

# 'Hotel Impossible' to revamp Rockland business

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ROCKLAND — One of the city's oldest and largest hotels will be featured on a national cable television show that seeks to breathe new life into lodging businesses.

A crew from "Hotel Impossible" was at the Trade Winds Motor Inn this week.

Trade Winds officials, including founder Robert Liberty, referred questions to representatives of the TV show. An email sent to a show representative Friday was not immediately returned.

The show's website states that "hotel fixer" Anthony Melchiorri and his team of designers "revamp and transform struggling hotels into successful tourist accommodations." The show airs at 9 p.m. Tuesdays on the Travel Channel.

The show aired an episode in November of a makeover done on the Charles Inn in Bangor.

The broadcast date for the Trade Winds segment has not been released.

The Trade Winds was built in 1965 on Park Drive in



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Cameraman Glen Mordeci (foreground) and assistant cameraman Sam Bradley film exterior shots Friday at the Trade Winds Motor Inn in Rockland. The Trade Winds will be featured in an upcoming segment of the Travel Channel show "Hotel Impossible."

downtown Rockland. Robert Liberty, who had been the northern New England director for Andersen windows, built the hotel with a business partner. Liberty later bought out his partner and operated the hotel over the next five decades, expanding the complex on multiple occasions.

Liberty's children now operate the hotel. His daughter Aimee Hunt is president of the Trade Winds Motor Inn and his son Stephen Liberty is treasurer.

The Trade Winds has 138 rooms including 15 suites, according to its website. Many of the rooms have balconies that overlook Rockland Harbor and the Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse. There is an indoor pool, fitness center and restaurant in the Trade Winds.

## IRS: Twice as many taxpayers hacked

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service said Friday that criminals attacking its website may have stolen sensitive personal information from more than twice as many taxpayers as initially expected.

In total, cyber criminals may have accessed tax data for more than 700,000 taxpayers by hacking the agency's "Get Transcript" tool, which allows taxpayers to obtain copies of previous tax returns, the IRS said. Criminals tried to use the tool to steal tax data for

roughly 500,000 additional taxpayers but failed, the agency said.

The latest tally was uncovered during a nine-month investigation of the "Get Transcript" application, leading back to when it was launched in January 2014. The agency said Friday that the review showed

criminals made even more attempts to steal tax returns through the tool by using personal details that may have been stolen somewhere else, such as a taxpayer's Social Security number and home address.

This is the second update from the IRS about how many taxpayers were

affected by the vulnerability on its website, following an announcement in August. When the IRS first reported the issue in May, it said 114,000 taxpayers may have had their tax data compromised. In August, it bumped the total up to about 330,000.

Identity theft has been a growing area of concern for the IRS after an apparent surge in tax fraud last year. The number of identity theft complaints filed with the Federal Trade Commission grew by more than 50 percent in 2015 from the year before, due primarily to an increase in tax-related fraud.

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