place in our community on Saturday, June 26. We first and foremost wish to express our condolences and offer our prayers to the family members and friends of David Green and Ramona Cooper who were the victims of yesterday's tragedy.

"The Town Council wishes to thank the Winthrop Police and Fire departments for their response to yesterday's incident, as well as the many neighboring agencies who responded to assist with the investigation. We would also like to thank the residents near the scene who had assisted in the aftermath of the incident and who cooperated with and supported police while they worked Saturday and into Sunday.

"The Town Council is committed to making sure our community members have support and resources available following this traumatic incident. The Town, in partnership with the Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations; Department of Public Health; Superintendent of Schools; and Police Department, will be working to make counseling available in the coming days. We also plan to hold a candlelight vigil to remember and honor the victims of this hateful crime on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in front of Town Hall.

"The Winthrop Town Council has no tolerance

for hate in Winthrop and we take actions that are rooted in hate very seriously. We strive for unity within the community and will continue to work with our town partners to ensure Winthrop is an accepting and inclusive place for everyone."

REP. TURCO STATES HATE HAS NO PLACE IN WINTHROP

The following statement was submitted by State Representative for the 19th Suffolk District, Jeffrey Turco.

Whether your family has lived here for generations or whether you have more recently moved here, we all recognize what a special place Winthrop is to live. Safe, quiet, friendly, are just a few of the words that come to mind.

And yet in an instance, on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, these words have been replaced new words: hatred, bigotry, and tragedy. The actions of a sick individual have shaken our community to its core and wounded our collective soul. In our shock and grief, we mourn the tragic and hate filled murders of USAF Staff Sgt. Ramona Cooper and Retired Massachusetts State Trooper David Green. We join our grief with the grief of their families. We share in their loss and will be forever changed by it.

We will grow as a community where it is not merely a slogan but a way of life that, "hate has no place in Winthrop." We will give strength to our friends, families, and neighbors as we try to understand not just how something so horrible

could happen but how it could happen here in Winthrop.

At the same time, we should be proud of our community's response. At the sound of the crashes, regular citizens of Winthrop ran to the scene seeking to offer comfort and support to those injured. As public safety officials swarmed the area, again members of our community brought food and beverage to those working the scene. Frankly, I am not surprised and to anyone paying attention on an everyday basis, neither should you. Winthrop, as a community, constantly comes together to help those in need. Our food pantry, the work of Mi-Amore, the Winthrop Foundation, Saint Michael Parish's St. Vincent DePaul Society, and the everyday acts to assist those in need are all acts of love which take place here.

As evil came upon the scene, it was confronted and neutralized by a Sergeant, our Sergeant, of one of the finest police departments in our country. District Attorney Rollins described to me the reports of our Sergeant, in the heat of the moment, demonstrating all restraint, issuing commands to lay down his weapon before neutralizing the suspect and then immediately seeking to render aid to the suspect. We live among heroes in Winthrop. We, the people of Winthrop, are Blessed to have such brave men and women, on our police and fire services, who every day put their lives on the line to protect us. We should thank them not just in response to this incident but every day for the work that they do.

May God Bless Ramona Cooper and David Green. May God Bless our first responders and our little Town.

DELEHANTY THANKS FIRST RESPONDERS FOR ASSISTANCE

Winthrop Interim Town Manager and Police Chief Terence Delehanty offered the following statement thanking the many community members and mutual aid agencies who provided support during

Saturday's critical incident:

"We are very appreciative of the Winthrop community for their support during yesterday's incident. Many residents and business owners brought food and water for the officers and investigators who were at the scene well into the night, as well as brought refreshments to the station. I would also like to thank the community members in the area of the scene who were cooperative and patient while we investigated for many hours Saturday and Sunday.

"I would like to thank and recognize the Massachusetts State Police, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Winthrop Fire Department, Boston Police Department, Revere Police Department, Chelsea Police Department, Transit Police, the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) and all of the other agencies who were on standby and had offered to assist throughout the day. We are fortunate to have a sound mutual aid network with many partners we can call on during large-scale, fluid incidents.

"Saturday's incident demonstrates the fluidity and dynamic nature of the calls officers can respond to on any given day, and I would like to recognize the Winthrop Police sergeant and the other officers who were involved in yesterday's incident. The sergeant's heroic actions ended a threat to our community and I am proud to have him as a part of this department.

"Any incident ending in the loss of life is tragic and I would like to express my condolences to the families who lost a loved one yesterday. Retired Trooper David Green, one of the bystanders killed, had a long and commendable career with the Massachusetts State Police and we honor his service. Our thoughts are also with the family of Ramona Cooper who was the other bystander killed. She was a U.S. Air Force veteran and we honor her service to our country."

SEN. JOE BONCORE ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING TRAGEDY

Winthrop State Sen. Joe Boncore issued the following statement in the wake of the tragic events of last Saturday:

"The Winthrop community mourns the loss of Ramona Cooper and David Green. My heart is with their families and loved ones. As a community, we are devastated to know that this act of violence was not random. It was a hate crime motivated by white supremacy, racism, anti-Semitism, and xenophobia.

"Thank you to the first responders who acted quickly on Saturday, particularly the Winthrop Police sergeant whose heroic actions stopped the gunman. Winthrop Police Department, Massachusetts State Police, and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office have undertaken a thorough investigation. We hope their findings can provide some closure to the victims' families and our community as a whole.

"Our entire community has experienced trauma. Counseling services will be available through Winthrop Public Schools and

Winthrop Public Health Department.

"My office will share resources as they become available. Updates on the investigation will be provided by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office."

CONGRESSWOMAN CLARK ISSUES STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF WINTHROP COMMUNITY

Fifth Congressional District Congresswoman and Assistant House Speaker Katherine Clark issued a statement expressing her reaction to Saturday's tragic shooting.

"I am heartbroken and outraged by yesterday's tragedy in Winthrop. I mourn with David Green and Ramona Cooper's families and friends who are now living with unspeakable loss. And I want to thank the first responders and police officers who bravely intervened and controlled the situation before more lives were taken.

"While some details are still unknown, we have learned that our community has been targeted by hate-fueled violence, a reality that is far too common in America. The shooter was motivated by anti-Semitism and racism and was ready to inflict even greater harm on our community.

"In this time of mourning, we must stand together and reject these abhorrent values. Hate has no place here or anywhere."

DA ROLLINS' STATEMENT REGARDING TRAGIC EVENTS

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rolins issued the following statement this past Sunday in the aftermath of Saturday's tragic events.

"Yesterday, the violence and hate that unfortunately is all too common in this nation, came to the quiet town of Winthrop which was rocked by two murders and the subsequent death of the shooter by a member of law enforcement. The two victims have been identified as Ramona Cooper and David Green. Ms. Cooper was a veteran who served our country in the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant. Mr. Green was a retired Massachusetts State Trooper and served our Commonwealth for 36 years as a member of law enforcement. They were both gunned down by the shooter. Staff Sergeant

Cooper was shot in the back multiple times and Trooper Green was shot in the head, neck, and torso repeatedly.


"At this preliminary stage of the investigation, the excellent work of law enforcement has already unearthed troubling white supremacy rhetoric and statements written by the shooter. This individual wrote about the superiority of the white race. About whites being 'apex predators.' He drew swastikas.

"There is a growing national, and global, problem with extremism and white supremacy. The FBI believes the most serious domestic violent extremist threat comes from 'racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists, specifically those who advocated for the superiority of the white race.'

"This shooter was married and employed. He had a Ph.D. and no criminal history. To all external sources he likely appeared unassuming. And then, yesterday afternoon he stole a box truck, crashed it into another vehicle and a property, walked away from the wreckage interacting with multiple individuals and choosing only to shoot and kill the two Black people he encountered.

"When law Enforcement arrived at the scene, they believed they were responding to a car accident. A thorough investigation will be conducted by our Discharge Integrity Team regarding the shooting of the armed suspect. The investigation thus far, however, indicates that the Winthrop Police Sergeant commanded that the suspect drop his weapon prior to shooting and immediately rendered aid. This Police Sergeant, like Trooper Green and Staff Sergeant Cooper, is a hero. The Sergeant stopped a volatile and escalating situation, saving lives, and protecting the community he serves.

"Counseling will be available to children and adults across Winthrop. Winthrop Town Officials will be releasing information about these services shortly. In the coming days, I will be reaching out to each of the families that lost a loved one yesterday and our victim witness advocates will be available to anyone impacted by this tragedy. As the investigation progresses, we will keep the impacted families apprised. They deserve answers about their loved one's deaths. When it is appropriate to do so, we will share additional information with the public."



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WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

KIELBASA WITH PEPPERS & POTATOES

INGREDIENTS:

1 tablespoon vegetable oil	kielbasa sausage, diced
1 (16 ounce) package smoked	6 medium red potatoes, diced
	1 red bell pepper, sliced
	1 yellow bell pepper, sliced

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: Heat the oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Place kielbasa and potatoes in the saucepan. Cover, and cook 25 minutes, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender.

STEP 2: Mix red bell pepper and yellow bell pepper into the saucepan, and continue cooking 5 minutes, until peppers are just tender.

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Hate Crime // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Within moments, Allen encountered his first victim, 60-year-old Ramona Cooper, an Air Force veteran who had lived in her Shore Drive condominium for about a year, shooting her a reported three times in the back.

As this scene was unfolding, lifelong and well-known Winthrop resident David Green, a 68-year-old Vietnam-era Air Force veteran who had retired from the State Police in 2016 after a long and distinguished career, was heading in the direction of the crash scene with a neighbor from their homes on Beach Rd., where they had been conversing in their front yards, after they had heard the loud impact from the crashes.

Upon hearing the gunfire that felled Cooper, Green directed his neighbor to duck into an alleyway between two commercial buildings at the intersection of Shirley St. and Veterans Rd. It is believed that Green may have confronted the gunman, leading him away from his neighbor and other area residents who also had come outside after hearing the crash.

The gunman then shot Green seven times.

Within moments, a Winthrop police sergeant



One of the two victims, Ramona Cooper, 60, of Winthrop.

(who has not officially been identified, though has been reported to be Sgt. Nicholas Bettano) had arrived on the scene and confronted Allen. After ordering Allen to drop his weapon, a directive that Allen refused to obey, the sergeant fired at Allen, striking him three times.

The incident has all the markings of a hate crime. Although nothing in Allen's social media pages indicate any affiliation with hate groups, the district attorney's office found evidence of Nazi insignias and other hate-speech in notebooks that Allen had kept.

In addition, Allen did not fire his weapon at the numerous white persons he encountered while traversing along the quarter-mile stretch from the crash scene to where he himself eventually was shot near Veterans Rd., shooting only his two



One of the two victims, David Green, 68, of Winthrop.

Black victims with numerous rounds.

Suffolk County District Atty. Rachael Rollins said in a news release that authorities had "unearthed troubling white supremacy rhetoric and statements written by the shooter," including a statement about the "superiority of the white race" and whites being "apex predators." Rollins added that Allen drew swastikas and characterized the cold-blooded murders as "executions."

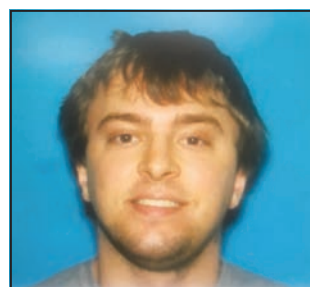
Authorities still are investigating how and why Allen stole a box truck from the Argyle St. commercial yard. According to Winthrop town records, Allen's wife (who has been identified in other media outlets, but whose name and address we are not publishing) purchased a condo at Governor's Park, which is located a short distance from the Argyle St. commercial com-

plex, in the fall of 2019, shortly before she and Allen were married in the summer of 2020, an event that was highlighted in a Boston Globe column at the time.

Authorities have not released Allen's toxicology reports or information about the type of handgun he used. Allen had a license to carry, but it has not been revealed where or why he initially obtained that license and when and where it was renewed.

There also are reports that authorities found a backpack, with Allen's identifying information, which contained ammunition clips near his residence.

According to social media posts, Allen graduated from Wareham High School in 2010 and from UMass Dartmouth in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in biology. He also was a graduate of the



A photo of deceased suspect Nathan Allen, 28.



Paramedics and first responders assist one of the passengers of the SUV on Shirley Street.



The Winthrop Fire Department was quick to respond to the call. Shown above, firefighters survey the area where the SUV crashed.

MGH Institute of Health Professions in January and described himself as a physical therapist intern.

His profile also listed him as a paraprofessional for a brief time at Wareham Middle School in 2015 and as a caregiver at a senior care facility in North Dartmouth for nine months in 2016. He said

he previously worked as a laboratory technician in Rhode Island and a chemical stockroom associate at Brown University, as well as a sales associate for TJ Maxx and a truck driver.

According to the DA's office, Allen had no previous criminal history.

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BLESSING OF THE FLEET AT WINTHROP'S COTTAGE PARK YACHT CLUB

Last Saturday evening, members of the Cottage Park Yacht Club (CPYC) hosted the annual blessing of the fleet for the 2021 boating season. A mass was held at 4 pm at the CPYC main room, prior to the boating parade. This year due to severe winds and small craft advisory warnings, the parade was considered a virtual

blessing, from a ceremony on the dock. Pastor John Melick of Winthrop's First Methodist Church and Father Chris O'Connor of St. Michael the Arc Angel Parish presided over the ceremony.

Following the dockside blessing, members and their guests were treated to a cookout.



Celeste, Vail and Chaz Sax and Danielle Valley dockside before the blessing.



Members and guests stand at attention during the National Anthem.



CPYC members, Holly Schlichting and Paul and Anne Duval enjoy the evening at the Cottage Park Yacht Club.



Cyrus Sullivan and James Stangle checking out the choppy seas.



BBQ Kings, Chuck Newman and Brad Crozier.



The Blessing of the Fleet was given by Pastor John Melick and Father Chris O'Connor, also shown is Michael Gahan.



Enjoying the annual Blessing of the Fleet at the Cottage Park Yacht Club last Saturday evening, Holly and former Commodore Tom Schlichting.



Master of Ceremonies, Michael Gahan and Father Chris O'Connor of St. Michaels the Arc Angel Parish.

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Kelly and Jadon Trainor with Gillian and Reese Teixeira.



Shown above, the officers of the Cottage Park Yacht Club, Commodore Peter Towner, Vice Commodore John Cataldo, Rear Commodore David Reynolds, Past Commodores Brian Murphy and Tom Schlichting and Master of Ceremonies Michael Gahan. Shown right, Eveleigh Wagner, Pastor of the First Church of Winthrop, John Melick, with Past Commodore, Tom Schlichting.



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DIVISION B CHAMPIONS — THE MARLINS

On Saturday, June 13 the Marlins took to the Winthrop Little League B Field, where they won the Division B Little League Championship.



Back Row Left to Right: Coach Rick MacKenzie, Coach Vinny Recchia, RJ Baez, Tyler Smith, Coach Mike Triant, Coach Joseph Ferrara
Front Row Left to Right: Matthew Barron, Joey Ferrara, Lorenzo Recchia, Wyatt Hanlon, Richard Vivolo, Ryan MacKenzie Chase, Triant, Callie Triant and Gordon Kotyluk.

DIVISION A CHAMPIONS — THE PADRES

It was a very close game on Sunday, June 14. The Padres faced off against the Phillies at the Little League A Field, ultimately winning 2-1.



Shown above, The Padres with their trophies following their victory. In the back row, Coach Steven Staff, Jason Melchionda, Domenic Spinale, Manager Mark D'Ambrosio, Michael D'Ambrosio, Ben Spencer, Nick Rich, Joseph Pumphet, Nikita Rossi and Coach Sean Pumphet. In the front row are Ethan Staff, Charlie Stockbridge, Braylen Ancillo and Phillip Rossi.



Domenic Spinale, Joseph Pumphet, Nikita Rossi, Michael D'Ambrosio - 12 year old Padres that made the All-Star team.

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WINTHROP SOFTBALL FALLS TO ST. MARY'S IN TOURNEY; BASEBALL TEAM ALSO OUSTED

The Winthrop High softball team lost to St. Mary's of Lynn by a score of 6-0 in a quarterfinal contest in the Division 3 North Sectional of the state softball tournament last Wednesday.

St. Mary's was the second seed in the D-3 North with an 18-2 regular season record, while Winthrop was the 10th seed with an 8-6 mark. St. Mary's had earned a first round bye in the tourney, while Winthrop advanced to the quarterfinals with a 14-1 victory over Lynnfield.

The Lady Vikings threatened to get on the board in the opening inning, placing runners at second and third after base hits by Sofia Vitale and Summer Tallent, but were unable to plate a runner.

A triple by Izzy Mahoney (who gunned down a runner at home who was attempting to score on a sacrifice fly to center field) in the fourth with one out also ended in futility for Winthrop, as did a lead-off base hit by Syd Crotty in the seventh.

St. Mary's meanwhile, pushed across two runs in the second, a run in the third, and added three in the fourth to put the game away.

"We had our chances, but they bunched their hits and we scattered ours,"

said WHS head coach Dave Guffey. "We knew that we had to play a flawless game and then we needed a little luck. Neither of those things happened.

"But just like all season, when the team got down, they never gave up," Guffey continued. "Some teams would have hung their heads and let a slaughter rule happen, but they played with a lot of pride and I was proud of the effort.

"We played some of the best teams in the state this year and went toe to toe with them," Guffey continued. "Peabody, Gloucester, and Danvers are all still playing in D1 and D2 semis and we were right there with all three.

"The team played really well," Guffey added. "Two standouts in this game were Izzy Mahoney and Summer Tallent. Izzy had six putouts in center field and threw out a runner at the plate and had a triple. Summer had four assists and an unreal sliding catch against the fence with the bases loaded.

"The senior class will truly be missed for their leadership, determination, and talent," Guffey continued. "Sofia (Regis), Izzy (Ithaca), and Syd (Mass. Maritime) all will all be taking their talents to college, and Rachel Farley (Fairfield), Katie Gagnon,(Elon) and Nellie Carter (UMass) also are headed to four-year schools."

Syd Crotty perhaps best epitomized the grit and

determination of the seniors. Sydney played sparingly as a freshman and sophomore, hitting .102. However, despite missing her junior year because of the pandemic, she hit .396 this season and was tied on the team for RBI leader with 17 ribbies. She also

was rock-solid in the field, committing only two errors all season.

Vitale completed a stellar pitching career, compiling a 9-7 record this season with an ERA of 3.12. She struck out 85 enemy batters in 93 innings -- reaching the 200

career-strikeout plateau -- while walking only 22.

The WHS baseball team also met its Waterloo in the quarterfinals of the D-4 North Sectional with an 11-0 loss to Snowden Academy last Wednesday. The Vikings had entered the tourney as

the ninth-seed in the D-4 North, while Snowden was seeded first with a record of 11-2.

The Vikings had advanced to the quarters after an 8-4 win over eighth-seeded Georgetown in the opening round last Monday.

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HOVERMALE NAMED SOUTH TEAM MVP IN ANNUAL AGGANIS FOOTBALL GAME

Winthrop High School's Ryan Hovermale was selected as the South Team's Most Valuable Player in the 59th Annual Harry Agganis All-Star Football Game at Manning Field in Lynn.

Hovermale joins a select group of Vikings, including former quarterbacks Dylan Driscoll (2015) and Anthony Fucillo (2005) who have received the prestigious Agganis MVP Award.

Hovermale led the South defense with numerous tackles.

Also representing Winthrop High's 2020 NEC championship football team in the game, were Bobby Hubert, Brian Conceicao, and Duke Doherty.

The North team prevailed by a 28-6 score in the game that brought together the top seniors in the region.



Agganis All-Star Football Classic Director Matt Durgin presents the South Most Valuable Player Award to Ryan Hovermale of Winthrop High School following the game on June 23 at Manning Field in Lynn. Hovermale, an All-Conference player for the Vikings' 2020 NEC championship team, was voted the game's most outstanding defensive player.



South quarterback Duke Doherty make a pass on the run.



Winthrop's Ryan Hovermale was named South team MVP for his solid effort on defense and special teams during the annual Agganis game.



Bryan Conceicao puts himself in defensive position.



Winthrop's Bobby Hubert fights for yardage during the annual Agganis All-Star game Wednesday night at Manning Field that pitted top football talent from the North and South in a summer night treat for high school football fans.



Winthrop High School head football coach Jon Cadigan joined three of the Vikings' Agganis All-Stars, Bobby Hubert, Ryan Hovermale, and Bryan Conceicao for a post-game photo at Manning Field in Lynn. All three student-athletes played very well, with Hubert booming a 61-yard punt, Hovermale earning South MVP honors, and Conceicao also excelling on defense.



Ryan Hovermale (on ground) and Bryan Conceicao combine to stop the North's Dan Olwasauyi of KIPP Academy after a short gain.



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Our beloved Annie O' crossed the rainbow bridge May 5th, 2021, peacefully in the arms of her Sister Bonnie and Brother Dave. She was greeted by her Parents Marilyn and Dave Flynn and some of her 7 pups. Annie was an amazing loving mother, sister, and companion. She had many friends, her first best friend was Mr. Moose. Annie lived a full life. Born in New Jersey, then settled in Winthrop, Ma, where her adventurous life began. She loved to play with a soccer ball in her yard and greeted anyone with a smile and a tail wave. She would bark at her 4 legged furry friends who walked by, her way of saying hello.

Her favorite was receiving treats. She knew our neighbor's routines, she would sit at the door and bark, to get let outside for her treats. Waving her tail, she would greet our friends who came to visit, sit on her rug, and bark till they gave her a treat.

Annie loved Vermont. Marilyn, Dave, and Annie's favorite place to be was Stoney Brook Farms. Annie ran, hunted, chased chipmunks, went swimming in Miles Pond and enjoyed the beautiful sunrises and sunsets in the mountains of Concord and Hartland Vt.

Annie was also a Beach Dog. Swimming, running, and relaxing on shore or cruising on 2 different boats, The Marilyn Jean and The Redhead. She loved to go to Peddocks Island to visit many of her friends.

When our parents passed, Annie was 9 yrs old. We all were devastated. Together, the 3 of us shared a bond and strength to carry on. We were lost, but Annie helped us heal, in her own unique way. Immediately, Annie showed her loyalty to us. Together we were able to move forward.

Annie gave us the most beautiful gift.... Unconditional and Everlasting LOVE. Annie was the most beautiful, friendly, and loyal girl a family could have. We were so blessed to have known her for almost 17 years. She is missed dearly by many. Many of those who knew her saw her as a local hero.

Our memories with our parents and Annie will brighten our days.

We wish Annie a Happy Birthday, July 5th.
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Winthrop Senior Center News

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The Senior Center will be reopening on Monday, July 12. We look forward to welcoming you back into the center! In the meantime, we can be reached at 617-846-8538, or via email: coareception@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Activities Schedule (beginning July 12)

Monday

10am-2pm: Computer Usage
10am-1pm: Scheduled Services
11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take bout)

Tuesday

9:30-10:30am: Exercise
10am-2pm: Computer Usage
11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out)
1:30-2:30pm: Chorus

Wednesday

9:30am-10:30am: Yoga (begins in September)
10am-2pm: Computer Usage
11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out)
1:15-2:45pm: Italian Class

Thursday

9:30-10:30am: Exercise
10am-2pm: Computer Usage
11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in, or take out)
12:15-2:30pm: Bingo

Friday

10-11am: Line Dancing
10am-12pm: Computer Usage
11am: Boxed Lunch (eat in or take out)

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All activities and schedules are subject to change at the discretion of the COA Director. We will be adding additional activities to the schedule as we progress.

All participants are required to have an updated Emergency Contact Form on file with the office before participating in any activities. Emergency Contact Forms are available at the front desk, and on our website.

We are unable to offer any snacks or drinks at this time. Participants should bring their own bottled water, coffee, or tea. Shared food is not allowed, please bring individual snacks only.

Boxed Lunches will be available for pick up Monday – Friday at 11am. Lunches may be eaten at the Senior Center or taken to-go. Lunch reservations can be made at the front desk, or by calling us at 617-846-8538

by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday).

Meals on Wheels also continues to operate. To sign up, contact Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705.

Van Transportation. The Senior Van will run Tuesday – Thursday between 9am and 3pm (return trips must be completed by 3pm). Reservations must be made at least 2 weekdays in advance of your trip. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Medical rides will be prioritized. A full list of our destinations and pricing is available on our website and at the Senior Center.

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.

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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. Go to www.town.winthrop.ma.us/subscribe, enter your email address and select "Senior Center Newsletter" from the options.

David Lee Green

Air Force Veteran and Massachusetts State Trooper whose unselfish valor saved many lives



David Lee Green, 68, of Winthrop passed away heroically on

June 26.

His unselfish valor saved many lives.

David was born and raised in Winthrop, graduated from Winthrop High School in 1972 with academic honors and was a member of the legendary 17-1 basketball team, coached by Henry McCarthy. He was respected and loved by his classmates.

Upon graduation, he enlisted in the US Air Force and served honorably as a Military Police Officer for four years in Vietnam and Thailand. David Green then spent 36 years in law enforcement starting in 1980 with the Metropolitan District Commission and becoming a Massachusetts State Trooper in 1992 when the MDC merged with the MSP. Officer Green also attended Cambridge College nights earning a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

David had great character, strove for excellence in his life and was the best that humanity can offer. His actions saved other people's lives and he was heroic. He was as modest and self-effacing as he was courageous.

David touched so many people's lives in a positive way. Once you met David Green you had a friend for life.

David's dignified parents, Ray and Ruth Green predeceased him and were very proud of Dave and his brother, Ray. They would instill the importance of education and hard work in their children.

Dave looked up to his older brother, Aria Ray, who was a National Honor Society Student at WHS and a former Massachusetts State Gymnastics Champion being accepted by Cornell, Stanford, and eventually choosing gymnastics power Penn State.

His mother's brothers, Orantun, Roosevelt and Clarence Shearer preceded David in death. Dave is survived by his loving brother, retired Tampa Fire Department Chief



Aria Ray and his wife, Wylene of Tampa, Florida. Many adoring first cousins from his mother's family, the Shearer's, Charles in New Jersey, Donald, Melvin, Marylee, Betsy from Georgia, and Earl and Jenette from Chicago; his elderly Aunt Genevieve (Shearer) of Georgia. Also, his extended family: Bill and Norma Leach of Winthrop, William Maloney, Dave's God daughter, Lauren Elisabeth Baxter and her husband, Nate and their children, Marin and Sadi from Maine and the Tsiotos Family of Winthrop.

His fellow State Trooper Family MSP Superintendent Col. Christopher Mason noted that "Trooper David Green more than upheld the ideals of integrity, professionalism and service to others that are the hallmarks of a great Trooper."

Visiting Hours will be held from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop Street, Winthrop, on Friday, July 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by burial in the Winthrop Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice in David Green's name. To sign David's guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirby-fh.com.

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Robert Tully

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A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony of Padua Church

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precious wife and family and in the presence of his God following a long illness. He was 90 old. Services concluded with full Military Honors and interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Bob was a lifelong devotee of St. Anthony's Church in Revere and Past President and member of the Holy Name Society. He was US Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict and a longtime member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

He is survived by his precious wife of 65 years, Marie G. (Mercurio) Tully. He was the devoted father to AnneMarie De-Francesco and her husband, "Tony" of Londonderry, NH, Therese McLaughlin and her husband, Paul of Holliston and Ellen Poveromo and her husband, Paul of Beverly; cherished grandfather to Erin McLaughlin, James McLaughlin, Nick DeFrancesco and Andrew



Poveromo; dear brother to Eileen Ruggiero and her late husband, Dan of Saugus, Jane Walton and her husband, Owen of Londonderry, NH, Helen Santosuosso and her husband, Lewis of Methuen, Maryanne Smith of Florida, Patrick Tully and his wife, Dorothy of Maine and the late Frank Tully and Arthur Tully. He is also lovingly survived by his sister-in-law, Dorothy Tully of Ohio. Many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews also survive Bob.

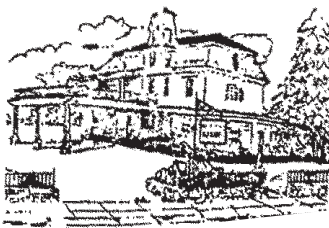
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To My Beautiful Mother ~ A Tribute to you

It is so hard to believe it's been 10 years since the Lord called you home to him. Life has never been the same since that warm summer day. I know that you are reunited with your beautiful parents, with Dad, and your loving son Ronny, who only you could have cared for and watched over until the end, the way you did.

You were such a wonderful presence in the town, and loved by all who knew you. A warm, gracious selfless woman, always with a gentle smile, even through all your pains. The world was truly a better place because you were in it.



Mother, you were a true warrior throughout your life. The incredible strength and courage you endured, throughout your embattled illness, was a true testament to who you were. You gave it your all, sacrificed so much, and never once gave up. You were the most loyal, dedicated and devoted wife to Dad, friend, sister,

and incredible mother and nana. You were simply the best. I am so proud to be your daughter. I love and miss you so much mom, and I cannot wait until the day that I see you again, and to be with you forever more.

We love you mama, your loving daughter, special son-in-law, and your two loves, Philip and Anthony ~ XO

WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee still seeks nominations for 2021 induction

Staff report

John Domenico, President of the Winthrop High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, would like to remind members of the public that nomination forms are still available for the 2021 Hall of Fame Induction. Nomination forms may be obtained from Richard Thibreau, Member of the Committee, by telephone at 617-846-5943, or by email at mccannthibreau@comcast.net.

“Anyone may nominate an individual or individuals,” Domenico said. “In addition to the nomination form, which must be completed and signed, nominations should be accompanied by additional information pertaining to the nominee such as newspaper articles, letters and photographs.”

Membership in the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame is open to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the Winthrop High School athletic programs, either through their participation in athletics or their association with Winthrop athletics as a coach, faculty member, or through exceptional service.

To be eligible as an in-

dividual athlete or as a team, the individual or team members must have graduated from Winthrop High School, and must have been part of a class that was graduated at least ten years prior to the nomination.

The WHS Athletic Hall of Fame also recognizes other significant individuals, such as administrators and others, who have made special contributions to the Winthrop High School Athletic Program.

Nomination forms must be returned by August 5, 2021 to Richard Thibreau in order to be considered for the 14th Winthrop High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction.

The WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee consists of ten members who are graduates of Winthrop High School and have been involved in athletics in the community and elsewhere. Over the next two months, these individuals will be profiled.

President John Domenico – WHS Class of 1945. John was an athlete, coach, teacher and administrator at Winthrop High School. He was captain of his baseball team in 1945 and the winner of the Bentley Swift Award given at graduation to the boy

who has done the most for athletics during his high school years. John played baseball at Northeastern University and tennis at the University of Maine from which he graduated. He became the WHS baseball coach in 1953 and served in that capacity until 1960. John was the principal of Winthrop High School from 1970 to 1986 and the WHS boys tennis coach for many years, too.

Secretary Peg Bailey – WHS Class of 1977. Peg played field hockey for three years at Winthrop High School and has been the team manager of the Lady Vikings basketball team from 1974 to 2021, and was team manager of the softball team from 1976 to 1994. She also coached freshman softball at WHS in 1995 and 1996, and was a volunteer cross country coach from 1995 to 2015. Peg played softball at Salem State University and has been a volunteer coach with the Boston Renegades Beep Baseball team for the blind/visually impaired since 2013. She is a former member of the Winthrop Parks and Recreation Commission.

Treasurer Richard Thibreau – WHS Class of 1963. Richard played one



MOMENT OF TRIUMPH: One of the highlights of the Winthrop High School football awards banquet was the unveiling of the “2020” on the Vikings’ NEC championship banner. Winthrop football captains Stevie Perullo (left) and Chris Ferrara are pictured in front of the banner that will be displayed on the wall at the WHS gymnasium. More photos of the banquet will appear in next week’s edition of the Sun-Transcript.

year of varsity hockey at Don Bosco Technical High School before transferring to WHS. He played baseball for three years, was captain of the team in his senior year, and was awarded the Winthrop Little League Baseball Trophy for being the Most Valuable Player. Dick has been a substitute teacher at Winthrop High School since 2009 and coached the WHS girls freshman volleyball team in 2014. He has coached Special Olympics Volleyball for 16 years.

Chris Tsiotos – WHS Class of 1973. Chris

scored over 1000 points in basketball at Winthrop High School and helped lead the Vikings to Northeast Conference championships in 1972 and 1973. He continued his basketball career at Suffolk University where he broke school records in both scoring and rebounding. After graduation from Suffolk, Chris played professional basketball in Greece. He is a member of the Suffolk University Athletic Hall of Fame, the New England Athletic Hall of Fame and the AHEPA Athletic Hall of Fame. The Winthrop High

School basketball court is named in his honor.

Jim Lederman – WHS Class of 1960. Jim Lederman played football for all three years at Winthrop High School. He announced WHS football games for 50 years as the Voice of the Vikings at Miller Field and on radio throughout the North Shore as well. Jim was a sports journalist for the Winthrop Sun Transcript for many years and organized the Winthrop Summer League basketball program.

Baker files plan to invest \$2.9 Billion to support economic recovery

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration will re-file its plan to immediately put to use part of Commonwealth’s direct federal aid from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support key priorities including housing and homeownership, economic development and local downtowns, job training and workforce development, health care, and infrastructure. The Administration called on the Legislature to act quickly on the \$2.9 billion plan to jump-start the Commonwealth’s economic recovery and support residents hardest-hit by COVID-19, such as lower-wage workers and communities of color.

Governor Charlie Baker is re-filing the proposal after signing “An Act Relative to Transferring Federal Funds to the Federal COVID-19 Response Fund,” which was on the Governor’s desk.

“We are eager to work with the Legislature to put these funds to work and our \$2.9 billion proposal

will immediately aid those hardest hit by COVID-19 like communities of color and lower-wage workers,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “This plan addresses homeownership gaps in communities of color, connects workers with in demand job-training, boosts addition treatment services and invests in local infrastructure. It’s crucial that the Legislature act quickly and not hold up these important investments. Communities of color, the hardest hit areas of the Commonwealth, should not have to wait to have their tax dollars be put to work.”

“Massachusetts’ economic recovery is off to a good start but it’s crucial that we address the disproportionate impacts of the pandemic by taking action to invest these federal relief dollars in priorities like housing, economic development, job training, and addiction treatment,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “We look forward to working with our colleagues in the Legislature to move quickly in putting these relief dollars to work on behalf of our communities.”

The proposal filed today is the same proposal filed by Gov. Baker earlier this month with the Legislature, with an additional \$100 million for marine port development to support economic growth.

The Administration’s plan to invest \$2.9 billion in federal dollars in these disproportionately impacted communities complements a proposal filed last week for the Commonwealth’s surplus state tax revenue. With May revenues approximately \$4 billion over benchmark, the Administration’s proposal for a two-month Sales Tax Holiday would provide relief for small businesses and residents, especially lower-wage workers who are most impacted by the sales tax.

The \$2.915 billion is part of a total of approximately \$5.3 billion in direct aid to the Commonwealth from the federal American Rescue Plan Act. These discretionary funds are intended to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost revenue, support immediate economic stabili-

zation for households and businesses, and address unequal public health and economic challenges in Massachusetts cities and towns throughout the pandemic. ARPA is also providing a total of \$3.4 billion in direct aid for municipalities throughout Massachusetts, as well as substantial funding for key priorities including a total of \$1.1 billion for transit. With a focus on increasing capacity for child care and supporting parents as they return to work, the Administration is also proposing to distribute approximately \$760 million in additional federal funding to child care providers in Massachusetts over the coming years, and looks forward to working with key stakeholders on the usages of these funds.

The remaining \$2 billion in direct federal aid would stay in the Federal COVID-19 Response Fund, and the Administration looks forward to working closely with the Legislature to allocate these resources in a fiscally responsible and compliant manner.

In addition to this dis-

cretionary funding, an additional \$35.2 billion in other ARPA funding has been directed to the Commonwealth to support additional areas of recovery including direct aid to municipalities, transportation, and child care. This includes approximately \$3.4 billion in direct aid to cities, towns, and counties throughout Massachusetts. The plan therefore includes language allowing a local match for numerous programs to better leverage municipal support, optimize the usage of all available revenue, and maximize the impact of this one-time federal funding.

Highlights of the plan include:

Housing

\$300 million to support expanded homeownership opportunities, focused on first-time homebuyers who are residents of disproportionately impacted municipalities;

\$200 million to support housing production through MassHousing’s Commonwealth Builder Program and similar efforts, which aim to help communities of color build wealth by promoting home ownership among residents of disproportionately impacted municipalities;

\$200 million to fund rental housing production and provide increased housing options to workers and residents of disproportionately impacted municipalities;

\$300 million to finance the statewide production of senior and veteran housing. These new housing options would contain a supportive services component, and would be combined with other resources including Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, rental payments, and, in the case of veteran housing, VA health care.

Economic Development

\$100 million for Downtown Development to concentrate economic growth activities, resources, and investments within lo-

cal neighborhood areas in municipalities disproportionately impacted by COVID;

\$250 million to support investments and regional collaboration aimed at invigorating downtowns throughout Massachusetts. These resources would provide grant funds to municipalities and other eligible public entities for a range of projects;

\$100 million to support cultural facilities and tourism assets throughout Massachusetts;

Workforce Development

\$240 million to fund a suite of job training programs and address skills gaps, to better position residents who want to be hired into jobs that businesses need filled. Areas of investment include:

\$150 million for workforce credentials for entry and mid-level wages;

\$35 million to fund English for Speakers of Other Languages programs and Adult Basic Education;

\$25 million for work readiness and essential skills programs.

Health Care

\$50 million for fiscally stressed hospitals in disproportionately impacted municipalities as these hospitals have supported their communities significantly during the pandemic despite interruptions to their revenue streams;

\$175 million for addiction treatment and related behavioral health services.

Infrastructure Investment

\$400 million to fund grants for water and sewer infrastructure;

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Boston VNA healthcare professionals vote overwhelmingly to authorize strike

Staff Report

The 39 healthcare professionals (HCPs) of the VNA of Boston, represented by the Massachusetts Nurses Association, voted overwhelmingly on June 22, to authorize a potential limited duration strike as they seek their first MNA contract. Corporate owner VNA Care, which has offices in Worcester, Needham, and Danvers, refuses to agree to key provisions around patient care conditions, health insurance and retirement security. Eighty percent of the HCPs – physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, and speech therapists – turned out to vote on June 22 and voted 100 percent to authorize their MNA Bargaining Committee to call for a strike if necessary. The length and timing of the strike have yet to be determined by the HCPs elected by their colleagues to represent them on the committee. HCPs voted to authorize the potential strike after many months of negotiations and VNA Care creating significant roadblocks to a contract agreement: VNA Care refuses to

safely limit the patient care assignments given to HCPs on a daily basis. Excessive caseloads make it extremely difficult for HCPs to provide the level of care patients deserve, especially patients who need complex treatments following hospitalization or surgery. Instead, VNA Care wants unlimited ability to assign cases to HCPs with no regard for the complexity of patient care requirements. VNA Care wants the right to increase health insurance costs or decrease coverage unilaterally. HCPs are seeking the same health insurance arrangement VNA Care has with its registered nurses so HCPs can count on accessible and affordable coverage for themselves and their families. VNA Care does not want to guarantee any retirement contributions for HCPs. The HCPs have proposed receiving the same 401K match as other network employees. VNA Care is proposing to cut sick time for newer HCPs, from 13 days annually to six, a change that would only force clinicians to work while sick and threaten the safety of

patients. The agency is also proposing to reduce bereavement days. VNA Care refuses to agree to a wage scale that properly values the care HCPs provide and their increasing experience level as they continue to work for the agency. Wage scales are a standard in union contracts that provide for fair and transparent pay increases and help with recruitment and retention. “We are dedicated to this process and getting a fair and equitable contract,” said Rod Hemingway, MNA Co-Chair and an occupational therapist. “They have not respected us and have decided they just don’t want to give us the predictability we need. A contract will give our members stability in our wages and benefits, so we can plan our lives and care for our children or family members. People want to grow roots down deep at the VNA. We want to care for our patients and make the agency the best it can be. When new staff come in, we want them to stay and become trusted, experienced healthcare professionals. There is no reason we can’t be the agency of

choice.” “It is frustrating that they are purposefully delaying our contract. They are coming to the table for show, not to make any progress, and are not even willing to give us equity with the nurses,” said Nikki Ducey, a physical therapist and MNA Co-Chair. “Nurses agree the workload is the same and should be counted the same. We are all working together to treat the patients and for our own employer to value us differently, and really less than, is awful. We are looking for predictability and reliability. They want complete discretion. I have been here almost 10 years and they have taken so much away. They took away the retirement match and I have not had a raise in five years. To not know what those benefits will look like from year to year is very discouraging.” “We have been committed to our patients, to our union and to this negotiation process,” said Debra Nowak, MNA Co-Chair and a physical therapist. “We stand in solidarity as we take all steps necessary to protect our patients and secure a contract that ad-

equately supports and empowers our clinicians.” Background on BVNA HCPs and Negotiations The HCPs voted to join the MNA as part of a National Labor Relations Board election in late 2019. The MNA also represents registered nurses working for the VNA of Boston, who have a separate contract. Established in 1886, VNA of Boston is the oldest organized VNA in the country. The VNA of Boston and its HCPs provide essential in-home care and recovery services to thousands of patients across an enormous area of Massachusetts that includes Boston, Brookline, South Boston, Hyde Park, West Roxbury, Roxbury, Brighton, the North End, Chinatown, Quincy, Everett, Winthrop, Milton, Revere, and more. The medical needs of these patients are varied and complex and may include, among other things, post-surgical conditions such as total hip or total knee replacements; stroke; Parkinson’s Disease; Multiple Sclerosis; Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS); cardiopulmonary

conditions; amputations; and post-trauma care (breaks, fractures). In recent years, many hospital-based services for patients have shifted to in-home services, making VNAs and HCPs an essential and ever-expanding part of the American healthcare system. Hospitals now move patients back home faster than before as doing so reduces costs and opens in-hospital beds. This has led to a dramatic increase in the size of the region’s at-home patient population as well as in the complexity of those patients. However, the working conditions for the HCPs who care for at-home patients have not kept pace with environmental changes or the market, which is what prompted the Boston VNA’s HCPs to unionize with the MNA. In December, the HCPs delivered a petition signed by 100% of members to the office of the VNA’s CEO Todd Rose. The petition stated that they expect the organization to bargain with them in good faith for a first contract that is fair, equitable, and good for patients and members alike.

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Winthrop, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 7/01/21 W

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P0647EA Estate of: Barbara Harriet Siefert Date of Death 01/26/2021 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will has been filed by Jonathan R. Siefert of Duxbury, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Jonathan Siefert of Duxbury, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you

or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/27/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 15, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 7/01/21 W

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Recreational fishing pier opens at Deer Island

Staff report

State and local officials and fishing advocates cut the ribbon on the new Deer Island Recreational Fishing Pier.

Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Kathleen Theoharides joined state and local officials, fishing advocates, and youth anglers in Winthrop for a ribbon cutting of the Commonwealth's new Deer Island Recreational Fishing Pier last week. The pier will provide anglers from Winthrop, East Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and many other surrounding communities an easily accessible opportunity to fish from Massachusetts' shoreline.

"The Baker-Polito Administration is committed to making outdoor recreational opportunities like fishing easily accessible to all Massachusetts residents, especially those in urban and environmental justice communities," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kath-

leen Theoharides. "This new recreational fishing pier will provide anglers of all means and abilities in the Greater Boston area access to high-quality coastal fishing for generations to come."

The facility was constructed by the Department of Fish and Game's Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), in cooperation with DFG's Office of Fishing and Boating Access, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, and the City of Boston. The \$2.4 million project was paid for mostly with funds from the sale of Massachusetts recreational saltwater fishing permit, with assistance from the MWRA.

"This is a signature project for the Department of Fish and Game and our Division of Marine Fisheries," said Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Commissioner Ron Amidon. "I wish to thank DMF and the Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Panel, the citizens advisory group that long ago had the foresight to propose building recreational fishing piers in ur-



Taking part in the June 24 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new \$2.4 million Deer Island Recreation Fishing Pier are, from left, Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, Precinct 5 Councilor Peter Christopher, Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Ron Amidon, State Rep. Jeffrey Turco, State Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides, Sen. Joseph Boncore, MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey, Town Council President Philip Boncore, and former House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo.

ban communities, to serve people who may not otherwise have opportunities to go fishing."

"The fishing pier is a great addition to the recreational opportunities available at Deer Island and MWRA is proud of the partnership that made this possible," said Massachusetts Water Resources (MWRA) Executive Director Fred Laskey. "With five miles of public trails for walking, jogging, sightseeing, picnicking, bicycling and fishing, the Deer Island Public Access Area offers something for everyone."

"The Deer Island pier project gives back to the fishing public in the 'user pays, user benefits' model," said Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) Director Dan McKiernan. "This pier project and other similar structures around the state have strong angler support because it's tangible, permanent, and meets critical need for angler access."

Construction of the Deer Island Recreational Fishing Pier was supported by the Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund, which is financed through the sale of recreational saltwater

fishing permits, donations, and grants. One third of the fund is dedicated to providing anglers with public access to saltwater fishing opportunities. The Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Panel is a five member citizens advisory group that helps DMF in crafting annual spending plans from the Fund.

Some of the activities supported by the Fund are:

- Providing anglers

with public access to saltwater fishing opportunities

- Monitoring, stocking, and improving the passage of diadromous fish

- Developing the Saltwater Angler Education Program, offering fishing clinics, seminars, and distribution of informational materials

- Recreational catch and effort data through the Marine Recreational Information Program

- Planning, siting, and monitoring of artificial reefs

The Deer Island Recreational Fishing Pier was designed by Foth Engineering and constructed by ACK Marine & General Contracting, overseen by the Division of Marine Fisheries, the Office of Fishing and Boating Access, and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.



Winthrop Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, a member of the MWRA Board of Directors, enlightened the gathering with his first-person narrative of the history of the Deer Island site and the construction of the new recreational fishing pier.



Sen. Joseph Boncore delivers his remarks at the Deer Island Recreational Fishing Pier ribbon-cutting ceremony last Thursday (June 24).

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MLJ's Lemonade Stand has been enjoying an increase in sales during the warm weather. Pictured at the lemonade stand in the River Road neighborhood are, from left, Lucy Boncore, Jake Titmore, and Molly Titmore. MLJ is a combination of the first letter in the first names of the three operators of the lemonade stand.

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