

## Library glass still a mystery

Brad Cole  
Staff Reporter

A panel of glass that serves as part of the railing in the mezzanine area on the second floor of Norwood's Morrill Memorial Library fell in November. Several groups in town are looking at what caused the glass to shatter and fall.

"The panel fell from the second floor and landed on the floor in front of the circulation desk," Building Inspector Mark Chubet said.

Chubet was tasked with inspecting the area after the occurrence. He took the time to contact the Sanborn Glass Company in Norwood, where he spoke with Bob Lowre. Chubet described Lowre as an expert who has been in this business for years, and Lowre recommended using a clear plastic film to hold the tempered glass together.

The glass could still spider and crack if damaged, but it would not fall out of the railway to the floor below.

"It may never happen again, but why take a chance?" Chubet asked.

Library Director Charlotte Canelli had a similar sentiment, saying "there is a possibility none of them will crack again, but no one really knows what will happen."

The shattered glass panel is one of 16 in the library. They are used as a safety precaution, and meant to protect people from falling to the atrium floor below.

"It's going to be expensive to replace that one, but knowing one of the others might break is concerning to me," Canelli said.

They have not gone out to bid to see the cost of a new glass panel or the film necessary to cover all 16 of them, but Canelli knows the cost will be more than the library can currently afford.

"It's expensive, and we don't really have the money for it," Canelli said, adding they would need some assistance from the town.

Currently, a piece of plywood stands where the five-foot long glass panel stood. Canelli said it looks pretty decent, considering the situation.

The failing glass was described as a bizarre incident for a variety of reasons. Permanent Building Construction Committee

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### Girl Scouts help out!

(Above): Girl Scout Troop #4247 delivers a Key Recycling bucket to Rocky's Ace Hardware (in Hannaford's Plaza). Pictured standing left to right are: Lexie MacKinnon, Linda Puzey, Sarah Boral, Mary Catherine Erickson, Katherine McDonough, Sabrina Mazzotta and Shirley Cullen, Rocky's Store Manager. (Missing from photo: Victoria Hinkson).

(Right): Katie Fitzsimmons (left) and Katelin Hawks helped organize the Coats for Kids coat drive at the Prescott Elementary School. Girl Scout Troop 4258 organized the drive. The drive represents the 15th annual drive organized by Anton's Cleaners. Approximately 285 schools are participating in the drive, including both the Prescott and Cleveland Schools in Norwood.

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## Selectmen will have final say on appeal

Brad Cole  
Staff Reporter

The town has until Jan. 7 to appeal the Land Court's decision regarding Norfolk Asphalt Plant. Justice Charles W. Trombly ruled that the Norfolk Asphalt Company's use of the plant at 601 Pleasant St. is allowed as a matter of right, and he ordered that the Zoning Board of Appeal's (ZBA) decision to deny the company the necessary permits to reopen be annulled.

The Lorusso Corporation can once again manufacture bituminous concrete at the site, and Edgewood Development

### SNAP warns that voters are watching

is pleased with the decision and looks forward to reopening there. Although there may be a possibility that the town could appeal, Tim Higgins of Edgewood thought the decision was appropriate.

"There's really nothing to say. We agree with the judge's position," he said. "The town is going to do what it's going to do regardless of what we have to say about it."

He declined to comment further.

After the Dec. 15 ZBA meeting, member Phil Riley

said "we've informally concluded after our discussion with Town Council that there appears to be grounds to possibly appeal this to the State Appeals Court," adding that the decision to appeal falls in the hands of the Board of Selectmen.

"The only update is we're going to meet with the Board of Selectmen on Jan. 5," Riley said. "They're the ones who make the call."

Lou Santoro of Stop Norfolk Asphalt Plant (SNAP) had strong words for the possibil-

ity of an appeal.

"We feel that the judgment handed down was unjust and did not take into consideration the actual impact of the opening of this plant," he said. "We should definitely go for the appeal, even it ties up for another two years or so"

According to Santoro, SNAP is prepared to lobby the town towards further action.

"All the neighbors are upset. We will do everything we can," he said. "If a Selectman does not vote this out, we will vote him out. Everyone who is

in favor of this will never see another term."

Both the ZBA and Town Council will meet with the Board of Selectmen. Riley expects this meeting will take place during executive session, as it involves potential litigation involving the town, and such discussions are generally conducted in such a fashion.

In the meantime, Riley expects that additional action will take place by Town Council. This is because Norwood has 30 days to file an appeal, meaning their chance to do so

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# "Hawk" deadline approaches with no home established

**Brad Cole**  
**Scott Wachtler**  
Staff Reporters

The Padden family has only one wish for the holidays - a home for their three-year-old Belgian Malinois, Hawk. In early December, a former police canine officer who lives in the Albany, New York area expressed interest in adopting Hawk, but Colleen Padden said, unfortunately, the deal fell through on Dec. 17.

"It just didn't work out. This is a horrible time to have to be looking for a home for Hawk. It's Christmas. It's been very hard on the family," she said.

The Paddens need to find Hawk a home outside of Norwood due to a decision made at the Nov. 24 Board of Selectmen meeting. In a 3-2 vote, the Board decided to have Hawk banished from the town, and gave the Paddens until Sunday, Jan. 3 to find a new home for the dog. Selectmen Jerry Kelleher, Bill Plasko and Helen Abdallah-Donohue voted to ban Hawk, while Selectmen Michael Lyons and Tom McQuaid voted against it.

Hawk was banned for a Sept. 8 incident, in which he attacked and bit a 71-year-old neighbor several times, breaking the skin. Hawk bit the neighbor in the chin bone, the hips and the legs.

The Paddens were given until Friday, Dec. 4 to appeal this decision, but opted not to. Christopher Padden cited their children and the emotional effect this case has had on them as a reason they did not appeal.

McQuaid and Lyons were in favor of keeping Hawk inside the fenced-in area behind the house, and requiring him to be on a leash wearing a basket muzzle whenever he leaves this area. They also advocated the installation of an invisible fence in the front yard and placing a "Beware of Dog" sign in the area.

Belgian Malinois Rescue is the organization the Paddens adopted Hawk from approximately 22 months ago,

and now they're using the site in an attempt to find a new home for the dog.

In order for someone to adopt through the Belgian Malinois Rescue program, they must visit the dog. They typically have the dog visit the house that might be their future home, and the potential adopters must complete a home check. This entails a representative from Belgian Malinois Rescue to confirm that all information provided on the adoption application form is accurate and that all family members want a dog and are familiar with the breed.

Hawk is listed on the Belgian Malinois Rescue web site, [www.malinoisrescue.org](http://www.malinoisrescue.org),

where the Paddens have written, "we need to find a home where he can get all the love and attention he deserves."

Colleen Padden said that they have received many calls from residents and those who have heard about the story. All of the calls have been positive, she said. In the meantime, the Padden family just hopes they can find a home for Hawk very soon.

"These things take time," Colleen Padden said. "We've put our feelers out there and we're looking for the right home for Hawk. He's just a great dog with a great heart. It's been very difficult for our boys, and I think it's going to be even harder on them once Hawk is gone."

## Snow has DPW occupied for over 20 hours

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

Generally, Sunday is a day off for workers in Norwood's Department of Public Works (DPW). This was not the case on the Dec. 20, when it snowed

approximately 14 inches throughout the day. DPW employees found themselves out of bed early to help clean up the town.

"We were out from about midnight to 6 [p.m.] plowing," said Matt Stencil of the DPW,

After 18 hours of plowing, they worked sanding roads for an additional four hours.

"Most... all of this is overtime," Stencil said. "No one works on Sunday."

During this overtime work, a John Deere skid loader was used to clean the area outside of Town Hall. A skid loader is a vehicle with lift arms used to attach a wide variety of labor-saving tools. In addition, DPW employees visited and plowed numerous streets and sidewalks in town.

"We have a bunch of routes, and each route gets one or two trucks," Stencil said.

The DPW was not alone in their battle with the snow. The town brought in about 10 outside contractors and 30 workers with various types of vehicles to help clean the roads and sidewalks. Stencil said that the contractors were paid a total of \$50,000 while the DPW employees were paid \$25,000

for their overtime work. Contractors using bigger trucks and plows cost more than those with smaller vehicles.

"It all depends on what we hire," Stencil said.

- Staff Reporter  
Ignacio Laguarda  
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(PBCC) Chairman Ted Callahan called the failing "peculiar," considering the material in question.

"This is a proven system," he said. "It's been around for over 30 years."

Chubet said that there was nothing wrong with the material itself, and it is unknown what caused the piece to fall.

"The material that was originally used complied with the state building code," Chubet said.

He suggested that a library patron or employee may have accidentally damaged the piece

initially, but whatever the reason, something caused the glass to implode, crack and fall at night.

"The amazing thing about this is it happened at night," PBCC member Ed McKenna said.

Because of the timing of this event, no one was in the building and no one was injured.

Callahan added, "[Canelli] wants to fix it, but in order to fix it, she wants to find out what broke it."

The PBCC wasn't the only group in town Canelli alerted about this damage. Chubet, General Manager John Carroll, the Board of Selectmen and Finance Commission were also notified because the library is a town-owned building.

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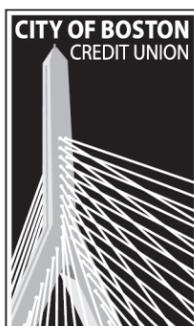
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# Walsh advisor confident she'll win reelection — if she runs

**Scott Wachtler**  
Staff Reporter

Once again local politicians looking to advance their political aspirations are wondering whether current State Senator Marian Walsh (D-West Roxbury) will decide to run for reelection in 2010 or step down from the position she's held since 1993.

Walsh, who is serving her eighth term as senator for the Suffolk-Norfolk District, has not publicly decided whether she will run. However, prior to the Christmas break, she released a statement through her office, avoiding the issue of challengers waiting in the wings, but giving a time-frame for when she will make her decision.

"It is the highest honor to be an elected public servant for the people of the Suffolk-Norfolk Senate District," she wrote. "This year as in previous years, I will determine whether to seek another term sometime early in the New Year. It is a big decision and one that I take very seriously. I wish everyone a merry and peaceful Christmas and good health in the New Year."

Walsh's long-time political advisor and spokesperson, Michael Goldman said, traditionally, during election years, he and Walsh have discussed reelection plans in the middle of January. He said he has not yet discussed the issue with her and was tight-lipped whether he thought she would or wouldn't run.

"Let's put it this way, I have no reason to believe that she is

going to run or that she's not going to run," Goldman said enigmatically. "I will say this: she has been putting herself out there this year as much as she's ever been."

In March, Walsh started a self-described "media tsunami" when she agreed to accept a \$175,000 per year appointment from Governor Deval Patrick. Walsh eventually withdrew from the offer amid heavy criticisms of political favoritism.

Later, the listing of her West Roxbury home helped spur talk among political observers that she may be considering moving on from her political career once her term is over.

Whether she runs or not, there is already a Republican challenger waiting in the wings. West Roxbury resident, Brad Williams has already gone on record saying that he will challenge Walsh for the 2010 election.

Walsh could have challengers from within her own party too. Norwood state Representative John Rogers has been someone also interested in her seat, and earlier in the month it was reported that her colleague in the House, Representative Michael Rush would run for her seat whether she ran or not.

Rush backtracked a little on that statement saying that he was still researching whether he will run.

"I'm looking at running for the state Senate for the Norfolk Suffolk district very seriously," Rush said. "In the past year when Senator Walsh accepted a job to work in the governor's administration I was approached by folks in all areas

of the district who encouraged me to run for the seat, so I've been thinking long and hard about it. I'm doing my due diligence and I will make my decision sometime after the first of the year, but my decision will not be influenced by who is in the race."

When asked if he thinks Walsh will run again, Rush said he feels politician's motives become clear when they are constantly looking for other jobs opportunities instead of doing the job they were elected to do in the first place.

West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain Boston City Councilor John Tobin filed the paperwork to run when it looked as if Walsh would accept the Patrick appointment. Now he said he would not choose to run against her, but he would consider it if Walsh steps down.

"If she didn't run it would be a shock," Tobin said. "She's been everywhere in the last few months, she doesn't seem like someone who doesn't have the passion."

Goldman said he disagrees with any assessment that Walsh is not committed to her work.

"We all know she had opportunities," Goldman said. "I've never seen her be more active or more aggressive in her district than she's been this year. I believe that the people who have known and been represented by Marian for 20 years understand what an outstanding state senator she's been for the state and the district. If she runs, I'm sure that will be reflected in electoral support. If she decides she's going to run, she will win."

# Dean Street lights retiming still on hold

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

For nearly eight months, Town officials have been working with the Massachusetts Highway Department to bring the streetlights to the Dean Street and Route 1 intersection to full functionality. While there have been improvements over the months, one major problem remains at the intersection, which is located near the Staples Plaza.

Last month, Town Planner Stephen Costello and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) confirmed the timing and sequencing issues were in the process of being fixed.

The lights cause a big buildup of traffic on Dean Street. While those driving along Route 1 can breeze through the lights, those traveling down Dean Street or leaving the Walgreens or Staples parking lots can experience

long delays in large lines of traffic. People illegally taking left hand turns out of the Citgo Gas Station in an attempt to cross Route 1 also cause additional delays.

The signal was installed under a MassDOT permit, and was meant to help mitigate the traffic at the abutting plaza, but this has not been the case, since the signal gives excess time to people on the side street. This will change once the retiming of the lights goes into effect, as less time will be given to the jug handles and more time will be given to Dean Street.

The retiming of the lights was approved in November, but no changes have been made quite yet. However, both town and state officials are examining the intersection.

"There has been no change in the situation, but we are still monitoring the intersection operation," Adam Hurtubise of the state's Executive Office of Transportation said.

Hurtubise did not comment on when the changes to the timing system would go into effect.

Norwood general Manager John Carroll said that louvers on the streetlights, which angle the direction of the lights and are only visible from close distances, would be addressed as well to allow for better visibility. He added that all the improvements to the intersection, including the timing system, should be completed by January or February.

The lights at the intersection remain the responsibility of DDR Development, and they will bear the costs. They will go over a list of necessary changes to the intersection, and authorize their contractor to make these changes. In addition to reprogramming the timing system, they need to adjust some of the light heads.

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## Editorial

### Will New Year road be paved with asphalt?

The year 2010 will no doubt be remembered as the year of the asphalt plant. The one that tried to open and failed, or the one that operates despite the objections of most everyone in town. The decision has yet to be made, but the battle looms large as the New Year ushers in.

Norwood's history is both its strength and its curse. The town's diversity, architecture and significant tax base are all benefits of its industrial past. People of all ethnic backgrounds established homes in Norwood because this is where the work was.

The Morse House was named after Ezra Morse in 1678, who established Norwood by setting up a sawmill in what is now South Norwood, the part of town to which the first concentration of families, almost all of whom were farmers, migrated over the next half-century. Farming eventually gave way to manufacturing, with large companies moving to Norwood because of its central location. Fertile fields of crops yielded to processing and distribution plants, and country roads gave way to highways and an airport.

Of course, with progress comes problems, and Norwood has had its share. Remember Grant Gear? Norwood's very own Superfund site, an area of land designated by the federal government as extremely hazardous due to chemicals left in the ground from a manufacturing facility once doing business here.

Neighborhoods still border industrial sites, including Pleasant Street area homes near Bird & Son, the old Polaroid plant in the Upland Woods area, the old tanneries and sawmills in the Endicott area by what is now known as Hannaford Plaza, and even the Automile, that stretch of land on Route 1 littered with auto dealerships, still a fertile tax base for Norwood.

When you purchase a home in Norwood you accept the fact that it is not a bedroom community, and the smaller amount in taxes you pay relative to your neighbors in bordering towns is a byproduct of its business base, and understand all of the potential complications this fact may entail. The delicate balance between neighbors and businesses is something Norwood leaders have been trying to maintain since its inception and, for the most part, have done a very good job at.

The battle between Norfolk Asphalt and neighbors will be one more test of leadership. The plant, located on Pleasant Street, has stood still for decades, in a decaying, rusted state. Its owner, being a shrewd businessman, has kept its paperwork in order so that when deemed appropriate, he could activate it and reap the benefits of his investment, a goal most every American aspires to and works hard to position him or herself in.

To object to his plan and to stage a fight is the right of every resident of Norwood. However, to vilify him is a mistake, since doing so will have no bearing in the court of legal opinion and only serve to make his actions more vindictive instead of constructive should he prevail.

It is reasonable to assume that Selectmen, the authority that will set the direction of the town's resources in dealing with this matter, will have the best interests of its residents in mind. It serves no purpose to threaten them should they not bow to every whim of embattled neighbors. Their responsibility is to the whole town, since it will be the whole town footing the bill in whatever decisions they make.

One thing is for sure. Leadership involves preparing for the future. And if it is likely, as deemed by legal opinion, that there will be an operating asphalt plant on Pleasant Street in the near future regardless of actions taken, then Selectmen should be laying the groundwork now to make it as palatable as possible.



## Letters to the Editor

### .. AND THE NOMINEES ARE

#### To The Editor:

I would like to nominate for 'Worst person of the year' award.' First place goes to...unelectable and unaccountable rogue Judge Charles W. Trombly, Jr, Dedham Court, for allowing an asphalt plant the 'right' to operate in a residential Norwood neighborhood, against the will of the people and local government.

Runner up - Gerald Lorusso, asphalt plant

owner, for violating three of the seven 'modern evils' as described by the Vatican; environmental pollution, accumulating excessive wealth and inflicting poverty. Isn't there a conflict of interest with Mr. Lorusso as he sits on the Board of Directors of Norwood Hospital (hospital = health and wellness) and is the asphalt plant owner (pollution = sickness)? I guess he's trying to drum up business for the hospital.

Thomas Kelley

## Fire Department requests emergency poles

Brad Cole  
Staff Reporter

Fire Chief Michael Howard, with the backing of Police Chief Bartley King, requested the installation of a pair of emergency blue light phones on the new Norwood High School campus. These are used across the country and at numerous college campuses, and provide students with a direct connection to police and fire department dispatchers.

If installed, the two poles would be placed on opposite sides of the campus. One would be installed near the gated entrance to the new high school, the other outside the gymnasium area. However, the installation is not as simply as sticking the two poles in. Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) Chairman Ted Callahan said at their Dec. 22

meeting.

"It's not just installing a light," Callahan said. "You have to wire it," meaning it would require a modification to the plan and wiring system to the site, as lines would have to go out to the phones to ensure they work properly.

Other PBCC members questioned the need of the two emergency blue light phones.

"I think these," PBCC member Paul Meyer said as he took out his cell phone, "makes this obsolete. The emergency response plan is to flip over your cell phone and dial 9-1-1."

Callahan agreed, saying, "Everybody's got a cell phone." He went on to add that no other location in Norwood has these emergency phones, which are not required by state law or in the town's bylaw. He cited the cost, saying they are more expensive than one might imag-

ine.

"You're talking about tens of thousands of dollars," Callahan said, adding and he wants more information on the cost before discussing the plan further.

Although the prevalence of cell phones may limit the necessity for the emergency phones, Fire Department spokesperson George Morrice believes that any added means to contact the police or fire departments would be valuable.

"There could be kids using the athletic field that maybe don't have a cell phone," he said. "Any device that we have up there that individuals are able to use in an emergency situation, we're fully behind. Whether it be a medical emergency or a fire, we feel that it would be a bonus to have this device up there."

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# Wrong-way driver kills one and injures another on Mass Pike

**Zack Huffman**  
Staff Reporter

Authorities say a Boston man was responsible for a fatal head-on collision on the Massachusetts Turnpike early Monday morning, after driving drunk in the wrong direction.

The man, Philip Daniels who has ties to Norwood, was reportedly operating his 1995 Jeep Cherokee with a blood alcohol level that was three times the legal limit when he struck a 1978 MG seriously injuring the driver and killing the passenger.

Rene Bronfield, a 49-year-old male from Worcester who was driving the MG, was trans-

ported to Massachusetts General Hospital.

State Troopers from the Ted Williams Tunnel Barracks responded to multiple reports of a wrong-way driver headed westbound on the eastbound side of Route 90, prior to the Prudential Tunnel.

According to authorities, the collision occurred at the 133.3 mile marker.

Daniels, who was not injured, has been charged with motor vehicle homicide while under the influence of alcohol, operating under the influence of alcohol causing serious bodily injury, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and wrong way

operation of a motor vehicle.

According to published reports, the Jeep Cherokee that Daniels was operating was registered to his father, Gerald Daniels of Norwood.

The identity of the passenger in the MG is being withheld pending proper family notification.

Daniels was arraigned Monday, Dec. 28 and his bail was set at \$100,000.

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ends on Jan. 7, just two days after the meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Riley believes that Town Counsel will file a notice to appeal before this date.

"This probably will occur," Riley said. "If you don't do it, you lose your right [to appeal]."

Filing the intent to appeal notice does not mean the town is obligated to follow through on it, Riley said. They still have the option to dismiss the appeal, but this is the first step required, should the appeal go through.

The full judgment can be found online at [www.norwoodrecord.com](http://www.norwoodrecord.com) under "Links." This is provided as a courtesy, and does not require a subscription to view.

- Staff Reporter Zack Huffman contributed to this article

## PBCC OKs \$50k in changes

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

The Permanent Building Construction Committee approved five pending change orders (PCOs) with a combined value of \$46,661 at their Dec. 22 meeting. These PCOs will be voted on as part of Change Order 4, and if approved, the money will come out of the new Norwood High School construction project's contingency budget.

Two of the approved PCOs tie closely together, as both involve the revised water connection on Bonney Lane. This revision was completed on Aug. 25, and now that accurate numbers showing the cost of the adjustment and credit received for the gate valve are in, the PBCC is able to process this PCO. It cost \$11,842 for the work at the site, but they will receive a \$1,559 credit for their work there.

Two smaller PCOs were approved for the addition of four maintenance lockers and four missing thresholds that were not included in the original plan.

This is double the amount of maintenance lockers featured at the Whitman-Hanson Regional High School. The need for four additional maintenance lockers is due to the size of Norwood High School's custodian staff. Whitman-Hanson had four working to keep the Whitman-Hanson Regional High School clean, while Norwood has 7.5 full time equivalent workers on their custodial staff, and four maintenance lockers would not meet their needs.

The largest PCO approval of the night was for \$35,074, which was used for the excavation of buried organics in the western parking lot. There was approximately 2,000 cubic yards of buried organics at the site, which the Owner's Project Manager Tim Bonfatti described as a "stump dump."

"We're talking tree stumps and stuff like that," Bonfatti said.

The \$20,782 PCO for the removal of these organic materials from the site was tabled at the meeting. Bonfatti was to take some time to look at this number, which was questioned by some members of the PBCC. They were charged \$17.50 per cubic yard of organics removed, and per a deal brokered by Bonfatti, were charged for the removal of just 1,000 cubic yards of organics, instead of the full 2,000 cubic yards removed. Bonfatti will report back to the committee at a future meeting to that amount.

Bonfatti said he thought being charged \$17.50 per cubic yard removed was high, but added that it was the nature of the beast, as the removal of organics at sites like this can be expensive.

Due to some credits received during the course of this project, the contingency budget is \$2,310,240, up from \$2,300,000 at the start of the project. If the estimated and pending cost of the remaining items on the PCO log were deducted today, this budget would fall to \$2,185,079, approximately 95 percent of the total contingency.



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Jon Narbut	76 Wedgewood Dr.	Strip and reroof
Mary McDonagh	34 North Ave.	Strip and reroof
Washington Court Condo Assoc.	785 Washington St.	Strip and reroof
Robert Damon	75 Albemarle Rd.	Remodel basement
Peter Buonora	34 Longwood Ter.	Renovate bath
Norwood Sports Center	65 Cottage St.	Strip, repair and reroof
Mark and Ann Harrington	432 Prospect St.	Reroof front
Norwood Podiatry Assoc.	480 Washington St.	Demo and refit office
Mike Reardon	10 Walters Rd.	Strip and reroof
Analog Devices	2 Technology Way	Install entrance canopy
Scott Larkee	391 Sumner St.	Install pellet stove
Devid Spiegel	475 Boston. Prov. Hgwy.	New structural walls and roof
Anthony Cellucci	96 Neponset St.	Install inground pool
Sophia Gratzia	11 Jefferson Dr.	Strip and reroof
Ray and Doris Boisvert	173 Hill St.	Remodel bath
William Boral	80 Berwick Pl.	Renovate room
Mike and Theresa Porazzo	55 Marlboro St.	Remodel bath
Mark and Helen Graham	330 Sumner St.	Strip and reroof
Mary Ann Ruma	12 Morse Ave.	Strip and reroof
Carlos Baquerizo	24 Alandale Pkwy.	Strip and reroof
Gary Schorer	485 Nahatan St.	Install pellet stove into fireplace
Norwood Dialysis Center	101 Access Rd.	Tenant floor plan
Joseph LaRosa	33 Chapel Ct.	Convert American Legion into residential units
Brian McDonough	37 Prospect Ave.	Install vinyl siding
Kathleen Quinn Gomez	14 Eisenhower Rd.	New shed
Marion Kaplan	50 Cameron Rd.	Remodel bath
Richard and Julie Dauphinee	30 Franklin St.	Remodel kitchen
Norwood Housing Authority	170 Hill St.	Install vinyl siding
Christine Greenwood	462 Nahatan St.	Remodel kitchen and bath
Albert Costa	43 Harrow Rd.	Strip and reroof
Norwood Portuguese Club	1040 Washington St.	Replace stucco siding
Georgia McLeester	4 Ash Rd.	Strip and reroof
Thomas Taylor	43 East Cross St.	Install new roof
Norwood Urgent Care and Prima	1210 Bos. Prov. Hgwy.	Tenant fit-up
Mike O'Hara	414 Prospect St.	Install new door, windows, deck
Vivian Pavidis/Margaret Garner	5 Elkway	Remodel kitchen
William Pedersen	49 Sixth St.	Repairs walls/ceilings, new kitchen cabinets and countertop
Giovanni's Pizzeria	75 Cottage St. East	Maximum occupancy load: 19
Analog Devices	3 Technology Way	Remodel bathrooms
Steven and Loreen Francazio	194 Richland Rd.	Apply vinyl siding
Deirdre O'Donnell	30 Gay St.	Gut and remodel kitchen and bath
Steve Quann and Diana Satin	30 Longfellow Rd.	Strip and reroof
Adaline Morgen and Ellen Flaherty	75 Sunnyside Rd.	Reroof
Paul Portanova	752 Neponset St.	Construct sundeck
Jacob Graham	23 Mayfair St.	Renovate basement
Mary Farren	25 Cranmore Rd.	Renovate bath
John Colantuoni Jr.	77 Davis Ave.	Remodel partitions, ceiling carpet and paint
Paul and Joanne McCready	16 Saunders Rd.	Strip and reroof
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Mark Marengi	32 Prospect Ave.	Reframe garage
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# Sports

## Girls' hoops in the loop with strong start



Standout center/forward Tahira Gibson has played a huge part in the Norwood girls' basketball team's early season success.

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**Mike Stoller**  
Staff Reporter

Even if the Norwood High girls' basketball team was less the turmoil of unexpectedly switching coaches at the start of the season, the Mustangs' 2-2 record would have been considered a terrific start. But add that fact into the scenario and Norwood's new beginning under interim head mentor Brian Meringer has been nothing less than awe-inspiring. The Mustangs already have equaled their win total from last year.

"Not bad," Meringer said. "I think we have some talent. Our goal is to be in the [state] tournament hunt. I think it's realistic."

Meringer, who coaches the Norwood boys' varsity soccer team, took over as hoop master when Maureen Jennings resigned not too long before the opening game. With a recent 44-36 win over host Milton, the Mustangs fared better than .500 for the second time this season. Norwood won its opener over visiting Natick at the Savage Center, before falling to powerful Newton North on the road. A hard fought 67-56 loss to host Brookline in overtime evened its ledger heading into the New

Year.

"The girls have reacted fantastically, they've worked hard," Meringer said. "It's a unique situation, but they've given a lot of energy. They've made it a very easy transition, cause they've worked so well."

Norwood's talent quotient has gone up appreciably this season. The Mustangs had the good fortune of upgrading with several highly skilled players from last year's junior varsity squad that went undefeated.

Speedy junior forward/guard Carly Juckett is among them, and she already shined in a big way, helping to spearhead the defense against both Milton and Brookline. Juckett added four points in her first varsity start in Norwood's win over the Wildcats, while contributing six against the Warriors.

"[She] did a great job, playing good solid defense," Meringer said.

Norwood's other quick recruits from junior varsity include senior forward Amelia Kiwanuka and junior forward/guards Katie Johnson and Sara Eckhardt.

But so far, some of the incoming group as well as a few versatile veterans have missed action due to injury and illness, forcing the Mustangs to play a

more one dimensional game of power ball, instead of opening up the floor.

Taking full advantage of its height, Norwood has responded well in that regard thanks to the strong play of six-foot senior center/forwards Emily Dixon and Tahira Gibson. Against Milton, Gibson led the 'Stangs with 16 points, while Dixon contributed 12, including an eight-for-nine showing at the free throw line. The Mustangs, who never trailed against the Wildcats, led, 20-15, at the half, before taking the eight-point win.

"For most of the game we tried to get the ball low to Dixon and Gibson," Meringer said. "Milton did a good job of double teaming them, although their best two inside players picked up early fouls which hurt them late in the game."

Against Brookline, Gibson again led the Mustangs with 21 points and 11 rebounds, while senior star guard Stephanie Perry tossed in 10 points. Norwood led, 28-25, at the break, before the Warriors rallied and sealed it in OT with eight-of-10 free throw shooting down the stretch.

The Mustangs also return

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Norwood star Taylor Donners had a hat trick and two assists as the Mustangs remained undefeated with an eye-popping 8-0 win over host Brookline in girls' hockey action at Boston University's Walter Brown Arena last week.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

## Girls' hockey working wonders

**Mike Stoller**  
Staff Reporter

It was only last year at this time that this writer led a story that said Norwood girls' hockey head coach Bill O'Donnell isn't expecting a miracle on ice for his improving, but still struggling Bay State Conference team. But one winter later, O'Donnell's squad, undefeated as of this writing, is starting to work that wonder. Its latest victory, an eye-popping 8-0 shut-out over host Brookline last week at Boston University's Walter Brown Arena, left the Mustangs at a remarkable 4-0 to start the campaign.

Talk about an ice show. Norwood certainly has hit the big time in more ways than one

with the huge win at the historic venue.

"There is more to be done by everyone to get better, but you have to be happy with a 4-0 start to the season, especially when all the wins have been against Bay State Conference opponents," O'Donnell said.

Suddenly, the Mustangs, feeding off both their veteran and youth talent, have the depth to make some big waves in the BSC. Against the Warriors, Taylor Donners led the 'Stangs with a hat trick and two assists. Ali Maloof had a team-high six points with two goals and four assists. Kaitlyn McCarthy struck twice, while Jenny O'Donnell and Hayley

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## Icemen stay hot with third straight win

**Mike Stoller**  
Staff Reporter

It took a little time, and having perennial Super 8 contender Hingham on its early season docket certainly didn't help the matter, but the Norwood boys' hockey team is starting to show the strength of its combined youth and veteran talent. It was all on display in the Mustangs

convincing 4-0 win over visiting Brookline in a Bay State Conference cross-division battle at Canton Ice Rink last week.

Freshman Tyler Gover, sophomores Andrew Alty, Brendan Cathcart and Peter Kelly all figured highly in the

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this winter with seniors Natalie Metta (forward), Emily Whitney (forward), and Gina Mancini (guard), and juniors Casey Ducharme (guard), Suzy Omo (forward/guard) and Justine Ryan (guard).

"Most of last year's team stayed intact, so they're one more year in maturity and growth, and the junior varsity squad went undefeated, and those players [from last year have started] to play vital roles," Meringer said in attributing his squad's early season success.

The coach also gave credit to his assistants, Katherine Clifford, who played on Norwood's last state tourney team five years ago, junior varsity head coach Kim Morast and freshmen squad guru Pauline Vasiliauskas. For the record, Norwood's freshmen team boasts an undefeated 4-0 ledger, while the JV contingent stands at 2-2.

"They have helped make wonderful decisions with substitutions, and have been outstanding coaches, and made my life easier," Meringer said of the trio.

Meringer sees his squad as right in the thick of things in the Bay State Conference Herget Division. While Walpole and Wellesley appear to be the frontrunners, along with Needham in the Carey Division, the Norwood mentor said, "I think [we can be in the] middle of the pack, but we have to be ready to play every night... I think we might be able to surprise a few top teams."

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O'Rourke each contributed two helpers.

Meanwhile, "the defensive pairings were steady the whole game. Their play helped limit Brookline to nine shots," O'Donnell said, praising the combinations of Kate Allan and Jackie Walsh, Kate O'Brien and Heather Folan, and Allison Ryan and Mary Pat Norton.

O'Donnell cited Warrior goaltender Carina Martins for keeping the Warriors in the game in the first period, though the Mustangs still came through with a 3-0 advantage as they stormed the net for 14 shots on goal.

Martin's play was countered nicely by Norwood freshman netminder Christina Frasca, who posted already her third shutout of the season.

"When Christina had to make the save, she did," O'Donnell said.

Frasca's biggest stop came early in the first period, with the Mustangs leading 1-0. She denied Brookline center Sydney Karnovsky on a breakaway less than five minutes into the game.

Three minutes earlier, the Mustangs had taken a 1-0 lead, when Coskren and Maloof moved the puck from behind

the Brookline goal out to Donners, who backhanded a beauty through the five-hole.

The same trio combined for Norwood's next goal, though it took to the 13:05 mark Donners slid around the net to the slot, where she fired a 20-foot wrist shot by Martins, with assists going to Coskren and Maloof. Then, with just five seconds left, McCarthy, camped to the right of the goal, tucked the puck into the net, after O'Rourke and O'Donnell dug it out of the right corner.

"[For awhile], we did everything but score, but we did find the back of the net in the last two minutes," O'Donnell said.

With 16 more shots in the second stanza, Norwood, which continued to use three lines and three sets of defensemen, sealed the deal on strikes by Coskren (2), McCarthy, and Donners. Coskren's wrist shot to the top right corner from the top of the left circle with one second left in the frame gave Norwood a 7-0 lead.

"There were also a number of quality shots from [our] defensemen that were turned aside by [Martins]," O'Donnell said.



The Norwood floor hockey Shamrocks, a contingent of kindergarteners and first graders, pose for a team photo after they strut their stuff at the Civic Center under the direction of coaches Mary Flaherty and Jason McGuire.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

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victory, as did juniors Adam Kewriga and Anthony Gaita, senior tri-captain Sean Keady, and senior goalie Ryan Gray.

The Mustangs (3-2-1, 3-1 BSC), who out-shot the Warriors (0-4), 29-14, overall, opened the scoring with just 1:02 left in the first period, as Alty, Cathcart, and Kelly converged to give the Mustangs a 1-0 lead. Alty scored the goal, with Cathcart and Kelly picking up assists.

"They played well together," Norwood head coach Bill Clifford said of his strong second line. "They were moving the puck well and had some good opportunities."

In the second stanza, Gover registered his first varsity goal, with helpers going to Gaita and Keady. Gaita fed Keady, who

swung out of the right corner and hit Gover with a nice pass near the right circle. Gover then fired a beautiful shot into the top left corner at 9:41 to give Norwood a 2-0 advantage.

"He played well, he's a good player, a very skilled player," Clifford said of Gover.

Then, at the 5:23 mark, the same trio teamed up, with Gaita doing the honors.

Kewriga finished the scoring unassisted with a solid wrist shot from 15 feet out in the middle at 9:54 of the final stanza.

Gray posted his first varsity shutout in his second start, stopping all 14 shots, including a beauty with the glove on a rising slap shot from the right point in the third period.

"He had some key saves,

made a couple of good stops," Clifford said. "He played a solid game, which is good to see."

The coach noted the Mustangs still need to work on their power play. As of this writing, they have yet to score a goal this season in 22 tries with the man advantage.

Clifford also would still like to see his squad's defense pick up the pace as it heads into the New Year.

"Defensively, we still got a lot of work to do," the coach said. "It was pretty good, but we still got a lot of stuff to work on [such as] staying up on the blue line, not giving up our zone. We seem to be fading back in our zone, which allows the other team to set up."

## Fourth grade girls stay unbeaten in league play

The Norwood fourth grade girls' basketball team recently won a battle of league unbeaten with a thrilling 31-26 victory over Millis. Norwood (6-1, 3-0 league) won a physical battle at the free throw line, where the girls converted 12 freebies. Doing most of the damage was Meg Giambanco who hit 10 free throws and was fouled 14

times. Kay Reen scored 16 for Norwood and Katie Mullholland hit a free throw during a big second quarter run. Norwood took control of the game with its press, feeding off great defense by Janelle Kelleher, Kiki Ryan, Julia Higgins and Jewel Hatch. Victoria Mullen also picked up three steals. The win over Millis came on the heels of a

29-17 win in Hopkinton. Led by 16 first-half points from Kay Reen, Norwood took a commanding 22-6 lead and never looked back. Michelle Brinklow and Erin Spaulding also hit baskets and Katie Mullholland and Olivia Haglund came off the bench and contributed to the cause. Of note was also the rebounding effort from Chi Chi Ugochukwu. The fourth grade girls take a week off from Metrowest League play and head to the challenging Muscato Tournament in Easton over Christmas break.

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### CORRECTION

On the back page of our December 23rd issue, we incorrectly spelled the name of the Balch Elementary School's 2009-2010 Geography Bee (Geo Bee) as Radha David. Her last name is Dave. We apologize for the mistake and offer our congratulations to Radha for a job well done!

### UPCOMING GAMES

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**Saturday, Jan. 2**  
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Girls Hockey vs. Weymouth  
Boys Basketball at  
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**Tuesday, Jan. 5**  
Boys Basketball at Dedham  
Girls Basketball vs. Dedham  
Wrestling at Wellesley  
Gymnastics at Walpole

**Wednesday, Jan. 6**  
Boys Hockey at Dedham

### SCOREBOARD

**Boys Hockey**  
Norwood 4, Brookline 0

**Girls Hockey**  
Norwood 8, Brookline 0

# Trio arrested in car theft

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Police Department nabbed a trio of car thieves outside of Lewis Restaurant and Grille on Central Street on Saturday, Dec. 19. The arrests were made at 10:36 p.m.

Those arrested were 23-year-old Scott Sokoly of 3 Park Ln., Park Ridge, NJ, 22-year-old Joseph Guay of 31 St. Joseph Ave., Norwood and 23-year-old Andrew Remis of 500 Bedford St., Stamford, Conn. Sokoly and Remis were charged with use of a motor vehicle without authority. In addition to this charge, Guay faces charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operating under the influence of liquor.

"The owner of the car left

her car running, and she thought she had locked it with her remote control," Officer Kevin Grasso said, though this was not the case.

Sokoly, Guay and Remis allegedly saw the running car and tried to take advantage of the situation. They were able to drive off with the car, which belongs to a Lewis Restaurant and Grille waitress, but they did not get far.

"They were walking by, saw the car running and took it," Grasso said. "While driving away, they struck a pole."

At this point, assistance had arrived in the form of two Lewis's employees.

According to Dave Kelley Jr. of Lewis's, the trio had been kicked out of the restaurant before they took the car. A few of the employees had gone outside, and saw them drive by,

before pulling over at the bowling alley. Once parked, they started walking back to the restaurant.

"Our guys were outside, they recognized her car and grabbed them," Kelley said, and they were able to keep Sokoly, Guay and Remis contained until the police arrived.

"It was kind of bizarre," he said. "They took the car, and then came back," adding that not many people return to the bar after they've been kicked out.

David Traub of District Attorney William Keating's office revealed that all plead not guilty to the charges, and the three alleged car thieves were released on a personal recognizance bail bond. They will return to the Dedham District Court on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010.

# PACS students get job opportunity

**Brad Cole**  
Staff Reporter

Starting on Dec. 11, students in the Norwood High School's Practicing All Curriculum Skills (PACS) program have the opportunity to work at Republic Plumbing Supply on Route 1 in Norwood.

Director of Student Services Joyce Onischewski was excited to announce this news at the School Committee meeting saying, "Our students have a great opportunity every Friday."

"Melissa [Blackburn] and her students are just so excited," Onischewski said. "They're going to start working at the plumbing company."

A student from the program will work there for a two-month period, and then rotate with another student. The student will not be alone during this time, as Shelby Doliner, an aide who works with the class, will serve as their job coach.

"We will give each student the chance to work and earn money," said Melissa Blackburn, a Life Skills and Special Needs certified teacher at the Norwood High School.

Their jobs will include clerical work, organizing staff mail, cleaning up the kitchen area and taking out the trash. By working at the site every week, Blackburn hopes the students will learn what is expected in the workplace, when it is appropriate to take a break and what conversations are appropriate for the job site.

There are also numerous social aspects to the job. Students will interact with Bill Duggan, president of Republic Plumbing Supply and have the chance to talk with customers and co-workers, Blackburn said.

"It's very sociable," Blackburn said. "We try to use

everything to provide the students with some social interaction. That is a huge part of the program: socialization. Everything is really group oriented in here."

The paycheck is an added educational bonus, as it will be used to show students how to fill out bank forms, withdraw and deposit money into a bank account, cash a check, balance a bank book and budget their money.

The job also gave students the chance to fill out a job application. They were required to do so in order to receive a job at Republic Plumbing Supply, and without Duggan's support, something like this would not have been possible.

"I was shocked and thrilled when Bill hired Special Education students in this economy," Blackburn said. Her students and their parents were also thrilled by this development.

Duggan is glad to have the opportunity to help those in the PACS program, saying, "Anything I can do to help them, I will." He feels that this program will help "get them acquainted with the work place and give them some skills."

Onischewski described the job as "a nice vocational opportunity for the students in Norwood," and she hopes it is the first of many. The PACS program is looking for other sites for students to work at, and businesses interested in giving these students some workplace experience can call Onischewski at 781-440-5842.

This job is not the only off-

campus trip students in the PACS program are involved in. Every Wednesday, the students go out into the community to visit the bank, have lunch at a restaurant, socialize in the community and visit the library. Students have their own wallets and keep track of their bank account balance, pay for lunch and select their meal with as much independence as possible.

"It's good that they have this routine, and they look forward to these trips," Blackburn said, adding, "We access the community a lot. Norwood provides a wealth of resources for this classroom."

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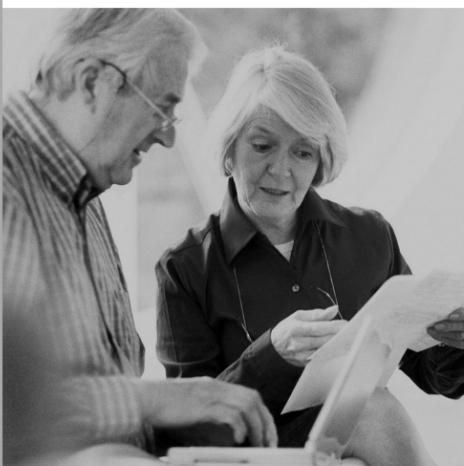
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# Deaths

**CIRILLO**  
Pasquale 'Patsy,' J., 79, of Norwood, Dec. 20. US Army Korean Conflict Veteran. Beloved husband of Catherine E. (Bilotta) Cirillo. Devoted father of Robert 'Bob' J. and his wife Imelda of Southbridge, Elizabeth A. Gifford and her late husband Ed of Norwood and Mary Ann Parsons and her husband Shane of Riverside, RI. Grandfather of Lisa Ormsby of ME and Joshua Parsons of RI. Great grandfather of Kelsey Cirillo. Brother of Ralph Cirillo of NJ and the Late Samuel J. Cirillo, Stella E. Pungitore, Mary Carchedi and Jennie Perritano. Son of the late Ralph J. and Catherine (Gianetti) Cirillo. Funeral arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment with full military honors at Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to St. Jude's Children Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

**COMSTOCK-GERBER**  
Stacy (Thompson), 91, of Norwood, Dec. 25. Born in South Boston to the late William and Mary (Lopet) Thompson on July 28, 1918. She graduated from Norwood High School and worked for Polaroid for many years. She and her late husband were very active in ballroom dancing. Beloved wife of the late William Gerber. Sister of Albina Thompson and her late brother Vito Thompson. She is also survived by her caregiver Nancy Ausevich and many cousins. Funeral arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. All services private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to a hospice agency of your choice.

**CONNOLLY**  
Jean M., 89, of Norwood, Dec. 23. Sister of James Connolly of Shrewsbury, Patricia Chandler of Norwood and the late Mary Mastroianni and Helen Sceppa. Daughter of the late Eugene and Nellie (Freeman) Connolly. Aunt of Joseph M. Sceppa of West Roxbury and many other nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, Milford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

**KING**  
Thomas H., of Norwood, formerly of Waltham. Dec. 19. Father of Stephen T. King, Thomas M. King and Mary C. O'Hearn, all of Hudson, NH, Michael D. King of Derry, NH, Judy A. Young of Billerica, Nancy J. Crouss of Ashland, Stephanie C. Bacon of Rutland, Heather E. King of Newport, RI and the late Ellen M. Locke. Nephew of Anna (McArdle) Cardarelli of Waltham. Also survived by 14 grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by The Joyce Funeral Home, Waltham. Interment at Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum, Waltham. Memorial donations may be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 9 Erie Dr., Natick, MA 01760 or to Joslin Diabetes Clinic, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02115.

**LYNCH**  
Marjorie, in Norwood, Dec. 22, at Ellis Nursing Center. Marje was an actuary at John Hancock for many years. While at the Ellis, she worked in the gift shop and was an active participant in many activities. She loved spelling bees and bingo. She was also an avid reader. In her later

years, she enjoyed watching television. Her favorite program was Jeopardy followed by Dr. Phil and Judge Judy. Marje was predeceased by her husband John. She leaves behind her dear friend Helen Eastman. She will be long remembered by her many friends at the Ellis who became her family. "God speed to you Marje on your journey home." Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood.

**MADDEN**  
Helen M. (Denson), of Norwood, Dec. 20, at home. Beloved wife of the late George P. Madden. Loving mother of Michael Madden and his wife Sommai of Melbourne, FL, James Madden and his wife Cathy of Walpole and Marilyn Madden Walsh and her husband Eric of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Kristen Madden, Joseph Madden, Isaac Madden, Julie Coffey, Jeannie Coffey, Jacquelynn Santos, Catie Beth Madden, Patrick Madden, Joshua Walsh, Mathieu Walsh and Andrew Walsh. Dear sister of Carol O'Donnell and her husband James of Norwood. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Mount Benedict Cemetery, Boston. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Helen M. Madden to the Clinical Trial Unit, MGH ALS Research, c/o Shawn Fitzgibbons, MGH Development Office, 165 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02114.

**O'BRIEN**  
Mary 'Pat' (Gainey), of Norwood, formerly of Roslindale, Dec. 19. Beloved wife of the late George F. O'Brien. Loving mother

Deaths  
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# The Record Book

**FOXWOOD TRIP**  
A Foxwoods trip is planned for Monday, Jan. 11. Cost is \$24 per person. If interested, should call Fran Macaulay at 781-686-4346. Proceeds will benefit Norwood American Legion Baseball.

**PARENTING WORKSHOPS**  
Norwood Public Schools is hosting three parenting workshops for the month of January: Wednesdays, Jan. 13, 20, 27, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. James R. Savage Education Center, 275 Prospect St.,

Room 219. Workshops respectively: Baby Steps: Understanding & Responding to Your Infant; Your Emerging Explorer: Parenting Your Toddler; From Mild to Wild & Back Again: Parenting Your Preschooler. To register, call Jeanne Morrison at 781-440-5983 or by email at [jmorrison@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:jmorrison@norwood.k12.ma.us).

**SPECIAL REGISTRATION SESSION**  
The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registra-

tion session has been set for the Jan. 19, 2010 Special State Election on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Municipal Building, room 32. This is the final registration session prior to the Special State Election. Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office. Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

## Legal

**TOWN OF NORWOOD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:30 PM in Room 34, Harry B. Butters Selectmen Chambers, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, Ma. concerning on its FY 2010 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program application.

The application proposes the continuation of the Norwood Housing Rehabilitation Program and the implementation of roadway and sidewalk improvements in South Norwood. Pursuant to grant requirements, both activities lie within the Town's Community Development Fund Target Area. Any person or organization wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to speak. If unable to attend the public hearing, comments may be forwarded to the Town of Norwood, Office of Community Planning and Economic Development, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, Ma. and must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. on January 19, 2010.

*Norwood Record, 12/30/09*

**Prayer to the Blessed Virgin**  
*(Never known to fail!)*  
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. —Y.H.*

# Deaths *continued from page 10*

of Daniel of Norwood, John and his wife Cathy of Newburg, OR, Mary Morgan of Norwood, Ruth O'Donnell and her husband Steve of Westwood and James of Destin, FL. Devoted grandmother of Brendan and Mark O'Brien, Kevin, Sean and Maureen Morgan, Meaghan, Patricia and Matthew O'Donnell and Terence and Cynthia O'Brien. Sister of the late Jeremiah and John

Gainey. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by Holden, Dunn and Lawler Funeral Home, Westwood. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain.

**SHEEHAN**

Arthur R., 67, of Yuma, AZ, formerly of Norwood, Dec. 19. Late member of the Norwood Lodge of

Elks. Mr. Sheehan was the husband of the late Margaret (Burke) Sheehan. Longtime companion of Charlene Makkis of Yuma, AZ. Loving father of Kathleen Sheehan Spillane and her husband Paul of Trooper, PA and Keith Sheehan and his partner Siran Varadian of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of Nora Spillane. Brother of Ruth Marden of Bradford, NH and Ann Powell of Warner, NH. He was also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood.

Interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

**SULLIVAN**

Joseph A., 86, of Norwood, Dec. 23. World War II US Navy Veteran. Late retired Professor of Mathematics at Boston College. Devoted husband of Mary C. (Peterson) Sullivan. Devoted father of Brian J. and his wife Mary of Carver, Paul and his wife Linda of Natick, James and his wife Susan of Stratham, NH and Gregory and his wife Anne Marie of Littleton, CO. Brother of the late

Alice Sullivan. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Son of the late Joseph and Alice (O'Brien) Sullivan. Funeral arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, Boston.

**Condolences extended to:**  
Beverly O'Neill on the death of her sister Mary E. Cullen, of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain, Dec. 21.

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### Pannes honored for work

Local artist Caroline Pannes was recently honored by members of the South Norwood Committee for her tireless efforts in restoring the figurines for the Creche that is on display at the George H. Morse House. Pannes spent over seventy volunteer hours restoring these delicate pieces. Thanks and appreciation also goes to Ed Foley for his assistance with the project.

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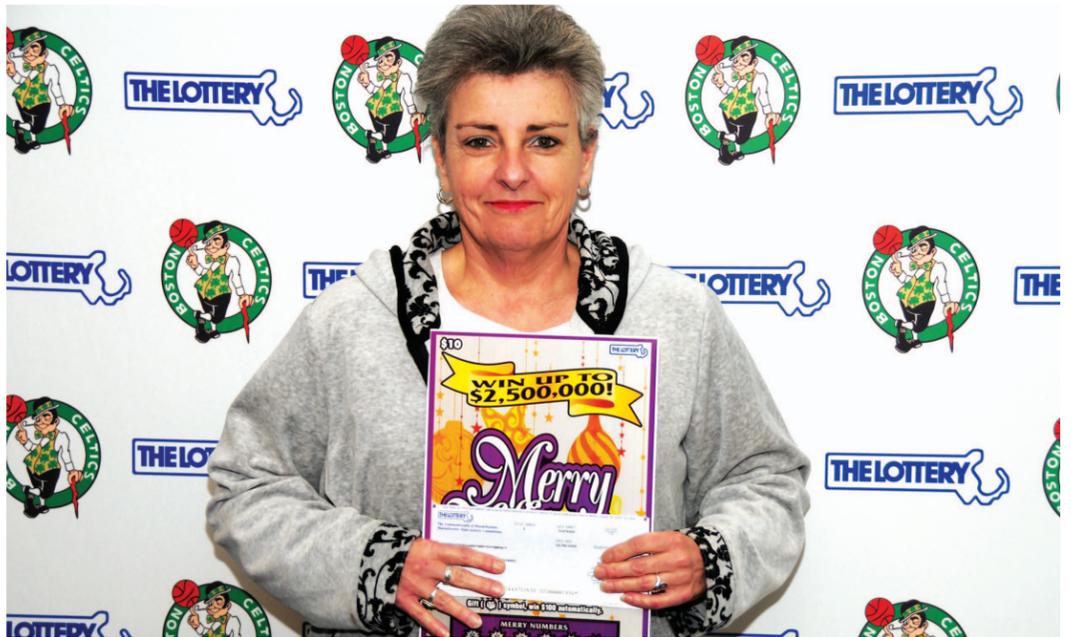
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Jack Cooke celebrated his 70th birthday at a surprise party at The Chateau Restaurant. The occasion was commemorated with many relatives and friends including his wife Patty and their nine grandchildren. Pictured Above: John Henry 18, Christian Cooke 14, Matt Henry 15, Olivia Cooke 5, on her 12 year old cousin Megan Cooke's lap, Mark Henry 19 and Owen Cooke 8. Back Row: Conor Cooke 7, and Collin Cooke 10.

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 —M.C.D.

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