

Storms strap town budget

Officials seeking 'emergency funds'

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

It is already a rough winter, and it has only just begun. In the first three weeks of winter, Massachusetts has already been hit with four substantial storms, strapping many municipal snow and ice budgets early in the season.

In Norwood, Town Manager John Carroll said the DPW has already surpassed the \$255,000 appropriation for yearly snow removal and street salting, and will be requesting additional funds from town meeting to cover the extra costs.

"We're already over by about \$21,000, and expect to spend more this week," Carroll said in anticipation of Wednesday's storm.

Selectman Jerry Kelleher said that after last week's storm on New Years Eve he heard a rash of complaints about local plowing and snow removal.

"It was not the best job we have ever done," Carroll said. "The problem is that we don't have enough people checking

routes. We should have someone out there checking them frequently throughout the day, but sometimes everyone is out plowing and no one is keeping track of what's getting done."

Carroll said the DPW was working to improve their response time, which he said was also a problem with last week's storm, but that with limited staff and dwindling funds the town would have to do the best it can in the meantime.

Carroll said that to exceed the annual appropriation, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 31b, the local Finance Commission and Town Manager must first review the current finances and grant their approval. Carroll said the process is not uncommon, and expects the extra funds will be appropriated without a problem.

"This has happened before, and we haven't had any problems," he said. "The town will

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(Above): Paula Pungitore, Nick Pungitore and Sue Pungitore pose at lottery headquarters. (Right): Mohammad Iqbal.

One lucky Family!

Mohammad Iqbal sold a \$10 million lottery ticket last Friday at the Dairy Fine convenience store on Fulton Street to the Pungitore family. Iqbal has owned the store since 1986. He said the recent win was the highest winning ticket he's sold in the 20-plus years he's been in business. "We were very happy to sell a winning ticket," Iqbal said. "My family and I have lived in Norwood for years and were glad to have a big winner."

More on the winners in Jacki's column on Page 8!



Tech Target backs out of Upland Woods deal

Plans for office building still moving forward

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Online media publisher Tech Target has announced that they will not be setting up shop in Norwood. However the Norwood Planning Board is still considering plans for a 200,000 square foot office building in Upland Woods.

The Campanelli Companies developed the building plan with Tech Target as the prime tenants of the four-story building, but as businesses everywhere scale back in response to the current economic conditions, expansion plans have taken a backseat.

In November, Tech Target announced a series of layoffs and cost saving measures, including a review of lease agree-

ments.

Campanelli's plan relied heavily upon Tech Target to give the building an initial boost and to help attract other businesses to the area.

Local abutters heavily opposed the plan, requesting multiple changes be made to the site.

Unfortunately, much to their chagrin, the building may be moving along as planned without a primary tenant.

Multiple public hearings were held, culminating in a site visit when engineers and developers walked the perimeter of the site with local residents to specifically address their concerns. At the close of the pub-

Tech Target

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Bob Jackson brings history home

Former teacher hosts History Talks at Norwood Senior Center

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Norwood's Bob Jackson has always loved history. As a child he read biographies of important historical figures and started

studying history in grammar school. In college, Jackson continued his pursuit of the past, and for the last 35 years has taught history in the Westwood Public Schools.

Now retired, Jackson still

has a passion for learning, teaching and studying the events that have shaped the world. For the past three years Jackson has hosted monthly History Talks at the Norwood Senior Center and has covered topics from the



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Bob Jackson

Civil War, to the Russian Revolution, to the history of American elections and politics.

The monthly lectures all stem from Jackson's personal interest and his drive to teach.

"I missed teaching after I retired," said Jackson. "I was spending a lot of time at the Senior Center and was thinking how nice it would be to have more academic, informational programs, and it evolved from there."

The lectures have proven to be popular among local seniors, and Jackson said each class usually draws about 20 people. His session in November covering the history of political campaigning was his most popular yet, bringing in over 30 seniors. He said his lectures on famous wars and significant battles are particularly well attended.

But Jackson is not content to just lecture. He wants his "students" to come to class prepared to learn, talk and enjoy. He spends time prior to each lesson creating activity packets that relate to the upcoming topics. There are maps, trivia, word searches and other information to prep people for the lecture while teaching them a few new facts in the process.

"The seniors are always very interested. They like the packets and the word searches. It's sort of like homework, but it's fun for them," he said.

A true teacher at heart, Jackson said hosting the talks is rewarding for him because of his pure pleasure in spreading knowledge. Multiple studies have shown that seniors can help combat early Alzheimer's by continuing to learn new things, and Jackson says this is one of his main motivators. "I feel that learning doesn't stop when you graduate high school or college," he said. "It continues. We should never stop learning."

Jackson is constantly look-

ing for new topics to bring to the table at the monthly history talks, whether it's a study of Massachusetts history or a recap of his own trips in Europe, he is always thinking about what to teach next.

In August, Jackson and his wife took a cruise along the rivers of Russia, which will be the topic of this month's talk on Jan. 15.

"We don't just stick to American history," he said. "The river cruise was fascinating and we traveled down some of the rivers where the earliest settlers came to Russia in the 8th century, so we'll definitely be talking about that this month."

The lecture on Russian history will be split into two parts in January and February, focusing on St. Petersburg and Moscow.

"I taught European history too, and the talk will include some early Russian history and the origins of those two major cities," he said, adding that the history of Russia's many Czars and political leaders will also be covered.

While the lectures give Jackson the chance to keep educating, his favorite part of the process is helping people learn.

"When people say things like, 'I wish I had you as a high school teacher,' or tell me they learned something they never knew before or make a positive remark about the material and the things they learned, that makes it all worth it for me."

Part one of Bob Jackson's History Talk on Russian history will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15 at the Norwood Senior Center. And don't forget to do your homework! Jackson's packets will be available at the front desk the week before the lecture.

For more information, contact the Norwood Senior Center at (781) 762-1201.

Town continues to wait on school budget

School and Finance committees struggle with shifting numbers

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

News on the economic front has not been good, and as local budgets begin to take shape in Norwood, the big question for both the School Committee and Finance Committee is how to pin down the constantly shifting numbers in the school system's personnel accounts.

FinCom Chairman Alan Howard said that after three separate submissions, he and the group are still not satisfied with the amount of information coming from the School Committee's projections.

"It is not to say they're doing anything wrong, or that they're trying to hide anything, but there is a lot of information we still don't have," Howard said.

The personnel and salary accounts make up a major part of the school system's budget, which is the town's second largest budget.

Town Accountant Bob Thornton confirmed that the school department's salary budget has not yet been submitted, despite the Nov. 28 deadline set by the FinCom.

"It is a large part of the process, but at this point the budget documents we have received have not been adequate," he said.

School Committee Vice President and Budget Subcommittee member Bill Plasko, Jr. said that while the group formed early this year to go over the numbers and get the budget put together, there is still a lot of work to be done. "It's definitely a mixed bag this

year," he said. "Every year it's tough, but with all the changes that keep coming in, it's been difficult to keep up."

The School Committee already voted on the FY10 budget, but as national and state finances get increasingly worse and as more teachers retire and replacements are made, the numbers continue to change.

"We are in good shape in that we have already approved the budget, but to keep having to go back and make more changes as the state projects less aid, and as our staff turnover continues, is challenging," Plasko, Jr. said. "The challenge is to make the necessary changes and still maintain the integrity of the budget we approved."

Howard said the information the FinCom is looking for would outline annual salary increases, retirements and new hires. "There is a lot of money moving around there," he said.

Plasko, Jr. said that while the budget subcommittee has submitted multiple updates on their personnel accounts, it is still difficult to get a static picture of a moving target. "We have given several updates, but the payroll changes every time we give it to them," he said.

The School Committee approved a two and a half percent salary increase at their last meeting before the holidays, but administrative increases are dealt with on a case-by-case basis, adding more uncertainty to the personnel accounts.

The budget subcommittee was expected to meet Wednesday, Jan. 7. Plasko, Jr. said the group would be doing some

"conservative forecasting" to prep for an upcoming meeting with the FinCom.

"We've given them until Jan. 15 to submit their budget, and have offered to have them come in and go over it with us," Howard said.

"We're basically ready to go," Thornton said, adding that the majority of town departments have submitted their budgets already. "We're ready, and we're looking forward to

them being ready."

"When our budget is 70 percent personnel, I can understand how this would be frus-

trating," said Plasko, Jr., "but we're not a factory making a product, we're working with moving parts."

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Editorial

ADDING IT ALL UP

It would only be too easy if town government's sole responsibility was to oversee constituent services: to make sure roads are plowed, firefighters have trucks, cops have guns and students have text books.

Unfortunately, a lion's share of municipal work is always focused on a primary responsibility — finding the money to pay for these services.

We pity the powers that be for the uncertainty they face these days. The economy is floundering and, as a result, state aid cuts seem a certainty.

Uncertain economics, however, hardly excuse the School Department and the committee that oversees it, from the longstanding impasse it has had with the town's Finance Committee.

For months, the FinCom has both suffered in silence, and complained out loud, about the budget accounting coming from school officials. At issue is a lack of requested information. And, when information is provided, the numbers, according to the FinCom and Town Accountant, are a "jigsaw puzzle," mish-mash of confusing and sometimes contradictory figures.

Most on the FinCom are quick to point out that they suspect nothing shady, only shoddy.

And, as they tell it, very late.

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"It is a large part of the process, but at this point the budget documents we have received have not been adequate," he told the Record last week.

School officials do have their side of the story. The School Committee already voted on the FY10 budget, but as national and state finances get increasingly worse and as more teachers retire and replacements are made, the accounting of its budget for personnel expenditures remains a moving target. Providing information on salary increases, retirements and new hires is easier said than done, they say.

While we can sympathize with their plight, we aren't quite convinced by the argument. Other town departments also face tremendous uncertainty, yet still met the FinCom's requests. And, this is not an isolated incident. The most recent missed FinCom deadline is only the latest in what has been an ongoing headache for Norwood's financial watchdogs.

Given that the School Department is the Town's second largest budget, such delays and incomplete information are very problematic.

We worry, on their behalf, if the ongoing issue might someday have unwanted ramifications.

We remind everyone that it won't be all that long until school officials make their case to voters to pony up their share of a proposed new high school. The worsening economy already makes this task less than a slam-dunk. It may be an even harder sell if the public feels that they are not getting a full or accurate read on just what is up with the School Department's coffers.

We happen to think that the new school administration is off to a great start, with the exception of its inability to see eye-to-eye, and spreadsheet-to-spreadsheet, with the FinCom. It would undermine and unravel this good work if either residents or officials become suspicious of numbers that either don't add up or keep changing.

We hope that school officials make good on the latest FinCom deadline, Jan. 15, to submit number crunching to their liking. It is only in their best interest — and ultimately ours — for them to do so.

NEWS ITEM: School Committee still trying to get a grip on shifting personnel costs



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have to pay for it out of the general funds and will have to bring it before town meeting."

FinCom Chairman Alan Howard said the annual snow and ice budget always goes over or under the expected amount, but that the town is usually capable of adjusting to the changes.

"This isn't unusual. We'll find the money somewhere, it's really not an issue," he said.

Before granting their approval, the FinCom will request a detailed breakdown of costs to determine how the money was spent. Given the recent rash of winter weather, Howard said he was confident the FinCom would approve the request for additional funds.

"The snow piles up and we have to plow it. We need clean streets and we have to pay for it," he said.

In inclement weather, the

town relies on DPW workers and private contractors to plow, sand and salt the streets and sidewalks, and in the worst storms, some crews put in long hours to keep the accumulation on main roads to a minimum.

Howard said the breakdown of hours worked was essential to their review of the annual budget and expected extra appropriation.

"We ask for a breakdown of literally every man working and how much overtime they put in," he said, "but the reports John Carroll gives us are always very detailed and there's never a problem with it. It's basically a done deal, we just give them the OK and the Selectmen authorize an emergency expenditure."

Howard said the worst case scenario would be if the town had to dip into its reserve funds to provide for additional snow and ice removal

costs. He did not foresee things getting that bad this year.

"We've never had to do that before, but when we're looking at \$10-11 million in state aid, the extra \$100,000 or \$200,000 we may need in comparison is a relatively small amount," he said.

Carroll has drafted a letter that was sent to the Fin Com and Board of Selectmen this week. The Fin Com will take up the request during the next meeting on Jan. 12.

In the meantime, the DPW still has a lot of work ahead of them this winter, and will continue to clear the streets for as long as it takes to keep local residents safe on the roads.

"It's early in the season and we're already way over the average, but this is winter in New England," Howard said.

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Letters to the Editor

STRONG CHIEF LAW FOR A REASON

To The Editor:

I read the story concerning the issue of hiring practices by the Fire Chief. I do not know any of the people who think they have been unfairly passed over and I do not know the reasons. But what I do know for sure is this is an issue that should be sorted out by the laws that govern civil service and

well-established civil service procedures. This is not and should not be treated as a political issue. Your article referred to the "Strong Chief Law" which gives the Fire Chief the power to hire or fire. This law is in place for a reason. It is meant to deflect political intervention and it provides a very fair appeals process to any applicant who is aggrieved.

I do not know the Fire Chief and I respect the Board of Selectmen, but this is an issue that needs to be handled within the structured legal process that exists. As a former Police Chief who was not covered by the Strong Chief Law and would have liked to have been under the law's umbrella, I offer my respectful comments.

Chief George J DiBlasi (ret)
Norwood Police Department

Where's the lunch money?

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Members of the Norwood Friends of the Council on Aging are beginning to wonder if the cost of a hot meal is really adding up at the Senior Center.

The hot lunch program, a collaborating effort between the senior center and the Phoenix Culinary School, has been very popular since its inception in September, but Friends president Bill McCoy said the senior center is not seeing the full benefits of the program.

"We didn't build a \$200,000 kitchen for nothing," he said. "We're not getting any money out of this. Fifty percent of the cost goes to the Phoenix school, and they're paying rent to the school department. What about the rest?"

The Phoenix School provides an average of 25 meals each day, and at a cost of about \$5 each, the money is quickly adding up.

While the Friends of the Council on Aging cannot take any action on their claims, McCoy said it was up to the actual council to take charge.

However, Council Treasurer Richard Allen submitted his resignation from the council

effective Nov.30th, and a replacement has yet to be sworn in.

Senior and Friends member John Howard said that while he agreed the issue should be discussed and acted upon, the Council needed to toughen up and handle the situation on their own. "This should be brought before the Council on Aging," he said, "and while I hate to say it, the Council has gotten a little lax."

But Senior Center Executive Director Dorothy Vitale said the hot lunch program isn't about making a profit; its sole purpose is to provide seniors with a hot meal everyday. Vitale said that the question of monetary gain is moot because both the Senior Center and the Phoenix School are non-profit organizations. "It's a mutually beneficial program where our seniors can get a hot meal and the students can gain some real life experience," she said.

Vitale, who came on as Executive Director in August of 2007, created the meal program as an intergenerational tool for both seniors and younger students. "It was not meant to be a money making venture," she said, "it was a partnership I created for the benefit of both or-

ganizations."

The decision to build the large commercial kitchen was made before her tenure as executive director began, but Vitale said she took the resources available and tried to find the best way to use it. She said the any money made from the sale of meals goes directly back to the school to purchase the food to serve seniors. "I don't know what the intentions were for the kitchen, but I can only assume it was to provide seniors with hot lunches" she said. "We are not looking for money from this. We are two non-profits collaborating, how could we make a profit?"

The Council on Aging will host their next meeting today, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m., at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St.

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New HS goes primetime

Informational show broadcast on NPAtv

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

The media blitz has begun. With the clock ticking on the upcoming town meeting and the prospect of a new Norwood High School on the horizon, school officials, concerned parents and local elected officials have come together to produce a series of shows on Norwood Public Access Television to broadcast the latest developments and answer some pressing questions on the project.

The High School Working Group has been planning a community outreach and communication campaign to help local residents get the information they need to cast their votes in an April Town Meeting.

"We want to make sure we get the correct information out there," said Working Group Chairman and School Committee member Dick Kief. "The show is a way to present the whole picture. We want to

eliminate all the questions and address all the topics."

The first show, moderated by parents' group, "Pride in Norwood Schools", member Sarah Quinn, aired Jan. 5, and included comments from Norwood High School Principal George Usevich and Project Manager Tim Bonfatti.

"The goal is really to take all the information that is out there and put it together in one place where people can see it and make their own decisions," Quinn said. "I feel like a lot has changed since the first vote in 2006. New information has come up and we want to put that information together in a factual way for everyone."

The show will feature a rotating cast of key players who will address specific topics including educational aspects of the new building, construction and safety and of course, funding.

"People are clearly worried
High School Programs
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HISTORY TALK

The history talk will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. This month Bob will share his Russian cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow on the Neva and Volga Rivers. This will include some history and will continue into February's history talk.

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Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The topic is The Old Norwood Hospital.

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Wednesdays: flex, firm and chi, 8 a.m., \$2 per class. Stretch and tone, 9 a.m., \$2 per class, bingo, 1 p.m., walking 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym.

Thursdays: gentle aerobics, 9 a.m., \$2 per class. Flexibility, 10 a.m., \$2 per class. Contract bridge, 9:30 a.m. Scrabble, 1 p.m.

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lic hearing on Dec. 15, many abutters were still not satisfied with the changes Campanelli proposed to the site.

Steve Costello, Director of Town Planning and Economic Development, said that while the absence of Tech Target does theoretically change things, the site details and possible impact of the building on the town and on abutters will be the same, regardless of whatever tenants eventually occupy the space.

"The Planning Board has been asked to vote based on the specifications of a 200,000 square foot office building, and we're moving along with that," he said. "(Tech Target's tenancy) is really not critical to the planning board's decision."

Neighbors in the Upland Woods area have been doing some planning of their own, compiling a detailed list of potential problems and concerns they have with any office building in the proposed area.

A letter drafted by abutters Paul and Emily Abely and Richard and Paula Pedrolis cites possible zoning bylaw infractions regarding the height of the building, a major issue for many in the immediate vicinity of the site.

The letter also notes the pending financial hardships of Tech Target, and how a company that recently announced a 12 percent cut in their workforce could afford to occupy 60 percent of a 200,000 square foot building.

"It does not seem feasible for the Planning Board to approve such an aggressive building design given the current financial challenges that will make full occupancy of this building highly unlikely," they state in the letter.

But Costello said the board is not charged with making decisions based on economic feasibility. The Planning Board's main concern, he said, is what

kind of physical impact new buildings will have on the town and its immediate neighbors.

Costello said Campanelli is moving along with their designs, and is confident they will be able to bring Tech Target back as a tenant with a renegotiated lease agreement.

While the public hearing is closed, Costello said concerned citizens and abutters are still welcome to submit their ideas and comments to the planning board, though the information cannot be considered in the board's deliberations as the hearing has been closed.

"People are still free to give us whatever information they have, although we can't take it on the record," he said.

The Planning Board is expected to announce whether they will grant Campanelli Co. permits to build in Upland Woods during their Jan. 26 meeting.

To the rescue!

Norwood crews help restore power in Templeton

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Templeton might have been a lot darker for a lot longer if it hadn't been for a couple of crews from Norwood Light.

In Early December, Templeton, MA was hit with the now infamous "Ice Storm of '08," a devastating blast of freezing rain that crippled much of the state, leaving many without power for days on end.

In Templeton, Municipal Light and Water Director Sean Hamilton sent out a call for mutual aid, and Norwood responded.

"We had lost all lines of transmission into town," Hamilton said. "We were in a tough spot, so we sent out a call and two crews from Norwood were here the next day."

Braving the frigid temperatures and power lines covered in thick layers of ice, Matthew Holm, John McDonough, Michael Lawrie and Kevin Trask worked upwards of 18 hours each day, spending an entire week helping Templeton crews get power to about 3,500 homes.

Despite the long days and grueling work, the Norwood crews brought their hometown work ethic and classic courtesy

to thousands of families in need.

"You could see it immediately when they got here," Hamilton said. "They were ready to work. They had a great demeanor and treated all of our customers really well. We had nothing but compliments on their work. Working up to 18 hours a day without a single complaint shows how truly dedicated these men were to helping our ratepayers."

Norwood Light Assistant Superintendent Jim Collins said that the crews came back tired, but came back to an extremely proud and grateful town. "It's really something to be proud of," he said. "They worked hard up there, by the time they left there were only four houses left without power. The people in Templeton were thrilled with the work they were able to do."

"The town of Norwood should take great comfort in knowing they are represented by skilled Linesman who take great pride in their profession," Hamilton said.

Collins said the Norwood crews helped repair damaged wired and downed poles, and kept in touch with Hamilton and his workers daily, but asked that they be back home before the next big storm, which hit

less than a week later.

"They worked on some of the toughest areas of town we have," Hamilton said, adding that the Norwood crews helped restore power along main roads and tough side streets alike. "They did incredible work."

In close to 30 years in Templeton, Hamilton said he'd never encountered a storm as bad as the one they faced on Dec. 11.

"It was worse than anything I'd ever seen," he said. In a letter to Norwood Town Manager John Carroll, Hamilton wrote, "although we really had no footprint to follow for a storm of this magnitude, the cooperation of the municipal light departments was crucial to the success in getting power restored and residents back to their homes."

That cooperation, Hamilton said, speaks volumes of municipal light departments everywhere. Since Norwood sent extra help, two crews from Templeton were able to help restore power in Princeton.

"That's what we do for each other," he said. "It's a real testament to municipal light departments."

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about money," Quinn said, "but the money the MSBA is using for reimbursement isn't a line item that can be cut. It is earmarked and set aside for Norwood, and I don't think people really understand that yet."

The first show focused on the details of the Model School Program, which Quinn said has raised concerns among locals who may not fully understand the potential benefits to the town by participating.

Quinn said the show would cater to a certain demographic of local residents who are true NPA followers; a group she said is already receiving information from a variety of other sources. "There's a different demographic that watches NPAtv," she said. "They really pay attention to those Selectmen's meetings, so we're hoping we can hook some of those viewers looking for that information."

Norwood High School Television Instructor Jack Tolman agreed that the show was geared to a certain audience, and said that the community has taken full advantage of the resources NPA has to offer. "This isn't necessarily an NPA show," he said. "It's people in the community using our resources to get their message out. We stay at arms length and let them do it."

Tolman said the show was perfectly aligned with NPA's dedication to public access in its most literal sense. "We do two things here — educate and entertain," he said. "This is an educational, informational program that these people have put together. We're like a library. We help them get the information they need, but we won't do the work for you. We just step back and let it happen."

Tolman said he hoped the show would help people gain a unified vision and understanding of the complex issues surrounding the new high school, but would leave it up to Quinn and the PINS group to truly disseminate.

"We need to really be invested in this, because we're all going to have to live with it," Quinn said. "So people need to get involved and ask questions so they can make informed decisions based on the facts. We want to be responsive to the community and address the issues that concern them."

Questions can be submitted through the website www.newnorwoodhighschool.com, which includes project documents, meeting minutes and frequently asked questions. The first installment of the show, called "Moving Forward," will be rebroadcast on NPAtv throughout the week. Check www.npatv.com for pro-

gramming schedules.

The shows will be rebroadcast on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Monday, Jan. 12, at 5 p.m and 8 p.m.



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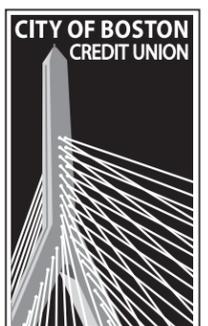
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THEY HIT THE BIG BONANZA...

Hi Guys,

Our Town's Sue and Nick Pungitore were getting ready for their annual Christmas gathering with their children and grandchildren. Sue bought a few 'scratch tickets' for the kids hoping they might have some luck. Well...the rest is history. They hit it big, REALLY BIG! (10M) It couldn't happen to a nicer family (See front page photo). Our Town congratulates the Pungitores and wishes them all the best, as they certainly deserve it!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 'ED FORSBERG'...

Our own Ed Forsberg, Norwood's Plumbing and Gas Inspector, was recently honored as "Man of the Year" by the Friends of St. Patrick's in Walpole. Congratulations Ed, even though I consider you 'man of the year, all year.

UNTIMELY PASSING...



Marc Wilbur

Police Sergeant Marc Wilbur, 43 years old, died unexpectedly on Christmas Day while on duty as a revered member of the Avon Park Police Force in Avon Park, Florida.

Marc was a graduate of Norwood High School, Class of 1983 and served as a law enforcement officer for 20 years service, including Massachusetts, Frostproof, Florida, and

as Deputy Sheriff with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office before making his home with the Avon Park Police Department for the past 12 years.

I have received page after page of loving words that have been expressed by Marc's brother and sister officers, and his friends. Quoting from the many accolades...

"Words cannot express the emptiness felt in the hearts of the ones who knew and loved you... You were one of the reasons I chose to become a law enforcement officer... You were the best thing that ever happened to me. You truly left a legacy behind as to what a father, friend, and police officer should be, and for that we will forever be grateful... All of your close friends will make sure your family and son are taken care of... Words cannot express how much you will be missed. You were a wealth of knowledge and you never hesitated to share it with anyone. Your very presence made any place you were, the place to be. I am so proud to have called you friend, and it was a pleasure serving by your side. Rest easy brother. We will look after your son and father."

Avon Park Police Department, Chief Matthew P. Doughney, stated: "Wilbur's unwavering dedication to the community coupled with his passion for law enforcement have left a legacy for other members of the law enforcement profession to follow."

Marc is the son of Willard Wilbur in Florida, and the late Janice Ann (Joseph) Wilbur. Marc leaves his adored son, Adam, 7 years of age, his brother Jeffrey (also a police officer in Florida), and his brother Michael of Norwood, along with an extended family in Our Town.

Due to the untimely passing of Marc, the support of the public has been overwhelming with many people contacting the Avon PD asking where they can make a donation in Marc's memory. Donations may be made to assist Sergeant Wilbur's son, Adam at any Bank of America location throughout the country. Account Name: Adam Scott Wilbur, Trust. Account Number: 229008724703.

THE NEW YEAR...WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

Imagine us re-electing Barney Frank as our Representative with his lack of professionalism, knowledge, and ability, in handling his position as Chairman of the Financial Services Committee? He has nega-



Jackie Saber

tively effected the lives of millions of Americans, with no remorse and with no thought of stepping down. This is a case of the fox being allowed to stay in charge of the hen house. Oh, Barney gets a raise this month too!!

MASSACHUSETTS... IN THE RED?

On what did this state blow all our money on for the past couple of years? The budget is not 'transparent,' so we won't know will we. We certainly can assume much money is wasted, if not, prove it to us. The Governor, along with four other states governor's will be asking the new president for a rescue package of approx. 1 trillion dollars. If the state will not live within a budget, how then do they expect the hard working people who live with dwindling budgets to survive?

The mere thought of cities and towns reducing their spending by cutting fire and police is insane. Fire and police are our life lines. Of course the state has already cut services to the mentally challenged and the physically handicapped. Whose bright idea was that? Massachusetts doesn't have a revenue problem, they have a spending problem.

This state appropriates funds to illegally house, feed, educate, and supply health care for hundreds of thousands of 'illegal aliens.' Are hard working tax paying Americans only considered avenues from which to draw blood from a stone? Certainly not all legislators are bad, but the majority seem to be playing a game where only their rules apply.

IN MEMORIAM...

We send our sincere condolences to Elaine (Ostergren) Groh, and her children, due to the passing of husband and father, Russell 'Gus' Groh. Elaine, our thoughts and prayers are with you during a most difficult time. Memory Eternal.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES...

The Mass. Dept. of Public Health has announced that effective Jan. 1, 2009, hospitals in this state will no longer be allowed to use 'diversion' for patients that arrive by ambulance to emergency departments. The request for "diversion" will only be allowed when an emergency department status is "Code Black." Code Black occurrences result from fires, chemical or other environmental contamination, and flooding due to broken water mains. It is also a good time to remember that the ER is not a place for walk-ins with colds, coughs, earaches, ingrown toe nails, etc., they only increase the time taken away from someone that is truly ill and in need of immediate care.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT?...

The Norwood High 'Winter' concert was held this year, unfortunately with many empty seats. The reduction in attendance began a few years ago when the concert changed its programming to a non-descript evening. The students are extremely talented along with their instructors. When the concert bellowed magnificently with a Christmas theme, there was standing room only in the auditorium, with many NHS graduates in attendance. The grads also went on stage to sing the closing, Handel's, Hallelujah Chorus, which always brought the house down. Isn't it time to get back to basics and do what should come naturally?

EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD NATIVITY SCENE...

The Nativity scene was placed on the Morse House property this year. It was vandalized twice. The second time, the baby Jesus was stolen from the Nativity. A day later someone had placed it on the porch of Selectman, Helen Donahue's, home. Is this a hate crime? Let's return the Nativity to its rightful home in the front of the Balch, at the sidewalk, where it had been for almost 80 years for everyone to see. The beautiful message imparted by the Nativity hurts no one.

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Steve Colomey and the Norwood boys' hockey team were flying high to the tune of a 4-0 win over host Brookline last Saturday.

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Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Boys' hockey team rang in the New Year with a solid 4-0 win over host Brookline at Walter Brown Arena in a Bay State Conference battle last Saturday. After a long layoff due to yet another snowstorm, which postponed last Wednesday's game against Hingham, the Mustangs (3-1, 3-2 BSC) scored at least one goal in every period, while out-shooting the Warriors by a whopping, 35-5.

"We pretty much dominated from the start to the end," said Norwood head coach Bill Clifford. "I was pleased overall. We moved the puck well. Everyone skated."

The coach cited the strong defensive play of juniors Chris O'Brien and Billy Glynn, particularly in "moving the puck up to the forwards on the breakout. Both did a great job," said Clifford.

The Mustangs opened the scoring with just 1:50 left in the opening stanza, with Anthony Gaita registering his first goal of the campaign on a beautiful play set up by Mike Coughlin and Ryan Folan. Coughlin fed Folan down the right wing. Folan then found Gaita cutting to the center, and the latter beat the goalie to the low right corner.

"It was good to see Anthony

get his first goal, he's been working hard," said Clifford of the sophomore standout.

Just five minutes into the second frame, Norwood took a 2-0 lead. Steve Colomey's shot from the point was turned away, and so was Pat Cavanaugh's rebound shot from about five feet out, but the third time was the charm when Joe Trahon capitalized for the first of his two strikes on the second bounce back, as Colomey and Cavanaugh earned assists.

Then, at the 8:26 mark, Mike Verrochi tallied his team-leading fourth goal, with helpers going to Glynn and Adam Kewriga, and the Mustangs led, 3-0, after two.

Norwood closed the scoring when Cavanaugh connected with Trahon on perfect cross pass near the goal, and Trahon banked it to the low left.

While only facing five shots, senior star goalie Cory Sennott was on when he had to be, his best stop a dandy of a glove save from in close in the second period when Brookline was on the power play.

"It was a team win," said Clifford. "Everyone played well... Everyone did a good job from the goaltender out, and hopefully it will carry over."

The Mustangs were scheduled to host archrival Walpole in a huge Bay State Conference showdown last night.

Girls' hockey wins thriller over Medfield

Earns first BSC victory over Brookline

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

The Norwood girls' hockey team pulled out a stunning 3-2 victory over host Medfield at Iorio Ice Rink in a non-conference game last Saturday. After playing two scoreless frames, the Mustangs proved one better in the final stanza when Lisa Coskren registered her second goal of the game after taking a beautiful pass from Ali Maloof from behind the net with just 2:34 left in the contest. With the win and this past Monday's 8-2 victory over visiting

Brookline at Bajko Ice Arena - the Mustangs first conference win in two years - Norwood improved its record to 3-2-1 overall and 1-2-1 in the Bay State Conference.

For two periods against Medfield, neither team could score thanks to the outstanding goaltending of Norwood's Jill Walsh and the Warriors' Samantha LaVoie. Overall, Walsh stopped 25 of 27 shots, while LaVoie turned away 21 of 23.

Walsh kept Norwood in the game throughout, particularly when she was tested strongly in

the first period.

"Medfield had 10 shots on Jill, and Jill was very good in the first period, keeping us in the game," said Norwood head coach Bill O'Donnell. "Medfield had a number of opportunities, and Jill was up to the task."

Walsh denied eight more shots in the second period, while LaVoie continued to do her part in halting the now surging Mustangs.

"We started to get a little more territorial edge, but it was an up and down game, both teams having opportunities,"

said O'Donnell.

The coach also lauded his team's defensive effort during the first two frames, citing the play of freshmen Mary Pat Norton and Jackie Walsh, junior Katie Allan, and senior co-captain Sabrina Roy.

"They played excellent," said O'Donnell. "They were clearing the pucks away from the front of the net, getting the pucks out of the zone quickly and efficiently."

"And that was more noted because two of our defensemen had visits from the trainer on the bench," added the coach.

"Katie Allan and Jackie Walsh had to come out with injuries, but they were very determined, and their play was very determined. And they got back out on the ice even though they were banged up and played well and hard."

The Mustangs finally broke through in the third, when Coskren scored from in close, with Maloof assisting at the 14:24 mark.

Just over two minutes later, the Warriors retaliated, when

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Allison Cravis finished a pass from Co-captain Nicole Graham.

Norwood regained the lead at 8:52, as Maloof hit the upper right corner on a play set up by Coskren and Taylor Donners on the power play.

With just 6:30 left in the game, the Mustangs had a chance to go up by two when Coskren sent Maloof in alone at the blue line, but Maloof's solid wrist shot hit the left post to keep the Warriors within one.

It was a big break for Medfield, especially when it took advantage of its fortune 24 seconds later, tying the contest at 2-2. Co-captain Jenna Thomas scored off a scramble in front, with assists going to Cravis and Graham.

From then until the winning goal by Coskren, the Mustangs dug deep down in their penalty killing as the Warriors tried to take the lead on a couple of power plays. Norwood held off Medfield both times.

"Before that that third goal, we had killed one of the penalties, and Lisa Coskren got out of the box and scored that goal," noted O'Donnell.

Norwood proved extra strong again in the final minutes.

"Exceptional play for the last 2:34," said O'Donnell. "Taylor Donners reunited with her line from last year at right wing with Lisa Coskren at left and Ali Maloof at center. And Sabrina Roy teamed up with Katie Allan. And they battled the last 2:34 clearing the puck a number of times out of the zone. [And] there were a couple of shots again that Jill saved at the 1:17 mark."

Norwood then took a timeout after a face-off was called to the left of Walsh.

After the face-off, the Mustangs cleared the puck out of their zone three times. The Warriors struck back, but Walsh came up with a big save, before Norwood denied Medfield any more opportunities.

"[There was] great tenacious defense especially by

Taylor Donners in getting the puck out of the zone a couple of times during that last 1:17," said O'Donnell. "It was a team effort. "[Co-captain] Colleen Carroll skated hard on her wing. Meredith Kiy, Shannon Walsh, Kelli Smith, [they all] contributed by just skating their lanes when they got out there.

"And it really came down to the third period," added the coach. [We] just kept battling and we grabbed the lead, but Medfield came back, but [we] just didn't want to be denied in that third period. Our players] deserved the 3-2 victory because they played hard and they didn't quit...I was proud of their effort, and I was glad their effort was rewarded with a good result."

O'Donnell had just as much reason to gloat on Monday as his Mustangs earned their first BSC win in two years. Coskren led Norwood with a hat trick, all of which she registered in the first period, Maloof and freshman standout Haley O'Rourke each had two goals, and senior co-captain Colleen Carroll netted her first strike of the campaign. Maloof and O'Rourke also had assists as did Jackie Walsh and sophomore Shannon Walsh, while Donners and Roy each added two helpers.

O'Donnell praised Allan and Norton for another sound defensive effort.

"[They] were very steady on defense, moving the puck and also clearing the zone and clearing rebounds," said O'Donnell.

Jill Walsh continued to shine in goal with 16 stops, while her counterpart Emma Lejeune "made a lot of really nice saves" among the 35 shots she faced," said O'Donnell.

"It was nice to see [us] win in the Bay State [Conference]," added the coach. "[We] played a complete game. [We] played hard for three periods as always, so we're happy with the win. Now we move on and hopefully try to continue to improve and be competitive in the Bay State [Conference].

Boys' hoops takes Rockland tourney, then falls to Milton

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

On the strength of a terrific defensive second half, the Mustangs earned a solid 52-41 victory over Rockland last week in the Rockland Christmas Tourney championship game.

"We didn't start out great, trailing by seven at the half (25-18), but our defense was tremendous in the second half, allowing only 16 points, seven in the fourth quarter," said Norwood head coach Rich Cormier of the win against his alma mater.

The Mustangs earned a berth to the title game with a 53-47 win over Plymouth South, while Rockland eked out a 64-61 victory against Medford.

Tourney MVP Matt Clifford, who was a force against Plymouth South in the first round with 15 points, 11 rebounds, and four blocks, continued to dominate with 17 points, 17 boards, and nine blocks in an astonishing outing against Rockland.

"Matt was stellar again tonight," said Cormier after the game. "He struggled through a tough first half offensively [with only five points], but his defense and rebounding were excellent from start to finish."

Tourney All-Star Mike Goodwin equaled Clifford with 17 points to go along with four rebounds, while also proving

solid defensively.

"Mike also answered the call with an excellent effort on both ends of the court," said the coach.

Freshman sensation Sean O'Neil registered "eight big points," said Cormier, while junior Jeremiah Ephraim tossed in five, all in the third quarter. "Much needed points after he struggled with fouls in the first half and playing sick," said Cormier of Ephraim's strong effort.

"The game turned around in the third quarter when we turned a seven point deficit into a four point lead and we never looked back from there," added the coach.

Defensively, the coach lauded Matt Costa, Brian Williams, Gio Bartucca, and Pat Hickey, who "all played excellent games."

Hickey had eight rebounds, most of which were on the defensive end, and two assists.

"It was great to travel down to my alma mater and grab two big wins as we head back into [conference] play," said Cormier.

Host Milton stopped Norwood's winning streak last Friday, as the potent Wildcats, on the strength of Marcus McDermott's 17 points, pinned a 61-55 loss on the Mustangs (3-3).

"We struggled shooting early on, and never fully recov-

ered," said Cormier. "We shot only 17 percent in the first half."

The Mustangs were a paltry 3-of-18 from the field in the opening stanza, and though they managed to get to the free throw line 21 times, they canned only 14 charity shots. The result was a 32-20 halftime deficit.

"We bounced back and made it interesting in the second half, but couldn't close the gap entirely," said the coach.

Cormier praised senior captain Pat Hickey, who had 12 points to go along with a stellar defensive effort, and junior Mike Goodwin, who also tossed in 12 points, all in the second half, to go along with five rebounds.

"Pat Hickey played a great game for us with tremendous defense," said the coach. "Mike also [played well]. Beyond that, there were not too many statistical highlights."

Goodwin and senior standout Matt Clifford struggled with fouls in the first half, and Clifford eventually fouled out with seven minutes left in the game. He finished with eight points and two boards.

"I was proud of the effort the boys put forth, and they never quit, but unfortunately we didn't play as smart as we needed to and couldn't knock down shots," said Cormier.



Norwood basketball standout Pat Hickey was tremendous on defense, while contributing 12 points in a losing cause to host Milton in a Bay State Conference Herget Division match-up last Friday. The Mustangs fell to the Wildcats, 61-55.

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Wednesday: French bread pizza, homemade apple crisp, ALC-chocolate éclair

Thursday: early release; grilled cheese, pickle cup, potato chips, ALC-Rice Krispies treat

Friday: chicken drummies, potato smiles, dinner roll, as-

sorted dips, ALC-creamsicle

Alternate choice: yogurt fun lunch; yogurt cup, sunflower seeds, animal crackers, mixed fruit cup

ST. CATHERINE'S K-5

Week Ending Jan. 16

Monday: popcorn chicken, oven baked fries, scali bread, assorted sauces, ALC-rainbow push-up

Tuesday: pasta with meatballs, garlic bread, garden salad, assorted dressings, ALC-Smartfood

Wednesday: French bread pizza, homemade apple crisp, ALC-chocolate éclair

Thursday: early release, professional day; no lunch served

Friday: chicken drummies, potato smiles, dinner roll, assorted dips, ALC-creamsicle

Alternate choice: yogurt fun lunch; yogurt cup, sunflower seeds, animal crackers, mixed fruit cup

ST CATHERINE 6-8

Week Ending Jan. 16

Monday: baked chicken nuggets, oven baked fries, golden corn, dinner roll.

Tuesday: two warm breadstick, meat sauce, Caesar salad with croutons.

Wednesday: chicken and cheese quesadilla, fiesta rice, black beans, sour cream.

Thursday: professional development day; early release. No lunch served.

Friday: Norwood's own pizza,

cucumber and apple salad.

COAKLEY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Week Ending Jan. 16

Monday: baked chicken nuggets, oven bake fries, golden corn, dinner roll.

Tuesday: two warm breadsticks, meat sauce, Caesar salad with croutons.

Wednesday: chicken and cheese quesadilla, fiesta rice, black beans, sour cream.

Thursday: early release. No lunch served. Professional Development Day.

Friday: Norwood's own pizza, cucumber and apple salad.

Wrap of the Week: taco wrap; seasoned taco meat, shredded cheese, lettuce and tomato, salsa.

NORWOOD SENIOR

HIGH SCHOOL

Week Ending Jan. 16

Monday: baked chicken nuggets, oven baked fries, golden corn, dinner roll.

Tuesday: rib e que on a roll, homemade coleslaw, potato chips.

Wednesday: mozzarella sticks, warm pizza sauce, breadstick, Caesar salad with croutons.

Thursday: early release. No lunch served. Professional development.

Friday: Norwood's own pizza, cucumber and apple salad.

Wrestlers go 2-2 at Marlboro Tourney Hennigan and Julian lead the charge with 3-0 ledgers

Mike Stoller

Staff Reporter

Continuing its successful campaign, the Norwood wrestling team went 2-2 at the Marlboro Tourney last Saturday. The Mustangs (4-4) defeated Randolph and Belmont, 31-0, and 45-36, respectively, while falling to Marlboro, 43-36, and Arlington, 45-21.

Junior standout Matt

Hennigan, at 112 pounds, went 3-0 on the day, including a thrilling 10-9 decision win over Arlington's Matt Curran.

"It was the match of the day," said Norwood head coach Jim Asam.

Senior standout Tom Julian went 2-0 at 119 pounds and 1-0 at 125, improving his overall season ledger to 12-1.

Joining Hennigan and Julian in the undefeated group

was junior A.J. Silletti, who, at 152 pounds, closed at 2-0.

Other Mustangs who shined were sophomore Julio Mendes, at 103 pounds, and juniors Tim Hennigan, Vincent Serino, and Colby Davis, at 125, 160, and 171, respectively. Mendes, Hennigan, and Serino all finished at 2-1, while Davis, who also wrestled in the 189 pound group, went 2-2.

Girls' basketball yields to Milton after strong first half

Mike Stoller

Staff Reporter

For one half of play, the Norwood girls' basketball team stayed with Bay State Conference Herget Division powerhouse Milton. Then, the 20-20 halftime score tipped into the favor of the Wildcats, as the visitors rode their way to a 64-44 win over the Mustangs last

Friday.

"We played a really strong first half defensively against Milton," said Norwood head coach Maureen Jennings. "[But] we were unable to continue this for two more quarters."

Milton (5-2) went up by 10 in the third frame, "and [we] just weren't able to recover

from it," said Jennings.

Norwood center Emily Dixon led the Mustangs (0-5) with 22 points, while guard Stephanie Perry added 15.

Jennings also lauded the play of junior forward Emily Whitney, who contributed five points and seven rebounds.

"[She] played hard the whole game," said the coach.

Police Log

Monday, Dec. 29

0705 phone. Susp. activity, spoken to. Location/address: 785 Washington St. @ 1 Walpole St. Caller reported MBTA traveling into Norwood with "emergency call police" signage activated. Officers spoke with operator, checked ok.

1029 phone. Auto theft, services rendered. Location/address: Gannett Offset Boston - 565 University Ave. Off. assisted the owner of vehicle stolen in Needham and left in Norwood. Report filed, locate to Needham P.D.

1318 phone. Fraud, report filed. Location/address: 51 Monroe St. Off. will file a report.

1320 phone. Assist Fire Dept., services rendered. Location/address: Ocean State Job Lot - 1001 Bos-Prov. Hwy. Pipe was damaged inside and may be leaking gas. Off. responds with NFD. Gas turned off at the meter by NFD. Keyspan will be responding.

1452 phone. Mischief (kids), services rendered. Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - 134 Nahatan St. Off. spoke with and advised a parent of a teen having trouble with the kids who hang around Shaws.

1526 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Xtreme Action Paintball - 1275 Bos-Prov. Hwy. OffS. respond for verbal dispute with property owner and business owner. Civil dispute resolved.

1719 phone. Serve warrant, arrest(s) made. Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - 137 Nahatan St. Walk in party to be served 209A. As a result, one placed under arrest on outstanding warrants. Arrest: Shanahan, Richard Michael. Address: 498 Pleasant St., Norwood, MA. DOB: 06/11/1967. Charges: warrant arrest.

1929 phone. Hit and run, report filed. Location/address: Work Out World - 942 Bos-Prov. Hwy.

1930 phone. Assist other agency,

arrest(s) made. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. Norwood Hospital calling for assist with unruly patient. As a result, complaint application to be filed for assault & battery. Summons: Correia, Dirce S. Address: 506 Sherman St., 10, Canton, MA. DOB: 12/08/1975. Charges: a & b.

Tuesday, Dec. 30

0153 initiated. Susp. vehicle, services rendered. Location/address: Washington St. N663 observes MA pc 438ax5 driving slow through neighborhood, then asked directions back to gas station they had just come from. Mv not stolen, no other viols.

0324 phone. Disturbance, area search negative. Location/address: Walpole town line - Washington St. Male caller reports his neighbors arguing for 1/2 hr. outside, also assaulting one another, caller would only state they were on the opposite side of the street from last garage on town line then hung up. Units checked area and into Walpole-nothing showing upon arrival.

0553 911. Medical emergency, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: Norwood Trading Post - 1182 Washington St. Caller reports there is a man hiding in his store and refuses to leave. Caller seems confused as to his own whereabouts and what the current day is. N661 & N679 responded.

0810 phone. Breaking and entering, report filed. Location/address: 330 Union St. Builder reports his home under construction, off. responds.

0941 phone. Assist other agency, services rendered. Location/address: 342 Walpole St. Offs. attempt to locate a juvenile wanted on probation violation. Subject is not around at this time.

1112 phone. Susp. vehicle, ser-

Police Log

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DEATHS

COLLINS

Audrey (Smith), 79, of Naples, FL, Dec. 10. Born in Newton and a long-time resident of Norwood, she moved to Naples in 1995. She held a degree from Boston University and worked as an office manager for Peggy Lawton Cookies in Walpole for several years. Mrs. Collins is survived by her children, Patti (Bob) Regnery of MI, Kim (Joshua Adelson) Collins of MA, Lynn (David) Sawyer of AZ, Steven Collins of MA and Craig Collins of AZ; her sister, Marilyn Deerfield of FL; grandchildren, Matthew, Caitlin, Michael, David, Madeleine and Travis; and nephew and niece, Kevin and Kathleen Kelly. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, William in 1997. A memorial Mass will be held Saturday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. at Saint Timothy's Church, Norwood, followed by interment at Highland Cemetery. Afterward, the family will be accepting visitors at her daughter Kim's residence in Sharon until 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Audrey's memory may be made to Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support, Inc., 4330 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112 or to the American Cancer Society.

DAUKSEWICH

Nellie J. (Unni), 80, of Norwood, Dec. 29, age 80. Beloved wife of the late Walter W. Devoted mother of John B. and his companion Elizabeth Mucciarone of Walpole, James P. and his wife Cheryl of Ware, and Jeffrey S. and his wife Lesly of Boston. Sister of Joanne Santoro and her husband Vincent of Boston. Grandmother of Jamie Lee, Seraya and Justin. Daughter of

the late Fabio and Santa (Raneri) Unni. Intement Highland Cemetery Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St, Boston, MA 02115. Funeral arrangements by Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood.

DONNELLY

Marie (Twomey) of Norwood, suddenly, Dec. 29. Beloved wife of James F. Donnelly, Sr. Loving mother of James F. Donnelly, Jr. and his wife Penelope of Uxbridge, Julie A. Donnelly of Norwood, and Jean M. Donnelly of Norwood. Devoted sister of Edward J. Twomey of Brockton, Timothy J. Twomey of Brockton, Roberta A. Twomey of Newburyport, Donald A. Twomey of Rockport and the late Henry, Arthur and John Twomey. Also survived by eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren many nieces and nephews. Cherished daughter of the late Jeremiah and Taimi (Routsala) Twomey. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Late member of the Norwood Debonaires. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood.

GERSHON

Gerald of Norwood, formerly of Newton, Dec 30. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Brenda (Wolfe) Gershon. His kindness, sense of humor and generosity will be missed by his children Lisa (and Mitch) Covitz of Natick, MA, Steven (and Dr. Annie) Gershon of Hawthorne, NJ, Diana (and Dr. David) Erani of Houston, TX and Dave (and Jennifer) Gershon of Newton, MA. His devotion

and caring will be missed by his siblings Elliot Gershon of Chicago, IL and Sharon Frisch of Bethesda, MD. Popop will be sorely missed by his grandchildren: Elana, Donald and Jonathan Adler, Rachel, Joseph, Joshua and Sarah Erani, and Andrew and Louis Gershon. Interment Baker St. Cemetery. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472. Funeral arrangements by The Brezniak-Rodman Chapel, West Newton.

GROH

Russell "Gus" of Norwood, Jan. 1. Late Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Elaine (Ostergren) Groh. Late foreman, Norwood DPW. Loving father of Russell "Rusty" and Jenn Groh of NJ, John Groh of Norwood, cherished brother of Betty Wills of Norwood, Kenneth Groh, Sr., of Norwood and the late, Emily Conley, Anne Jenness, Barbara Hogan, George, Marjorie, Arthur, Edward, John, Francis, Robert, Richard, Donald, Claire, Geza, Jr., Ronald, James, and Gerald Groh. Devoted uncle of James Conley, Deborah, Mark and Kenneth Groh, Jr. and many other nieces and nephews. Youngest child of the late Annie (Blasenak) and Geza Groh. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Gus may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice, 3 Edgewater Dr., Norwood, MA 02062. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood.

KUENZEL

Polly Ann Marson of Norwood, formerly of Brookline. Entered into rest Jan. 4. Beloved wife of the late William J. Kuenzel. Devoted stepmother of Deborah Kuenzel and Michael Gelb, Ann Marie Kuenzel and Tony Megnia, Daniel J. and Christine Kuenzel and the late William S. Kuenzel. Cherished grandmother of Kaitlyn and Jamie Kuenzel. Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be donated to the MSPCA, ATTN: Donations, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. An accomplished and gifted artist, Polly used her artistic talent teaching art to special needs children. Funeral arrangements by Stanetsky Memorial Chapels.

LEWIS

Edward V., Jr. of Norwood, formerly of Milton, suddenly, Dec. 31. Beloved son of Marion L. (Sea-Strand) of Milton and the late Edward V. Lewis, Sr. Loving brother of Ann Marie Lewis of Mattapoisett, Deborah J. O'Brien of Braintree and Maureen Seastrand of Scituate. Dear uncle to five nieces and three nephews. Also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins. Interment Milton Cemetery. Funeral arrangements by Dolan Funeral Home, Milton.

McKEOWN

John F. of Norwood, 91, Dec. 31. Loving son of James and Anne (Maguire) McKeown. Devoted brother of Francis X. McKeown and his wife Carol of Norwood, Mary T. Grace of Centerville and the late Anne L. Connolly. John was predeceased by his brothers: James, Philip, Henry, and Joseph. Brother-in-law of Helen McKeown of AL and the late Rita McKeown and Anne McKeown. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of John may be made to Friends of Council on Aging, 275 Prospect St., Norwood, MA, 02062. Late World War II Army Veteran. John served with the Army (Battery A 250th Anti Aircraft Battalion) in Guadalcanal, New Guinea and Okinawa. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

NAUGHTON

Helen (Curran) of Norwood, Jan. 3. Devoted wife of 63 years to Leo Naughton Sr. Loving mother of Anne Marie Browne and her husband Robert of Mansfield, Ruth Senger of Medfield, Leo Naughton Jr. of NY. Cherished sister of the late Anne, Lou, May, Joseph and Sal. Dear grandmother of Robert Senger and his wife Yuca of NY, Kimberly Senger of NH, Andrew Naughton of Washington, DC, and Michael Naughton of NY. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Helen may be made to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 18 Canton St., Stoughton, MA 02072.

O'NEIL

Donald P. of Norwood, formerly of Roslindale, Jan. 2. Will be missed by his beloved Claire (Buckley) and children Neil O'Neil and wife Ella of Maryland, Donna Adame and husband Guillermo of Roslindale, Gerrie Mahoney and husband Kevin of Canton, Peggie O'Neil, Mirabile and husband Tom of Dorchester; grandchildren Nicole, Jessica, Katelyn and partner Jason, Miguel, Stephanie, Kayla, Amanda, Cassandra, and Collin; great-grandchild Brayden; siblings: Leo O'Neil, and wife Joan of Brockton, Renie Shaker and husband Robert of Maine, Theresa Rafferty of Braintree, Joyce St. Pierre of Maine and Stephen O'Neil of Dedham. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to ARDS Foundation, 3100 Dundee Road, Suite 402, Northbrook, II, 60062 or the Salvation Army, Attn: Development/WS 147 Berkley Street, Boston, MA 02116. Funeral arrangements by William J. Gormley Funeral Service.

SAIA

Rose F. (Brangiforte) of Norwood, formerly of South Yarmouth, Jan. 1, age 91. De-

voted wife of the late Joseph V. Saia, Sr., Ret. Deputy Supt., BPD. Beloved mother of Lillian and her husband William Schoellkopf of Whitinsville, Joseph Saia, Jr., Ret Supt., BPD and his wife Dora of Norwood, Rosemarie and her husband Louis Rodophele of Las Vegas, NV, Patricia and her husband Gregg Emig of College Station, TX, Nancy and her husband Shayne Moss of Florence, MT. Also survived by five brothers and sisters. Cherished grandmother of 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and survived by nieces and nephews. Rose and her husband enjoyed playing duplicate bridge at the South Yarmouth Senior Center and achieved the rank of Bridge Masters. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the St. Camillus' Health Center, 447 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA 01588. Interment Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree. Funeral arrangements by Alexander F. Thomas and Sons FH, Walpole.

SCOLLO

Peter A. "Pete" of Norwood, Jan. 3. Late World War II Navy Veteran. Devoted husband of the late Rita (Moquin) Scollo. Loving uncle of Nathan Scollo of Chelmsford, Salvatore Scollo of Lowell, Arthur Boyle of WI, Christine Gall of IL, James Boyle of NH, Thomas Boyle of Holyoke. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Entombment Notre Dame Cemetery, Fall River. Donations in memory of Pete may be made to Disabled American Veterans, 788 Liberty St., Braintree, MA, 02184-7372.

STARUSKI

Janice (Florentino), 61, of Norwood, Jan. 3. Beloved wife of Leo. Cherished daughter of Doris (Gorman) and the late James Florentino. Devoted mother of Chris and his wife Lauren of Foxboro and Jennifer Walsh and her husband John of Washington, D.C. Loving sister of James Florentino and his wife Beth of West Roxbury and Carol Bisceglia of Dedham. Loving "Nana" of Hayden Walsh, Kathleen and Riley Staruski. Loving sister-in-law of Paul and Barbara Staruski, Peg and Chuck Smukler, Tom and Bev Starusky and Maryann and Bart Halper. Also survived by 17 nieces and nephews and five great-nieces and great-nephews. All donations in Janice's memory can be made to Stand Up to Cancer, 1801 West Olympic Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91199-1224. Janice had a courageous battle with breast and lung cancer. She was a giving and loving wife, mother and daughter. She was a supportive friend to many and an inspiration to all. Interment will be private at the family's request. Funeral arrangements by Alexander Thomas & Sons F.H., Walpole.

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For the Record

NORWOOD OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Norwood Open Space and Recreation Master Plan Committee invites Norwood residents to a public forum on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m., at the Norwood Civic Center (Willett Room - 2nd Floor), 165 Nahatan St. to discuss the Town's Open Space and Recreation Master Plan. The Committee is in the process of updating the Open Space and Recreation Master Plan and ideas and suggestions are needed on what the Town should do in the next five years to acquire and preserve open space and to create new recreational facilities. Topics to be discussed include the results of a recently conducted Open Space and Recreation Master Plan Survey and the Community Preservation Act. For more information, please contact Steve Costello, Director of Community Planning and Economic Development at (781) 762-1240, ext. 164, or email: scostello@norwoodma.gov.

MENTAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a community-wide Mental Health Peer Support Group meeting on Thursday, Jan. 15, from 6-7 p.m. at the Norwood Public Library in the Simoni Room. This is a peer run group for people in recovery from a mental health condition or substance abuse. All are invited and light refreshments will be served. For additional information call, (617) 472-3237.

SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE HOUSE

The Second Saturday Coffee House will be hosting 'Raging Grace' on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Norwood on the corner of Washington and Nahatan streets. Their music is guitar driven rock and their website is www.raginggrace.com. The snack bar opens at 7 p.m. with a menu of hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, cookies, candy and beverages. For additional information, call the church at (781) 762-2589 or Bev Jennings at (508) 698-2192.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING

A meeting of the Morrill Memorial Library Board of Trustees will be held at the library on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m. at 33 Walpole St. in the Trustees' Room. The public is invited to attend.

BARBERSHOP CHORUS

The Baystatesmen Barbershop Chorus will be performing the second in a series of

musical Sunday afternoon concerts on Jan. 11, 3 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. Register by calling (781) 769-0200.

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, 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, or (781) 769-9400.

FINANCIAL WELLNESS FORUM

The Financial Alliance of the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce (NVCC), is sponsoring a free Financial Wellness Forum to promote financial education on important and current 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, 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 the NVCC at (781) 769-1126.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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 reg-

istration and payment required by Jan. 9 for breakfast. Call (781) 769-1126 or visit www.nvcc.com. Sponsorships available. The public is invited.

FOXWOODS TRIP

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

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 informative 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.

DIVORCE RECOVERY SERIES

The First Congregational Church of Norwood is hosting a Divorce Recovery Series beginning Thursday, Jan. 15, from 7-8:30 p.m. This is an eight-week program that will be led by a professional counselor specializing in divorce issues. It covers the emotional stages of divorce and offering healing and support to those who are divorced or separated. The cost is \$90 and pre-registration is requested. To register, or for more information on the series, call the church office at (781) 762-3320. Participants are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. The First Congregational Church is located on the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood.

Deadline

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Weekly Property Transactions

BUYER	SELLER	ADDRESS	PRICE
12/8/08-12/23/08			
NORWOOD			
Boch, Richard R	Nagle, Holly	20 Oxford Rd	\$10,000
Bua, Michael	Kessler, Theodora	41 Davis Ave #2	\$125,000
Maalouf, Chafic J	Bartucca Dev Corp	909 Washington St #5	\$300,000
141 Boston Providence LLC	Bobson Highlands LLC	N/A	\$300,000
Kelly, Steven J	Brown, Peter T	15 Lane Dr	\$319,900
Pet NT	Lenox-Norwood LLC	1 Lenox St #202	\$319,900
Rodriguez, Samuel L	Verderber, Shirley H	29 Bellevue Ave	\$320,000
Demelo, Vandervaldo	Desouza, Wellington	38 Tremont St	\$329,000

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vices rendered. Location/address: Windsor Shell - 491 Walpole St. Sp. subject left his car in the lot and walked into Olde Derby and has not returned. Officers check the area for a while and report all in order at this time.

1113 phone. Parking violation, services rendered. Location/address: 119 Vernon St. Car on the sidewalk. Off issues one violation.

1248 phone. Vandalism, report filed. Location/address: 169 Jefferson Dr. Caller reports that she just came home and discovered that her car windows had been smashed. N677 off. was dispatched and responded. Report to be filed.

1400 phone. Drug law violation, arrest(s) made. Location/address: 158 Dean St. BCI requested marked units for a car stop and arrest. Off. transports two males. Off. transports. Arrest: Liz, Jose. Address: 609 Norwest Dr., Norwood, MA. DOB: 01/27/1967. Charges: conspiracy to violate drug law drug, distribute class B. Arrest: Moran, Radames M. Address: 47 Harrison Way, 4752, Boston, MA. DOB: 05/19/1973. Charges: conspiracy to violate drug law drug, distribute class B, subq. off. Arrest: Feliciano, Zaida L. Address: 251 Hill St., 3, Norwood, MA. DOB: 11/27/1975. Charges: conspiracy to violate drug law drug, distribute class B.

1557 cellular. Motor vehicle accident, complaint/summons. Location/address: 230 Walpole St. @ 2 Harding Rd. NFD sent. Center Auto tows MA pc 72ee63. Don and Wally's tows MA pc 14yg86. N665 to file: 1). compl. app.(unlic) and report; 2). mva report.

Summons: Arude, Niranjana M. Address: 251 Buckminster Dr., T6, Norwood, MA. DOB: 06/04/1981. Charges: unlicensed operation of mv 1610 phone. Vandalism, spoken to. Location/address: 19 High St. Report animal feces thrown at their home. (Delay). N662 spoke to caller, no damage, no suspects, maybe kids cutting through 1 hr before call to P.D.

1627 phone. Wires down, electric/light DPT notify. Location/address: Industrial Way. Report transformer appear to have fallen from pole, dangling over puddle of water. NFD sent.

1729 phone. Prisoner transport, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - 137 Nahatan St. NFD (w/N669 and matron on board) transport female prisoner to hospital. Transport back from hospital.

1733 911. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - 800 Washington St. Caller requested assistance leaving hospital. Nurse reported party was committed. Security reported party was compliant.

1745 cellular. Disturbance, spoken to. Location/address: Stop & Shop - 1415 Bos-Prov. Hwy. Report adult male customer yelling at the child of another customer in deli, other adults joining the argument. N661 spoke to all parties, matter resolved, sent on their separate ways.

1901 phone. Breaking and entering, report filed. Location/address: 23 Cambridge Rd. Caller requested check of inmate's residence after receiving information someone may have broken into the property. Officer reported

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open door. Report to follow.

1920 phone. Susp. activity, gone on arrival. Location/address: Broadway St. Caller reported male party may have attempted to pull a knife from his coat. Party left on foot towards Washington St. Officers checked area, nothing found.

2135 other. Assist other agency, spoken to. Location/address: 109A Olde Derby Rd. Units check to insure subject (Silva, Curtis) is in home per probation. N665 reports spoke to subject, all requirements being met at this time.

2318 phone. Citizens complaint, services rendered. Location/address: McDonalds - 32 Broadway St. Report male subject in MA pc 18xn73 (plate not match desc), when refused use of bathroom due to store being closed, went bathroom on newspaper dispenser box. Bolo to cars, N664 spoke to manager, subject apologized and left before officers arrival, manager satisfied.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

1330 phone. Abandoned vehicle, services rendered. Location/address: 806 Neponset St. @ 50 Wedgewood Dr. Caller reports a tractor trailer left the trailer in the middle of Neponset St. and left the area. Off. responds and Center tows the trailer.

1404 phone. Violation of Town bylaw, services rendered. Location/address: 671 Washington St. @ 12 Vernon St. Business owner pushing snow into the street. Off advised same.

1618 walk-in. Missing person, report filed. Location/address: 34 Winter Ter. Party in lobby reports jv. daughter missing. Bolo to cars, entered computer.

1634 phone. Larceny, investigated. Location/address: 51 1st St. Report daughter took items from home. N677 to conduct investigation over next couple of days.

1707 phone. Harassment, report filed. Location/address: 103 Nahatan St. Via text msg/email.

1744 phone. Road hazard, services rendered. Location/address: Alandale Pkwy. DPW reports mv's parked in a way to attempt to get snowplowing not to block their driveways again. N677 reports mv's not in any viol. at this time.

2056 phone. Motor vehicle accident, report filed. Location/address: 975 Block - University Ave. Report truck into guardrail on University, mv left on Martignetti parking area, operator left. NFD notified. N666 reports minor damage to guardrail, DPW notified to check, operator had returned, plow co. owner will remove truck. N666 to file report.

2113 other. Assist other agency, spoken to. Location/address: 109A Olde Derby Rd. Units check to insure subject (Silva, Curtis) is in home per probation. N665 reports spoke to subject, all requirements being met at this time.

2158 phone. Complaint of m/v, other. Location/address: Rama Shopping Center - 884 Washington St. Report MA pc 2pl860 in a space in parking lot, in the way of snowplowing. Dispatch check-not stolen, no Verizon tel#, NPD m/c has no tel#. Caller informed, private property. N665 eventually checks mv-no one in same.

2200 other. Missing person, taken/referred to other. Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - 137 Nahatan St. Teletype indicating that a missing person that Boston entered had been queried by NPD on 12/30/08 1513 hrs. Investigation reveals subject was placed under arrest by NPD and held by N.C.S.O. Dedham, MA. Boston notified. Also computer locate and teletype sent.

2231 phone. Hit and run, report filed. Location/address: 50 Hoyle St. @ 12 Everett Ave. Report mv hit snowbank and stop sign and left area. Bolo to cars only desc: car, front end damage. DPW notified to fix stop

sign. Units checked area for mv.

2340 cellular. Motor vehicle accident, taken/referred to other. Location/address: Route 1 @ Robinwood Rd. Caller reports off road into ditch, mentions Fox25, Holiday Inn, possible incident in Dedham and transferred to Dedham, MA P.D. dispatch follow-up 010109 0025-Dedham states not located. N669 sent to check Norwood's Robinwood Rd. Call back to cell-she states she is ok and Dedham P.D. helped her.

Thursday, Jan. 1

0024 phone. Complaint of m/v, gone on arrival. Location/address: Rama Shopping Center - 884 Washington St. Report white truck and a car doing donuts in lot

0044 phone. Susp. vehicle, other. Location/address: 7 Atwood Ave. Report station wagon, blk in driveway 2x, subject exited and walked up/down street. N663 reports NH pc 2047997 parked, unoccupied in a spot in driveway for this multiple dwelling home and maybe mv, not stolen, no one around area.

0131 phone. Susp. vehicle, gone on arrival. Location/address: Sampson, Joseph - 119 Vernon St. Report MA pc: 1st 3 ? : 70d then g86 (plate not match desc), Lexus silver, occupied 3x: 1 male driver, 1 female in backseat 2nd female exited mv and asked homeowner what town she was in, then got back into backseat of mv and mv left area. Bolo to cars, units checked area, spoke to caller.

0143 phone. Alarm-burglar, building checked/secured. Location/address: Instron Inc. - 825 University Ave. Lobby. N679 reports bldg secure, snow shovelers on scene may have hit door. Nportable (on private detail reports janitors were in rear of bldg).

0312 cellular. Motor vehicle accident, report filed. Location/address: 200 Broadway St. @ 25 E. Hoyle St. Report mv left public way into fence, pole, guard shack. NFD sent. NFD notified ELD. Interstate (AAA) tows MA pc 23xa73. N665 transports 2 females home: 1). Olde Derby s/m 17479.2 0333 e/m 17480.9 0340; (note: N665 passing by call 08-16010 12/31/08 2158 hrs, stops to assist-non-emergency call). 2). 2nd transport to 2303 Village Rd. west s/m 17480.9 0340, e/m 17481.6 0343.

0312 cellular. Motor vehicle accident, report filed. Location/address: Broadway @ E. Hoyle St. Report mv left public way into fence, pole, guard shack. NFD sent. NFD notified ELD. Interstate (AAA) tows MA pc 23xa73. N665 transports 2 females home: 1). Olde Derby s/m 17479.2 0333 e/m 17480.9 0340; (note: N665 passing by call 08-16010 12/31/08 2158 hrs, stops to assist-non-emergency call). 2). 2nd transport to 2303 Village Rd. west s/m 17480.9 0340, e/m 17481.6 0343.

0355 phone. Drunk person, protective custody. Location/address: 333 Block - Bos-Prov. Hwy. Duplicate log entry due to year change. See case # 09-1-ar for report.

0355 walk-in. Drunk person, protective custody. Location: 33 Block Bos-Prov. Lobby. P/C: Haduk, Lewis L Jr. Address: 881 Washington St., Attleboro, MA. DOB: 01/27/1981. Charges: protective custody.

0553 phone. Well being chk., could not locate. Location/address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave. Caller concerned for well being of her son (MBTA plow driver) who has not returned home in 24 hours and won't answer his phone. N664 to check MBTA commuter rail lots. MBTA police also notified and will try to locate.

0724 phone. Report of gas leak, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 21 Hoyle St. unit: 661 patrol Raymond A McCue Smell of gasoline in home.

1531 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address:

Shaws Supermarket - 134 Nahatan St. Lost pocketbook while shopping.

1801 phone. Neighbor disturbance, spoken to. Location/address: 26 Tremont St. 2. Caller reported past neighbor dispute. Officer spoke with party, assisted.

2152 initiated. Assist other agency, spoken to. Location/address: 109A Olde Derby Rd. Officers assisted with probation check.

Friday, Jan. 2

0606 phone. Susp. person, gone on arrival. Location/address: 1A Olde Derby Rd. Caller reports female living in laundry room, N664 sent to investigate. N664 reports no sign of female living in laundry room, will check again.

0713 911. Medical emergency, transported to hospital. Location/address: Clay Nissan - 525 Bos-Prov. Hwy. Employee had passed out but conscious and talking at time of call. N669, NFD responded.

0725 911. Fire alarm, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 501 Buckminster Dr. T1. Fire alarm sounding. N664, NFD responded.

0828 phone. Vandalism, services rendered. Location/address: 1 Downey St. @ 347 Everett St. Off. will file a report.

0951 phone. Restraining order served, services rendered. Location/address: 498 Pleasant St. Off. serves same.

1057 phone. Repossession, services rendered. Location/address: 21 Brookview Cir. Repo of MA 94ew18.

1134 phone. Assist Fire Dept., services rendered. Location/address: 88 Pleasant St. Gas meter hit in the sidewalk during snow removal. NFD responds and reports no leak, DPW notified.

1240 phone. Assist citizen, services rendered. Location/address: Residence Inn by Marriot - 275 Norwood Pks. Caller reports guest being a problem at the front desk. Officers report the subject will be leaving.

1523 phone. Assist citizen, taken/referred to other. Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - 137 Nahatan St. Off. spoke with a resident of Boston who works in Norwood about an IRS demand. Subjects info was used by a man in Atlanta and Off. directed him to local police.

1737 phone. Assist citizen, civil matter. Location/address: 773 Neponset St. Report problem with a job a contractor did, contractor also has the garage clicker.

1751 phone. Confused person, report filed. Location/address: 1126 Washington St. 5. Received call, female stating people in her apt.

1807 other. Assist police department, services rendered. Location/address: 44 Dean St. B. N669 (using N670) assist B.C.I. in confiscating evidence.

1812 phone. Drunk person, services rendered. Location/address: 745 Pleasant St. @ 95 Morse St. Report male subject walking along street w/ 6pack beer and knife. N677 transports subject to home, 973 Washington St. N677 confiscates knife for safekeeping.

1853 phone. Fire alarm, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 613 Olde Derby Rd. B. Resident reports she burnt food, set off fire alarm.

2105 phone. Assist other agency, spoken to. Location/address: 109A Olde Derby Rd. Units check to insure subject (Silva, Curtis) is in home per probation. N663 reports spoke to subject, all requirements being met at this time.

2320 phone. Parking violation, other. Location/address: 30 Oolah Ave. Report MA pc 61pz82 blocking in caller's mv. N662 spoke to caller, message left w/tenants at 27 to locate

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owner and have him move same.

Saturday, Jan. 3

0143 911. B & E of motor vehicle, report filed. Location/address: 8 Monroe St. E. Caller reports car alarm sounding and attempt to break into car. Party seen fleeing in dark clothing, (jeans, stocking hat, short jacket) N669, N665, N664, N662 responded. Area search was negative.

0247 initiated. Susp. person, spoken to. Location/address: 3 Hartford St. @ 66 Tremont St. N662 reports male party (Robert Sales) seen cutting through yards. Spoken to and states he was going over to Concord Ave. to drop something to his brother. All in order.

1109 walk-in. Assist citizen, spoken to. Location/address: 70 Pellana Rd. Party in lobby for 209A advice. N677 gave same, resident did not wish to pursue an order at this time.

1115 phone. Drunk driver, services rendered. Location/address: 7 Dean St. @ 1065 Washington St. Report poss. Dk. driver, fl. Pc. k1t, started in Westwood, (marked lanes, excessive braking), last seen Dean St. eastbound. Bolo to cars.

1250 911. Animal complaint, area search negative. Location/address: 759 Neponset St. Two calls regarding a small white dog running loose in the area of Neponset and East Cross St. Both officers report no dog in the area.

1305 phone. Assist citizen, assisted party. Location/address: 95 Nahatan St. @ 101 Rock St. Caller reports disoriented male standing with pants falling down. N661 reports he helped man through snow and fix his pants.

1535 cellular. Animal complaint, spoken to. Location/address: Prescott School - 66 Richland Rd. Report subject w/dog in rear parking lot, would

not leash dog after it ran up to caller's mv and would not let caller exit mv. N670, N.A.C.O. sent. N.A.C.O and N670 spoke to caller, subject w/dog left prior to officers arrival.

1545 walk-in. Fraud, report filed. Location/address: 105 Everett St. Identity theft.

1626 phone. Animal complaint, taken/referred to other. Location/address: 188 Richland Rd. Resident finds injured dog in her yard. N.A.C.O. to handle.

1715 phone. Noise complaint, services rendered. Location/address: 208 Norwest Dr. Caller reports loud music coming from apartment. N661, N663 respond.

2124 phone. Susp. person, area search negative. Location/address: White Hen Pantry - 884 Washington St. Caller states white female, mid 20's, wearing white pea coat and black rain hat is looking into vehicles and stopping people to ask for money. N670, N661 sent. Units set up perimeter on 1020 Washington to locate subject, State P.D. K9 unit notified and responded. Area search negative. All units cleared.

Sunday, Jan. 4

0028 phone. Noise complaint, spoken to. Location/address: 405C Bahama Dr. Caller reported loud neighbors. Officers spoke with residents, advised.

0252 911. Report of fight, area search negative. Location/address: Mobil Gas - Rte. 1/Dean - 971 Bos-Prov. Hwy. Caller reported fight in progress. Vehicle fled pc MA 31as45. Vehicle not at owner's residence at 48 Dean St.

0831 phone. Susp. vehicle, spoken to. Location/address: 51 Cedar St. Report MA pc 579hwa in driveway, unoccupied, blocking other mv's.

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N666 locates owner-mv moved.

0912 phone. Citizens complaint, services rendered. Location/address: 91 Codman Rd. Report lawn driven over. N664 reports no damage, ground frozen, log entry only.

0912 phone. Citizens complaint, services rendered. Location/address: 104 Codman Rd. Report lawn driven over. N664 reports no damage, ground frozen, log entry only.

1159 911. Report of fire, Fire Dept. notified/respo. Location/address: 60 Jefferson Dr. Stove.

1731 phone. Assaults, report filed. Location/address: McDonalds - 32 Broadway St.

1850 phone. Complaint of m/v, spoken to. Location/address: 634 Norwest Dr. Security guard would like officer to speak to resident about speeding in the lot. Spoken to.

1907 phone. Susp. person, services rendered. Location/address: Pleasant Ct. Male party walking down the street with a tv over his shoulder.

1948 phone. Assaults, report filed. Location/address: Mobil Gas - Wash./RR Av. - 499 Washington St. Caller reports male party spit in his face.

Monday, Jan. 5

0057 phone. Breaking and entering, report filed. Location/address: Platinum Distributors - 185 Dean St. Caller reported past b & e.

0440 911. Motor vehicle accident, complaint/summons. Location/address: 3 Elkway St. Caller reported vehicle on lawn. Center Auto towed pc MA 16es69. Summons: Carrizo, Maria Clarinda. Address: 872 Washington St. A, Norwood, MA. DOB: 12/24/1966. Charges: unlicensed operation of mv, marked lanes violation.

0910 phone - Vandalism Location/address: 128 Carnegie Row Vehicle had doors removed and a second vehicle was removed And left on Vanderbilt.

0931 phone - Hit and run services

rendered Location/address: BMW Gallery - 920 Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports that a customer struck one of their parked cars in the parking lot. They have the name of the customer and want to report the incident. N679 Off M Costa responded. Matter resolved upon officers arrival.

1109 phone - Fraud services rendered Location/address: Sovereign Bank - 153 Nahatan St Off Vega will file a report.

1432 phone - Fraud Location/address: Dedham Savings Bank - 185 Central St Off Vega will take charges for fraud. Refer to summons: 09-6-ar Summons: Dewey, George J Address: 314 Normandy Dr Norwood, MA Dob: 01/18/1980 Charges: utter false check Attempt to commit crime

1447 phone - Assist other agency services rendered Location/address: Bos-Prov Hwy Sharon PD is looking to stop a white Suv who may be involved In an assault with a firearm involved vehicle was last North on Rte 1 near Ihop . Det Brown and Costa locate the Vehicle near Boch Honda, ma 843nxx . Subject checks ok and Sharon now reports the they have an id on the subject who was know to the victim.

1530 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: 26 Tremont St Off Eysie advised the resident about his roommate who was renting for a month and wanted to know how to have him removed.

1622 phone - Kids gathering gone on arrival Location/address: Town Hall - 566 Washington St Report kids on skateboards hanging around lot.

1737 other - Assist Fire Dept taken/referred to other Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - 137 Nahatan St Teletype from Fire Marshall's office forwarded to NFD.

1824 phone - Lost and found services rendered Location/address: Papa Gino's Nahatan - 142 Nahatan St Found a passport. N664 picked up same attempt made to notify Owner.

1835 phone - Assist citizen services rendered Location/address: 252 Washington St Disagreement with daughter over rent money. Advice given.

2118 phone - Hit and run papers exchanged Location/address: McDonalds - 32 Broadway St NFD notified. Caller reports parked,unoccupied mv struck in lot. Bolo to cars for ma pc 6505nr, rear end bumper damage. N666 spoke to all parties, exchanged papers.

2126 phone - Complaint of m/v spoken to Location/address: 1065 Washington St @ 7 Dean St Tow truck driver in station reports erratic driver(follow to Close, red light viol.). Bolo to cars for me pc (unk),80-90 Ford, Ranger, off road tires, last seen northbound Washington St. N679 checked area, then returned and spoke to tow driver ,no viols. Observed.

2134 initiated - Susp activity Location/address: Norwood Airport Inc - 101 Access Rd Nportable 414(off duty) observes mv driving erratic, units Assist in stop, further investigation reveals subject's mv Damaged at airport and subject felt she was being followed By the suspect. N664 checks Norwood plaza for suspect mv. N666 escorts another party invovled in incident back to Airport to retrieve mv.

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