

# Model school 'flaws' debated

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Staff Reporter

While Whitman/Hanson Regional High School is widely regarded as a marvel of modern architecture and chosen as the state's model for future building projects, there are a few areas that could use some improvement.

Norwood's Director of School Buildings and Grounds Joe McDonough met recently with Whitman/Hanson Director of Facilities and Maintenance Ernest Sandland to discuss some of the issues and minor headaches he and his crew have had since construction completed three years ago.

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## It's a stampede!

When news broke that *The Norwood Record* was coming out a day earlier last week due to Christmas, anxious readers lined the streets in anticipation...ok, maybe not...this particular line is the annual rush to get Guarino Bakery goodies for the holidays.

# Town opens dump for holiday trash

## Possible overflow of recyclables prompts town to act

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After the presents have been passed around and the flurry of ribbons and bows has littered living rooms all over Norwood, local authorities are looking to make sure those discarded boxes and rolls of shredded wrapping paper don't end up on local streets.

In an effort to curb a possible overflow of holiday trash, the local landfill on Winter Street will be open this weekend, and next weekend, to give Norwood residents a chance to discard the remnants of another Holiday season.

Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper said that while the new mechanized trash pickup and single stream recycling program is going well, they are worried that the volume of post-holiday rubbish might be too much for one barrel to handle.

In October, residents were issued two new trash barrels, one 96-gallon bucket for recycling and one 64-gallon bucket for regular trash. But after hours

of present wrapping turns into minutes of mayhem and empty boxes, those barrels are likely to fill up quickly. Cooper said Christmas trees can also be taken to the landfill, or can be left out on the curb to be picked up.

"If you want to get rid of it quick, bring it to the landfill, otherwise, we're asking people to leave them on the curb with their trash," Cooper said.

Trees should be stripped of all accessories, tinsel and glitter.

"We're basically telling people to bring them back or thrown them out like they found them," said Cooper.

Bows and ribbons, while a nice topper to a pretty present, don't go over so well in the recycling machinery, and can often get tangled in the gears, so Cooper warned people to make sure those extra frills don't get mixed in with recyclables.

Cooper also said that extra trash must be placed inside the barrels. If it is left

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# Sheriff shuts down Blockbuster Video

## Lenox St. Store cleared out

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Those looking to pick up a good flick for the weekend were sorely disappointed as the Blockbuster Video store on Lenox Street was abruptly emptied out and shut down. The only notice to customers looking to rent or return movies was posted on the front door stating that the store had been closed by the Norfolk County Sheriff's office.

According to case files at the Norfolk County Superior Court, Nhan C. Trinh, Toungvy T. Nguyen, Khang Nguyen and Khan Trihn, who collectively own the store as Nous Corp., have defaulted on a \$1.6 million dollar loan from Banco Popular North America and the Small Business Administration.

Nous Corp. owns Blockbuster Video stores in Walpole, Randolph and Shrewsbury, which have also been closed.

In an affidavit, Banco Popular Vice President Penny Martin stated that she had been responsible for the loan obligations of Nous Corp. and confirmed that — with interest, fees and a nine percent interest rate — the total amount

owed had surpassed the original loan amount. She stated that the principal balance as of July 15, 2008 equaled \$1.4 million, with accrued interest of \$53,922 and fees that totaled \$25,228. There was

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Empty shelves and locked doors all that's left of Blockbuster Video.

# More residents now eligible for fuel assistance

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## Income requirement adjusted to meet record need

Times are tough as more families struggle to keep ahead in worsening economic conditions. Costs on almost everything rise and fall unpredictably, making even the most basic needs difficult to maintain.

However, despite the grim conditions and the cold winter climate, a surprising increase in fuel assistance offers a bit of comfort to those in need.

Norwood Senior Outreach Worker Grace O'Donnell, who helps seniors apply for the fuel assistance and conservation programs said that the income limit to qualify for the program has been adjusted, making more people eligible for heating assistance.

"Before the gas prices started coming down, I think they were really nervous that more people would be struggling, so they increased the limit to help more people," she said. According to O'Donnell,

the maximum single income to be considered for assistance was \$20,800. The new limit is \$27,876.

While O'Donnell and Norwood Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill help people through the application process, Self Help Inc., an organization specializing in fuel assistance programs, make the decision.

"We absolutely do not make those decisions," O'Donnell said, "but the application process is very involved and very complicated, so we are really more like the middle man. If people tried to do this themselves, to go through this process on their own, it would take forever."

The application process involves a face-to-face interview, Department of Revenue confirmation of yearly income and taxes and a lot of paperwork.

Eligibility for fuel assistance is based on four main factors, including household size,

type of home, vulnerability to energy costs and gross annual income.

O'Donnell said she has taken in about 30 applications so far this year, and expects to see more as news of the recent increase gets around to those who thought they weren't eligible for aid.

"I'm encouraging as many people as possible to apply, because once the money is gone, it's gone," she said.

While applications for the fuel assistance and conservation programs run from November to April, O'Donnell said the program is still limited by how much money there is to pass around. "If the money runs out March 1, people are out of

luck," she said.

While the income requirement for fuel assistance has risen, the numbers for the conservation program remain the same. In the fuel assistance program, Self Help, Inc. sends credits directly to the energy provider. Sometimes they cover the entire bill, but more often will pay a portion, leaving the remainder to the applicant.

The conservation program is offered to families and individuals who need help making repairs to their homes to make them more energy efficient. Self Help Inc. will provide for the cost of a heating system and window and insulation repairs if one is accepted to the program.

O'Donnell said that according to a recent list Norwood was in the top five for people who received fuel assistance this year. "It surprised me that Norwood was one of the higher towns served this year," she said, adding that Brockton and Quincy were also at the top of the list.

Seniors who may be interested in applying for fuel assistance can contact Grace O'Donnell at the Norwood Senior Center by calling (781) 762-1201. Other local residents interested in the program can contact Veterans Agent Ted Mulvehill at (781) 762-1240.

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## Interim found for Coakley Tessier's temporary replacement takes over Jan.5

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Now that the Coakley Middle School is about to lose its leadership, School Supt. John Moretti and the Norwood School Committee have decided to hire an interim for the remainder of the academic year.

Principal Marjorie Tessier will step down from her post at the troubled middle school effective Jan.5th, while Assistant

Principal Stephen Shinnick retired on Dec.20. Shinnick is currently involved in an investigation with the National Credit Union Association and the Norwood Police regarding his involvement as treasurer of the School Employees Credit Union after inconspicuous arose during an annual audit.

The School Committee was in the process of screening potential permanent replacements, but was derailed by Shinnick's sudden departure from the system and forced to take action sooner than expected. During the Nov.11 meeting, Moretti informed the board that he had received 24

applications for Tessier's position, four of which he found qualified to potentially lead the school through a major reorganization and restructuring.

Moretti recently announced that he had hired former King Philip Regional Middle School Principal William Rice to the position.

"I have total confidence in his abilities," Moretti said, adding that he has known Rice for 25 years and could personally attest to his skills as a principal and middle school administrator.

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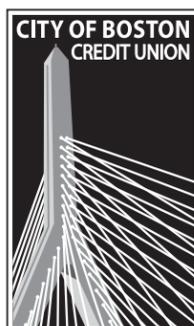
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# Norwood goes above and beyond Prop 2-1/2

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## Town officials justify 5 percent tax hike

A 5 percent tax increase has raised questions among Norwood residents, as local property owners grapple with the new rate, double what is technically allowed by Proposition 2-1/2.

Town Assessor Paul Wanecek recommended the new rate to the Board of Selectmen last month, but recently explained that the new rates, based on 2007 numbers, allowed for some exceptions that made it possible to raise the rates beyond the standard 2-1/2 percent.

Those exceptions, Wanecek said, include an increase in taxable property in 2007, and a debt exclusion vote that was still on the books for the \$6 million feasibility study on a new high school.

"There are still limitations on how much you can raise taxes," he said, "but anything we don't collect from state aid has to come from the tax levy, which

needs to be raised one way or the other due to the town's spending."

Town Accountant Bob Thornton said the new rate was officially approved by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

"We cannot legally send out tax bills without the DOR certifying that we are in compliance with Prop 2-1/2," he said. "The increases are not exceptions, they are essential parts of the proposition."

Thornton said the DOR keeps a close eye on the town's tax numbers, making sure each increase is justified.

"They really challenge us to support our valuations and to document and verify all our numbers," he said.

Those numbers, according to Thornton, add up to about \$4.5 billion in taxable real estate in Norwood, which equals out to a \$48.6 million in taxes from the town's property owners, a rela-

tively small amount when compared to the state's cap on tax levies.

"The state ceiling is \$113.5 million, so we're only looking at about 43 percent of what the state intends the tax levy to be," Thornton said.

But the state's numbers aren't looking so good as recent news of reduced state aid have local boards cutting budgets and revamping their anticipations for the year ahead.

"The reduction in state aid will, of course, have an impact

on the town," Wanecek said. "Something is going to have to give. Even with allowances and exceptions, there are still limitations on what we can do."

Luckily, the numbers for the 2007 fiscal year were not as bleak as the current year, which softened the blow for many local residents, but the increase in taxable properties could prompt another increase above 2 1/2 percent next year. "If there is a rise in taxable property, the rates go up because we have to find a way to provide services for those

new properties," Thornton said.

Thornton added that the approximate 20 year bond period for the feasibility study was a likely factor in the 5 percent increase, and would likely be included in calculations of next year's tax levy, but that Prop 2-1/2 will still add a degree of certainty to the figures.

"Before Prop 2-1/2 passed in 1982, the rate could vary very significantly every year," he said. "It provides us with a lot more stability."

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"He's a steady handed, roll-up-your-sleeves kind of guy," Moretti said.

Rice has been on the job informally and is working with Tessier to ease the transition.

In the meantime, the School Committee will keep searching for a permanent replacement for Tessier, but there are no immediate plans to fill Shinnick's seat as Assistant Principal. Moretti said he would be working with Rice to find a suitable replacement.

Moretti said he had narrowed the potential candidates down to two. The School Committee will ultimately recommend one as a permanent principal.

Members of the committee were equally concerned about the Coakley, which has posted below average MCAS scores for two years straight, and said it was essential to have a strong

leader in place to help implement the changes necessary to get the school up to snuff.

"This is a building that needs a total rehab, and this position is really under the gun" said member Mark Joseph, who stressed that in selecting any replacements, the superintendent and the committee needed to be thoughtful and highly selective in their decision.

"It's going to be a very difficult year ahead at the

Coakley," said member Bill Plasko, who has a child currently attending the school. "I don't think any of us knew we'd be able to rely on Mr. Moretti's Rolodex, but this new hire comes highly recommended, and I think everything has been handled in a timely and up-front manner."

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# Editorial

## RESOLUTIONS FOR 2009

As the year draws to a close, and the first days of 2009 kick in, many of us will make resolutions, some kept to more than others.

For most, these resolutions are well-meaning and relate to personal habits. We will vow to lose weight, hit the gym more and quit smoking. But there are a few other things you might want to consider setting as new rules for 2009.

*A few suggested resolutions:*

### REMEMBER THE LESS FORTUNATE

We don't offer this idea as the sort of mushy, feel-good ideal that many consider. There are tangible ways to make a real and direct impact on those who need a helping hand. One way that comes immediately to mind is to support both local food pantries and larger entities such as the Greater Boston Food Bank. Many of you have undoubtedly done so in recent weeks. From Thanksgiving to Christmas, food pantries typically see their largest increase in donations. But the reality is that people get just as hungry in April as they do in December. Make supporting these worthy efforts a year-round goal, not just a holiday tradition. In the late Spring and Summer, when their shelves are bare, the support will be much-appreciated and put to good use

### STOP VOTING FOR INCUMBENTS

Perhaps we should modify this to read "most incumbents" as, in truth, there are many elected officials who serve year after year based on their dedication and effectiveness. Too often, however, voters just instinctively vote for the name they recognize, not for a candidate they have scrutinized. We seem to have this never-ending ability to be shocked, stunned and appalled when any given State Senator or local representative is engulfed in scandal. When scandals erupt, we are quick to yell "throw the bums out." But, in many cases, these disappointments were bums long before they imploded. Corruption seldom happens in a vacuum or without warning. The truth is that we look the other way and make excuses for the faces we put back into office year after year. We don't have to be knee-jerk about it, intentionally throwing no-name candidates into office. But if, after reading of shady financial arrangements and that sort of thing time and time again about any given politico, we only have ourselves to blame for giving them free reign.

### LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS

The economy is faltering. We all know that. But part of what ails the average man on the street is only partly due to Wall Street's shenanigans. Many of us, for far too long, have treated our bank accounts like a wishing well. The mortgage crisis is certainly due to unscrupulous lenders. But those lenders were aided and abetted by the greed and naiveté of many. How, we ask, could anyone in their right mind think that they could afford a house on a \$20,000 or \$30,000 a year salary? And, for those who tried to pull such a deal off, how could they sign their life away without even a cursory review of the terms. And now, we all are being asked to shoulder the burden of their bad debt.

It is not just mortgages that have us ransoming our future. Jobs are unsteady, the cost of living is unbearable and bills pile up. And yet, we still rush to buy big screen televisions and gas-guzzling SUVs (although the demand for the latter has taken a needed hit). Credit is a helping hand, not a way of life. In 2009, weigh your needs versus desires.



## SADD chaperones spark service nationwide Norwood chapter inspires other SADD groups to help out

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It's common knowledge that Norwood residents have above average civic pride, but the Norwood Students Against Destructive Decisions has taken that message and inspired other youth organizations across America.

Recreation Department Superintendent Jerry Miller and Norwood High School teacher, local dance instructor and SADD advisor Paula Pelaggi devised a collaborative program that has made its way beyond Norwood.

Pelaggi took over as SADD captain in 1992, and after learning of the Recreation Department's difficulties finding chaperones for middle school dances, saw the perfect opportunity for a new peer leadership program that would benefit everyone.

So SADD students started chaperoning for the middle school dances, and since their first run in 1992, the program has grown into a favorite among high school and middle students, and among staff at the high school and the rec center.

"It's a great role model program," Pelaggi said. "They do it because they want to, and the younger kids really look up to them and look forward to being chaperones when they are old enough."

Miller, who attends yearly recreation conferences, said he was at a meeting a few years ago when the chaperone problem was brought up.

"A lot of people said they

had trouble finding chaperones for their dances, so I told them about what we do with the SADD kids and everyone just thought it was such a great idea. Even the facilitator said it was a quick win/win," Miller said. "I went back the next year and Recreation Directors from as far away as Denver were doing the same thing and were just thrilled at how great it worked."

The Norwood SADD is the most active and involved chapter in the state. It goes both beyond state lines and hits close to home for young Norwood students.

"The kids see them as real role models," Miller said. "They can relate to the SADD students. SADD students have a connection to the younger kids and can speak to them on the same level."

Miller and Pelaggi both said the SADD students enjoy the dances almost as much as the middle school students, and see it as a way to give back to the community.

"They really feel the need to give back to the town," Pelaggi said. "You'd be surprised at all the things they do and all they accomplish. It amazes me to see them all there on a Friday night asking, 'When is the next dance?'"

Miller agreed the commitment the SADD students show to their posts as chaperones is nothing short of incredible.

"A four hour commitment on a Friday night? That's just unbelievable for a high school student, but they are always there and they love to do it," he said.

"It just made sense," Pelaggi said. "In '92, we were looking for new youth programs, and the SADD kids were always at the dances volunteering anyway. It really just evolved from that."

The SADD chaperone program has boosted attendance at dances, as Pelaggi and Miller said parents were more apt to send their children to the dances because of the group's reputation.

"Parents trust their children to go because they trust us and they know the SADD kids are going to be there," Pelaggi said.

Miller said that there are hardly ever problems at the dances, and said the mere presence of SADD students as chaperones is likely responsible.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, nothing goes wrong. In 36 years, we've maybe had three or four instances we've had to deal with, but the impact of the SADD kids has cut down that ratio even more. The kids thinking about doing something are less likely to do it just because they are there," he said.

Pelaggi said the ultimate ambition of SADD is to prevent kids from making bad decisions, and that the students in the Norwood chapter have taken that message to heart.

"Life is too short to make bad decisions," she said, "and we need to show them the right way to go. We are trying to train these kids to be great adults and to give back to their community."

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# Woman nabbed for Norwood crime spree

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Last week, West Roxbury resident Andrea Ruggiero was arraigned and charged for a string of robberies and attempted robberies in West Roxbury and in Norwood.

Ruggiero was charged in West Roxbury District Court with armed robbery, two counts of attempted robbery and three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, kidnapping, and possession of a Class E drug, for her role in the Dec. 10 robberies of three West Roxbury businesses. She will also face charges in Norwood.

According to police reports, Ruggiero, with a dark scarf over her face and brandishing what appeared to be a weapon, entered the Walgreen's Pharmacy on Centre Street as the store was closing. She demanded entry into the Walgreen's Pharmacy and allegedly demanded money and prescription drugs from an employee in the store.

When the employee was unable to open the pharmacy or access the safe, the Ruggiero ordered him into a rear room

before fleeing the store and driving away in a silver-colored vehicle.

Shortly after the first attempted robbery, Boston Police officers received a call of a sec-



Andrea Ruggiero

ond attempted armed robbery at a Dunkin Donuts on the V.F.W. Parkway. Upon arrival, officers spoke with restaurant employees who told them that a woman, who matched the description of Ruggiero, drove up to the drive-through window and showed an employee what appeared to be a firearm, before demanding money.

"I won't hurt you," Ruggiero allegedly said. "I just want the money in the register." Instead of handing over the money, the employee told officers that he stepped away from the window and the woman sped off.

At about 10:51 p.m., police officers received another call of an armed robbery at a gas station not far from the location of the second robbery. Police who responded to the scene spoke to an employee who told them that a blond-haired female drove up to the gas station in a silver-colored vehicle and approached the attendant's booth. After walking into the booth, the suspect allegedly showed him what looked like a firearm and demanded cash. After taking several hundred dollars in cash, she fled the area.

The two-day spree ended the next day when Norwood police arrested Ruggiero after a clerk from the Sunoco gas station at 515 Providence Highway reported being robbed at gunpoint.

About three hours later, a call came in from CVS on Nahatan Street reporting another armed robbery. Officers reached the Shaw's Plaza across from the Police and Fire station in time to catch the suspect driving away in a Lincoln Town Car. After a short chase, Norwood officers apprehended

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"He was highly complimentary of the school," McDonough said of Sandland, "but we did want to discuss some of the operational issues they have had since the building opened."

Most of the issues McDonough, along with architect Scott Dunlap identified were relatively minor, they will have an impact on the day-to-day operations of the new building.

McDonough's main concerns were with the HVAC system, the linoleum flooring and placement of some of the lighting fixtures.

"My concern is that some of the computer labs do not have windows, which makes it difficult to cool those rooms in between seasons," he said, adding that in the interest of efficiency, he did not want to use the cooling system early in the season if it was not entirely necessary, but that without windows, it would be difficult to regulate the temperature in the labs, which are warmer than most due to the multiple computers running in the classroom. He also ques-

tioned heating and cooling in some of the other classrooms that might be in use off hours, and how they would be accommodated unless a separate system was implemented.

According to McDonough, Sandland also said the linoleum tiles and rubber floor tiles in the locker rooms were difficult to keep clean. He suggested using seamless linoleum throughout the school, including in the locker rooms.

"The MSBA actually recommends seamless linoleum," said Dunlap. "But linoleum in the locker rooms would actually be considered a downgrade even though it does require more maintenance."

School Supt. John Moretti said he thought the rubber flooring might be necessary for safety reasons.

In the library and auditorium, McDonough said the lighting fixtures were so high Sandland reported difficulty in physically changing the light bulbs since the doorways were not high enough

to accommodate the machinery required to reach them.

"The problem here is that the size of some of these doorways are limited by fire and safety codes," Dunlap said.

McDonough said Sandland and the maintenance team also had to place extra security cameras in around the cafeteria, gymnasium and outside the locker rooms, which Norwood officials and administration might want to consider when they make their own security plans.

Sandland also recommended to McDonough that during the move from the old building that the administration consider hiring professional movers to ensure that all of the supplies, fixtures and documents are transported safely into the new building.

McDonough said he and members of the school administration would be touring the existing high school to see if there is any hardware that can be salvaged and used in other local schools after the building is torn down.

# Trash *continued from page 1*

on the curb or in separate bags, Waste Management will not pick it up. If there is too much holiday trash to fit in the barrels, it can be brought to the landfill. Cooper said that while there is no charge for bringing items to the landfill, there would be police officers checking for town dump stickers or proof of residency.

Despite the accommodations the town is making for trash overflow, Cooper said the new program is working surprisingly well, especially in the aftermath of the recent snowstorm. "This actually works better in the snow," he said. "Now the crew doesn't have to climb over the snow banks to get the barrels because the mechanical arm just picks it up."

Before the new system was implemented, Cooper said many people would wait to put their trash out in the event of a snowstorm, and said people may be doing the same this year, but even in the days immediately following the weekend storm, people were not overly concerned about their trash being picked up on time.

Cooper also said he and Town Manager John Carroll have received less complaints than ever from local residents after the storm. "This was our first experience under fire in a big snowstorm, and it went extremely well," Cooper said. "I think this went a lot better than it would have with a more conventional system."

In the last three months, Cooper said the town's recycling rate has nearly doubled, while the trash tonnage has dropped significantly. "It's been considerably better since we've started," he said.

Trash pickup will be a day behind for the next two weeks in observance of New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, but trees will still be collected Jan 5-9th and Jan. 20-24.

For more information on holiday trash pickup, contact Bernie Cooper at Norwood Town Hall by calling (781) 762-1240.

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God Bless & Happy New Year!

- Joan Lynch

# Curriculum program to help teachers approved

Krystal Grow  
Staff Reporter

## Resource manual to be purchased and distributed system wide

In an effort to provide consistency to teachers and to streamline a literacy curriculum, the Norwood School Committee has considered purchasing a new resource manual for teachers.

Superintendent of Schools John Moretti said that after a recent series of classroom visitations were conducted in response to the latest round of MCAS scores, the responses he got from teachers was about what he expected.

"I'm not surprised by the outcomes," he said. "The assessment basically said that the common thread is a desire by the teachers for an infrastruc-

ture that provides continuity and consistency among grade levels."

To remedy the situation, Moretti recommended changing the remainder of professional development days to specifically address continuity issues, arranging a series of grade level meetings among faculty, and purchasing a manual he said would help them organize their lesson plans. "We are literacy heavy here," he said. "Our teachers have an abundance of materials, but it is clear that they need some kind of reference manual to organize it all."

Moretti said the \$9,000

needed to purchase the books would be "money well spent." "I believe this is the systematic change we need to bring clarity to our literacy program," he said.

Member Mark Joseph said that while he agreed with Moretti's methods, he suggested it may be more proactive to purchase laptop computers for teachers instead of giving them another book to work

Literacy

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## Crime *continued from page 5*

Ruggiero and brought her back to the station.

Upon interview, Ruggiero confessed to the two Norwood robberies, as well as three in West Roxbury the previous day.

According to police reports, officers were able to track Ruggiero through marked bills, called "bait bills," which she was given at the Sunoco Station.

Ruggiero attempted to steal a total of close to \$500 in cash as well as prescription medications from CVS pharmacy.

Upon investigation, Ruggiero's weapon, described by witnesses in the reports as a black, semi-automatic handgun, proved to be a pellet gun. Ruggiero admitted this to police upon her arrest. Detectives

from Norwood and Boston obtained search warrants for Ruggiero's West Roxbury home, where they found the clothing she had worn in surveillance videos from the Sunoco robbery.

Police also reported that Ruggiero used two different cars for each of the Norwood robberies. After fleeing the Sunoco station, Ruggiero borrowed the Town Car, switched license plates and returned to Norwood for her second attempt.

Detective Robert Rinn of the Norwood Police Department is seeking charges of armed robbery with a firearm while masked and using a motor vehicle in commission of a felony against Ruggiero.



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# For the Record

## BAYSTATESMEN BARBERSHOP CHORUS

The Baystatesmen Barbershop Chorus will be performing the second in a series of musical Sunday afternoon concerts on Jan. 11, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the Morrill Memorial Library in Norwood. Formed in 1961, and based in Norwood since 1985, the Baystatesmen Barbershop Chorus is a member of the Barbershop Harmony

Society. Come hear this delightful four-part a cappella chorus directed by Barbara Casparius. The concert is free and is made possible through generous funding provided by the Norwood Woman's Club, the Library Cushing Fund and the Endowment Fund. The library is handicapped-accessible. Please register by calling 781-769-0200.

also reviews key documents such as the school improvement plan, the parent/student handbook and the program of studies and offers valuable feedback. The School Council is arranged and administered by the high school principal. Participation is voluntary, but appointment is made by the principal after a vote of commensurate peer groups.

financial topics on Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 7-9 p.m., at Gray, Gray and Gray, 34 South West Park, Westwood. A pair of seats to the Boston Red Sox vs. the Tampa Bay Rays on Apr. 8 will be given as a door prize. For reservations, contact Judy Hatteberg at judyhat@aol.com, Reg Ethridge at rethridge@greenparkmortgage.com, or call the NVCC at (781) 769-1126.

Story times include the three-year-old Story time on Wednesdays, from 10-10:30 a.m., and the four- and five-year-old story time on Thursdays, from 10-10:30 a.m. Lapsits, storytimes for children under three-years-old and their caretaker, will take place on Fridays, from 10:30-11 a.m., and again from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The lapsits are identical, but the earlier event requires registration, while the later program is drop-in. In addition, the Scrabble Club meets every Tuesday night. Any child who is old enough to play Scrabble may join. Sign-up at the children's desk of the library, or call (781) 769-0200, ext. 225.

**Deadline**

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**PARENTAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Assistant Superintendent/Principal James P. Quaglia of Blue Hills Regional Technical School in Canton is asking interested parents to consider volunteering for the School Council, which also includes teachers and students and acts as an advisory group to the principal on such matters as education reform law, the discipline code and budget issues. The council

**EDUCATIONAL HOLOCAUST PROGRAM**

The South Area Solomon Schechter School in Norwood will present a program focused on Polish pediatrician and author Janusz Korczak's life, including the award-winning film "Korczak," directed by Andrej Wajda and a lecture by Bob Minder, an SASSDS faculty member who teaches Holocaust Studies, on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. Nearly 67 years ago, Korczak, refusing an offer to spare his own life, accompanied 195 children from his orphanage as they were all led to their death at the Nazi death camp of Treblinka. Admission is free and the program is designed for all ages. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Israel Arbeiter Gallery of Understanding, a focal point of the school's campus. RSVP by Jan. 8 to djoiner@sassds.org, (781) 769-9400.

**CUMBERLAND FARMS CEO TO SPEAK AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING**

Joe Petrowski, CEO of Gulf Oil/Cumberland Farms Groups, will be the featured speaker at Annual Meeting of the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday, Jan. 15, from 7:30-9 a.m., at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Route 1 South, Norwood. Advance registration and payment is required by Jan. 9 for breakfast. Call (781) 769-1126 for more information, or visit or www.nvcc.com. Sponsorships are available. The public is invited.

**CABOT ROADSHOW**

The Cabot Roadshow is coming to Norwood on Sunday, Jan. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Shaw's Supermarket, 134 Nahatan St., Norwood. The Cabot crew will promote the benefits of calcium and the goodness of cheese, distribute recipes, prizes, coupons and cheddar samples.

**FOXWOODS TRIP**

A trip to Foxwoods Casino is planned for Monday, Jan. 12. If interested, all Fran Macaulay at (781) 686-4346 for more information. The cost will be \$24 per person and proceeds benefit the Norwood American Legion.

**FIRESIDE READS**

Join librarians Beth Goldman and Margot Sullivan on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m., and repeated again at 7:30 p.m., at the Morrill Memorial Library for Fireside Reads. This is a popular winter event where Beth and Margot review 8-10 books from fiction, mystery, non-fiction, biography, history, maybe a cookbook or picture book, and whatever might be of interest. The session is informa-

**FINANCIAL WELLNESS FORUM**

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# Sports

## Norwood youth squad wins soccer title



The Norwood Sporting age 14-and-under travel squad captured the Boston Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) title this past fall.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE



Mike Davis and the Norwood boys' hockey team look to rebound after falling to Archbishop Williams, 5-1, last week.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

Thank you  
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forward to  
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Happy Holidays and best wishes to all of Norwood High School's administrative staff, coaches, parents, and students who help make The Norwood Record sports pages shine.

— Mike Stoller and the staff of the Norwood Record

**Mike Stoller**  
Staff Reporter

The great race that it was, it came down to the last day of the season. The Norwood Sporting age 14-and-under travel squad captured the Boston Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) league title this past fall by defeating fellow frontrunner Medway in a stunning yet typical 3-0 win in the final game of the campaign for both teams. It was the fifth shutout for Norwood this season, as Sporting closed the slate at 8-1-1, while Medway finished at 7-2-1.

"Generally, the thing about these guys is everybody knows their job and knows everybody else's job," said Norwood mentor John Goncalves, who's coached in the Norwood youth soccer program for more than 20 years. "Everyone knows how to pick everyone else up."

A lot of that know-how comes from years of playing soccer together as many members of the Sporting team have

climbed the ladder in sync, competing since they were but five years old.

And every teammate played a major role in this season's success.

"Everybody likes everybody, and they look forward to practice and hanging out with each other," said Goncalves, adding "about half my kids play soccer in the spring and fall at least five days a week," between both the travel group and the Massachusetts Premier League. "I'd like to [also] thank the parents for getting their kids [to the games]. Everyone's always there."

That last point never gets lost on the head coach.

"The other thing that we do differently than [many other teams] is nobody plays less than 35 minutes," said Goncalves, explaining that games run 70 minutes each divided by two 35 minute halves. "You pay, you play. I'm a dad first and a coach second."

**Youth Soccer**  
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## Youth soccer *from page 9*

It is this uncanny combination of talent and fairness that has pulled Norwood to the top.

"They want to work, they want to win," said Goncalves, who coaches with longtime assistant Pat Payne, whose son James along with Goncalves' son Tyler have played under their dads' instruction for what seems like an eternity.

"They've played every year of their youth together," said the elder Goncalves, who lauded James Payne as a talented midfielder, but also as the player "who could fill in anytime anywhere. If someone got hurt, he could fill the role. I could put him at the left or right of the field and I always got a super effort. He's very talented."

Meanwhile, the coach also praised midfielder Jason McGuire as someone "everyone wanted to play with. He was just so unselfish and knows how to do the little things. He's solid and a great kid."

Tyler Goncalves scored in the finale at Medway, as did fellow forward Robert Schallmo and midfielder Erick Verdu. The trio proved to be the pulse of the Norwood offense throughout the campaign.

"The three of them accounted for about 90 percent of our goals this season," said the coach.

Sporting also was well supported by its amazing defense backboned by goalie Dan Quade, who earned the five shutouts in net. In front of

Quade were defensemen Alex Higgins, Cory Haigh, Roby Routhier, Fernando Morales, Alex Cubelli, and Will Carroll.

"Those guys were solid," said Goncalves, noting that Higgins made the high school varsity team as a freshman this past season.

Rounding out the talented group were midfielders Sam McGrath, Liam O'Brian, and Tim Bosse, and forwards Jesse Perry and Vincent Ngun.

After dropping a 1-0 decision to West Roxbury in the season opener, Sporting never lost again, winning six straight, before earning a tie against West Roxbury and two more victories for the title.

In addition to conquering Medway, Norwood at least once defeated Attleboro, Milford-Hopedale, Holliston, Middleboro, and arch-rival Walpole.

In the spring, there's even more at stake, as the 14-and-under group has a chance to win a state title in the Massachusetts Tourney of Champions (MTOC) if it finishes atop its division in a similar format of games against area teams.

To get ready for the spring season, Goncalves said about 90 percent of his group plays in the same winter league, while other team members compete in other sports.

"We're right up there," said the coach. "If we're healthy and nobody gets hurt, we can play with anybody."

### Little League Scholarships forms are now available

In 2003, Norwood Little League established two Scholarship Awards, one for a male high school senior - Norwood Little League Scholarship - and one for a female high school senior - Jean A. Brown Memorial Scholarship. Mrs. Brown was one of the founders of Girls Softball in Norwood, was a member of the Board of Directors, and worked to promote female athletics in Norwood for over 25 years.

To be eligible, high school seniors must have participated or coached in Norwood Little League

baseball or softball and are planning to continue their education. Selection will be based on several criteria, including academic achievement, involvement in the communities and activities as well as personal growth and development.

Forms are available at Norwood High School or by calling Norwood L.L. at (781) 762-5904.

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### Calling all Coaches

The Norwood Record is looking to hear from all coaches and parents in Norwood about our local sports teams.

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# Boys' hoops halts Plymouth South at Rockland Tourney

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

After struggling against host Brookline in a 61-47 loss last week, the Norwood boys' basketball team (2-2) rebounded with a solid 53-47 win over Plymouth South in the Rockland Christmas Tourney on Sunday. On Monday, the Mustangs were scheduled to play Rockland in the tourney's championship game.

A huge defensive stand in the third quarter in which Norwood held Plymouth to just three points while scoring 15 was the difference in Sunday's contest.

"It was a tremendous third quarter that we had to put the game out of reach," said Norwood head coach Rich Cormier. "[The Panthers] made a late run, and we made some mistakes, but the game was won in the third quarter

with excellent defense."

The effort allowed the Mustangs to overcome their considerable number of turnovers.

"If we cut down on the turnovers, we might have been able to win by a larger margin," said Cormier, whose squad led, 31-29, at the half.

Offensively, junior star guard Jeremiah Ephraim led the way with 21 points and five rebounds, while senior center/forward Matt Clifford had 15 points and 11 boards to go along with four blocks. Junior guard A.J. Foti, meanwhile, came off the bench to score 10 points, including three three-pointers.

The win was just what the Mustangs needed after the loss to Brookline.

"I was afraid how the long layoff would affect us and my fears came true," said Cormier, whose squad had almost a

week off from game play due to the recent snowstorm. "We struggled early on the offensive end and our defense fell apart in the second half as we ran out of gas."

Norwood trailed only 22-17 at the half, but the Warriors never lost control of the contest.

"They dominated the boards, won the toughness battle, and controlled the tempo from start to finish," said Cormier.

Freshman star Sean O'Neil led the Mustangs in scoring with 12 points, including 10 of the team's 17 in the opening stanza. Pat Hickey, meanwhile, added nine points and five rebounds to go along "with a solid defensive effort on Brookline's best player, Drew Levey," said Cormier.

Norwood will play at Milton in a make-up game on Friday.



Junior standout guard Jeremiah Ephraim led the Mustangs with 21 points and five rebounds as the Norwood boys' basketball team defeated Plymouth South, 53-47, at the Rockland Christmas Tourney on Sunday.

PHOTO BY MIKE STOLLER

## Girls B-ball drops two in a row

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

At the Cardinal Spellman Tourney on Sunday, the visiting Norwood girls' basketball team trailed only 21-18 to Spellman at the half, before falling, 48-37.

Stephanie Perry led the Mustangs with 15 points, while Emily Dixon had 10 points and six rebounds.

"[We] played hard the whole game, and that's all I can ask," said Norwood head

coach Maureen Jennings, whose troops were scheduled to play Winthrop in the tourney's consolation game on Monday.

The Mustangs (0-4) also fell on hard times at home against Brookline last week, as the Warriors walked off with a 46-35 victory.

Norwood led, 29-22, at the break, but couldn't find daylight in the second half.

"It was a tough night," said Jennings. "[We] couldn't get out of a funk."

Dixon tossed in a team-high 12 points, while Emily Whitney shined on defense.

Norwood is slated to host Milton in a make-up game on Friday.



# Girls' hockey captures first win of the season

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

Sophomore star winger Lisa Coskren lit the lamp for five goals and had two assists and the Norwood girls' hockey team (1-2-1) captured its first win of the campaign with a dominating 10-1 win over host non-conference foe Matignon last Friday at Stoneham Ice Rink.

"It was a team effort. Everyone skated, and a lot [our players] had points, but clearly Lisa Coskren [was] the star of the game," said Norwood head coach Bill O'Donnell.

Coskren started the scoring on a nice wrist shot in the first period after being sent in by senior co-captain Sabrina Roy to give the Mustangs a 1-0 lead at the 11:43 mark. Just 21 seconds later, Ali Maloof (1 goal, 3 assists) capitalized, as Roy picked up her second helper, and Norwood led, 2-0, after the opening stanza.

Coskren then tallied three more times and Maloof once in the second frame and the Mustangs held Matignon to just a goal, as the visitors led, 6-1, after two.

"We went with three lines," said O'Donnell. "Actually, it was one of the few games we had more players than the other team."

In the third period, Norwood scored four goals to seal it. Sophomore Taylor Donners (2 goals) registered the first of her two strikes off an

assist by freshman standout Haley O'Rourke, who was playing in her first game back from injury.

Then, O'Rourke scored her first goal of the season on a nifty passing play set up by Coskren and sophomore Shannon Walsh. Coskren led Walsh deep into the Matignon zone, and the latter fed it back out to O'Rourke, who beat the goalie on a wrist shot.

Junior Meredith Kiy, who started playing hockey last season, tucked in her first goal, potting a rebound of a Jackie Walsh shot, while Donners closed out the scoring.

Junior goalie Jill Walsh, meanwhile, had 23 saves in net.

O'Donnell also lauded his defensive unit.

Taylor Donners [was] skating all over killing penalties... and [senior co-captain] Colleen Carroll killed some penalties when we were shorthanded," said the coach. "Katie Allan, Sabrina Roy, freshmen Jackie Walsh and Mary Pat Norton all contributed and played steady [on defense]"

"Overall, it was a good team effort," added O'Donnell. "Playing in the Bay State [Conference] where you're playing teams that have won state championships or played in state championships, it prepares you. We have tough competition in the Bay State [Conference], and it [prepares us to do well] when we play non-league games."

## Blockbuster from page 1

also an interest accrual at a rate of \$362.37 per day.

Norfolk County Sheriff's office spokesman Dave Webber said Nous Corp. was behind on their payments, making it necessary for Banco Popular to take legal action.

"Apparently they had not paid rent or made loan payments in some months," he said.

On Nov. 17, the Norfolk Superior Court ruled in favor of Banco Popular. One month later, each of the three stores were emptied, though the total value of the stores equaled only about \$25,000. The liquidation value of the Norwood store was assessed at \$1,550, but did not include the merchandise inside the store.

The ruling on Nov. 17 stated that the appraisal of Nous Corp.'s assets show they were "substantially under secured," and that "the court should allow an immediate attachment and sale to avoid the potential for waste, pilfering or depreciation of the personal property."

The sheriff's office seized about 16,000 total items from the video stores during a simultaneous execution of court orders on Dec. 18.

In Norwood, customers were still attempting to return videos the following week, starting at the vague notice posted on the front door.

Next door at Sun Central Tanning Salon, an employee at the front desk said moving trucks appeared on the afternoon of Dec. 18, and cleared out the entire store.

Norfolk County Sheriff Jeff Nourse said that Banco Popular and the Small Business Administration called the outstanding loan into the office, and they took action.

Webber said that the Norfolk County Sheriff's office was acting as on behalf of the court to execute the orders issued on Nov. 17.

"The judge found in favor of the bank and determined a remedy, and that remedy was to seize the physical assets," he said. "That's the standard pro-

# Julian, Hennigan were lead wrestlers at Pentucket Tourney

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

If you ask Norwood wrestling head coach Jim Asam, success is all about improving from the year before. And, boy, that was the case last Saturday when the Mustangs had two members from their squad place in the prestigious top four of their weight classes and several others who competed well at the Pentucket Tourney. As a team, Norwood also ranked better than last season, finishing 12th out of 17 entries.

"It was an improvement from last year in Pentucket, and everything we do is about improving from last year," said Asam. "One more of our guys placed and more guys wrestled better."

Leading the charge was senior captain and four-year standout Tom Julian, who placed second in his circuit, at

119 pounds, after entering the tourney as the No. 2 seed in his weight class. With Saturday's remarkable effort, Julian improved his season ledger to 9-1, after closing at 2-1 on the day. He earned a bye in the first round, before pinning his Pentucket opponent in 2:05 and his Lynnfield-Reading counterpart in 1:10. Julian lost in the finals to the tourney's No. 1 seed from Brooks Academy, 12-3.

Junior Matt Hennigan, at 112 pounds, joined Julian as the second of Norwood's top performers, placing third in his group, while posting a 4-1 record. Hennigan won by major decision, 12-0, against his Lexington opponent, before taking down in 16 seconds his counterpart from Acton-Boxboro. He lost to eventual winner Nate Hooper of Masconomet by a 16-8 count,

but pulled out third place when he pinned his next two foes from Roxbury Latin and Andover in 2:16 and 4:02, respectively.

"It was a good match," Asam said of the loss to Hooper. "[Matt] wrestled well. He almost pulled it off... It was a good day over all. He wrestled well, and it got him third place."

Juniors Tim Hennigan, at 125 pounds, Vincent Serino, who was bumped up to 171 from 160, and Paul DeRosa, at 215, all went 2-2 on the day, while sophomore heavyweight Aquie Moxam and junior 145-pounder A.J. Silletti closed at 1-2. Silletti upset his opponent from Arlington, who was the No. 3 seed, in a 5-0 decision, before bowing to his counterpart from North Attleboro, who ended up finishing first in the group.

## Gymnastics improves team score

Mike Stoller  
Staff Reporter

In its second tilt of the season last week, the Norwood gymnastics team couldn't duplicate its opening meet victory against Brookline, but the Mustangs actually improved their group score by .65 of a point. Norwood fell to the Tigers, 123.4-113.9, after defeating Brookline, 113.25-105.1, in the opener.

"On a positive note, we scored [higher] than last week," said Norwood assistant coach Nora Glynn. "[And] we won the floor exercise event."

Junior standout Manar Zaki

led the Mustangs on the floor with a score of 8.3, while tri-captain Kathleen Maroun followed with an 8.1. Kelly McClure tallied a 7.8, while freshman Kellianne Symes and tri-captain Casey McDaniel registered 7.4's. Kesleigh Eysie, who shined on the balance beam against Brookline, also competed.

Norwood also performed well on the vault and bars

"Although [we were] outscored on the vault, [there were] highlights," said Glynn, among them being Symes taking third place with a strong score of 7.9 and fellow freshman Tricia Hansen competing

at the last minute for an injured gymnast and posting a 7.1 in her first meet on the vault.

Meanwhile, on the bars, "[We had] strong performances," said Glynn, "but we were outscored by a strong Newton North [group]."

Leading the way for the Mustangs were Zaki, McClure, and tri-captain Jayme Igoe.

On the balance beam, "[We were] a little wobbly but Victoria Driscoll improved her score by .5 from the last meet and Kathleen Maroun looks to be very strong on the beam in the future," said Glynn.

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from. "I love this plan, but if teachers need to analyze data, I want them to have access to it," he said.

"It's true that our teachers are inundated with data," Moretti said. "The problem is they don't know what to do with it. We need to start with the hard copies first to build the foundation, then we can move forward."

Committee member Bill Plasko, Jr. called the program "a giant step in the right direction."

Member Dick Kief agreed there were benefits to the program, but worried that given the potential cuts in state funding and the already tight budget that they might not be able to afford another purchase. "I support this 1,000 percent," he said. "My concern is the cost. I want to make sure we don't disappoint people if suddenly we can't afford it."

Moretti said part of the improvements would include a "curriculum mapping" compo-

nent that he said would allow teachers and volunteers to assess other teachers. "We want to create our own capacity to do that internally," he said, "and we can do that by utilizing the talent we already have."

Though teachers will all be working from the same book, Moretti said that would not take away teachers' individual methods, and would not create a system where students in every grade were learning the same thing on the same day of the week. He said that while the books would essentially be guides for teachers, they would not dictate their lesson plans.

Member Courtney Rau said it was important for teachers, staff and administration to understand that important distinction. "This book is not a curriculum, it's a reference guide for our staff to help them use the resources and best practices we have already provided them so they have a unified umbrella to work under," she said.

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# DEATHS

## ABBATE

Alfred A. "Fred," 89, died in his home on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27. Born in East Boston, son of the late Joseph and Esterina (Petrecle) Abbate. He was educated in Boston Schools. He had been a resident of Taunton for the past 21 years and prior to that he lived in Norwood. He was a communicant of St Catherine's Church in Norwood while living there. US Army Veteran of World War II. He was discharged

with the rank of Sgt. in 1945. He was self employed prior to retirement. Fred was especially known for helping his friends and neighbors at Rocky Knoll Estates. Husband of the late Mary (Polvere) Abbate and father of Gayle Czekanski of Portland, ME and Lisa Joyce of Taunton and Steven Abbate of Taunton. Fred is the grandfather of 8 and the great-grandfather of 12. Fred was the beloved companion of Marjorie Corr of Taunton, the brother of Arthur Abbate of Lakeville and uncle of several. Interment Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Funeral arrangements by Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home, Taunton.

## BREEN

Mary C. (Collins), 81, of Norwood Dec. 22. Beloved wife of the late Joseph G. Devoted Father of Daniel P. and his wife Catherine of Norwood, David A. of Norwood, Mark J. and his wife Catherine of E. Walpole and Margaret M. Breen of Norwood. Sister of the Late Eleanor Burke and the Late Barbara Corcoran. Daughter of the late Daniel and Mary (McNally) Collins. Also survived by six grandchildren Erin, Kevin, Michael, Molly, Mara and John Henry. Interment Highland Cemetery,

Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations made in her name to St. Catherine's Church, 547 Washington St, Norwood, MA 02062. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood..

## CERULLO

Mildred (DePasquale) of Norwood, formerly of Brighton, Dec. 25. Beloved wife of the late Alphonso Cerullo. Devoted Mother of Joann Melanson of Newton. Loving grandmother of Lorenzo Cerullo of Boston, Steven Melanson and Cheryl Elder, both of Plainville. Great grandmother of three. Dear Sister of Eleanor Marchese of Downey, CA and the late Sebastian and Joseph DePasquale and Jean Ferrari. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton. Funeral arrangements by Andrew J. Magni & Son Funeral Home, Newton.

## CHRISTIANO

Ruth C. (McViney) of Norwood, formerly of Milton, Dec. 21. Beloved wife of the late Guy W. Christiano. Loving mother of Thomas Christiano of Norwood, William Christiano of Henniker, NH, Robert Christiano of Canton, Richard Christiano of Lexington, Ellen Korb of Norfolk and Joseph Christiano of Sharon. Grandmother of Nichole, Gregory, Justin, Lauren, Guy and Gina Christiano, Matthew Korb and Joseph Christiano. Sister of Virginia Hourihan of Quincy, Dorothy Reddy of Somerset and the late Albert McViney and Paul McViney. Interment Milton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth's memory may be made to Hospice of Greater Brockton, 500 Belmont St., Suite 215, Brockton, MA 02301. Funeral arrangements by Dolan Funeral Home, Milton.

## COSTA

Anthony R., 95, of Norwood, Dec. 28. Beloved husband of the late Angelina M. (Barca). Devoted father of Janice A. ElBach and her husband Elie of Norwood, Pauline Tenaglia of Medford, and Rosemarie Spinney and her husband David of Dover, NH. Brother of the late Charles, Carl, Salvatore,

Connie, and Grace. Son of the late Salvatore and Pauline (Pettinato) Costa. Grandfather of Lindsay, Mark, Jessica, Diane, Lisa, David, Danielle, and Melissa. Also survived by five great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Donations may be made in his name to Camp Hale Squam Lake, Center Harbor, NH. CHAA, Inc. C/O A. Dushku, 18 Blackberry Lane, Amherst, MA. 02001.

## MITCHELL

John J., 86, of Norwood, and Clearwater, FL, Dec. 24. John served in the Navy during World War II where he was awarded the Navy Marine Medal. Late member Dedham American Legion Post 18 and Norwood K of C 252. Beloved husband of 63 years to Mary E. (Gottwald) Mitchell. Loving father of John Mitchell and his wife Gretchen of CA, Marilyn Spera and her husband Alexander of Franklin, Robert Mitchell and his wife Loraine of Walpole, William Mitchell and his wife Susanne of Walpole, James Mitchell and his wife Barbara of Franklin and Sheila Mitchell of Norwood. Dear brother of Ruthie Bridge of Weymouth and the late Dorothy Parks and her husband Raymond, the late Albert Mitchell and his wife Alice, who survives, of Natick. Cherished grandfather of 19 and great-grandfather of four. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of John may be made to Old Colony Hospice, 1 Credit Union Way, Randolph, MA 02368.

## TRILLING

Theodore R. of Norwood, entered into rest Dec. 25. Beloved husband of Lois (Schwartz) Trilling. Devoted father of Nancy and husband Mark Toso, and Jayne and husband Geoffrey Gaboriault. Loving brother of Honey Aronson of FL. Cherished Papa of Joshua, Sam, Daniel, and Kelsey. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the American Diabetes

Association, 2 Mt. Royal Ave., Marlboro, MA 01752. Mr. Trilling was a resident of Norwood for 47 years, President of American-London Norwood, past member of the Board of Directors of Norwood Hospital where he was an active volunteer for 21 years, and an active member of the Norwood Rotary. Funeral arrangements by Stanetsky Memorial Chapel.

## WHITE

Laurence B., Jr., 73, teacher, author and lifelong magician, died Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton after a period of failing health. He was the husband of Doris E. (Pickard) White. Born in Norwood, Larry was a lifelong resident of Stoughton, graduated from Stoughton schools, and received his degree in Biology from the University of New Hampshire. After serving in the US Army, he spent ten years at Boston's Museum of Science before working 33 years as the Director of the Science Center for the Needham school system, retiring in 1998. During this time he wrote more than 30 science/magic books. While education was his profession, magic was his passion. Larry was a devoted member of the magic community as an editor, author, and inventor of tricks. He received several awards from the International Brotherhood of Magicians and was a member of the Society of American Magicians for 53 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his two sons William White of Wilton NH, and David White and his wife Laurie of Berkley MA. He was the grandfather of Nicholas, Hadley, Jeanette, Daniel and Timothy White. Tax-deductible donations in his memory, designated for the Larry White Society of Young Magicians Fund and made payable to the S.A.M. Magic Endowment Fund, may be sent to Brad Jacobs, Chairman, S.A.M. Magic Endowment Fund, 234 Towyn Ct, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002. Funeral arrangements by the Farley Funeral Home.

## Condolences extended to:

Warren Campbell and his partner Henrietta Doetsch on the death of his mother, Clara (Green) Campbell, Dec. 24.

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# Police Log

**Monday, Dec. 22**

0923 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Washington St. Christopher Coughlin reports he hit an open man hole cover somewhere on Washington St. in either Norwood or Walpole yesterday and it ripped his muffler off. Log entry only.

1003 radio. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: 395 Pleasant St. Car into snow bank, tow truck on scene. Officer assisted.

1140 phone. Assist other agency, no action required. Location/address: Krant, Richard - 18 Sherwood Dr. Walpole P.D. to serve warrant. Off. standing by. Subject not home.

1225 phone. Road hazard, taken/referred to other. Location/address: 478 University Ave. Re-layed from Westwood P.D., a report that a truck bearing "23" on it, struck a fire hydrant near 478 University Ave. and left the area. Officer responded, NFD notified, DPW notified. DPW put hydrant out of service for repairs. Officer to follow up on incident. Upon further investigation it is unknown what may have caused the damaged hydrant. No further information could be given.

1421 phone. Animal complaint, taken/referred to other.

Location/address: Analog Devices Inc. - 3 Technology Way. Walpole animal control notified and handling, sick goose.

1503 phone. Road hazard, spoken to. Location/address: 21 Heaton Ave. Caller reports white p/u truck with yellow plow, taking snow from Venice and dumping it half way down Heaton Ave. Officer spoke to plow driver, no violation.

1510 phone. Drunk person, other. Location/address: Hampton Inn - 434 Bos-Prov. Hwy. Camille of Hampton Inn reports a female just left in MA 84gz37 and has been drinking. Bolo to cars, Westwood P.D. notified.

1529 phone. Assist citizen, taken/referred to other. Location/address: Jaguar and Landrover of Norwood - 449 Neponset St. Car carrier stuck in snow and blocking road way. Interstate notified.

1535 phone. Suicide/or threat, report filed. Location/address: 296 Railroad Ave. Donna Hart reports Charles Wallenton is talking suicide and does have a gun in the safe. She just left home when he went into closet where safe is kept. N679 reports NFD to transport to hospital, N664 to follow to insure all goes smooth, N679 to file report.

1548 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 245 Railroad Ave. Woman requesting ambulance for her son who fainted. NFD handled.

1605 initiated. Shoplifting, report filed.

Location/address: Newbury Comics - 859 Bos-Prov Hwy.

Nportable 437 (off duty) is informed of a shoplifter. N664,

N679 (both in N677) respond.

1605 phone. Trespassing, vehicle towed. Location/address: American Legion - 39 Chapel Ct. Manager has MA pc 94cd78 towed by Brazilian Towing, Brockton, MA (781-726-2373), had left note on mv for week to move same, private property.

1646 other. Assist other police depart., services rendered.

Location/address: 34 Myrtle St. As a result of a Newton, MA P.D.

investigation, units seized weapons for safekeeping.

1737 walk-in. Repossession, vehicle towed. Location/address: 23 Hawthorne St. MA co j94211 repo'ed. Entered tow file.

1804 cellular. Motor vehicle accident, taken/referred to other. Location/address: Pool/Patio Store - Route 1 South. Report mva, appears subjects arguing. Westwood notified.

1914 cellular. Motor vehicle accident, report filed. Location/address: 714 Pleasant St. @ 6 Talbot Ave. Report mva, also 2 other mv's now stuck on slippery road as a result. NFD & DPW notified. (note: DPW while on scene, sander breaks-DPW will eventual sand same.)

2002 radio. Serve summons, complaint/summons. Location/address: 46 Woodbine Rd. Detectives attempting to serve summons. Attempt successful.

2300 phone. Open door/gate, other. Location/address: 416 Lenox St. Resident reports door open, no lights on. N667 reports this appears to be a painting bay but no name, street# or other identifying marks as to owner, officers closed door but unable to secure. Note left for 8-4 shift to check.

**Tuesday, Dec. 23**

0127 phone. Assaults, report filed. Location/address: Subway Hill - 999 Washington St. E/R nurse reports treating the victim of an assault by knife approx. 1/2 hr ago. Unit to hospital, other units search area. Bolo to cars of suspect desc.

0752 phone. Citizens complaint, services rendered. Location/address: 41 Wilson St. Owner of property believes Olde Derby Village snowplowing contractor, plowed the driveway to the house, but ruined lawn. Off. spoke with the resident who was now not interested in pursuing the matter.

0758 phone. Breaking and entering, report filed. Location/address: 1 Lenox St. 213. Storage bin, sometime in last 4 days. Off. responds and will file a report but is waiting for a list of items.

0925 phone. Parking violation, services rendered. Location/address: Olde Derby Rd. Complaint from management about hp and fire lane parking. 4 tickets issued.

0930 phone. Motor vehicle accident, services rendered. Location/

address: 130 Pleasant St. @ 4 Railroad Ave. Car off the road and stuck in the snow. Off. responds and with the assistance of Norwood ELD workers they were able to free the vehicle. DPW notified for sand.

0931 phone. Phone harassment, services rendered. Location/address: 17 Kathleen Ln. Off. spoke with the resident and the calls are from telemarketers not harassing.

1001 phone. Power outage, services rendered. Location/address: 170 Edgehill Rd. Power out after a transformer explosion. Off. responds, ELD and NFD notified. ELD located the issue and will handle same.

1016 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: 57 Codman Rd. Resident had a mattress delivery and now she has noticed a prescription missing. Off. will investigate and file a report.

1148 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: Advanced Instruments, Inc - 2 Technology Way. Sp. w/m blue hood and brown coat in the lot walking around the lot. OffS. and Sgt. respond. Off. locates a painter working on the property who fits the description. The lot was checked and all the cars are ok.

1200 phone. Alarm-burglar, services rendered. Location/address: Sacco, Scott - 8 Orleans Rd. Officers report the UPS driver may have activated the alarm. House is secure, owner notified.

1213 phone. Threats, report filed. Location/address: Junior High South (Coakley Middle School) - 1315 Washington St. Threats left on the wall. Off. responds and will file a report.

1223 phone. Road hazard, spoken to. Location/address: 169 Washington St. Caller reports daycare out of the home is responsible for blocking the sidewalk after they had the driveway plowed. Plowed by unknown plow and cleared possibly MBTA. No one had hired a plow to clear sidewalk in the area.

1241 phone. Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: K-9 Kastle - 164 Walpole St. Caller requests that a check be made of a blue Jeep that is parked in the lot at the rear of AJ's Market. N/N off. dispatched. Spoke to operator who

**Police Log**

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tive and entertaining and always there are times of laughter. At the closing, suggestions of books to read are welcomed from the audience. Coffee and refreshments are served at this free program. No registration is necessary. If weather is inclement, call the library at (781) 769-0200 to see if the program will take place.

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 &  
**Saturday, January 3rd**

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**Please:**

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arrest(s) made. Location/address: Broadway N492 locates sp. vehicle. Plates revoked two warrants for operator. N661, N662, N663, N668 respond. As a result, one placed under arrest for warrants. Don and Wallys to tow MA reg#m45858. N663 transports to station. Male party bailed at 21:45. Arrest: Butler, Marc P. Address: 325 Newport Ave. 46, Quincy, MA. DOB: 12/15/1972. Charges: uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, warrant arrest-newton district court w7475924, warrant arrest-newton district court #w7475947.

2314 phone. Unwanted party, services rendered. Location/address: Mastercraft Autobody - 990 Washington St.

2356 phone. Noise complaint, services rendered. Location/address: Krayzee Horse Pub and Grill - 1112 Washington St. N422 on detail.

## Saturday, Dec. 27

0007 phone. Drunk person, protective custody. Location/address: 685 Canton St. Off. requested a car for a p.c. Off. responds and drives the subject home. See report. P/C: Mcentee, Andrew W. Address: 5 Essex Rd., Norwood, MA. DOB: 10/20/1983. Charges: protective custody.

0009 phone. Noise complaint, services rendered. Location/address: Krayzee Horse Pub and Grill - 1112 Washington St. Caller at 1132 Wash St. reports loud music from the Krayzee Horse. Detail officer reports he was outside and the music is not that loud but the band is stopping at the request of the manager.

0840 cellular. Wires down, electric/light DPT notify. Location/address: 1239 Washington St. @ 9 Mylod St. Low hanging wire across road. NFD, ELD notified. NFD, NPD report all wires in area appear ok.

1111 phone. Fraud, report filed. Location/address: 48 Nahatan St. 39. Bank account compromised.

1211 phone. B & E of motor vehicle, report filed. Location/address: 633 Normandy Dr.

1335 phone. Report of gas leak, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 103 Block - Plymouth Dr. Report puddle of water on sidewalk above gas valve is bubbling up. NFD notified.

1436 phone. Missing person, report filed. Location/address: 125 Walpole St. Report missing 2 y.o.a. Bolo to cars, NFD sent, Norwood B.C.I. responded, N.C.S.O. K9 responded, State Police K9 responded, "missing child" activated. Child located, bolo's canceled.

1851 phone. Larceny, spoken to. Location/address: 18 Thompson Rd. Caller reports someone tried to steal his wreath. N679 spoke to resident. Possibly kids in the neighborhood. Log entry only.

1919 phone. Report of fire, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 148 Walpole St. Report of house fire. N663, N668, N677, N669 respond. Small fire. NFD to handle.

2009911. Susp. person, spoken to. Location/address: 16 Lydon St. Caller from 16 Lydon St. reports a tow truck in front of her house and the operator of the truck knocking on her door for 5 minutes. Offs. sent. Tow company was looking for pre-

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vious resident at 16 Lydon St. Driver was advised to leave.

2227 phone. Drunk person, services rendered. Location/address: Martini's - 659 Washington St. Caller reports dk. male party. N665, N661, N679, N668 respond. Subject brought to station as pc. See report. Arrest: Cullen, Vincent M. Address: 23 Pleasantdaler, Roxbury, MA. DOB: 01/09/1974. Charges: protective custody.

2259 initiated. Hit and run, report filed. Location/address: 7 Dean St. @ 1065 Washington St.

## Sunday, Dec. 28

0714 initiated. Prisoner, fed., services rendered.

1033 phone. Prisoner transport, assisted party. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. Bay State Correctional reports that they will be bringing an inmate to the e.r. N661 off. responded and checked out e.r. Arrived safely and secured into a room. All set.

1125 phone. Breaking and entering, report filed. Location/address: TJ Cline - 61 Endicott St. Caller reports that he discovered a past break in to a building. N661 off. responded.

1212 walk-in. Threats, report filed. Location/address: 91 Highview St. Walk in to station reports domestic and threats made to commit a crime. N/S off. interviewed victim. Temporary restraining order issued. Report filed. Summons: Shanahan, Richard Michael. Address: 498 Pleasant St., Norwood, MA. DOB: 06/11/1967. Charges: threat to commit crime.

1317 walk-in. Domestic, spoken to. Location/address: 49 Concord Ave. Party walked in and reported being involved in a domestic at her home. N677 off. inter-

viewed victim. Spoken to. Victim did not wish restraining order. Report to ber filed. Summons: Girard, Kevin B. Address: 49 Concord Ave., Norwood, MA. DOB: 07/26/1978. Charges: a&b, a&b, a&b,

1455 911. Motor vehicle accident, report filed. Location/address: (cell: 661 Washington) - 671 Washington st @ 12 Vernon St. 911 call of an accident at Washington St. at Vernon St. N/N off. and N666 odd. were dispatched. NFD responded. Don and Wally's towed MA pc reg 531ac9. Negoshians towed MA pc reg 68pk85. Reports to be filed. Summons: Demerjian, Michael J. Address: 719 Norwest Fr., Norwood, MA. DOB: 08/15/1988. Charges: license suspended, op mv with negligent operation of motor vehicle.

1626 phone. Larceny, report filed. Location/address: 115 Olde Derby Rd.

1658 phone. Susp. activity, services rendered. Location/address: Washarama - 884 Washington St. Owner of laundry mat reporting that a homeless person made a bed inside laundry mat and is sleeping inside. N677 spoke to party.

1732 phone. Suicide/or threat, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. Caller reports that her boyfriend is suicidal and she was bringing him to the hospital for evaluation and he ran from her on foot. Bolo to cars, white male, blue sweatshirt and baseball cap. N677, N665, N668 respond. N665 locates Central St at park. Party transported back to hospital for evaluation.

1751 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Clay Chevy Inc. - 640 Pleasant St.

1842 phone. Prisoner fed., services rendered. N677 fed one prisoner.

## December 31, 2008

1921 walk-in. Hit and run, report filed. Location/address: Super Wash - 50 Central St.

1957 phone. Breaking and entering, report filed. Location/address: 24 Endicott St.

2026 phone. Susp. person, services rendered. Location/address: 14 Thompson Rd. White male wearing blue hooded sweatshirt wandering around neighborhood. N664 to check area.

2100 walk-in. Larceny, assisted party. Location/address: 47 Cottage St. Walk in states that yesterday the mother of his daughter stole his wallet out of his vehicle. He has spoken to her and she has stated that she will not return the wallet. N677 to speak with party. N677 spoke with all parties involved. Wallet returned.

2223 phone. Suicide/or threat, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: Mastercraft Autobody - 990 Washington St. 6. Caller reports that she is suicidal and would like to speak to somebody. N661, N679 respond. One party transported to hospital by NFD.

2302 phone. Well being chk., Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 61 bBrookview Cir. 89. Caller speaking irrational. N679, N669 respond. One transported to hospital for evaluation.

2309 phone. Hit and run, report filed. Location/address: 21 Elliot St.

2328 walk-in. Sex offenses, report filed. Location/address: 169 Washington St.

## Monday, Dec. 29

0130 initiated. Building check, building checked/secured. Location/address: Town Hall - 566 Washington St. Checked ok.

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