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Olivia Dyckes serves Liz Kelly at the Balch Elementary School PTO's Italian dinner for the fifth-grade class last Friday. The annual event supports end-of-the-year activities for the graduating fifth-graders, including their yearbook, party and field trip.

Audrey Scrafati and Alexis Mack serve up a tray of goodies at the event.

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'He was a favorite son in his hometown'

Martin remembered as star Norwood pitcher

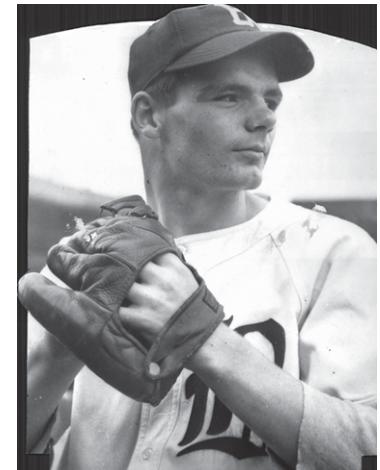
Scott MacKeen

Staff Reporter

"Norwood was clearly a good place to grow up if you liked to play ball, and Martin was one of the best in town," biographer Jim Gormley recalls of Ray Martin in an article written for the Society of American Baseball Research.

Martin, who pitched for three years in the majors for the Boston Braves and on one remarkable day in the summer of 1943 put out both Babe Ruth and Ted Williams, died March 7 at the Charlwell House in Norwood. He was 87.

Born and raised in Norwood, Martin honed his craft as a hard-throwing right-handed pitcher playing pickup games on the field across from his house known as White Mike's, so named for its owner, white-haired Mike Curran. Another Norwood native named Richie Hebner, who would go on to play 18 years in the majors and



Ray Martin

started at third base for the 1971 World Series-champion Pittsburgh Pirates, learned the game on that same field.

Martin, whose father was a house painter and later a Charlestown Navy Yard night

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Neighbors seek public involvement with asphalt plant

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

A lengthy battle between town officials and neighbors on one side and a local business on the other appears to be resurfacing.

A group of Norwood residents recently filed a petition with the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to designate the Norfolk

Asphalt plant on Pleasant Street as a so-called Public Involvement Plan (PIP) site.

The petition comes following findings that include the release of certain chemical compounds and/or hazardous materials including cyanide at the plant, located at 601-635 Pleasant St.

The findings led the DEP to classify Norfolk Asphalt a Tier II disposal site back in January,

triggering automatic public reporting requirements from the company.

Todd Gundlach, who was a member of the original Stop Norwood Asphalt Plant campaign that formed when company owner Gerald Lorusso first proposed to reactivate the Norwood site in 2007, said he submitted the petition with a group of other neighbors after learning of the findings and

Tier II classification.

"We have every right to petition the DEP based on fact that this property went from a Tier III to a Tier II [site], and that's what we're doing," said Gundlach earlier this week. "They have to get the public involved, so this is just the first step."

Gundlach said the 14 petitioners were notified by the DEP of a meeting that will be

held at the former Basic Supply building at 601 Pleasant St. on Thursday, March 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., which is open to the public.

While the Selectmen approved Norfolk Asphalt's proposal to expand its on-site liquid asphalt and fuel-oil storage capacity to 35,000 gallons early last year, and a few months later

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Beautiful Memorial Hall was filled to capacity with friends, family, and Townspeople as Anthony Greeley took the public oath of office as our newly appointed Fire Chief. Town Manager John Carroll and his committee did a wonderful job in putting the event together. The NFD Color Guard started and ended the program with pomp and circumstance. The NFD Color Guard members were: Bill LeBlanc, Chris Griffin, Joe O'Malley, Dan Harkins, and Jack Farrell, with Bagpipes played by Mike Motta. Our National Anthem was sung by Firefighter Michael McDonough. After the very enjoyable program, a luncheon was served by the Old Colonial Café.

Our Town sends its congratulations to Fire Chief Greeley. Chief Greeley joined the NFD in 1985 and has proven himself to be extremely capable, professional, and very likeable by our Townspeople. Congratulations to the Chief, his wife, Melanie, and their children!

BE NOSY...IT'S NECESSARY

Our Town has had 19 house-



Jackie Saber

breaks since January, (along with surrounding towns.) Many of the housebreaks, often at the rear of the home, have occurred on weekends and between the hours of 4 and 9 p.m. Jewelry, laptops, and TV's are among the items stolen. You and I can do our part by being extremely vigilant. If you see anything out of the ordinary...someone walking to your neighbor's home, and you know they are not home, a person in an idling car for more than a few minutes...someone knocking on your door asking for directions, or for someone that doesn't live with you, or for any unusual reason, call the NPD. If you see anything at all that seems unusual, our Police Dep't is asking that you lend a hand in helping, even if you think that what you have to report might be trivial. The members of our NPD are working around the

clock in order to protect our residents and property, so let's help them by being a little NOSY! Please call the police at 781-440-5100. Remember, 911 is for an emergency.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The New England Dairy and Food Council has presented Jane McLucas, Food Service Director of the Norwood Public Schools, and Matt Ehrenworth, Principal of the Coakley Middle School, with a check for \$2,550. The grant money will help start a breakfast program at the school as many of the students arrive by 7:05 without eating breakfast. The program will highlight a 'smoothie machine' that will blend yogurt and fruits for the students in the morning. The program was started as part of National Nutrition Month. Director McLucas and Ehrenworth thank the New England Dairy and food Council for their support.

THANK YOU CAPTAIN
Captain George Geary has retired from the Norwood Fire Department. Captain Geary worked for the Town, the

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approved an additional 25,000-gallon liquid-asphalt tank, Gundlach said the information about hazardous materials was never mentioned during any of these hearings by either the

town or the asphalt plant.

He noted that the property has a long history of many different uses, and more tests should be done to determine what other contaminants may be left behind, and how it could impact the Neponset River nearby.

"It's really our effort to get the public more involved and to make sure Norfolk Asphalt adheres to all of the regulations," said Gundlach.

To evaluate the release of hazardous materials, Norfolk Asphalt was required to complete a Phase 1 Site Investigation, which was submitted to the DEP on January 18.

In a letter to the Selectmen dated February 5, Timothy Higgins, vice president of development for Plainville-based

Edgewood Development Company, said Norfolk Asphalt did not file the Phase 1 report as a result of releases or spills on the site, but as "normal progression" in compliance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP).

Higgins contends that Norfolk Asphalt "inherited this contamination" as a result of the site having been used for a "variety of industrial purposes since the mid 1800s."

"Most notable, a coal gasification plant operated on the property prior to 1909 until after 1915, and an ink factory operated from before 1909 until after 1966. The Phase 1 report identified contaminants in two specific areas on the site - exactly where those facilities operated in the past," Higgins wrote to Selectmen, adding that the company will continue to notify the town of future reporting with the DEP.

Meanwhile, the Selectmen have received numerous complaints of a strong asphalt odor emanating from the Norfolk Asphalt plant. At the time of the hearings last year, Selectmen and many neighbors raised concerns over quality-of-life issues, while Lorusso maintained that he took all complaints seriously.

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Geary honored for service

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

Selectman Allan Howard's friendship with George Geary goes back to when the two were young men and Howard was a lifeguard at Father Mac's Pool.

"I could see you were so hungry back then. You wanted to get into the Fire Department in the worst way," Howard said at Tuesday night's meeting, as Geary came before the board to say farewell following his announced retirement after 33 years serving the town of Norwood. "It just gives me so much pride to see you rise to this level. Congratulations and have a very long and happy retirement."

Geary joined the ranks of the Norwood Fire Department in 1980, and leaves the department after having worked his way up to the position of shift captain.

Amid much uncertainty in the chief position last year following Michael Howard's departure, Geary stepped up to the position of acting deputy chief, working under Acting Fire Chief Ronald Maggio to maintain some stability while the search for a permanent chief took place.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Lyons said he wanted to personally thank Geary for that.



George Geary was honored for his 33 year's of service to the Fire Department.

PHOTO BY SCOTT MACKEEN

"They have a lot to be proud of. You're a good man."

Current Fire Chief Anthony Greeley also thanked Geary, who he called "a great example to myself as a young firefighter" as to many others who joined the ranks during Geary's tenure.

"I credit his tireless work at the end to reset the sail," said Greeley, adding that Geary was also instrumental in the acquisition of a new ladder truck for the department.

Geary personally traveled to the ladder-truck manufacturing plant in Ocala, Fla., earlier this year to meet with the engineers who will assemble the new Ladder 1 truck.

As for Geary himself, with his wife of 38 years Gail by his side, it was somewhat difficult to find the words to sum up his career.

"I appreciate working for the town all these years. It's the job I always wanted," he said,

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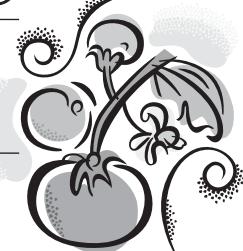
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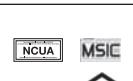
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OPINION

MAYBE NOW THEY FEEL OUR PAIN

We fully expect that your eyelids will get heavy at the mere mention of the "sequester," the across-the-board federal budget cuts that have dominated Washington politics. So, we'll make our point with something that assuredly will catch your attention: potholes.

This is the season where every trip becomes an obstacle course for your car, as the ravages of winter rip apart the asphalt. We cynically wonder which Massachusetts communities, or perhaps even state road crews, will blame unfixed potholes this spring on the sequester. Our bet is that someone will give that particular defense the old college try.

We have mixed emotions about the federal cuts (although we are quite happy to demand a pox on both Republican and Democrat houses for their incompetence) and what the true impact will be. Is this forced belt-tightening necessary and good, or ultimately a very avoidable recessionary trigger? Time will tell. What we fear will happen, and must not, is that every failure of state and municipal governments will be accompanied by a shrug and shifting blame onto the federal cuts. That's where our hypothetical, but not unlikely, pothole scenario comes in. The sequester offers an easy way to dodge responsibility for local failings.

We can almost see it now. As the federal money spigot closes, local politicians will be all-too-happy to pass the buck (not literally in this case, of course). Get ready to see the Governor's proposed income tax increase spun in light of lessened federal support and cut programs. Cities and towns will have a scapegoat as they defend their own spending priorities. The MBTA, already pushing for yet another fare increase, will add sequester talk as a garnish to its ongoing complaints over the Big Dig debt it shoulders.

Yes, there will be some legitimate ways that the shenanigans in Washington will pare back local services. Our officials should feel free to sulk and moan in private. What we won't be able to stomach is exaggeration and creating doomsday scenarios that, quite simply, are not real. In Washington, Republicans may indeed be understanding the affects of the sequester, but surely Democrats are overstating them, cherry picking popular causes and programs in the interest of rabble-rousing. All we really hope for is that

our local and state officials don't give into either of these temptations, that they are honest with us, and that they manage our tax dollars well, as they should in both good times and bad.

We have no envy of the city councilors and selectmen who try to do the best they can to deliver needed services to their constituents within a reasonable, fair budget. They do not have much margin of error to work with. But such is life for those of us trying to make our household budgets work and balance. Politicians want us to think, as Bill Clinton famously said, that they "feel our pain." Well, maybe these cuts will finally force them to face a dose of the forced frugality so many of us have had to bear in our households.

On an unrelated note, and perhaps one that's a bit self-congratulatory, we suggest that you seek out Warren Buffett's annual letter to his shareholders, which was released this week.

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Letters to the Editor

WOULD YOU RATHER BE FEARED THAN RESPECTED?

To the Editor:

Clearly, the Norwood Board of Selectmen are in fear of reading Patty Bailey's letter which would announce to the Town of Norwood that our officials refuse to identify critical issues apparent to residents, but invisible to town fathers.

This ongoing attitude elicits a lack of respect toward the Town of Norwood. In not reading Mrs. Bailey's letter during consecutive Tuesday night board meetings, it signals to Town Meeting Members that the contained information would evoke town wide communication of the damaging effects inherent in a South Norwood Coakley [rink] arena site.

That must be what the Board of Selectmen fear. Now, where's the respect?

*Regina J. Noonan
Norwood*

EVERYTHING IS BY THE BOOK

To the Editor:

As a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals of Norwood, it is not my practice to write to the media concerning matters pending before the Board. However, when inaccuracies appear in print, they need to be ad-

dressed in the interest of public understanding of proceeding involving local government agencies.

In the Opinion column of your March 14, 2013 edition, comment is made concerning the Application of Norwood Hospital to expand and change its facilities. Initially, reference is made to Mr. Steve Costello's involvement in the process. Knowing Steve as I do, I suspect that he would be puzzled, as I am by your rather odd reference to him as a "hero". He would tell you that he was just doing his job. Mr. Costello's opinion letter, unfortunately, did not arrive until subsequent to the main ZBA hearing. As a result, while the issue as to what parts of the Application should be heard by which board (ZBA or Planning Board) is still being considered, the probable result will be that the hospital will have to conduct what will essentially amount to a duplicate hearing before the Planning Board.

I take exception to the comment that the hospital was "skating through the process of getting everything approved by just securing variances from the Board of Appeals." First of all, no one "skates through the process" before the ZBA; everyone including opponents, appearing before us receives a full and fair hearing. Secondly, it is com-

pletely inaccurate to state that the hospital sought only variances. A cursory review of the public notice would have disclosed that the hospital also seeks relief by way of Special Permits and extension of a non-conforming structure.

A further comment suggests that traffic and parking will now receive a "proper vetting" obviously implying that, heretofore, it had not. In fact, a detailed survey done by the Applicant's traffic expert concluded that the roads surrounding the project were underutilized and the proposed additions would not have a significant impact. While nobody appeared before us to question either traffic or parking, the proposed parking garage does raise novel issues that remain unresolved.

Finally, your opinion, inexplicably, speaks of the hospital pursuing an approval process "outside of Norwood's zoning." Nothing could be further from the facts; they are acting pursuant to numerous provisions of the By-law as well as the state statute. The fact that some technical jurisdictional issues may exist as to which board will handle which aspects of the Application does not mean that the hospital is off on some tangent "outside of Norwood's zoning."

*Very truly yours,
Philip W. Riley
Norwood*

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before becoming emotional. "I wanted to leave on a high note."

Strong Chief back on table

In other Fire Department news, there will be an effort at the Annual Town Meeting to restore the so-called strong chief law, which Town Meeting voted to rescind back in

November.

Strong chief, a state law giving fire chiefs full administrative authority to run their department, had been in place in Norwood for 86 years before Town Meeting supported the Selectmen's view that the town manager should run the department despite the union's oppo-

sition.

At their meeting, the Selectmen accepted a citizens' petition for the Annual Town Meeting warrant proposing to restore strong chief. The petition included 20 signatures, several of which are from relatives of current firefighters.

Colorectal Screening Saves Lives

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), among cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. If everyone aged 50 or older had regular screening tests, as many as 60% of deaths from colorectal cancer could be prevented.

The Norwood Health Department wants Norwood residents to know colorectal cancer screening saves lives. Screening can find precancerous polyps, which are abnormal growths in the colon or rectum, so that they can be removed before turning to cancer. Screening also helps find colorectal cancer at an early stage, and when treatment often leads to a cure. According to the CDC, about nine out of every ten people whose

colorectal cancer is found early and treated are still alive five years later. "If you are aged 50 or older, or think you might be at higher than average risk for colorectal cancer, speak with your doctor about when and how often to get tested" explains Karen Regan, Norwood's Public Health Nurse.

The risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with advancing age. More than 90% of cases occur in people aged 50 and older, according to the CDC. Other risk factors include having inflammatory bowel disease, a personal or family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, or a genetic syndrome such as familial adenomatous polyposis or Lynch Syndrome.

Lifestyle factors may also contribute to increased risk of colorectal cancer. These include lack of regular physical activity,

low fruit and vegetable intake, a low-fiber and high-fat diet, overweight and obesity, alcohol consumption and tobacco use. "Talk to your doctor about lifestyle changes you could implement to reduce your risk of colorectal cancer," said Regan.

Colorectal polyps and colorectal cancer don't always cause symptoms, especially at first. According to the CDC, someone could have polyps or colorectal cancer and not know it. "That is why getting screened regularly is so important," explained Regan. If there are symptoms, they may include blood in your stool, stomach pain, aches or cramps that don't go away, or weight loss. If you have any of these symptoms or others, the only way to know what is causing them is to see your doctor.

Confusion remains in Norwood Hospital review process

Gil Haylon
Staff Reporter

Confusion continues to linger over the permitting process for a proposed expansion of the Norwood Hospital.

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) heard from Attorney Philip Macchi on Tuesday evening, but only briefly.

Macchi, an attorney representing Steward Health Care, asked the ZBA to continue the hearing until a later date.

Steward Health Care, which owns Norwood Hospital, has plans to build a 30,000 square-foot medical office building across the street on Broadway. This structure would create offices for doctors and include underground parking.

The proposals for expansion also includes a fourth-floor addition to the Lorusso Building, a new three-story accessory parking garage, expanded lobby space, and converting some of the existing patient rooms that house 3-4 people to single patient rooms.

Steve Costello, the Director of Community Planning and Economic Development sent a three-page letter in early March to the Norwood Planning Board and the ZBA with comments regarding the Norwood Hospital site.

According to Costello, the biggest concern is the permitting process.

"I believe the applicant needs a Major Project Special Permit from the Planning Board for the new 40,000 square foot medical office building, the new lobby and the increased parking of 107 new parking spaces," stated Costello in the letter.

Previously, the plan was for the ZBA to handle the per-



The proposed expansion to the Norwood Hospital as viewed from East Hoyle Street.

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mitting process for the hospital.

Town Counsel agreed with Costello's position that the Planning Board will be reviewing the project as well.

At Tuesday evening's meeting, ZBA Chairman Philip Riley agreed with Macchi that continuing the hearing to a later date made sense given the confusion.

"There remains ongoing discussion between this board and the Planning Board as to which board should handle which particular matters for the proposed hospital," said Riley.

Riley said he plans to meet with Costello within the next week to iron out some of the confusion.

Riley agreed to continue the hearing until the April 2 ZBA meeting at 7:30 p.m.

"Steward wants to work with the town towards something beneficial for everyone," said Macchi. "Nobody is trying to circumvent anything."

The Norwood Planning Board is expected to discuss the hospital plans at its April 8 meeting.

Riley said that the only issues he is entirely confident

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to Mass. General Law 40A Section 9 and Sections 3.0, 3.2.2, 6.1.2 and 10.5 of the Norwood Zoning Bylaw, the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:15 P.M. in Room 12, Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, Ma. regarding the Major Project Special Permit and Major Site Plan applications of Steward Norwood Hospital for the construction of a medical office building, accessory parking garages, building lobby addition and an additional floor to the existing hospital located at 800 Washington Street. The property owner is Steward Norwood Hospital Inc & HTA – St. Anne's MOB 1, LLC, 800 Washington Street, Norwood, Ma. Detailed site plans, a traffic analysis and drainage calculations are on file in the Planning Board Office at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

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A Great Time to Be at UMass Boston

By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

On a gray, windy, and rainy day last month, I saw signs of spring at the University of Massachusetts Boston, as elected officials, UMass President Robert Caret, members of the Board of Trustees, and our campus community joined me to break ground on the newest state-of-the-art academic building to be constructed on our campus.

When it is completed in 2015, this new building will house teaching laboratories, studio space and recital venues for the fine and performing arts, a theater, study and lounge areas, a café, and 26 classrooms. The building will follow the opening in fall 2014 of a new Integrated Sciences Complex, which will provide classroom, laboratory, and research space for our students and faculty.

What these buildings mean to our community is nothing less than the fulfillment of a promise we made to our students, faculty, and staff to provide them with facilities that match their talent and potential. They are steel-and-concrete symbols of our continuing growth and ever-increasing excellence.

Now is a wonderful time to join the community of nearly 16,000 students and more than 1,000 faculty members at UMass Boston.

If you're planning for college, or know someone who is, I'd like to remind you that UMass Boston's application deadline for new freshmen is April 1. (The deadline for transfer students, excluding some programs, is June 15.) And if you've applied and been accepted already—congratulations!—our annual Welcome Day for accepted students will be held on April 6 at our Campus Center.

Our students choose from among 67 bachelor's programs and 15 undergraduate certificate programs, 44 master's and 19 doctoral degrees, and 41 graduate certificate programs. They finance their education with the \$141 million in financial aid that we award each year, including \$48 million in waivers and grants, and the recently implemented Boston City Scholarship, which awards \$1,000 each year to Boston Public Schools graduates who achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher in high school and maintain it at UMass Boston.

And to build their own bright futures, they take advantage of our stellar faculty, our small classes, the opportunities we provide for internships and hands-on research, our rapid development, and our commitment to diversity and access.

I hope you will become part of the buzz on campus. To learn more about applying to UMass Boston, visit umb.edu/admissions or call us at 617.287.6000.

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watchman and whose mother worked as a secretary at the Norwood Plimpton Press, was an only child. His first real experience as a competitive pitcher came when Father MacAlear made him a pitcher for the St. Catherine's School team.

The Martin family home was always well supplied with bats, balls and bases, Gormley writes, as Ray's uncle worked for the Department of Public Works and the town supported White Mike's playground by leaving the equipment on the Martin front porch.

Martin would go on to lead his Norwood American Legion team to the 1942 state title, and in his senior year at Norwood High School led his team to the state championship by striking out 12 Dalton High School batters in a 3-2 victory at Fenway Park. Martin started at fullback for the Norwood High football team that went undefeated in 1942 and also played hockey.

He was highly recruited out of high school, taking offers from the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Athletics. Boston College, Holy Cross and Columbia University also came calling, but in the end it was a promised \$4,000 bonus that led him to sign with the National League's Boston Braves, who would move to Milwaukee in 1953 and then later to Atlanta.

Martin made his major-league debut late in that 1943 season for the Braves, where he got into two games as a reliever under manager Casey Stengel. Stengel would be fired at the end of the season, and then go on to win seven World Series titles as manager of the Mickey Mantle-led Yankees.

The magical moment for Martin came during that summer of 1943, when the tall, 18-year-old rookie found himself on the

mound in a Braves exhibition game to benefit the war effort. In the lineup for the opposition that day were Ruth, who had ended his career with the Braves in 1935, and Williams, whose own career with the Red Sox was on hold as he was serving in the military.

First came Ruth, whose retirement did not stop him from drawing crowds wherever he went.

A nervous Ray's first pitch was in the dirt. The second went to the backstop. At that point, Ruth leaned over to Martin's catcher Phil Masi and said something. Masi called time out and went out to the mound.

"I asked what Ruth said," Martin remembers in the Gormley biography. "Masi said Ruth told him to remind me that nobody came to see me and to just throw one where he could get a good swing. I threw one belt high, and Ruth hit a long fly to the warning track for an out."

It was not Martin's only major achievement that day. Incredibly, he also managed to put out "The Splendid Splinter" Williams on two separate occasions in his five-inning stint on the mound.

Shortly after that unforgettable moment, Martin's 1943 season ended abruptly on August 17 as he himself joined the military, serving as a military policeman in the Army Air Corps. In the Ninth Infantry, he saw action in March of 1945 at Remagen Bridge, where his unit came under heavy artillery fire in capturing the bridge from 50,000 fleeing German soldiers.

One of those stationed at the bridge was Martin's teammate back in Boston, Warren Spahn, the Hall of Fame pitcher, who barely escaped death when the Remagen finally collapsed from the shelling.

Discharged in April of 1946, Martin was optioned by the Braves to the minor leagues, where he was shuffled around until being brought back up to Boston late in the 1947 season. He recorded his first and only major-league win on September 27 over the Brooklyn Dodgers. In a com-

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plete-game effort, he surrendered just seven hits while walking four and striking out two against the Dodgers, a team that made the World Series that year thanks in part to the effort of their young rookie second baseman Jackie Robinson, who was making history by becoming the first black player to appear in the majors in the 20th century.

After several more years in the Braves' minor-league system, Martin was finally traded in October of 1950 to Seattle of the Pacific Coast League, where he was managed by the legendary Hall of Fame infielder Rogers Hornsby. His final stop in professional baseball was with the Atlanta Crackers, where he finally hung up his spikes after the 1951 campaign. He was 26 years old, and had pitched 14.2 innings in the major leagues with a 1-0 record and a 2.45 ERA.

"He may not have made it big with the Braves, but Martin was still a big winner and a favorite son in his hometown," said Gormley.

Martin would go on to work with General Electric before moving on to the Picker Corp., where he worked for over 30 years as a medical-equipment salesman and built a family; first in Maine and then back in Norwood. He continued to play baseball for a time on a weekend barnstorming trip with semipro teams throughout New England, and attended Boston Braves reunions. He also coached youth hockey and baseball in the 1960s and '70s.

Martin was inducted into the Norwood High Athletic Hall of Fame in the late 1980s, and was a frequent guest on local cable and at the Norwood Historical Society.

Martin's wife, Claire (Canniff) Martin died in 2008, and their daughter Susan Frances of Quincy, former president of the Boston Securities Traders Association, died back in January.

A Mass was celebrated last week, and Martin was buried in the Highland Cemetery in Norwood.

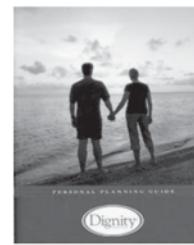

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Airport manager: FAA tower closure 'poorly conceived'

Scott MacKeen
Staff Reporter

The manager at Norwood Memorial Airport is taking issue with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in its decision to include Norwood's air-traffic-control tower on a list of facilities being shut down as part of the federal budget sequester.

Late last month, the FAA announced plans to reduce its expenditures by \$600 million for the remainder of fiscal year 2013 due to the \$85 million in automatic federal spending cuts included in the sequester, which took effect March 1.

Under the plan, the FAA announced it would furlough the vast majority of its 47,000 employees for approximately one day per pay period, close over 100 air-traffic-control facilities, eliminate the overnight shift at over 60 facilities, and reduce preventive maintenance and support for all air-traffic-control

equipment.

Norwood's control tower was one of six in the state included on the FAA list of closures, which are due to begin next month.

"Please understand that, if effected, this would eliminate a key safety element within our national air-transportation system, since many of the country's FAA contract towers - to include the one here at Norwood Memorial Airport - would shut down services. And, specific to Norwood, this could dramatically influence whether some air-service providers continue to utilize our facility as an origin/destination," Norwood Airport Manager Russ Maguire wrote in a letter to U.S. Representative Stephen Lynch on February 23, which he also forwarded to Senators Elizabeth Warren and William "Mo" Cowan in Washington. "Our airport, which is no more than 12 air miles from downtown Boston, sits well

within the very active Class B controlled airspace of Logan International Airport. We're a reliever-category airport to Logan, accommodating a significant mix of corporate/business aircraft, along with substantial student pilot training that includes five on-site flight schools. All of our aircraft operators, on some level, depend on the ATC services provided here at Norwood."

Maguire pointed out that the contract tower personnel in Norwood work seven days a week to safely manage, on average, 80,000 to 100,000 flight operations each year. This includes issuing flight safety-specific clearances to arriving and departing pilots, de-conflicting airspace for the piloting community, passing along safety-of-flight advisories, and coordinating and sharing critical information with Logan's air-traffic managers, he said.

"Furthermore, by any mea-

sure, over the past three decades, the FAA's contract-tower program has represented one of the agency's most cost-effective safety initiatives," he said.

For example, he said, the switch from a federally manned tower to a contracted tower in Norwood in 1997 resulted in immediate savings of about \$300,000 a year simply by converting to the private sector.

"In sum, the contract-tower program's cost effectiveness, as experienced here at Norwood - coupled with a much improved level of ATC service and flight-safety enhancements - make even the suggestion of eliminating this program, whether by default or intent, a very poorly conceived idea, with incalculable negative impacts. I am therefore urging you and your colleagues on Capitol Hill to

make sure that funding for the highly successful FAA contract-tower program is protected from sequestration."

Airport Commissioner Mark Ryan previously told The Norwood Record that while he does not want to see the tower closed, he did not feel that it would dramatically change how the airport operates. He pointed out that the tower is already closed during overnight hours when air traffic coming into Norwood must radio in to the tower at Logan International Airport.

"It's not going to shut down business down there. Quite frankly, I don't think anyone down there would see it operating any differently than it does now," said Ryan of the tower being shut down, although he added, "We hope they don't. It would be unfortunate."

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school system, and then became a member of NFD in 1983. Captain Geary spearheaded the move to erect the statue of 'Jake' at the Highland Cemetery in memory of ALL of Our Towns firefighters, past and present. George worked tirelessly with the architect, his committee, and collected the \$85,000 in donations necessary for the creation of the beautiful memorial that was dedicated on a very sunny Sunday in May, 2001. Thank you, George, for your commitment to the people of Our Town. It is already strange not hearing your voice on the scanner. Best of luck in your retirement!!

REALLY GUYS?

More apartments? Are we the 'magnet town' for new apartments? The Plimpton Press area adjacent to Lenox St. is under discussion for 311 apartments, (along with 900 units at Polaroid). What a traffic nightmare that would be if allowed. Why don't we fight to keep Our Town a Town, and not an overcrowded city with mas-

sive building units that destroy the visual landscape? Some individuals have suggested that a slot parlor be built at the Polaroid location, stating the people will come, and the taxes will come too. Just imagine the onus 900 new apartments and a proposed large new medical building will put upon our NFD, NPD, Schools, DPW, and Light Department. The news reported that a town in Mass. bought the property on which a developer wanted to erect a multi-unit-apartment, which certainly changed their landscape for the positive.

SAY WHAT?

In a southern Calif. suburb residents are protesting against a home that serves as a maternity center with MD's for pregnant women that are Chinese citizens that pay thousands of dollars to come to the home to give birth to an 'anchor baby.' They then go home with their ticket to American entitlements in the future. As of Sept. 2011, Federal workers and retirees, (approx. 312,000) are delin-

quent in the amount of \$3.5 billion in back taxes. When on the stump for his first term as pres., Obama loudly stated that NOT balancing a budget was 'unpatriotic.' Today, after blowing more trillions in less amount of time than all other presidents, he says balancing it is NOT a priority.

BYE GUYS, HAPPY EASTER GUYS!

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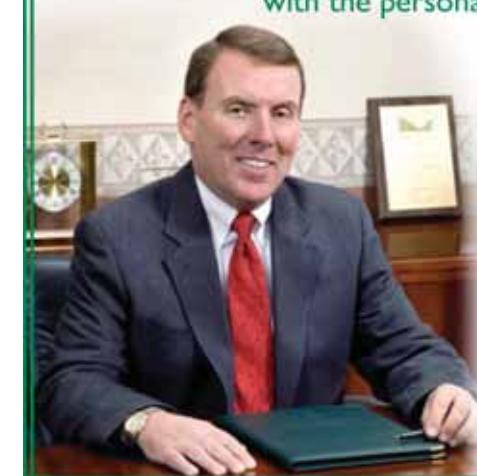
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING in ROOM 12 of the Municipal Office Building on April 2, 2013 at 7:15 PM on the request of Dean Street, LLP (Case # 13-08) with respect to property located on 11, 13 15 Dean Street, in a GB-General Business District.

The application requests:

This Application requests a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 5.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow 6' extension of the building to construct a 6' x 42' three-level deck. Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday – Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

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On Tuesday March 26th at Kings Dedham from 6 to 11 pm. General admission is \$50. The event is sponsored by Arbella Insurance and will be emceed by Christopher Knight who is best known for his role as Peter Brady on "The Brady Bunch." will be in the house to support Journey Forward.

It will be a red carpet event with plenty of gaming, bowling, and a LIVE Vegas Show featuring Elvis and Marilyn Monroe impersonators. The event is 21 plus and tickets can be purchased on Journey Forward's website www.journey-forward.org.

All proceeds will go to Journey Forward, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to bettering the lives of those who have suffered a Spinal Cord Injury through an intense exercise program.

NORFOLK ASPHALT PLANT INVOLVEMENT PLAN MEETING

On Thursday, March 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. There will be a meeting at the former Basic Supply building at 601 Pleasant Street. Will make a brief presentation of the materials discovered to date, the site history and the next steps in the PIP and remediation processes. You may know that a group of concerned citizens of Norwood has filed a petition to the Mass DEP to designate the Norfolk Asphalt Plant as a PIP Site (Public Involvement Plan), and thus the owners and developers of the site on Pleasant Street must prepare a plan to involve the public in its operations and filings with the DEP due to recent findings at the site that include 'releases' of certain chemical compounds on the site and those substance's subsequent 'disposal' at the site.

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THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL SOUTH NORFOLK

Monthly meeting at the Neponset River House 7PM on Thursday April 4th. The Neponet River House is located at 595 Pleasant Street in Norwood. Please note the change in venue for this month only. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones.

We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather The Alliance will follow the lead of Norwood school system. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

NORFOLK COUNTY RAIL CLUB RIDES OLD BOSTON "EL" VIA MOVIES

A movie program at the Norwood Library by rail photographer Allen Pommer at the Wednesday, March 27 meeting of the Norfolk County Rail Road Club will tell the story of Boston's elevated railway—the "EL." It was how most people from what's now called "MetroSouth" went "in-town" to the city on the roller-coaster-like trains as they rushed high above Boston streets from Forest Hills to the Hub's shopping, business, theater and education districts. It's a trip into the past for old-timers as well as providing the "younger generation of suburbanites" with a look at how Boston moved people on its very efficient railroad on stilts for much of the 20th century. The old elevated railway, the Orange Line, was dismantled a decade ago, and is now modernized and virtually totally underground.

The program in the Morrill Memorial Library Simoni Room starts at 7 P.M., and is free of charge and open to the public. For details call Ed Sweeney, NCRRRC Program Organizer at 781-762-5587.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Week at First Congregational Church in Norwood (United Church of Christ), an open and affirming congregation welcoming all, offers a number of services that cover a range of worship experiences. We commence at 10 am on Palm Sunday, March 24, in a spirit of anticipation, with a Passion Play. The Play follows the Passion narrative from the gospel of Luke, and blends music, voice, and set pieces as a way of re-imagining the Gospel account. The service will begin with the Procession of Palms by the children in the congregation. The Maundy Thursday service on March 28 will be in two parts. We begin with an intergenerational meal in remembrance of the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. Pingree Hall will serve as our Upper Room. The meal begins at 6:30 pm and is potluck. (If you plan to attend the potluck, please call the church office at the number below to aid us in planning the meal.)

Upon finishing the meal, we gather in the sanctuary. There, beginning at 7:30 pm, we will conduct the service of Tenebrae, with gospel readings from Jesus' last hours and the gradual extinguishing of lights. On Good Friday, March 29, at 12:00 pm, there will a service centered on the "Seven Last Words of Christ" in the Warner Chapel.

Easter Sunday, March 31, begins with our Sunrise Service at 6:15 am on New Pond in Walpole. For directions, please call the church office at the number below. Our celebration of Christ's resurrection continues at the 10 am Easter Sunday service in our sanctuary. Music by the Chancel Choir and the Children's Choir will be accompanied by Rick Hammett on trumpet, who will also play a trumpet prelude and postlude during the service. The First Congregational Church in Norwood, United Church of Christ, is an open and affirming congregation welcoming all. We are located at the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood. Our regular Sunday morning worship service is held at 10 am and is followed by a

fellowship hour. Church school classes and nursery care are provided during the service. (Please note that there will be no church school on either Palm Sunday or Easter.) Our pastors, Rev. Dr. John Hamilton and Rev. Lisa Rizoli, are glad to extend pastoral support. For more information, please call the church office at (781) 762-3320.

RED CROSS TO OFFER DISASTER COLLEGE

Want to become a Red Cross Disaster Volunteer? How about getting trained in just one day? Starting in April, the American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts will offer training for beginners on Saturdays. In just eight hours, you'll learn Disaster Services Overview and Shelter Operations - and qualify to start responding to disasters by the end of class.

"This offer is a great opportunity for those who want to get involved but don't always have the time for training," explained CEO Jarrett Barrios. "This course quickly gives volunteers the basic tools they need to start helping those affected by disaster." Courses will be held in Cambridge and Hyannis. Each session will break for lunch. It's free - but you have to apply. Please visit EasternMassRedCross.org or <http://www.redcross.org/ma/boston/volunteer> for more information and to sign up.

5TH GRADE PASTA DINNER

The Prescott PTO would like to invite you to our 5th Grade Pasta Dinner on March 28th from 5:30-7:30, at the Prescott school, Richland Rd. For only \$5.00, guests can enjoy pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and a drink. To top it off you will be seated and served by the 5th grade students. This annual event is held to support end of the year activities for the 5th grade class. These include the yearbook, field trip and fifth grade cookout. So bring the whole family for a fun night out. And no clean up for Mom!

NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION SALE

The Norwood Art Association is holding an art show/sale at the Morse House in Norwood for the next few Sundays. The show began on Sunday, March 3rd and will run through Sunday, March 24th. Members of the association are exhibiting many beautiful works in oil, watercolor, pastels and photography. In addition, there are a few unique pieces, as well as some note cards, for sale. The hours of the Sunday shows are Noon - 4:00 p.m. The historic Morse House is located at 1285 Washington Street, South Norwood, and provides a wonderful backdrop for the artwork. Stop by and take a look. Admission is Free and refreshments will be served. It is worth the trip!

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH BEGINS HOLY WEEK

Special Palm Sunday Service on

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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

Grateful thanks. —B.A.F.

March 21, 2013

March 24. Grace Episcopal Church will present a Palm Sunday Passion Play at the 10:00 a.m. family service on Sunday, March 24. The service will transport the congregation back to 33 A.D. when Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday before Passover. Members of the congregation will be dressed in period costumes for the reading of the Passion Gospel and the church will be adorned with banners and palm as members of the congregation become the spectators greeting Jesus during his ride into Jerusalem. The Palm Sunday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. On

Thursday, March 28 a special Children's Last Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. with a family-friendly dinner and Eucharist re-enacting the Last Supper. The traditional Maundy Thursday Liturgy and the Stripping of the Altar will begin at 7:00 p.m. On Good Friday, March 29, at 3:00 p.m. Father John Brockmann will lead the children along the fourteen Stations of the Cross telling them the story of each station. Pictures of the fourteen stations will be placed around the nave. Although directed for youth, everyone is welcome. The Good Friday Liturgy will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29. The Stations of the Cross featuring distinguished British artist Chris Gollon's renditions of the fourteen stations will be presented on Saturday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m. In 2000 Gollon was commissioned by the Church of St. John on Bethnal Green in London to paint the fourteen Stations of the Cross for the church. The Norwood public is cordially invited to view this beautiful display of the Stations that will be placed around the nave of the church. The Great Vigil of Easter will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. and will be celebrated jointly with Emmanuel Lutheran Church. This year's vigil will be held at Emmanuel Church. A Festival Holy Eucharist on Easter Day will be celebrated at both 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. Celebrate the resurrection through favorite Easter hymns and holiday music played on the 100-year-old George S. Hutchings pipe organ. An Easter egg hunt will be held at 11:45 a.m. Questions regarding any of the Holy Week services or events can be directed to the church office at 781-762-0959.

NORWOOD DIAMOND CLUB ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

The Norwood Diamond Club Annual Trivia Night to benefit the Jack Crimmins Scholarship is being held on Friday, March 22, @ the Norwood Elk's at 7:00p.m. There will be prizes, raffles, refreshments, and a cash bar. The cost is \$150 for tables of 10 or \$15 per person. Contact Ed Hickey 617-759-3472, Tracey Black 781-223-7694, or Bill Marchant 617-721-9122.

NORWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold their next meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 12:30 p.m. At Emmanuel Lutheran Parish Hall, 24 Berwick Street. Janet Singer Applefield a child survivor of the Nazi Holocaust will share her moving story with us. A light lunch will be served. You need not be a member or a resident of Norwood to join us. Please call Trina Mallet at 781-762-8173 for further information. Hope to see you there.

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Sports

Girls Lacrosse squad set for success

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

Grab the face masks and make sure the strings are set to go on the sticks, it's that time of year again.

The Norwood girls lacrosse program will be getting underway and hoping to repeat or better last year's solid campaign.

Last year's squad under second-year head coach Caitlin Harrington went 10-8 in the regular season overall, (5-6 BSC).

In the first round of the MIAA tournament, the Lady Mustangs lost to eventual D1 state champion Westwood, a respectable end to what was a fine season for Norwood.

This year, as is the case with any high school team in any sport during any season, Norwood will be dealing with both returning players as well as some key losses.

Harrington's team lost three seniors (all captains) from last year - Mary-Kate Galvin

(attack), Amy Moynihan (Defense), and Leah Murphy (goalie).

The good thing, and extremely rare thing for Norwood is that they will have 11 seniors coming back to try out this year. Some key returning players are captains Alison Ryan, Alayna Fogg and Kelsey Colbert.

For Harrington, this season, as it should be, is all about improvement, both personally as a developing coach as well as a team.

"This will be my fourth year coaching at Norwood (second as a head coach) and each year I try to build upon our previous successes and learn lessons from the past. We have a lot of girls coming out for the team this season and I have a great staff returning this year to help achieve our goals : JV coach Katie Seppa and assistant varsity coach Sarah Griffin.

We will strive to build the team around teamwork, dedication and hard work in order to provide a positive experience for each athlete. I am really looking forward to tryouts and the start of the season," said Harrington.

As for the always competitive Bay State Conference?

"I am expecting a very successful year. We have an experienced team, but we also have some younger talent in the sophomore class, and there are others moving up from a very successful youth program. Last season we had some big wins against strong conference opponents, and we hope to build upon those and contend for the Herget Division Title."

As is the case with many top programs in the state, this is also the time of year for youngsters in the area to come out and hang around the high school players at different clinics around the state.

Norwood will be having them as well, and Harrington is hoping it sparks some new



The Mustangs are hopeful that they can contend for the Bay State Herget Division title.

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School for more information. Also, we're hoping we can get more people to come catch a game on our beautiful new turf."

Serving up a new season

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

The snow that flew earlier this week may not indicate it, but the spring sports season is upon us.

With that arrival comes home and optimism for many Norwood athletic programs looking to make a name for themselves.

John Churchill's boys tennis squad is set to make some noise as the 2013 season gets ready to begin.

After a few years of futility, Churchill believes records aren't a true reflection of what this team is on the verge of accomplishing.

"I am optimistic about the up-coming season," he said recently. Last year, the team was 6-13 overall. We posted wins against five different teams. Also, we competed well in other matches, including against a few play-off bound teams. We lost three

matches by a score of 3-2 and we had four or five other matches that were reasonably close. It hurts a bit to lose the close matches, but the fact that we were so close has often been an indication of progress in itself. Our record is not the best way to view this team because the progress of the Norwood boy's tennis team over the last few years has been tremendous. My first year in 2009, we only had one win and this was preceded by three winless seasons."

Experience is a problem with this year's squad, but that's only something that can be developed over time.

"We are not a very experienced team, especially considering that many teams draw in players who already experience competitive tennis. My players tend to come in with limited exposure to

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Cheerleading squad takes fourth at New Englands

Kevin Stone
Staff Reporter

The dream has died.

Last weekend, the Norwood Cheerleading team had a chance to capture its second straight state title and earn a bid to Nationals.

However, the team just couldn't get over that proverbial hump one last time, and ended up with a fourth place finish at the New England Spirit Championships on Saturday, March 16.

"Qualifying for this prestigious competition is an honor as only three teams from each division in the six New England states, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts are able to compete," said head coach Lisa Verrochi.

While the ultimate goal of going back to Florida to compete on the grand stage of Nationals and represent Norwood on one of the ESPN family of networks may have come up short, this year's cheering team



The cheerleading squad didn't qualify for nationals but put together another amazing season.

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still went leaps and bounds above what some may have expected.

It is never easy repeating and this team found that out the hard way despite giving a valiant effort and still managing an extremely impressive top-five finish.

"This was one of our goals for the Winter Season. Our

2013 Winter Season is now over, but the work for next Fall 2013 is now beginning already," cautioned Verrochi.

Things usually get started in the early summer months for the Mustang cheering program. Verrochi is hoping youth devel-

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Fasten your seatbelts! Westwood author Debbi Kickham will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. to share loads of valuable tips (including free brand-name samples) from her latest book, "The Globetrotter's Get-Gorgeous Guide: Diet and Beauty Secrets of Travel and Beauty Pros, Traveling Executives and Celebrity Travelers."

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Library Events

CONVERSATIONS: PAINTING AND POETRY

On Saturday, April 6th, from 10-11 a.m. Located at Morrill Memorial Library. Been in the winter doldrums? Looking for a creative outlet? Come be inspired by author/illustrator Nancy Poydar (First Day Hooray, Zip, Zip Homework, and Fish School) and author/poet Nancy Tupper Ling (My Sister, Alicia May, Character, and Coming Unfrozen). In this hour-long intergenerational workshop, we will create poems from paintings and/or paintings from poems, depending on your preference. Called Ekphrasis, this conversation between one artistic

media and another is as old as Plato and Socrates. Just bring your imagination and you will go home with your creation in hand! The recommended age group is 4th grade through adult. Sign up at the Information or Reference Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or x222. The library is handicapped accessible.

WOMEN'S BARBERSHOP QUARTET TO PERFORM AT LIBRARY

The Musical Sundays series at the Morrill Memorial Library will continue on Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m. when the award-winning women's Boston Accent Quartet

comes to town. The dynamic vocal group from the North Shore, comprised of Cheryl Brusket (lead), Karen Rourke (bass), Ruth Berman (tenor,) and Julie Jeffery (baritone), will entertain and serenade you with their barbershop harmony in a performance filled with creativity, passion, and fun. The Boston Accent Quartet won the 2010 Sweet Adeline's Region 1 Quartet Championships. Their CD is called "Crowned and Dangerous." Sign up for this free concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, at the Reference or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222. The library is handicapped accessible.

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tennis and many come in with sparse knowledge of rules, technique, or strategy," explained Churchill.

However, team chemistry can often make up for any deficiencies a team has, and this club is no different.

"The good thing is we have a great team climate that is focused on improvement and progression through small victories. Over the last few years, we have been able to come into a building for a number of our matches with the confidence that we have what it takes to overcome the challenges presented by the other team. This, along with good player leadership, has led to increased success and loftier team goals. Having a cohesive team environment has been critical ingredient to reaching our goals."

Norwood will also have a good number of returning players, including five regular starters from last year. The seniors are: Liam Kelly, Jason Najm, Michael Breen, and Walter Aspenwall.

"Liam has played second singles last year and may be the best player on the team. He has the most varsity experience of my players, having been on varsity since the start of his sophomore year. Last year, he won half of his matches," explained Churchill.

"Michael began tennis as a sophomore. He got varsity distinction by the end of his sophomore year. He has earned victories in both singles and doubles. He and Walter together made up the most competitive first doubles team I have had in my four seasons as coach. Walter joined the team last year and made strong contributions in doubles," he added.

"Jason is my only four-year player. He was the only freshman on the team his first year. He has demonstrated very good leadership and his tennis has come a long way. He played doubles in most matches last year."

Also, according to Churchill sophomore Nathan Jones made an impact on the team last year as a freshman and could be integral this year.

"He got experience in both doubles and singles, but played in the third singles spot for the majority of last season. He is a rarity for Norwood in that he started learning to compete in tennis as a middle schooler. He has a great attitude and has

been quite motivated to improve and show his best. This year he may compete for the top spot on the team."

While a conference title may be out of the question this year in many people's eyes based on the fact that the Bay State Conference is always one of the toughest, Churchill believes his squad will still be competitive within the league.

"Our team is looking to be competitive with about half of the teams in the BSL. I think that we can hold strong in many of these matches. With good preparation, we will do our best to be ready. The other half of the league is substantially more equipped with experience and talent. We will do what we can to take something positive from those matches, but there will be some matches that we are simply outmatched."

The key this year for the Mustangs will be their ability and willingness to get better each day, whether the wins show up or not.

"My primary focus will still be to get us as ready as possible for each match we will face. Yet, with so many players graduating after this season, I will also be looking [to] build confidence with the players of the future for this team. The team has excelled in focus towards improvement and has represented the town of Norwood well through their sportsmanship, dedication, and mutual support of their teammates and by the respect they have shown the opposing teams," said Churchill.

While the Norwood tennis program is still growing and has been for some time now, Churchill believes the earlier kids start, the better the program will be and the more it will benefit in the long run.

"We've enjoyed the benefits of having courts right outside the doors of the high school, and it is nice to have our progress get noticed by others around the school. Tennis is a sport that is accessible to anyone who wants to learn (or who is looking for a spring sport to stay in shape). It's great when I have guys really embrace the challenge and enjoyment of tennis. It would be nice to see more kids start by the middle school age, but regardless of when they start, being a part of team and working towards goals are valuable experiences themselves."

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opment can be a big step in helping keep the newly developing tradition of successful Norwood cheering alive.

"Our tryout is early June, and we are looking for a strong turnout. We are planning on having a JV team and continuing our strong connection with the Youth Cheerleading Teams as well. The younger we get them started the more depth we can potentially have moving forward once they begin to grow up," explained Verrochi.

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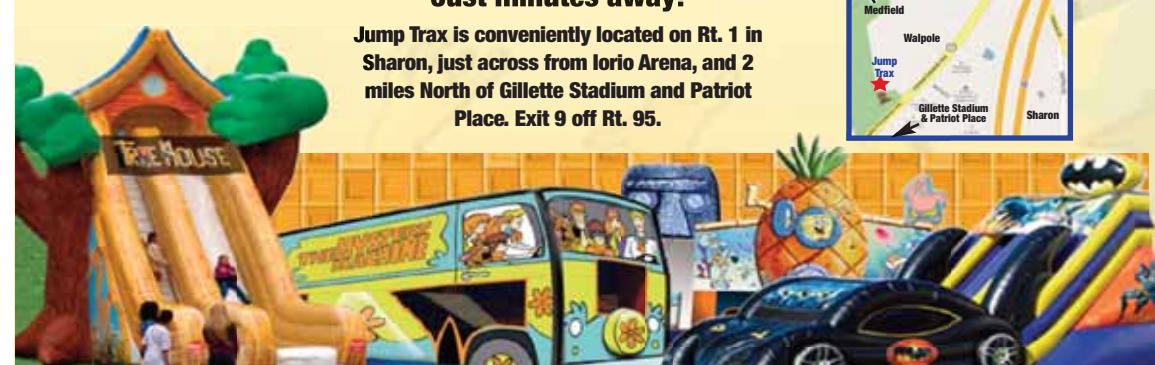
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Bidders must be pre-qualified to perform the work described in these specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 29, Section 8B and Chapter 90, Section 34. The contractors must be pre-approved by Mass. Highway Department prior to receiving an official proposal form.

The complete bid package may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during regular business hours. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the General Manager, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, **Nahatan Street Roadway Reconstruction, CONTRACT #NPW-13-01**.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and labor and materials bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30 and Chapter 149 as amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award. As part of his obligation of remedial action under the foregoing section, the Contractor and Subcontractors shall maintain not less than 5% ratio of minority employee work hours to total work hours in each job category specified in Section 44F of Chapter 149 MGL.

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DEATHS

BRIERLEY

Adam D., 28, of Norwood, on March 11. Former general manager of Cook and Brown Restaurant and had worked for the RI Coalition for the Homeless. He was a vegan, a lover and protector of animals. He loved music and enjoyed camping in Blueberry Hill in Plymouth. Beloved son of David F. and Barbara L. (Wiik) Brierley of Norwood; devoted brother of Mark Brierley of Norwood; cherished grandson of the late Roy and Betty Brierley and Urho and Sylvia Wiik. He was also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Interment in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), Norwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Adam D. Brierley may be made to the MSPCA, 350 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02130 or www.mspsca.org.

BUCCILLI

Frances M. (Ivatts) formerly of Norwood, on March 13. Beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Buccilli. Mother of Diane T. Abbate of Taunton, David J. Buccilli of Mansfield, and Donna F. Flannigan of Stoughton. Sister of Robert Ivatts of Norwood and the late William Ivatts, Marion Maher, and Dorothy Ivatts. Also survived by 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Sherman & Jackson Funeral Home, Mansfield. Burial will be private.

Obituary policy

The Norwood Record publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@norwoodrecord.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

DeFINA

Carmela, 95, on March 13. Carmela immigrated from Montemurro, Italy at the age of 11 yrs. old and settled in Roxbury where she grew up. She was a seamstress and then went on to work for McKesson Pharmaceutical Co. and lastly employed as a clerk for Liggett's Drug Store. She was the Beloved Daughter of the late Giancinto and Rufina M. (Fiatarone) DeFina. Loving Sister of the late Andrew, Rocco, Ralph, Anthony, Immaculata Gatto and Theresa Carrazza. Cherished Aunt of Jeannette M. Palermo of Reading, Loretta Paquette of RI, Darlene White of Maine, Nicholas Carrazza of Ashland, Jean Pedersen of Wakefield, Mary Connors of Norwood, George DeFina of Norwood and Vera DeFina of Whitman. Also survived by other Nieces, Nephews, Great Nieces and Great Nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be Maple Grove Cemetery, Walpole.

ELLIS

Ellen M. (Dickson), 93, on March 9. Beloved wife of the late William "Bill" Ellis. Loving mother of Patricia Artis and husband Jack Phillips of Quincy, William F. Ellis of Quincy, Nancy Costa and husband Joseph of Norwood, and Suzanne Ellis-Leonard and husband Jeff of Rutland, VT. Sister of the late: Peggy LeClair of Hingham, Theresa O'Brien of Norwood, John Dickson of Napa, CA, Warren Dickson of Norwood, and Donald Dickson of Spokane, WA. Also survived by grandchildren: Gabriel Artis, Darren and Matthew Costa, great-grandchildren: AJ and Rielle, nieces, nephews, friends, and dedicated health care workers. Dixie loved family and friends, learning, books, travel,

big band music, dancing, gardening, re-cycling, skiing, sailing and her Cape house in Sandwich. Funeral arrangements by the Keohane Funeral Home, Quincy. Interment in Mount Wollaston Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472; or to The Friends of Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St., Quincy, MA 02169.

EVANSEN

Ann M. (Moran), 76, of Norwood on March 10. Beloved wife of Edward W. Evansen. Devoted Mother of Edward G. Evansen of Walpole and Julianne Jaques and her husband Michael of N. Attleboro. Loving Sister of Katherine Bicknell of N. Attleboro and the late Thomas Moran. Cherished grandmother of Brent Evansen, Scott Evansen and Elizabeth A. Jaques. Daughter of the late Thomas J. and Anna M. (McGuire) Moran. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday March 12, 2013 from 4-8pm. Burial will be at Knollwood Memorial Park Canton, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701.

MACHADO

Evelyn T. (Reynolds), 89, a lifelong resident of Norwood, on March 14. Beloved wife of the late John Machado. Devoted Mother of Jack M. Machado of Maryland and Richard T. Machado of Worcester. Loving sister of Richard Reynolds of Norwood. Grandmother of Sinan Machado, Siping Machado and Yihan Machado all of Maryland. Daughter of the late Terrence and Margaret (Clark) Reynolds. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Shriners Hospital for Children 51 Blossom Street Boston, MA 02114. www.donate2shc.org



Ryan wins contest

Patrick Ryan of Norwood recently won Kayem's 2013 Grill in the Chill Facebook photo contest where fans were asked to submit photos of their experience "grilling in the chill." On the night of one of the 2013 blizzards, Patrick was on call in an ambulance and fed his crew by grilling out in the storm! As the winner of Kayem's Grill in the Chill Facebook photo contest, Patrick received a brand new grill and a Kayem grill pack.