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Whitman-Hanson Model School

Working group visits a model school

Trip to Whitman/Hanson proves promising

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Members of the Norwood High School Working Group took a recent trip to Whitman to see for themselves if the school really is the "model" the Massachusetts School Building Authority claims it is.

And the answer seems to be yes, it is.

Working Group Chairman and School Committee Vice Chair Dick Kief said the group, which held an "emergency" meeting last Tuesday, took a limited tour of the Whitman/

Hanson high school building and met, per Town Manager John Carroll's request, to discuss their findings and to help improve their communication internally, and to the public.

"I think the general opinion of the working group is that this is an exciting opportunity," Kief said. "Tuesday we were trying to form a game plan and to help formalize the working group. We're trying to help improve the communication process."

Kief said calling the meeting an emergency may not have been entirely necessary, but

said that the meeting was called quickly so everyone would be on the same page regarding the model school project after the site visit.

"There is a lot of talk about Whitman/Hanson," Kief said, "and we're very open minded. We can see the benefits and the plusses. We're very optimistic. There's a very positive tone."

According to Kief, members of the working group, school administration and local officials have visited more than

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Board to consider sale of town land

Abutter interested in land once leased to YMCA

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

In a discussion that straddled the line between open and executive sessions, the Board of Selectmen announced that they had received a letter of interest from a local landowner looking to buy a piece of property the town has been trying to get rid of for years.

The issue was originally slated for executive session, but Selectman Tom McQuaid said he saw no reason why initial discussions should not be held in open session.

While they agreed that certain details of the proposed acquisition should be kept confidential, members of the board said the letter of interest they received from an abutter along

University Ave was substantial enough to warrant further investigation into the offer.

"Our initial interest doesn't mean we necessarily have to go anywhere with it," Plasko said.

Selectwoman Helen Donahue said the first thing the board needed to do was determine what the site had formerly been used for and its current value in order to determine what it could possibly be used for in the future.

"We need to get a true, current value of that site, because the value has grown immensely since our first inquiry because of the development of Westwood Station," she said. "We must proceed rationally and carefully."

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Norwood nets over 900k in grants

Funds will fix up Washington Heights

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

The residents of Washington Heights won't have to worry about their storm drains or basements flooding for much longer.

Norwood was recently awarded \$987,600 as part of the Community Development Block Grant, which Director of Community Planning and Economic Development Steve Costello said would go a long ways in making some long overdue repairs in the neighborhood.

"There's a considerable amount of work that needs to be done there," he said. "We have about 175 people out there, and I think it's going to make a big difference in their lives."

The 75 homes in Washington Heights are owned by the

Norwood Housing Authority, and were built in 1950 to provide affordable housing to the many veterans returning home. But now, the NHA rents the single-family homes and apartments as low and moderate-income housing.

While the buildings on Jefferson Drive and Roosevelt Ave. have held up relatively well, the infrastructure is in dire need of repair, said NHA Executive Director Stephen Merritt. "We've historically had problems with the storm water drains here," he said. "It's something we've always wanted to get done, but now we'll really be able to do it."

Part of the reason the project is finally getting off the ground is the fact that other local and statewide organizations are

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Coakley site for model school not possible

Town Engineer proves alternate location won't work

Krystal Grow
 Staff Reporter

Members of the Norwood Finance Commission weighed in on the high school project last Thursday night, addressing some lingering questions as the town steps closer to a final arrangement with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

FinCom Chair Judith Langone called the meeting with the hopes of gaining a solid understanding of where Norwood's various town boards, committees and officials stand on the subject, and representatives from each were in attendance to offer their insight and clear the air over the somewhat foggy horizon of the Model School Project.

"We've been taking a step back on this, standing on the sidelines," she said, "but communication is a big issue and I thought we should all discuss this."

While the FinCom voted to

support the Model School concept, Langone said she wanted a solid answer as to why a new school couldn't be built on what appears to be plentiful land at the Coakley Middle School.

"I know it's controversial, but I've never been given a good reason why it can't be done," said Langone.

Town Engineer Mark Ryan and School Building and Grounds Director Joe McDonough came prepared, armed with aerial maps and documentation that proved without a doubt that the Coakley land would not be suitable building ground.

According to Ryan and McDonough's calculations, of the 37 acres of land at the Coakley, only about 12 acres would be usable for building.

But Ryan said the total usable land is likely even less than that, due to wetlands and conservation land in the area and to preserve land along the property lines of local abutters. The town would also have to find more land to replace any conservation land that was built upon.

"The Mass Department of Environmental Protection conservatively shows two large wetland areas there, and that raises some red flags for me. My guess is it may go down to 11 acres," Ryan said.

The current high school on Nichols Street is situated on over 19.8 acres, according to McDonough.

But if the town accepts the MSBA's model school program, they would be looking at

putting a different style building there altogether.

The MSBA has said they are seriously considering Whitman/Hanson Regional High School as the model for Norwood.

At just over three years old, Whitman/Hanson currently occupies a total of 11.6 acres, according to Ryan's calculations.

"So we would be looking at squeezing over 11 acres on a 10 acre plot, and that leaves out the fields entirely," Ryan said. "In my opinion, this building cannot fit on this land."

"I did not realize the (current Norwood high school) site was that big," Langone said. "That surprises me, and if I didn't know, I'm sure the public didn't know."

McDonough said he believed it would be in the town's best interest to build the new high school at the current site on Nichols Street.

"If we have a 20 acre site that will remain a school site, that gives us a lot of options," he said. "I think it's an excellent site."

While the FinCom voted to endorse the model school concept, Langone said she was not ready to take a solid stance on where said model school should go.

"I'm certainly enlightened, but I'd like more time to digest all this before the FinCom takes an official position on this," she said.

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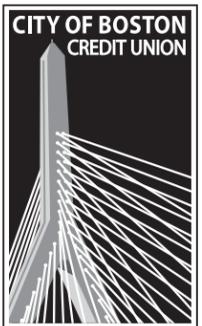
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A Moment with Moretti

Interim Superintendent has big plans for Norwood schools

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

John Moretti has been studying Norwood.

Even before his July 1 start date, Moretti was regularly attending School Committee meetings, working his way through the town offices and meeting as many elected and appointed officials as possible; basically soaking up all the information he could before he even stepped foot into his new office.

“So far I’ve been very impressed with the political leaders in Norwood,” he said. “The leadership is really superb, and people are very cooperative and positive.”

Moretti hasn’t wasted any time in his new position, and has jumped into the thick of things with the energy of a newcomer and the confidence of a seasoned veteran. In his first participatory appearance with the school committee, he recommended a revised meeting schedule to efficiently and thoroughly addresses the multiple tasks at hand, while also recommending a temporary replacement for business manager Bill Hurley, along with a comprehensive plan to permanently fill the position.

“I’ve seen it all,” he said, “but it’s really a matter of prioritizing for the School Committee and the administration,” he said. “I’m just trying to make good decisions, and like any other profession, if you make good decisions, people will respond.”

And the response so far, he says, has been very positive.

“There has to be a synergy between the superintendent, the community and the school system,” Moretti said. “I felt that my management style and my

leadership would be well received here. I’ve always considered myself to be a worker. I roll my sleeves up and work with everyone. It’s as simple as that.”

But Moretti admits that there are complex tasks at hand, and said he plans to approach each challenge by focusing on the details while maintaining a clear view of the bigger picture.

“The tasks at hand are not insurmountable,” he said, “but we need to refine what we’re doing. I’ve always believed in having a focus. If you ask for too many things, it creates a high degree of frustration, but if you create a focus, people see it, understand it and embrace it.”

After overseeing three prior school building projects, Moretti said he is prepared to help Norwood chart the course to create a new high school, as well as lay the groundwork that will attract the best superintendent to take over at the end of his term.

“My number one objective is to make Norwood public schools a destination system,” he said. “I want to help make this the kind of school system that will attract the best of the best.”

Having been through numerous searches before, Moretti is no stranger to the recruitment process. He said two of his former employees are now superintendents themselves.

“My hope is to strengthen the organization and formalize the process,” he said. “If collectively, the school committee, administration and teaching staff can chart a course, the next superintendent can bring that to fruition.”

In the meantime, Moretti said he’s in Norwood to make

things work, and to be part of a team of what he sees as dedicated, motivated and passionate people who have the students of Norwood at heart.

“When the day is over, everything we do should be in the best interest of the kids,” he said. “We have some challenges ahead, but I’m convinced that people are willing to do what it takes. They’re willing to sacrifice.”

And Moretti is ready to dive in headfirst and help Norwood navigate through the rocky waters ahead, because he has a passion for what he does, and a personal obligation to do it right.

“If I’m going to affix my name and my reputation and my integrity to something, it’s going to be done right,” he said. “It wouldn’t be fair to this town if I didn’t give it my all.”

I have obligations and I have to fulfill them. There’s a certain mandate to leadership, and actions speak louder than words.”

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Editorial

The appointment of Courtney Rau

The Norwood School Committee and Board of Selectmen's recent appointment to fill Chris Morrison's vacancy on the School Committee was an obvious choice to anyone who has been regularly attending weekly school committee meetings or watching on local cable.

Both boards chose her as their clear favorite, and while some public response has been less than favorable (the *Record* has received numerous 'anonymous' phone calls in opposition to the appointment, as well as one Letter to the Editor), suggesting an "inside job", the claims are baseless and without merit.

It is true that the only other applicant in the pool, David Ford, did drive a hard campaign in April and did tally in the most votes (after incumbents Bill Plasko Jr., and Mark Joseph). But, after the votes were counted and winners declared, Ford's participation all but stopped. He waved in a few parades and made a few public appearances, but had not graced the School Committee with his presence or input until he stepped foot in the School Committee room last Tuesday night, on his own behalf.

Rau, however, has attended close to every meeting since then, soaking up everything she could so that when it was her

turn to be considered again, she would be ready.

Rau, it should be noted, is also the newest employee of the Newton Public School System.

Newton is currently the working model of what not to do when building a new high school, an insight that could very well prove invaluable in the coming months and, hopefully, years she spends with the committee.

A career educator, Rau's last job was in Mansfield, former home to Norwood's new interim superintendent, John Moretti, who was not a voting member of last Tuesday's joint committee. One more reason why Rau, despite coming in just under 200 votes shy of recently elected member Eleanor Travers, is still a better choice.

Ford said in his statement that he was in it for the kids, seemingly, his kids, who he mentioned frequently during his presentation. Most of Ford's presentation was flat and basic. He said what people wanted to hear, which isn't wrong, it's just not terribly effective or useful. Sure, he's a likable guy, and he does have a lengthy history with other school committees, but what Norwood needs right now is someone with a lengthy history in education, a familiarity with the changing administration and a dynamic interaction with its new leader, and a

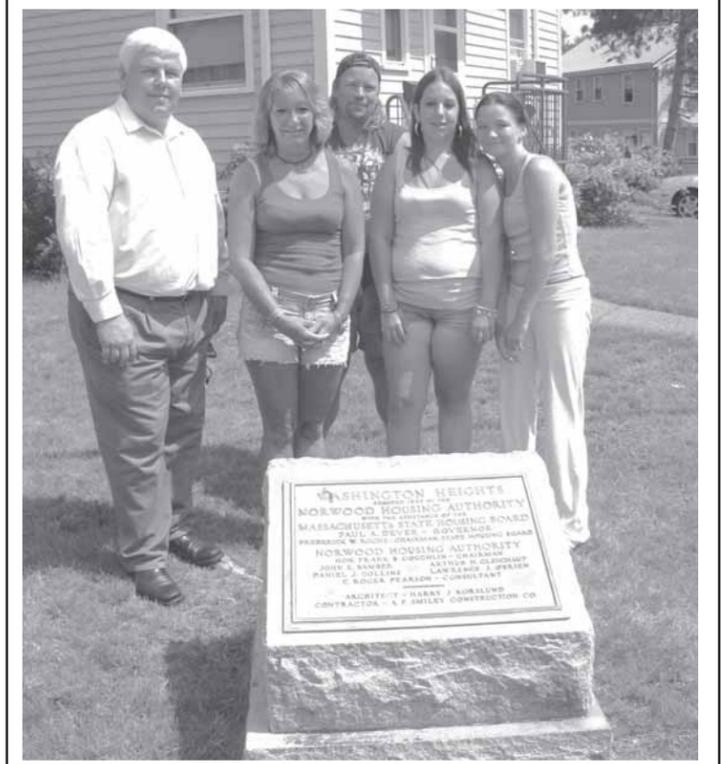
tangible knowledge of how the Norwood school committee truly functions.

While Ford watched the meetings at home, Rau sat in the back row and took notes. She sat quietly while her former boss went before the board and made his case, successfully, and when Chairman Paul Samargedlis announced it was time for all interested parties to submit their intentions for the job, Rau was ready, letters of intent and quality credentials in hand.

Ford didn't send word of his interest until close to two weeks later.

If this was an inside job things might have turned out differently. But what did happen is that the two town boards put their heads together and chose the best candidate for the job, not based on popularity, not based on favorites, based solely on the merits of each applicant, and at the end of the day Rau was determined to be the better choice.

Not everything is a conspiracy, and while suspicions by some suggest otherwise, this was truly a cut and dry case of one candidate outdoing another. Rau knew another opportunity was coming and spent the last four months proving how badly she wanted this job. The boards made the right choice.



Pictured are Norwood Housing Authority Executive Director Stephen Merritt and Washinton Heights residents Cheryl Thomashay, Paul Rais, Kristy Lorenzetti and Samantha Rais. The residents will benefit from their share of a \$987,600 Community Development Block Grant, which will assist with long overdue repairs in the neighborhood.

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pitching in too.

Merritt said the housing authority was putting in \$200,000, while the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority has contributed an Inflow and Infiltration Grant of \$287,490. The town will also receive \$88,519 from Chapter 90 funds, which are distributed to municipalities annually for roadway repairs. Norwood's engineering department has also offered to provide all design and engineering services, which contributes another \$106,817 to the project.

"There's cracked pipes, leaks and sewer blockages," Costello said. "It's a mess out there."

According to Merritt, the proposed repairs will immediately increase the water pressure to each home, will eliminate lead contamination and will separate the storm water drainage system from the sewer system.

Merritt said another huge repair the grant has made possible is the replacement, and in some cases creation, of sidewalks in the neighborhood.

"We have over 100 kids under 18 here. It's really a safety issue," he said, pointing out the total lack of curbstones and numerous cracked pavement and potholes on Jefferson Drive. The grant will also provide for handicap accessible sidewalk ramps for the community's disabled residents.

The remaining money will be used in conjunction with the state's Housing Rehabilitation program, which pro-

vides qualified applicants with deferred payment loans for homeowners and investors. The money is also available to current homeowners and renters to make necessary repairs to their property, including lead paint and asbestos removal and weatherization improvements.

Costello said assistance is given on a first come first served or emergency basis.

Merritt and the housing authority submitted the Washington Heights project to the state last year, but was not awarded any money through the Community Development fund. But Merritt said the collaborative nature of the funding this year would ensure that the whole project gets done, and all the issues are addressed.

"This is a community, and we try to take care of it as much as we can, but we can't do it alone," he said. "It's not typical in that it's really a collaboration. Otherwise we would be on a list for town money and we wouldn't be able to do this comprehensively. Now we're able to access funds that weren't available to us before."

Merritt said he hopes to have an organizational meeting in mid-August and put the work out to bid in early fall.

"We're going to be making some repairs that are going to make a difference," he said. "We're really improving the quality of life here."

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Letters to the Editor

FORD THE BETTER CHOICE?

It is a shame that the people's choice, David Ford, was recently denied a seat on the school committee. Meeting in a joint session last week, the board of selectmen and the School Committee seemed to overlook the expe-

rience and qualifications for Mr. Ford, who has young children in the Norwood school system and received more votes in the April election than the newly appointed member.

It is apparent that Mr. Ford was deemed too independent and too fiscally conservative by our town officials. Fortunately,

in about six months another campaign season begin, at which time the people will have a say in who represents them on the school committee. Hopefully, Mr. Ford will throw his hat in the ring.

James Cartwright

Correction

Last week's article "Supreme Courts Uphold Gun Laws" should have clarified that there are specific laws pertaining to handgun ownership in Massachusetts. It should also be noted that the town of Norwood does not require psychological evaluations as a requirement for obtaining a license.

According to Police Chief Bart King, the Norwood Police Department conducts a background check to determine if an applicant has ever been institutionalized or has ever received treatment for mental illness, as well as checking past criminal activity.

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Dancing on thin air?

Boards worried about floating floor at senior center

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

The new addition to the Norwood Senior Center may only be a few months old, but members of some local boards are concerned with the number of repairs already being done to the building.

During last Wednesday's Permanent Building Construction Committee meeting, member Ted Callahan addressed a number of potential issues that needed to be addressed in the Senior Center's addition, which officially opened in May.

"The good news is we're close to wrapping things up," Callahan said.

But the bad news is that the air conditioning unit was out of service during the hottest days of the summer, a malfunction that caused the new flooring to buckle significantly, rendering the room unusable.

Callahan said the expansion joints in the floor have since been fixed, but Finance Commission member Alan Howard says the real problem is the type of floor that was installed.

"I guarantee this floor will have to be replaced," he said, noting that a hardwood floor should have been installed in the first place.

The function room in the new addition has a floating floor, which is a type of flooring that can be placed over an existing floor by attaching large sections of wood or laminate tile together. The sections do not need to be glued or nailed down to stay in place.

Floating floors are generally less expensive and easier to install than hardwood flooring, and create a light, bouncing feeling that is often used to enhance dancing or exercise. Floating floors also require a certain amount of space around the perimeter of the room to allow the sections to expand and contract since they are not permanently fastened in place.

Callahan said the contractor did not leave enough room to allow for the slight movement, and the buildup of moisture in the room during the high temperatures caused the buckling.

"It's like walking on sponges in there," said FinCom member John Hayes. "You don't put that kind of flooring down in a big space like that."

Senior Center Executive Director Dorothy Vitale said the contractors were in late last week to fix the problem, and that the room is now currently in use.

"We wouldn't let people use the room if it wasn't safe," she said.

According to Vitale, the room was only closed for one day.

But Howard still insists that the floating floor was the wrong choice for the function room, and that it will end up needing constant repairs.

"It may have been cheaper to put in, but it's going to end up

costing more if they keep having to come in here and fix it up," he said.

At the PBCC meeting, Callahan said that some of the expansion joints had been fixed, but that the remaining work could take up to three weeks.

"The dance floor is one of the main reasons that justified building the addition to the senior center," Fin Com member Alan Slater said. "As a town meeting member that bothers me very much."

Brad Cole contributed to this article

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Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper said the town has tried, unsuccessfully to sell the land three times.

"There are some things that need to be unraveled there," he said, and recommended the board seek a recommendation from Town Manager John Carroll on how best to proceed.

But Plasko maintained that addressing the issue didn't bind the board to anything, and said he wanted to see the town explore any leads if only for the sake of information.

"That land is sitting there doing nothing," he said, "but if there's interest there the town should pursue it. We have a timely contract from an individual and we should make some initial inquiries into it. Let's find out what their intent is and what kind of numbers they're looking at."

According to the Selectmen, there have been other individuals and organizations that have expressed their interest in purchasing the land before, including the YMCA.

Town Meeting members voted in 2005 to allow the town to enter into a long-term lease with the Y to build a facility on

the privately owned land, but the deal fell apart when the non-profit organization could not secure a donor to fund the project.

McQuaid said he would like the YMCA to be notified that the land was being considered for sale again in an attempt to either revitalize or formally rule out the possibility of them purchasing the land.

"Maybe we could get some finality to the issue or formally put that back into play," he said.

Donohue agreed that executives from the Y should be notified that the board was again discussing that particular parcel of land to make sure they had every opportunity to make their case if they were inclined.

"Those people have put so much time and so much heart and soul into this, and I would like to give them a chance," she said.

Plasko said he felt the board gave the YMCA ample time to take advantage of the offer to buy the land, and that they were clearly not interested in the project anymore.

"We offered them an extension and we gave them time and they didn't do a thing," he said.

Board member Jerry Kelleher agreed that representatives from the Y had plenty of time to make progress, but said he also wanted to make sure they knew that discussions had started again.

"I would like to force the issue on the YMCA," he said. "The town took ten and a half acres off the market for them and we haven't received any correspondence whatsoever. I'd like to let them know we're talking about it again and at least see something back on YMCA letterhead."

"If we get an offer or something that may make us reconsider, we need to look into it either way," said Chairman Mike Lyons.

The last update from the YMCA came in the form of a letter to the editor written by Executive Director John Ferrell in June of 2007.

The board agreed to send word to the YMCA and further explore the possibility of selling the land to the interested buyer, who was not named in open session.

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Model School

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five other schools in anticipation of a new Norwood High School, even before the MSBA introduced the model school plan, but Kief says they aren't sticking to one model yet.

"It's not that we're accepting one particular school," he said, "but we're looking at all the aspects of all these different schools to try and determine what might work best for Norwood."

Kief said the group generally believed that the Whitman/Hanson model could be applied to Norwood with some modifications to reflect the unique personality of the school system and would help foster and support the current strengths of the high school while also accommodating it's future students.

"We're thinking outside the box, and we see a lot of positive situations," he said.

Interim Superintendent John Moretti said he has scheduled two more visits to Whitman/Hanson on Aug.5 and Aug. 7, and said he would send personal invitations to local town officials, school administrators and members of the press.

"We want to create a qualitative and quantitative analysis of what's best for Norwood as it pertains to the model school

program," he said.

Moretti said his goal was to have a document back to the working group endorsing the program before the MSBA's next meeting on Aug.8, where they are expected to formally adopt the model school program in practice as well as in theory.

The working group will also create their own website, which will be updated regularly to include pertinent information on their progress for the public. Kief said they also plan to offer virtual tours of the model school of choice after it is determined by the MSBA and accepted by the town.

Kief stressed that the process to build a new custom or model school needs to be open to the public, and that the working group will be meeting weekly as well as holding one open meeting per month, and encouraged community involvement and feedback.

"Change is always difficult," he said, "but the concept seems solid. I'm confident that in the end we'll all look back and say, 'Wow, that really was a good idea.'"

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Sports

A WILD FINISH!

Norwood knocked out by Westport in series finale



Anthony Verrochi delivered a game-tying double in the fourth to power a Norwood rally.

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Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

Omigosh, where do you start with this one? If you just blinked, you were bound to miss something in Monday night's wacky American Legion South Sectional playoff game between Norwood Post 70 and Westport Post 145. About the only thing missing was more bad weather, which was fortunate since the last three scheduled postseason games at Pete Wall Field were postponed due to rain.

If you're old enough, you may remember the Red Sox made good after three days of October rain in Boston in 1975. What followed was one of the greatest games in World Series history, a 7-6 epic win by the Sox over the Cincinnati Reds to tie the series at three games apiece. The Reds were crowned champions after winning Game 7 the next day, but Game 6 at Fenway Park will forever be etched in baseball lore.

Norwood (17-10) wasn't as fortunate as the Sox were in Game 6, but its 9-8 elimination loss to Westport in Game 2 of their best-of-three series will surely go down as one of the more memorable games this town has seen in a long time. With the win, Post 145 (22-5-1) advanced to the State Final 8, while Norwood finished knowing it gave every breath it had until the final out was made amid a wild double play that squelched a furious ninth-inning rally.

"I'll be thinking about this one for awhile," Norwood head coach Paul Samargedlis said. "We beat them two years ago and they got us this time...It was a strange game."

Trailing 9-5 with one out, Post 70 was awarded four straight walks, the last of which forced in the sixth run as Norwood cut the lead to three. An RBI single to center by Joe Trahon followed by a wild pitch made it 9-8 with runners at second and third. On the ensuing grounder to short, Danny Noonan cut down the lead runner with a strong throw to the plate, and then the batter was caught off first base for the fi-

nal out in a bizarre finish.

"I think there was a dust up at the plate, and the (batter) thought time was out," said Samargedlis. "He thought time was out, he thought there was a fight at the plate."

It was a wild finish to a wild game that saw a pair of two-run leads evaporate for Post 70.

"Everything they got today we gave them," said Samargedlis. "We're up 2-0, we make three errors (that cost us) three unearned runs. (Then) we're up 5-3..."

Samargedlis was momentarily interrupted amid congratulating his players for another season well done, but he no doubt was going to point out another miscue that cut Norwood's lead to 5-4 in the top of the seventh.

Both starting hurlers — Chris Foley for Norwood, Corey Batista for Westport — had their share of shining and rocky moments.

Batista got out of some trouble in the first inning with some help from catcher Ethan Goncalo, who threw out Sean Keady trying to steal second, after he singled to center with one out. After surrendering a walk to Alex Lidoni and a hit to right by Brian Williams, Batista got Pat Eckhardt to ground to second.

Foley was even more impressive in the second after starting the frame a little shaky, allowing a single to Noonan and a deep double to center by Tryce Garrant. The right-hander struck out the next three hitters, the last two with a fast ball on the outside corner that caught Goncalo looking and a low breaking pitch that had Tyler White chasing.

Norwood took a 2-0 lead in the bottom half of the inning. Walks to Sennott, Trahon, and Kyle McCabe loaded the bases with one out. Anthony Verrochi drove in the first run on a grounder to short, and a wild pitch plated Trahon.

The top of the third started quietly, but ended in disaster for Post 70, thanks in part to a bunch of geese that got in the

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Legion

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way of Verrochi in center, while Noonan's hit dropped for a double to tie the game. Westport took advantage of two errors to score its first run after the first two batters were retired on a groundout and strikeout. A third infield miscue allowed Post 145 to take its first lead, 3-2.

In similar fashion, the bottom of the fourth began innocently for Post 145. Batista got Jesse Shaughnessy on a check-swinging liner to second and Trahon looking at strike three on the outside corner. However, a walk and a stolen base by McCabe set the stage for Verrochi, who roped a double over the centerfielder's head to tie the game at 3-3.

Norwood rallied again in the fifth. With one out, Williams singled sharply up the middle. After another out, Sennott drilled a double to right scoring Williams, who hustled all the way from first to give Post 70 a 4-3 lead. Sennott advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored when the catcher's throw landed in left field.

A stunning relief effort by southpaw Joe Santisi got Norwood out of a big jam in the sixth after Westport got to Foley for three walks with one out. On a beautiful move to first, Santisi picked off the runner for the second out. Then, after a issuing a free pass, he got Mark Barresi to ground to third.

"That was part of our game plan. We bring him in to shut something down," said Samargedlis.

A run-scoring single by

Shane Viveiros in the seventh cut the deficit to 5-4, after Norwood helped the cause with a two-base error.

Post 70 threatened in their half, but couldn't score after Williams reached on a miscue and Eckhardt lined a single to right center to make it second and third. Batista struck out sluggers Sennott and Shaughnessy, before getting Trahon on a groundout.

Westport tied it again in the eighth after Santisi was brilliant in pulling the string to get Barresi swinging for the second out. Chris Rosa followed with an RBI single to right scoring White, who had walked and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Marc Leandro. But Garrant, who also drew a free pass, was thrown out trying for third by catcher Shaughnessy.

Post 145 scored four runs in the ninth to seemingly put the game away. Noonan doubled and Batista walked, before Ed Rydzewski took the ball from Santini.

A double to right center by Viveiros gave the lead back to Westport, and two walks — one intentional — forced in another run. A two-run single by Leandro extended the lead to 9-5.

Reliever Pat Hickey stopped the bleeding with a fly out and strikeout, and then Keady made a strong throw to nail the runner at the plate on a hit by Rosa.

Viveiros, who pitched a perfect eighth in relief of Batista, got into trouble in the bottom half after retiring the first batter on a groundout to second. He walked Williams, Eckhardt,

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Sennott, and Shaughnessy to force in a run. Trahon's single and a wild pitch scored two more as Norwood inched closer

before the double play abruptly ended another super campaign.

"I knew my guys wouldn't quit," said Samargedlis. "I

knew if we could get the tying run to the plate, we had a shot. It just wasn't meant to be."



Norwood hurler Chris Foley got out of a tough second inning jam, striking out the side.

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It was a big thumbs-up for Norwood Post 70 with a 5-3 lead in the fifth.

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It was a long night for Post 70 batboy and Little League pitcher Jovan Gomes.

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Weekly Property Transactions

BUYER	SELLER	ADDRESS	PRICE
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FNMA	Haghayegh, Arash	315 Neponset St #59	\$164,961
Soares, James C	Mclaughlin, Dianne M	428 Prospect St	\$315,000
US Bk	Gagliard, Kathleen	51 Ellis Ave	\$319,480
Coffey, Kevin	Daniels, Richard	4 Meadow St	\$325,000
Caravello, Jean V	Nunez, Alfredo	9 Kent Rd	\$450,000
FHLM	Partello, Geraldine	21 Saint George Ave	\$454,597
47 Central Street RT	Norwood Central RT	47 Central St	\$565,000
Saia, Dora M	Wall Street Dev Corp	7 Talbot Farm Rd	\$840,000
Jon Barry Worldwide LLC	Carnegie Row RT	201 Carnegie Row	\$1,251,650

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NHS Hall of Fame announces new inductees

The Norwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will honor a new class of four individuals, one special couple, and one team on Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Norwood Elks from noon to 3 p.m.

The 2008 inductees are Joe Conti, Sr. '46, Ton Grinavac '59, Charlie Donahue, Jr., '61,

Larry Brown '75, Danielle Chaisson '94, Joe '48 and Betty Curran '50, and the 1977 Super Bowl champion football team.

The event will include a delicious buffet-style dinner and presentation of the Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2008.

The 2008 Class will join

last year's class of John Poce '49, Phil DeRose '61, Richie Hebner '66, Peter Brown '72, Tom Mahan '74, Mike Wall '87, Ed Rios '88, Alison Dixon '97, the 1982 wrestling team, and the 1984 field hockey team.

For more information, call Brian McDonough, athletic director, (781) 440-5920.

Police Logs

07/22/2008 - Tuesday
 0739 phone - Animal complaint services rendered Location/address: 1032 Washington St., 2. Caller reports stray cat got into her apartment and she can't get him out. N665,naco responded. Caller called back to say it belonged to neighbor who came and retrieved. NACO notified.
 1126 phone - Animal complaint services rendered Location/address: 12 Weld Ave Resident is in her car and a pit bull is walking around the area who has charged her before. NACO responds with Off. Harkins. Owner came out for dog, matter resolved. NACO Given address of dog owner.
 1427 phone - Violation of town bylaw services rendered Location/address: 566 Washington St @ 220 Nahatan St. Kids on the common skating. Officer Brown located the youths And advised them of the town

policy and they are leaving.
 1447 phone - Fraud. Location/address: 182 Dean St Lost wallet . Off Harkins will file a report.
 1714 phone - Assaults. Arrest(s) made. Location/address: 120 Pleasant St. Report two males fighting. Units to home, other unit to area to search for one subejct that left. 1732-n670 views subject in house at a window, all units sent back, enter home and N662 places subject under arrest and transports back to station. Arrest: Decosta, Anthony F Address: 120 Pleasant St Norwood, MA Dob: 04/21/1987 Charges: A&B
 1758 walk-in - Vandalism. Location/address: Norwood Central MBTASTation - Broadway St. Caller reported his vehicle was keyed.
 2022 phone - Vandalism. Location/address: Norwood Central MBTASTation - Broadway St Caller reported pc ma 974scb keyed.

2208 radio - Trespassing. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. N669 (while on another assignment) received information of possible trespasser in E.R. Dispatch check-no letter of disinvite on file, n661 reports son who is w/ father will take him to another hospital; n417 gave verbal warning of disinvite.
07/23/2008 - Wednesday
 0113 initiated - Susp activity Arrest(s) made. Location/address: Stonebridge Apts - Dean St. N665 reports off speaking with three individuals in parking lot. As a result of B&E to Ma. Reg#95pb40, n665 returned with three under arrest. Juvenile arrest Age: 15 Charges: B&E vehicle/boat, nighttime felony. Juvenile arrest, age 14. Charges: B&E vehicle/boat, nighttime. Felony Arrest: Saliva, Ernesto III. Address: 556 Metropolitan Ave., Hyde Park,

MA DOB: 08/12/1988. Charges: B&E vehicle/boat, nighttime, felony.
 0145 911 - Missing person. Location/address: 9 Anne Rd. Cori O'Reilly reported missing by father. (Bolo to cars for 16year-old, white male, 5'8, 160 pounds, brown hair, green eyes, last seen at 3:30 p.m. wearing shorts and dark t-shirt). N662 responded and then checked with his friends and traced last cell call made with Verizon. Entered into LEAPS.
 0804 phone - Noise complaint. Spoken to. Location/address: 8 Douglas Ave. Caller reports large pizza delivery truck idles everyday for

more than 30 minutes and wakes up the neighbors. Officer spoke to driver and advised of noise violation. Driver will not do it again.
 1342 phone - Animal complaint. Services rendered. Location/address: Ground Round - 475 Bos-Prov Highway. Caller reports a couple of dogs running loose on Route 1. Dogs corralled at Jaguar dealer and belong to the owner of Jaguar. Officer spoke to him.
 1409 walk-in - Susp activity. Location/address: 51 First St.

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Deaths

BYRNE
 Paul E. of Norwood, July 22, age 52. Beloved husband of Betty Lou (Woodall). Devoted father of Paul E. Byrne, Jr. and wife Erinn of Norfolk, Erin E. Byrne and Jessica A. Byrne, both of Norwood. Also survived by one grandchild Paul E. Byrne, III. Loving son of the late Edward and Ruth (Boyle) Byrne. Brother of John Byrne and his wife Janet, Edward

Byrne and Ann Marie Kintz. Also survived by many loving brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and several loving nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home.
RE
 John E. of Dedham, July 21, 2008. Beloved husband of Simone (Drecq) Re for 63 years. Devoted Father of John Re and his wife Heather of

Falmouth, Joanne Re and her husband Andrew Sedensky of Hanson, Daniel Re of Hanson, Marion Broderick of Norwood and Paul Re of North Attleboro. Grandfather of Larissa, Erin, Travis, Jill, Adam, Brittany and Ben. Great-grandfather of Mya. Brother of Janet Re of Dedham, Vera Ashcraft of Brighton and the late Francis and Joseph Re.

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TOASTMASTERS CLUB

The Norwood Toastmasters Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Emerald Court Nursing Home, 460 Washington St. Visitors are welcome. Contact Mary McNamara-Cullinane, (508) 850-0077, or email marymc5@msn.com.

MORSE HOUSE TOURS

The George H. Morse Meeting House, Museum and Education Center will be open for guided tours on Aug. 10. All tour are from 1-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

DOG LICENSES

The 2008 dog licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's office in Norwood. All dogs three months and older must be licensed. Licenses are issued on a calendar basis, Jan.1 through Dec.31. Fees are \$13 for both male and female dogs, \$9 for spayed female and neutered; a certificate must be shown. A rabies certificate must also be shown.

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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Norwood Food pantry is in need of volunteers, adult and students who can contribute one Saturday morning a month. A driver to deliver breads to the Pine Street Inn one Saturday a month is also needed. For more information, contact Debra Sheehan at (781) 769-5650.

FOOD PANTRY DROP-OFF

Food Pantry drop-off hours have changed to their original times Thursday mornings. Food may be dropped off at the pantry at Grace Episcopal Church, 150 Chapel St. between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Donations may also be dropped off Saturdays between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Food may be dropped off any time at the Morrill Memorial Library.

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terested, call Karen Gillis at (781) 769-5354, ext.262 for registration information or a tour of school.

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Summer means more than vacation for students in Norwood's awards-winning music programs. The annual music camp begins on Aug. 17 for a week of practice and fun. More than 80 students will travel to Camp Tapawingo in Southern Maine along with teachers, adult chaperones and staff. Norwood students in eighth grade or above are eligible to attend music camp. School music groups include the Marching Band, Color Guard, String Orchestra, Madrigal Singers, and other choral ensembles. To learn more about Norwood's music camp, visit www.norwoodpma.org/camp.html or contact coordinator Dotty Cronan at (781) 762-0381.

NORWOOD ALUMNI CHOIR

The Norwood Alumni Choir has announced two upcoming summer concerts. The performances will be on Friday, August 1, both at 7:30 p.m., at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Berwick Street in Norwood. The group is comprised of Norwood High School Madrigal Choir Alumni. The singers will perform a 45 minute mixed program including Franz Biebl's "Ave Maria", popular madrigals, as well as a medley from the musical "Les Miserables." The 6th Annual Alumni Choir is conducted by Mrs.

Catherine Connor-Moen, Fine Arts Director of Norwood. Both concerts are free and open to the public. Donations are welcome and much appreciated. For more information, call (781) 762-1980.

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

In August, the Morrill Memorial Library is offering three craft workshops on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. On Thursday, Aug. 7, Marty Khudairi will conduct a class making a pair of earrings from semi-precious stones. This class is limited to 12 people and there is a materials fee of \$14 to be brought to the class. On Thursday, Aug. 14, Marj Corjay will conduct a stenciling class — stencil your own tote bag! Marj Corjay is a very accomplished cross stitcher as well as other creative crafts. This class is limited to 15 people. Materials are free. On Thursday, Aug. 21, Marty Khudairi will conduct a class on making a hand-knotted freshwater pearl necklace. Marty is an experienced jewelry maker, conducts classes, workshops and demonstrations. This class is limited to 12 people and there is a materials fee of \$14 to be brought to the class. The library is air conditioned. The programs are free other than the materials. Registration is necessary for all these programs. Please call (781) 769-0200, ext. 223, or stop in at the Reference Desk to register.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Are you looking to reach new heights of fun this summer? Then you'll

want to head to Emmanuel Lutheran Church for a canopy of adventures at Rainforest Adventure! This exciting vacation Bible school is for everyone between the ages of 4 and Grade 4. The fun begins on August 4 and continues through Aug. 8. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The church is located at 24 Berwick St. in Norwood. At Rainforest Adventure you'll hear stories about Jesus, make cool crafts, learn catchy rainforest tunes, play super fun games, do some zany skits, and make lots of new friends! Each day offers a new Bible story to explore through loads of fun activities. For more information, or to register for VBS, call the church office at (781) 762-9457. Don't delay! Register today! See you at Rainforest Adventure!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

August brings back The Tom Nutile Big Band on the 3rd followed by Ray Leach & The Suburbanaires Big Band on the 10th. The Olde Kids on the Block takes to the gazebo on the 17th, followed by the Boston City Band on the 24th. The 2008 series concludes with a finale on Aug. 31 featuring the South Shore Circus Concert Band. All performances are 7-9 p.m. at the Walter J. Dempsey Bandstand on the Norwood Town Common rain or shine. Please bring your own seating. For more information, call the Norwood Town Hall at (781) 762-1240.

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Hannah Haskell reports being followed occasionally all over town. She is spooked by incident.

1434 Radio - Report of fight Complaint/summons. Location/address: 1188 Washington St @ 3 St. George Ave. Report of a fight with a knife. Units sent. As a result of this call, complaint issued for A&B. Summons: Lenane, Michael Address: 39 Kendall St., 1, Quincy, MA Dob: 05/18/1981. Charges: a&b

1628 phone - Suicide /or threat. Complaint/summons. Location/address: 55 David Terrace, #33. Subject bailed from released from court in afternoon has returned to her apartment and wants to harm herself with a knife. Bolo broadcast to cars. Officers searched apartment and surrounding area. Party not found. BOLO and teletype broadcast to surrounding communities for Underhill, Siobhan. State police to assist with K-9. Westwood reported female in custody. Took custody of party at the Budget Inn, Westwood. Returning with party under arrest. Arrest: Underhill, Siobhan Address: 55 David Terrace, #33, Norwood, MA Dob: 09/21/1965 Charges: abuse prevention order, violate

1917 cellular - Susp. vehicle. Complaint/summons. Location/address: Upland Rd. Passing motorist reports vehicle parked on MBTA right-of-way across from Polaroid entranceway. Male took some type of tub/container out of same. Summons: Duquette, Steven R. Address: 252 Central St., Foxborough, MA. Dob: 10/27/1975. Charges: larceny under \$250, railroad track, walk/ride

on. 07/24/2008 - Thursday 0221 phone - Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: 87 Monroe St. Two calls reporting neighbors at #87 Monroe are in garage playing loud music. Spoken to and advised. Ceased for the night.

1057 phone - Susp activity. Services rendered. Location/address: 41 Walnut Ave Postal employee reports he is with the resident outside and she said a man is in the house. Off. Brown responds. Subject inside is known to her, language issue caused some confusion.

1748 initiated - Road hazard. Services Rendered. Location/address: 134 Walpole St. @ 140 Walnut Ave. Officer reported lights flashing at intersection. DPW notified. No immediate hazard. Bell traffic signal called back and stated it will take two days to repair traffic light. Light will remain on flash until repairs are made.

2010 walk-in - Larceny. Location/address: Norwood Civic Center - 165 Nahatan St. Person in station reporting stolen wallet.

2325 initiated - Vandalism. Location/address: Prescott School - 66 Richland Rd. Officer reported fresh tire marks in the grass near the baseball field.

07/25/2008 - Friday 0126 initiated - Vandalism. Location/address: Norwood Jr. High North - 275 Prospect St. N664 reports graffiti by door #6.

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0849 walk-in - Vandalism. Location/address: Norwood Central MBTA Station - Broadway St. Vandalism to MV while parked in lot.

0904 phone - Vandalism. Location/address: 1080 Pleasant St. Report of vandalism to Bobcat parked in lot.

0938 phone - Report of fire. Location/address: 321 Nichols St. Lt. McDonough reports smoke coming from manhole cover. Numerous calls

for others and exploding covers as well. Flames coming from across 336 Nichols St. Woman at 20 Downing St. reports her house is shaking. All ELD detail officers relocated to Nichols St. NFD and ELD seem to have handle on situation.

1125 phone - Assist citizen. Spoken to. Location/address: No Name Enterprises Inc. 64 Broadway St. Hillary Paul reports problem with No Name Enterprise. They will not leave

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her car unlocked with keys in it as she has requested. (liability issue). Advised that issue is civil, but, dispatch made a call and matter should be resolved. They will lock car and leave it out overnight. Ms. Paul will pick it up in the morning.

1328 phone - Location/address: Boch Toyota - 277 Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports his wife was going to finance a vehicle at Boch Toyota, but changed her mind. She had already placed some money down for the finance, and she was told the money Could not be given back to her at that time. Officers spoke to the

woman, and Boch employees to settle the finances. Parties agreed to resolve it.

2150 radio - Warrant arrest Arrest(s) made. Location/address: Rama Shopping Center - 884 Washington St. Officers initiate stop of Kieran O'Neill behind Rama Center. Individual had two warrants, both printed and in hand. Arrest: O'Neill, Kieran F. Address: 15 Allen Rd., Norwood, MA Dob: 07/16/1965 Charges: warrant arrest, drug possession Class B.

2155 911 - Assaults, protective custody. Location/address: 26 Alandale Pkwy. Offs. Respond to 26 Alandale Pkwy for a report of an assault that took place. The caller was slurring his speech, and stated his son in law pushed him to the ground and threatened him. As a result the caller was placed in protective custody. P/C: Keaney, John S Address: 26 Alandale Pkwy Norwood, MA Dob: 08/19/1947 Charges: protective custody

07/26/2008 - Saturday
0051 phone - Kids gathering,

group moved Location/address: Prescott School - 66 Richland Rd. Caller reports group of loud kids playing on basketball Court at Prescott School. Spoken to and sent on their way.

0443 911 - Susp. person, protective custody. Location/address: 371 Washington St., #26. Caller again reports someone banging on his door. As a result, returned with one in Protective Custody arrest: Nolan, Joseph P. Address: 3 Old Manchester Rd., Derry, NH. Dob: 01/07/1989 Charges: protective custody

1016 911 - Civil dispute, civil matter. Location/address: 45 Dean St. Caller reports verbal altercation with contractor is afraid it may become more than verbal. Contractor was gone on arrival and n667 spoke with caller and advised. Civil matter.

1046 walk-in - Fraud. Location/address: 151 Railroad Ave. Resident reporting fraud with her bank/ credit card Accounts.

1159 phone - Hit and run. Location: White Hen caller reports her car had been struck in the rear and then fled. Vehicle comes back to Westwood resident. N664 responded to victim. Westwood P.D. Notified operator is wanted for questioning. N664 Filing complaint app. against owner and driver. Officer spoke with owner of vehicle. Summons: Dos Santos, Bruno M. Address: 317 Washington St. #2 Westwood, MA. Dob: 12/21/1984 Charges: leave scene of property damage, unlicensed operation of mv

1421 phone - Road hazard, state DPW/Norwood DPW. Calls Coming in from Devon Rd, Norwich and Westover all reporting no Water pressure and dark brown water. Water dept. and DPW responding. Road is temporarily closed on Westover Parkway

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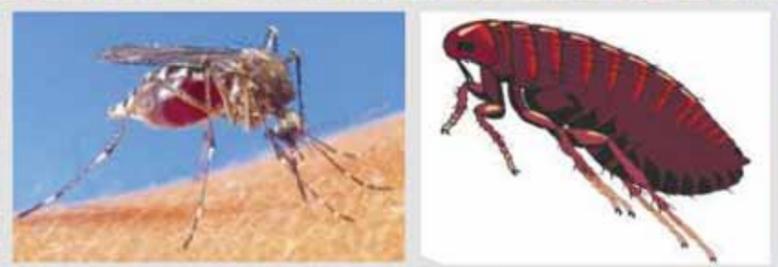
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