

Business raided by FBI team

Owner locked out while Feds search documents

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

People looking to cash their paychecks at Norwest Check Cashing walked away empty handed on Friday afternoon as owner Sal DeRose turned away customer after customer from outside his own business.

Four members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrived at Norwest Check Cashing early Friday morning and, according to DeRose, locked him out of the office until well after 4 p.m..

“They had to do this on a Friday, my

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Michael Bheeler waits outside Norwest Check Cashing on Friday afternoon. The business was closed Friday afternoon due to an FBI raid of the premises. PHOTO BY KRystal GROW



Coakley Middle School 6th graders joined with area seniors last week to participate in the school's 10th Annual Literary Luncheon. PHOTO BY KRystal GROW

Generations meet and read Literary Luncheon celebrates 10 years of intergenerational learning

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Staff Reporter

It's a common assumption that kids these days don't enjoy a good book, but a group of sixth graders at the Coakley Middle School proved that theory wrong on Friday morning.

The Coakley students met with local senior citizens as part of the annual Literary Luncheon, when kids can sit with their elders and gain a new perspective on some serious historical issues.

This year marked the tenth anniversary of the luncheon and the students tackled a tough topic in reading “The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963” by Christopher Paul Curtis. In a fictional retelling of one family's trip to Mississippi, Curtis also throws his characters into the very real issue of Southern racism in the early 1960s.

Kelly Unsworth is the assistant children's librarian at the Morrill Memorial Library and said she tries to choose books with some historical significance as a way to get students inter-

ested in history and reading, but said bringing in seniors, who have lived through many important events helps the students gain a different perspective.

“When the kids read the story, it is just words on the page, but when they talk to the seniors who lived through these times it becomes real to them,” she said.

Teacher Rachel Siegel said the

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Howard to address complaint

Hearing being held on assault charge

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Fire Chief Michael Howard is scheduled to attend a clerk-magistrate hearing today, May 8, at 2 p.m. at Dedham District court to answer to an assault and battery complaint.

Fire Lt. John Barry filed the complaint against Howard in response to an incident that occurred in December of 2007 where a witness, firefighter John Shea, saw Howard shove Barry during a verbal altercation in the chief's office at the fire station.

Paul Bishop of the Norwood Police Department confirmed that an incident had occurred, and that the police department informed Howard and Barry that the issue would have to be addressed in court.

Magistrate hearings are typically closed to the public, according to the Massachusetts Bar Association. Assistant Public Information Officer Charlotte Whiting said the hearings have been closed since 1975, and are usually held to determine probable cause. Clerks in the Clerk-Magistrate office at Dedham District court are not at liberty to acknowledge anything about the hearing until after it takes place.

If probable cause is found, the complaint will be forwarded to the District Attorney's office and an open hearing will be scheduled.

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Arthur Gearty, Mitchell Dunn, Owen Warner and Jack Sheehan play a board game they created as part of the Literary Luncheon on Friday at the Coakley Middle School.

PHOTO BY KRystal GROW

topics for the program are usually varied, but often deal with socially relevant subjects.

"I like to give them books that will make them think and want to discuss these topics," she said.

The students were split up into groups of four or five and seated at a table with one senior citizen. Each group was given a study guide with questions, but not everyone followed the format. Some students saw similarities between the racist south and more recent instances of school violence, and all agreed that they were glad things have improved.

"I liked the book a lot," said student Devan Murphy. "Harriet said she saw what happened on TV and started crying. I think she helps us understand this better."

"Kids are still so open minded at this age," said Coakley Assistant Librarian Trish Laverty. "They put so much thought into their questions and the discussion."

Coakley Head Librarian Marianne McGowan said that even though generations separate the students from the characters in the book, they could still relate.

"Kids are kids," she said,

"whether it's now, or in the 60s. They know what it's like to be a child, and they can understand how the characters feel."

She said that the fact that many of the seniors present were teenagers or young adults at the height of the civil rights movement gives today's students a better connection to history and a stronger respect for the struggles people have overcome.

Arthur Gearty asked the boys at his table why the characters in the book meticulously planned where they would eat and sleep on their cross-country trip.

"We don't think about that sort of thing now," he said. "We really don't care, but why did they?"

After a few shots at the answer, Mitchell Dunn, Owen Warner, Brendan Walsh and Jack Sheehan eventually put their heads together and remembered that things were segregated in the early 1960s.

Following some heavy discussion on racism and politics, the groups broke for lunch, provided by D&G Deli.

After a hearty meal of sandwiches and salads, the students were ready to play. Each group had meticulously devised a board game relating to the story, complete with trivia questions and unexpected roadblocks.

At Table 6, Gearty and the boys rolled the die and moved their multi-colored, car-shaped game pieces across the board, advancing with each question they got right. But every once in a while, they were dealt a wrong turn. Car flips over, skip next turn. Fall asleep while driving, get sued and lose two turns.

When the final die was tossed, Gearty ended up in last place, but Table 6 probably had the most fun.

"Well this table was certainly the loudest, which I like to hear," said Laverty.

School Supt. Ed Quigley was on hand for the event that he said was a great way to celebrate the joy of reading.

"Books are such great inventions," he said. "Look, no plugs or chords or batteries. I can take this anywhere. But what's more important is that this can take me anywhere."

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Selectmen will return \$50k to Friend's

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Members of the Board of Selectmen have finally succumbed to Friends of the Council on Aging President Bill McCoy's request to return \$50,000 they donated in March of 2007. McCoy insisted that the money was given for the specific purpose of hiring an On Premises Manager for the construction of the new addition at the Norwood Senior Center.

When an OPM was not hired, McCoy and the Friends of the COA made it clear that they wanted that money back.

The funds were given as part of a \$300,000 contribution the group made to the project, but earmarked \$50,000 for the singular purpose of hiring the OPM.

"The Permanent Building Construction Committee may not have realized that there was a stipulation, but we need to take action on this," Board member Bill Plasko said. Plasko said he had spoken to McCoy recently to try and convince him to withdraw his demands.

"I obviously failed," he said.

Plasko said it was imperative that the board come to a decision Tuesday night because the Town Treasurer would be seeking authorization to borrow from those funds on Wednesday.

"Legally, it seems quite clear that if we did not use that money for that specific purpose that we must give it back," Plasko said.

But other members of the board disagreed, and felt that the Friends of the COA should let the town keep the money to help offset costs related to the buildings construction.

"I think this is wrong at the very least," Chairman Mike Lyons said. "It's been troubling me since this first came up. They stated that they would raise as much money as possible to help offset the potential cost to the town. If that money is not going back into the building, where is it going," he asked.

Selectman Jerry Kelleher had the same reaction, and questioned the purpose of giving the money back.

"What's the point?" he asked. "What will that money be used for if we give it back?"

Board member Helen Donahue supported McCoy's crusade and agreed that the Friends had a right to that money.

Town Manager John Carroll said the stipulation that the money would be spent on hiring an OPM was purely incidental, but had managed to become a larger issue.

"Without a doubt the primary condition of giving the money was to help the building," he said, "but the other condition was incidental."

"It may be incidental to you, but it's not incidental to Bill McCoy," Plasko replied. Members of the board agreed they would inform treasurer Robert McGuire that the \$50,000 would not be available when he looks to borrow funds Wednesday afternoon.

The board voted to study how the money would be used when returned, with Kelleher casting the only opposing vote.

Town seeking new five-year trash contract

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Norwood's waste removal contract will expire on June 30 and the Board of Selectmen is scurrying to find a decent deal before it's too late.

Town Manager John Carroll presented members of the board with the option of renewing the

town's contract with Waste Management for five years, but the board was not entirely convinced that they were getting the best deal.

Carroll said that at such a late date, going out to bid for a new contract would be chaotic at best, but Donahue was not comfortable voting for a five year deal without first playing

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busiest day of the week," DeRose said, pacing back and forth in front of the shop on Central Street.

DeRose has owned the business for 15 years, and said he had no idea what the government could be looking for inside. FBI officials offered no indication to the Norwood Record as to what they were searching for.

"They came in at 9 a.m. and locked me out. No information, no nothing," DeRose said.

Michael Bheeler, one of DeRose's regular customers, said he had been waiting outside since around 3 p.m. to cash his disability check. Various other customers approached the store and were turned away.

An officer from the Norwood Police Department was on hand to ensure no one tried to get inside the building during the investigation.

Slightly after 3:30 p.m., two officers carrying boxes and file folders exited the office. One carried a camera and could be seen snapping photos inside.

By 4 p.m., another officer carried the office computer outside, dropped it into the trunk of his car and drove off.

DeRose was invited back inside his own business and was briefed by the two remaining FBI officers on the scene. He was open for business again by 4:30 p.m., but the FBI had taken all the cash in the office, leaving DeRose with no money to cash checks, besides the cash in his own pocket. He cashed Bheeler's disability check and turned the next customer away.

According to FBI spokesperson Gail Marcinkiewicz, the raid may have been carried out in response to a search warrant.

"If there are boxes coming out, they're usually dealing with a search warrant and they are usually sealed," she said. "If the warrant is sealed, there is no information I can give out to the public."

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Barry did not return phone calls.

Andy Quinn of the Norwood Firefighters Union did not comment when asked about the alleged suspension or the upcoming hearing.

Town Manager John Carroll also did not comment, citing as his reason that the hearing is not yet open to the public.

Howard said he found it "very interesting" that the *Record* had received anonymous information regarding the Clerk Magistrate hearing, but declined to comment further to a reporter.

Reached by an editor for the newspaper, an irate Howard chastised the *Norwood Record's* staff for following up on an anonymous tip, even though the outreach was intended to glean his version of events.

He repeated a loud "no comment" several times in that conversation and threatened

that, upon publication of a story, the newspaper would "hear from his attorneys." He also threatened that the newspaper would no longer be given information from his department.

"It's scandalous that you have to do this to sell newspapers," he said.

Told that the *Record* had confirmed that a hearing was scheduled for Thursday, Howard still refused to comment on the matter, though he did offer an assumption as to the source of that confirmation.

"I know you spoke to the police chief and the CIO. I know what games are being played behind the scenes," he said.

The Norwood Record, although confirming the hearing date with police, had no conversation with Police Chief Bartley King regarding the situation.

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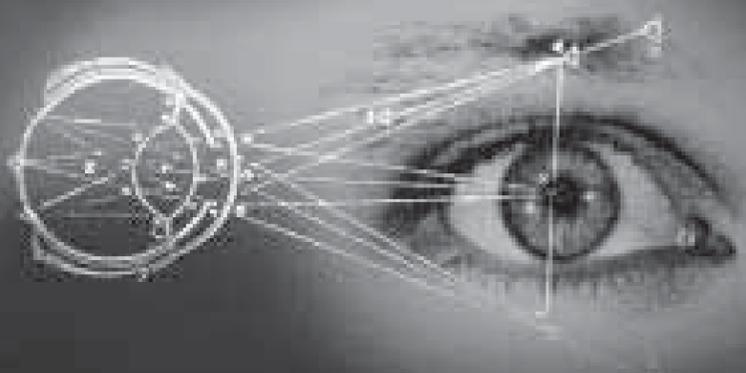
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Editorial

Why the silence?

As reported in this week's *Norwood Record*, what is confirmed and without question is that an incident took place at the Norwood Fire Department in December of 2007 between Norwood Fire Chief Michael Howard and Lieutenant John Barry that was responded to by the Norwood Police Department. The details can be read in the article.

What is disturbing is that even after police confirmed an event took place, no one in town government would acknowledge anything happened. Town Manager John Carroll declined comment, as did Chief Howard, specific to the incident, though in Mr. Howard's case he felt it necessary to yell vociferously and threaten legal action. And if our interpretation of his comments are accurate, he was alluding to some sort of conspiracy on the part of others.

We know nothing of any conspiracy. We also know that the genesis of our investigating the incident came from nowhere other than an anonymous letter sent to our office. We also know, through years of experience, that this incident could be of absolutely no consequence, the letter possibly being sent by a disgruntled fire department union looking to create headlines. Oftentimes these types of events are nothing more than one guy placing his arm on another guy, asking him to leave. The problem is that other than an irate, and some might consider irrational, response by the chief when asked to comment, we have nothing to help us mitigate what may be a "nothing" story.

Though the police department confirmed that they did respond to a call, they generated no report that may have given some clue as to the worthiness or lack thereof of the story. In defense of this, Paul Bishop said it is not uncommon for the police to conclude not enough happened to issue anything other than advice to take it up with the district court, usually meaning a basic, "he said, he said" situation. Fine, but the incident should have been written up.

One scenario that could have played out in normal circumstances is that, after we receive the anonymous letter, we investigate, and after talking with all parties involved and reading the incident report, conclude that this is, in fact, an insignificant beef between a couple of guys who don't like each other and let it go at that. But, this isn't a normal circumstance — not after a fire chief flies off the handle the way he did.

According to an article written in 2003 and published on the Web site yourneighborhoodnews.com, Howard was involved in a bit of controversy during his tenure as fire chief in Hooksett, New Hampshire, relative to budget overruns. Howard confirmed in the article that his retirement from there at age 45 was due, in part, over the town council's investigation into the running of the department. The fact that a town and its chief were at odds is not significant, it happens all the time. However, the quote he gave in the article may lend a clue as to his thought process. Relative to the controversy and his retirement Howard is quoted as saying: "Absolutely, it was definitely a factor. It wasn't the only factor. It was one of the major factors. No one should continue to work under those conditions, or with people who continually attack you."

Mr. Howard, this newspaper's call to you for a comment was not an attack, nor is our investigation of a claim of assault made by another. It is simply a newspaper representing Norwood residents whose tax dollars go toward supporting your department and the law firm likely needed in your defense of the claim, regardless of how frivolous said claim may or may not be. Also, cutting off information to a newspaper serving the very community you work for is petty and uncalled for. The Norwood Fire Department provides a vital service to the community. Residents have a right to know what goes on within its walls.

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Letters to the Editor

NEASC — ALL BARK, NO BITE

To the Editor:

Needless fears are being raised about the NEASC's high school accreditation according to the April 24 *Norwood Record*. NEASC is a non profit private corporation with their commission on public secondary schools made up of mostly principals and superintendents of schools in the New England region.

Norwood pays dues for membership in the NEASC so it cannot be said that it is an unbiased relationship. Norwood also pays for inspections by the NEASC even though the town is a member of the organization. The people of Norwood would

be better served if the school system spent that dues money to give relief to families that are burdened with busing fees.

The *Norwood Bulletin* in its November 3, 2005 front page headline said "Colleges: Accreditation not critical."

According to the *Bulletin*, the director of admissions at Bridgewater State College said, "we're not going to hold it against a student for something that's going on at their high school" and "admission officials make their decisions based on a student, not high schools."

The dean of admissions at Stonehill College in Easton said "Admission officials believe students can thrive despite the issues with the school's build-

ing." The senior admissions official at Stanford University in California said, "No matter where a student comes from, a high school's accreditation, or the quality of the education, would not in itself harm a student's chances of admission. It would have no bearing on the actual students application."

If I were an official in the Norwood School System, I would be more concerned with the State Department of Education that has the authority to remove people from their position.

Robert T. Sullivan Town Meeting Member District 1

Letters

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Town's finances look good

Krystal Grow

Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen heard from Town Accountant Robert Thornton Tuesday night. He informed them of the results of a recent auditors report regarding the town's finances.

"We get audited annually," he said, explaining that the audit is usually done in four parts. The first is a general purpose, town-wide financial statement. The second is a single purpose financial statement, which he said was not finished yet. Thornton said the third portion of the audit is an end-of-the-year report for the School Department; the fourth is a management letter. He said the first three are extremely detailed and comprehensive, but the management letter is what people always look to because it includes the auditor's opinion and summary.

"People turn to the management letter because it is something they can relate to," he said. "The auditor's opinion is what we all strive for."

"This is by far the most important portion of the report," said Thornton.

According to Thornton, bond ratings have a great deal of importance in the auditor's opinion and can be vital to the town, depending on how much money they gain approval to borrow at Town Meeting.

Members of the board were also concerned with the towns' potential liability regarding unused sick and va-

cation time for municipal employees, an issue that will also be discussed at Town Meeting.

Thornton said that if the town were to stop doing business tomorrow, and basically cease to operate, it would owe a total of \$134,429. Long-term liability, however, adds up to \$2.55 million.

Thornton said that the town was finally starting to

operate like a more efficient business, and getting closer to more automated budget operations.

"We are a \$140 million entity with 1,000 employees," he said. "We're starting to do things as a business of that size. We used to do things by the seat of our pants, but we're getting more methodical."

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Newbury Comics coming back

Superstore to open in August

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Local music store, Newbury Comics, promises its customers “a wicked good time” and, if that’s true, Norwood is in for a full-scale party.

In August, the New England based, independently owned record store chain will open a superstore on Route 1 in the former Boch Kia dealership building.

From its beginning in Harvard Square in 1978, owner Mike Dreese has successfully led the company to significant growth in the past decade, when the music retail business is slowly losing ground with the influx of Internet downloading.

But the company has managed to survive by expanding their merchandise to include T-shirts, action figures, posters, video games, trading cards and comics.

And now, they’re ready to make a big statement about the status of the market.

“This is not generally what retailers are doing right now, and this is not typically what Newbury Comics does,” said Chief Operating Officer Duncan Browne. “We’re looking at an entirely new business model.”

According to Browne, the focus of the Norwood superstore will not be solely music. In fact, he said of all the product areas the new store will market, music will likely be the one area that will not see an increased growth.

“We’ll double or triple some departments, but not music,” he said. “We’re trying to have

stores within stores. We want it to be the best comic store in New England or the best place to buy T-shirts or DVDs.”

Browne said the new store would aggressively market Blu-ray DVDs and video games as well.

But the roots of the organization are cutting edge music and trends, which will not be forgotten amongst the dizzying array of products in stock at the superstore.

“We will have a hefty music selection from Celtic to country,” said Browne, “but we’ll study the demographics of the town and find out what people want.”

Browne said the store would also have an increased selection of vinyl records to cater to the renewed interest cropping up in the Newbury Street and Harvard Square stores.

He said the main priority in the store would be customer service and introducing people to the Newbury Comics traditions of non-traditional retail.

“We’re going to be customer-centric,” he said. “The store will look totally different from any other Newbury Comics and any other retail store,” he said.

The project is still in the initial construction phases, and Browne said that representatives from the company would be approaching local dignitaries to gain approval for a small coffee shop within the store and to gain approval from the planning board, zoning board of appeals, health inspector and building inspector in the coming months.

“The response so far has



The former Boch Kia dealership on Route 1 will reopen as a “superstore” for the Newbury Comics chain.

PHOTO BY KRISTAL GROW

been very positive,” Browne said. “They all remember us and seem to be curious and excited about what we have in store.”

The company had to close their Norwood store about four years ago, but Browne said he believes, in retrospect, it was for the better.

“We closed the store, not because we wanted to, but because the lease renewal just wouldn’t work for us,” he said. “But now the combination of us reluctantly leaving Norwood,

studying different business models and keeping our eyes open and our ears to the ground made this all possible.”

Coincidentally, the chain will embark upon their biggest and most challenging venture during its 30th anniversary.

Browne says the superstore is still a huge gamble, but consistent with the company’s history of risk taking.

“It’s not a slam dunk,” he said, “not only because of the

trends in the music business, but because of the economy. But we’re going to try and spiff it up and make this store a destination.”

“We left the market in Norwood against our wishes,” said Browne, “but now we’re putting out shoulder to the wheel to find out what Newbury Comics can look like in the future.”

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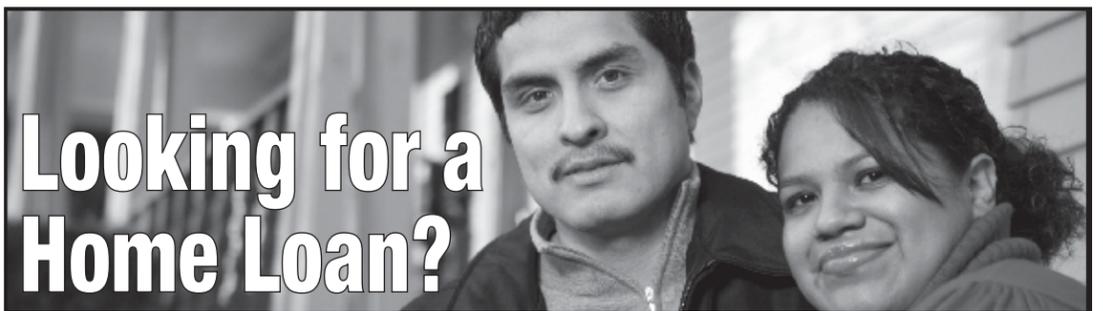
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the field to get the best offer. "If we go out to bid, we won't be ready by July," Carroll said.

But members of the board said they were under the impression that they would be voting to approve a one-year contract so they would have time to bid and negotiate a new contract.

But Carroll said it would cost an extra \$200,000-\$300,000 to sign on for a one-year deal.

"If we don't do something there will be no trash pickup on July 1st," Selectman Jerry Kelleher said.

Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper stepped in to clarify some of the confusion for the board.

"The problem is that the cost of rubbish removal is spiraling out of control," he said, "and we're faced with a situation if we don't do something it will continue to spiral."

"When you institute changes, there will be some disconnect, and I think it's very important that we don't bring in a new company at this point," said Cooper.

The new contract would require residents to place their trash in a large container that

will be supplied by Waste Management and to place their recyclables in a separate container. According to Carroll, Waste Management is the only company with an actively operating single stream recycling facility.

"Everything is moving in the direction of single stream recycling," Cooper said. "The numbers will be higher if we continue the way we're going."

"We're not asking you to necessarily sign a contract tonight, but we are asking you to proceed quickly," Carroll said.

Chairman Mike Lyons said he believed Waste Management had presented a solid contract, and agreed that bringing in a new trash management agency could be unnecessarily aggravating when implementing changes to people's weekly rubbish routines.

"We are clearly a major account for this company," Cooper said. "There is no doubt that they do not want to lose their presence in this area."

Kelleher made a motion to enter into an agreement and negotiate the final details of the contract with Waste Management. Donahue cast the only opposing vote.

Moretti the chosen one

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

In what member Bill Plasko Jr. said was one of the hardest decisions he's ever made, the Norwood School Committee has chosen John Moretti to be the Interim Superintendent of Schools.

Last Wednesday, members of the committee gathered to discuss the merits of three candidates, but were left to choose between two, when chairman Dick Kief announced that Robert Neeley had withdrawn his name from the running.

"In some ways, choosing between two is harder because they are both so qualified," Plasko said.

The committee agreed that Stephen Hemmen and Moretti were both well qualified and would make excellent additions to the school system. But, in the end, Moretti's enthusiasm and determination won the committee's approval.

"He's been retired for a year and he wants to come back," member Mitch Pentowski said. "To me, that shows how dedicated and passionate he is about education."

"To say that the candidates were neck-and-neck would be a huge understatement," said Vice Chairman Paul Samargedlis, "but at the end of the day, my vote is for Moretti. We're looking for someone to lead us until we get to where we want to be, and I think John Moretti can do that for us."

"When the candidates are this strong, it comes down to gut instinct," said Samargedlis.

Eleanor Travers said she believed Moretti's intentions to build strong community relationships was vital to the position, as the system will be entering into difficult, and possibly divisive, times.

"We are looking for a leader who will lead our system for-



John Moretti

ward for the collective goals of our community," she said.

Committee member Chris Morrison, who will be departing his post in June, said he thought Moretti could be instrumental in budget balancing and planning.

"I thought both candidates were well qualified, but I'm more inclined to vote for Moretti," he said. "His budget experience seems more on track with ours."

"He'll do more than tread water," said Morrison.

Kief and member Mark Joseph were the only members who voted in favor of Hemmen, and agreed that both candidates were certainly qualified for the job, Hemmen may have been a better fit for the interim position.

"I'd love to see Mr. Moretti as our permanent superintendent," Kief said, "but I'm voting for Hemmen because he's instantaneous with the budget. He has handled the Norwood budget for many years and can step right in."

Joseph said he based his decision on how much trust he could place in the interim, and thought it was important to choose a candidate who was familiar with the town and the operations of the system.

"There are some major issues going on and I need someone I trust and someone whose track record I know," he said. Joseph took ninth grade history classes under Hemmen. "He has a passion and a vision for Norwood, and I believe he can carry this vision through."

When the final role call vote was taken, there were five in

Moretti's favor, and two votes for Hemmen. Kief made a motion to make the vote unanimous as a show of support to the new interim.

Moretti was most recently the Superintendent of Schools in Mansfield and currently resides in Wrentham.

"I was not tired when I decided to retire," he said, "it was just time."

But now he says it's time to get back to work.

Moretti said he was honored to have been selected, and is excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for Norwood.

"We're looking to develop a comprehensive plan for the year so we can move forward," he said.

He may not be a Norwood native, but Moretti said he feels the town shares many similarities with Mansfield, where he has spent a large portion of his career.

"I think the dynamic is similar," he said. "Norwood is well managed and has strong traditions."

"I wanted to work in a system that has chemistry," said Moretti, "and I think in this case, the committee also felt there was a strong philosophical connection between my strengths and their goals."

In his first months, Moretti said he plans to talk to as many people as possible and find what he calls the "common strands" in the system.

"As superintendent, it is my responsibility to share those common strands to the committee," he said.

"I think there's a certain comfort zone in knowing what you do well as in individual," said Moretti. "I love the job, I love working with people and I love doing what's best for the kids. Those are my strengths."

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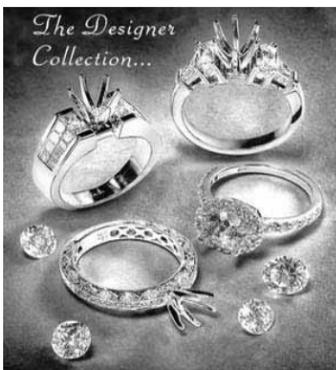
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Sports

Maloof's grand slam powers Mustangs

Dolan strikes out 19 of 22 batters

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

With Dolan throwing like Nolan, the Norwood softball team avenged a 2-1 eight-inning loss to first-place Braintree with a 13-0 thumping of host Dedham in Bay State Conference action last Friday.

Kristen Dolan struck out 19 of 22 batters in a phenomenal outing that must have had the Marauders asking, "What in the name of Nolan Ryan is going on?" But no further comparison is needed to the baseball Hall of Fame great, as Dolan has certainly made more than a name for herself around these parts for the past four seasons. The star right-handed hurler also came through with a strong performance against Braintree, as both runs against her were unearned.

As of early last week, Dolan was posting an astonishing 0.22 era. Perhaps even more remarkable was her strikeout to walk ratio. Dolan had fanned 76 batters this season, while allowing only four free passes.

Against Braintree, she continued the pattern, despite the loss. "Kristen pitched a great game against one of the best pitchers in the (BSC) Carey Division," said head coach Kathy Smelstor, noting Dolan allowed only four hits and struck out eight against the Wamps (7-1, 6-0 BSC).

However in that game, the Mustangs (6-3, 5-2 BSC) could only muster three hits themselves. Diane Barry's single drove in Katie Lang, who doubled, while freshman Ali Maloof had the other hit.

Against Dedham, Norwood was able to punch the ball around as Maloof and Lang combined to drive in seven runs during the Herget Division rout. Maloof delivered the big blow with a grand slam in the fifth inning that also plated Melissa Toti, Natalie Metta and Paige Hackett.

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'Stangs KO Walpole, fall to Marauders

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

You'd be better off trying to solve the Rubik's Cube than to figure out the Bay State Conference Herget Division, where it seems anyone can knock off anyone at anytime.

Take last week, for example, when the Norwood baseball team rode another quality start by Chris Pinette and got the bats going in a 7-1 win over top foe Walpole, but then succumbed, 2-0, to last-place Dedham.

Norwood head coach Tony Fruci logically concludes it this

way: "When we hit we win. When we don't hit, we don't win... We hit the ball great against Walpole."

But it wasn't that way against Dedham. "We had only two hits," Fruci lamented.

Fruci's words have rung true, and so has the conventional baseball wisdom that good pitching will stop good hitting. This week, the Mustangs (4-5, 4-3 BSC) were both the benefactor and the victim to the wise-old saying.

Against Walpole, Pinette (2-

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Katherine Welter fends off Gloucester's Kathleen Smith during last Wednesday's 20-0 rout by the Mustangs. To the right, Christine McKay makes a play for the ball.

PHOTOS BY PAUL ELDRIDGE

Girls bury Gloucester, 20-0

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

If you arrived just four minutes late to last Wednesday's Norwood girls' lacrosse game against visiting Gloucester, you would have already missed the Mustangs' first three goals. And the pace continued almost as furious throughout the rest of the first half as Norwood surged to a 16-0 lead at the break and salted it away with four more strikes in the second frame for a 20-0 win over the non-conference foe Fishermen. At this



writing, the Mustangs, who play in the Bay State Conference, now stand at 8-3, needing just two wins to qualify for the state tournament.

"I said to someone earlier that we had a good week of practice," said Norwood head coach Shawn Famiglietti. "Even though it was raining out, we were indoors and I thought it was two of our better practices all year, and they brought it into this game today. And right off the start, I have very little complaints about this

game. They really did a great job, all of them. They ran the field. They double-teamed, causing turnovers and controlled the play from the get-go."

"We had really good practices," added Katie Welter, who had a game-high four goals and one assist. "We've been practicing our defense and offense a lot this week, and we just went all out in the beginning, and that's what we'd like to

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Wellesley comeback stops boys' lacrosse cold

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

Put this one in the category of would've, could've, should've. The Norwood boys' lacrosse team was on the doorstep of upsetting visiting Wellesley in a huge Bay State Conference Herget Division match-up last Thursday. The Mustangs held a commanding 5-2 advantage late in the second quarter and were still clinging to a 5-4 lead with less than three minutes left in the third, when the game turned on a dime. By the end of the third quarter, the Raiders led, 6-5, and they held on to the tune of a 10-8 victory to improve their remarkable season ledger to 10-2.

However, it wasn't too long ago that Norwood (8-4) would lose by wide margins to the perennially tough Raiders, and that fact didn't get lost on Norwood head coach Tom DeMaio. Though the Mustangs fell behind by three, they still battled back in the waning mo-

ments to the cut the deficit to one.

"A lot of heart was shown in the last five minutes of this game," DeMaio said. "I'll take that as a positive."

Trailing 8-5 late in the fourth quarter, Steve Cottens rushed down the left sideline and delivered a perfect pass to Mike Rossman, who stuffed it home to the short side at the 4:05 mark.

Less than two minutes later, Rossman fought furiously for a loose ball and somehow managed to feed it to Brian Girard, who scored on a low grounder from 10 yards out to make it 8-7.

"Clearly, when we had the ball on offense, we were getting some great looks at the cage," DeMaio said. "And when we got the ball in the end there, our playmakers made plays and put some goals in the net. I think the problem we had in the third quarter is we couldn't get the ball on offense. But as soon as we got the ball on offense, we started to move

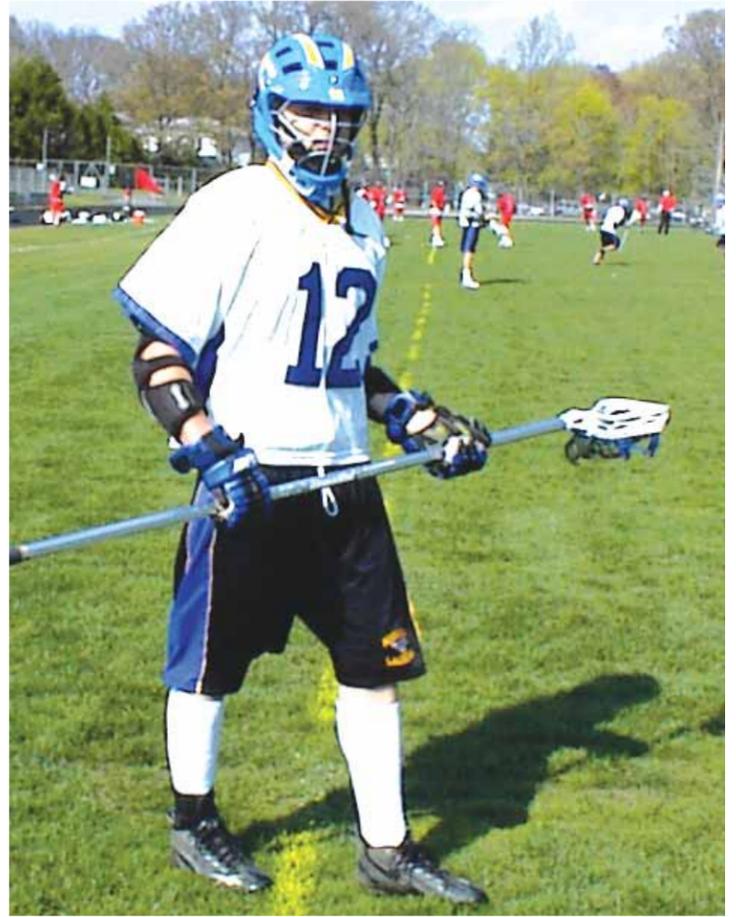
the ball well, and some of the playmakers stepped up."

However, just as quickly as the Mustangs came back, Wellesley sealed it with two goals in the next 47 seconds.

"We couldn't win the face-off," DeMaio said. "Wellesley did a great job on face-offs in the second half. And in the first half we were winning the face-offs. So when you have a good team that can win face-offs and they can possess the ball, it's hard to get the ball back. And it can be frustrating. That showed to us in the third quarter. It was nice in the end when we had that little run because we had the ball... When you play good teams, it's very hard to get the ball back, especially when we don't have the depth that (the Raiders) have."

In the midst of one of its finer seasons, Norwood opened the scoring when Cottens jammed a one-bounce shot past goalie Tim Burke with 4:58 left in the first quarter.

Wellesley tied it when John Gruber flung the ball into the



The defense of Steve Mahon wasn't enough to hold off a Wellesley comeback last week

PHOTO BY MIKE STOLLER

top left corner from about 10 yards out on the right side at 3:22.

However, the Mustangs took the lead back at 2:29, when Mike Notarangelo scored to the low middle off a swift pass from Rossman from behind the

net. Norwood kept the pressure on in the second quarter. Soon after, Burke turned away a tough low shot from in close, Pat Coskren scored on a re-

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do.”

With just 21 ticks off the clock, Katherine Millin put the Mustangs on the board after she swung around the right corner and beat goalie Jessica Grella to the low middle. Shortly after, Christine McKay took a centering pass from Welter on the left and buried it knee-high behind Grella at 21:59. Just 55 seconds later, Sam Vilaboa scored the first of her two goals on a feed from Millin.

“Sam Vilaboa ran the field well, got a lot of groundballs and her speed created a lot of opportunities,” Famiglietti said.

“I’m impressed, very impressed with this Norwood team,” added Gloucester head coach Mike Mateo. “They’re gonna go a long way, they’re gonna go far. They’re definitely gonna go far.”

The Fisherman (0-9) continued to have no answer for the Mustangs’ unstoppable attack. Vilaboa struck next taking a pass on the fly in the middle from Meghan Harrington, who made a beautiful rush downfield. Harrington also assisted on the next goal, finding Welter on the near side left. Welter crossed the end line, before stepping back in. She then maneuvered in front and fired a low shot past Grella.

“We moved Katie Welter’s position (to attack). She’s been more of a defensive player this year. She had four goals and an assist at a new position,” lauded Famiglietti.

Harrington, who had two goals and two assists, made it 6-0 off a cross-feed from Cara Cole on the left. Cole also figured into the scoring with a pair of strikes and two helpers.

Though the score might not indicate it, Grella made a few top-shelf saves in front. She turned away a pair of shots from about three yards out within the next two minutes, before the Mustangs scored their seventh goal on a Welter strike from Liz Greeley.

“She did, she did (make some nice stops),” Mateo said of Grella. “Very aggressive saves.”

Goals by Harrington, Jess Elabach, and Greeley made it 10-0, and there was still 13:14 left in the first half.

The Mustangs, meanwhile, held Gloucester to minimal opportunities before the break.

“Our whole team did well,” Famiglietti said. “(Gloucester) didn’t have many shots in the first half, and that was a credit to our midfield trap, and the girls playing in the midfield and the defense did a great job.”

Next in the scoring line was Jayne Galvin who scored on a pass from Cole at 12:25. Welter followed with a fancy spin move from the right corner before making it 12-0. Then, after Grella made a nice stop to the short side, Welter struck again at 6:32.

The Fishermen got a little offense going when Jacqueline Smith rushed down the left side from her own end into Mustang territory, but Norwood goalie Isabelle Jones stood tall on an ensuing shot by Gloucester. Overall, the Mustangs out-shot the Fishermen, 26-4, in the first half.

Freshman Kathleen O’Dea scored next to make it 14-0 at 1:54. Nine seconds later, Cole tallied, and then three seconds after that, Katie Harris completed a dominant first half for Norwood. The Mustangs had another opportunity when sophomore Jillian Walsh rushed downfield, but her ensuing pass was picked off by strong defender Kacie O’Malley.

Walsh finally hit the jackpot, scoring her first goal of the season on a penalty shot just 17 seconds into the second half. Millin, Stephanie Fogg, and Greeley also tallied to close it out.

“(They’re) very good,” Mateo said of the Mustangs. “For a young team like this, they’re very, very good.”



The 20th annual “celebrity basketball game” this year featured the Norwood All Stars facing off against three-time Super Bowl Champions the New England Patriots. The match-up took place on April 29 at Norwood High School. Kevin Faulk and Vince Wilfork were among the pro athletes who took part in the competition.

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2) went the distance, allowing only five hits while striking out four and walking none. With his pinpoint control, the senior tossed a conservative 101 pitches. Meanwhile, Norwood exploded for 16 hits in a potent attack that kept them in contention for a top spot in the conference.

The Mustangs began the assault in the fourth inning when Corey Sennott delivered a two-run homer to left-center after Joe Trahen singled. Then, in the eighth, Nicholas Rodriguez and Jesse Shaughnessy singled, before a passed ball made it second and third. Chris Foley knocked in both runs for a 4-0

lead.

Foley also doubled in the ninth to drive in Trahen, who drilled a two-bagger to lead off the frame. Justin Black also had an RBI in the last inning as Norwood rolled to a 7-1 win over the Rebels (6-3, 3-3 BSC).

Also contributing was Jake Finney, who went 3-for-5 on the day.

“We hit the ball and took pressure off our defense,” Fruci said. “And Pinette pitched a great game.”

Norwood also got a solid pitching effort from Justin Black against Dedham. However, a pair of walks in the third inning led to a run, while a

fielder’s choice in the same inning wrapped up the scoring in a 2-0 win for the Marauders (4-6, 2-4 BSC). Foley pitched the last two innings, striking out three.

“He throws heat,” Fruci said of the junior relief ace.

Between the regular schedule and makeup games due to rainouts, the Mustangs were scheduled to play five games this week.

“Everybody’s knocking everybody off,” Fruci said of the tight race in the Herget. “This is a make or break week for us. We’ll know then where we’re going. The good teams are going to get better.”

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“Our bats came alive after a tough loss to Braintree,” Smelstor said. “Ali Maloof came up big with (the) home run.”

Maloof went 3-for-5 with the four RBI, while Lang drove

in three runs while going 2-for-4. Metta, meanwhile, punched out two hits in three tries in her first varsity game. Alex Dukas and Allison Todesco both went 2-for-4, while Brittany Calarese contributed two hits in five at

bats.

The Marauders (3-3, 3-5 BSC) had no answer to Dolan’s offerings, as Norwood’s ace improved her personal mark to 5-2.

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bound with a bounce-shot at 10:28 to make it 3-1.

“I thought Pat Coskren had an excellent game and he showed me a lot of guts and carried us in all aspects of the game,” DeMaio said.

After Wellesley’s Brian Cahn scored in front to make it 3-2, the Mustangs took command of the game, at least for the moment.

As Notarangelo maneuvered on the right side behind the Raiders’ net, he spotted Girard moving forward up the middle. Girard took the ensuing pass, ducked a defender and, staying low to the ground,

side-armed a low shot by Burke at 5:35.

A little over a minute later, Notarangelo did the honors when his low blast beat the goalie to the short side to give Norwood a three goal advantage at 5-2.

Wellesley scored soon after, but thanks to the superb goaltending of Chris Arthur, the Mustangs headed into the break leading by two.

The standout goalie made a couple of timely saves in the final 25 seconds, first a beautiful kick-out stop on a planted shot, straight on from a few feet out, and then another while he

held the short side at the buzzer.

Arthur proved just as solid in the second half even as Wellesley took the lead and kept the momentum.

“Chris made some great saves,” DeMaio said. “He’s a good goalie and he’s hard to beat. And we were giving up the outside shot cause we know Chris can make the saves. He did a good job keeping the game within reach.”

The Raiders overpowered Norwood for a small stretch near the end of the third quarter that allowed them to take a 6-5 lead heading into the final frame.

“They found some holes in our defense that they caught us sleeping a few times,” DeMaio said. “They started to control the face-offs. They were a little better handling the ball than we were. We went for a period of time in the third quarter I don’t think we had the ball offensively. And they did a good job controlling the ball.”

“That’s one of the great things about the sport of lacrosse, it is like basketball, teams go on runs,” the coach continued. They get some confidence. They put a few goals in at a time. Good teams weather those storms and get

the ball back and come back and score.”

While DeMaio was referring to the Wellesley comeback, he was just as impressed with his own team’s rally near the end of the game.

“I was impressed that we did that,” DeMaio said. “We had some unanswered goals... We scored a few big goals in the end to make it a close game that I’m pretty happy about...”

My guys showed a lot of heart today,” the head mentor added. “These kids, they battled the whole game.”



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The Town Pizza boy's soccer team had a successful season this past winter.

Town Pizza delivers

Boys hold their own in winter soccer

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

The Town Pizza 13-and-under boys' soccer team delivered this past winter, and there was nothing cheesy about it.

"Although they played against club teams and older competition, (they) did more than hold their own this past winter," said assistant Pat Payne. "Playing indoors at Forekicks in Norfolk, the team went all the way to the finals in the first session before (losing in overtime) to Bruno United's 14-and-under team, 3-2."

Forekicks is an indoor soc-

cer facility, where leagues are formed in the winter, Payne said.

"The teams can come from any town or league," he added. "We played in a (older) 14-and-under division."

The squad earned a semi-final round berth in the second session, but dropped a 2-1 decision to eventual champion Expo FC's 14-and-under team.

Defensively, Town Pizza was led by goalkeeper Dominic Quade, central defender Alex Higgins and outside defenders Robbie Routhier, Fernando Morales, Sam McGrath, and Corey Haigh. At midfield, Tyler Goncalves and Eric Verdu anchored along with wide outs

James McGuire, Michael Sheehan, Ryan Greeley and James Payne. Strikers included Verdu, Robert Schallmo, Brian Sassman, Alex Cubelli and Tim Bosse.

"Considering we went against club teams, which are like all-star teams, and players that are a year older than our boys, we gave them more than they could handle," said head coach John Goncalves, who said he was more than pleased with the play of his troops. "We became the team no one wanted to play. I could not ask more from the players."

Girls keep swingin'

It has been a difficult season overall for the Norwood girls' tennis squad, but that hasn't stopped the first doubles team of Julia Babel and Jamie Lewis from taking it to their opponents. Norwood's dynamic duo pulled off a stunning 6-1, 6-0 win against host Braintree's Ming Wai and Julie Manning last week, though the Mustangs (0-6) dropped a 4-1 decision over the Wamps. In second singles, Alison Doyle fought hard, despite falling to Melissa Imbruglia, 4-6, 3-6.

Babel and Lewis also played well against Walpole despite a 3-6, 3-6 loss to



Jamie Lewis has proven a standout this year for the Girl's varsity tennis team.

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Carolyn Cawley and Khadija Lane. As a team, the host Mustangs fell to the Rebels, 5-0.

Kara Loo gave Norwood its best effort in a 5-0 setback to visiting Dedham. Loo lost to Caitlin Callahan, 5-7, 2-6.

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Senior News

BONE DENSITY SCREENING

The VNA Care Network will be at the Norwood Senior Center on Friday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to conduct osteoporosis Bone Density Screenings. The event is fully booked, but there is an available waiting list. To add your name to the waiting list, call (781) 762-1201.

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Dr. Cormier will be available at the Norwood Senior Center on Tuesday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon to conduct a foot clinic. The cost is \$25. Call (781) 762-1201 to schedule an appointment.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Hellenic Health care will be available at the Norwood Senior Center for blood pressure screenings on Wednesday, May 14, and Wednesday, May 28, at noon. History talk

Bob Jackson will speak at the Norwood Senior Center on Thurs-

day, May 15, at 1 p.m. His theme this month is "War Memorials." As part of the talk, he will be showing a relevant video about World War II.

REMINISCENCE HOUR

On Wednesday, May 14, at 10:15 a.m., join other Norwoodites to discuss a subject you may have experienced in your youth, such as movies, markets, first dance, first job, etc. The group meets at the Norwood Senior Center, 275 Prospect St.

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Join Doug Ross, Barbara Hall and a group of amateur poets and philosophers to sound off and show your interests. "Prose, Poetry and People" will meet next on May 21 at 1 p.m.

TRIAD

The next TRIAD meeting will be held on Monday, May 19 at the Norwood Senior Center. The speaker this month will be Deputy Alfred Wood, assistant supervisor

of security for Norfolk Sheriff Bellotti's office. To confirm time, or sign up for lunch, call (781) 762-1201.

RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Norwood Retired Men's Club will be held on Tuesday, May 13. Call (781) 762-1201 for more information and the time.

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Deaths

FOLEY

Lorraine H. "Dee Dee" (Homer), 77, of Norfolk, formerly of Norwood, on Saturday, May 3. Beloved wife of James L. Foley. Devoted mother of James J. Foley and his wife Clare of Norfolk and Helen Koch and her husband Craig of Norfolk. Dear sister-in-law of Gini Homer of Norfolk, Mary Foley of Norwood and George Foley and his wife Betty of Mashpee. Loving grandmother of Colleen, Maura and Megan Foley, Honey, Harmony, Colby, and Cameron Koch. Daughter of the late Joseph and Helen (Oslizlow) Homer and sister of the late Joseph Homer. Interment at Norfolk Cemetery. R.J. Ross Funeral Home, Expressions of sympathy may be made in Lorraine's memory to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA or the Norfolk Public Library, 139 Main St., Norfolk, MA.

GHERA

Charles of Holiday Fl., formerly of Norwood, passed away on March 14. Husband to the late Madeline he is survived by a daughter Madelyn of Holiday, Fla, and 2 sons Charles of Medway and Ralph of Norwood. Also 6 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Ghera was a World War II U.S Army Veteran.

MURPHY

Eugene J. "Red," lifelong resident of Norwood, May 2, after a long illness. Late Korean War Veteran. Son of the late Mary R. (Ryan) Murphy. Brother of the late Mary Jane Murphy. Beloved father of Cheryl A. Murphy of Switzerland, Diane M. Roche and husband Gregory of Chelmsford, Michael T. Murphy and his wife Karen of Amherst, N.H. Loving grandfather of Molly, Emma and Mick Murphy, Courtney and Riley Roche and Nicholas Murphy. Also survived by nieces Jane Stivaletta of New York, Judy Lynch of Norfolk and nephew Bobby Stivaletta of Mashpee. Services and interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Red may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham 01701.

O'BRIEN

Kathleen of Dedham, 50, April 29. Beloved daughter of Lorraine (Biggins) O'Brien and the late James P. O'Brien. Sister of Patricia Weber of Hanson, Mary Zablowski of Norwood, Donna O'Brien of Dedham and Tracy Dentremont of Westwood. Also survived by five nephews and one niece. Interment Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Kathleen's memory to the Norfolk County Adult Health Care, 595 Pleasant St., Norwood, MA 02062 George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham.

SEARS

Sister Frances Mary (Sister Bernadette). A beloved member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston for 67 years, died April 21. Daughter of the late Edward J. and Anne E. (Lydon) Sears. Sister of Helen Joseph of Norwood and the late Margaret Dulkis. Survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Formerly missioned as Associate Professor and Manager Administrator at Regis College, Weston; as a teacher at Keith Hall School, Lowell and Fontbonne Academy, Milton; Director of Religious Education at Resurrection Parish, Hingham and St. Edward Parish, Medfield; Pastoral Associate at St. Catherine Parish, Norwood. Burial at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Funeral arrangements by Norton Funeral Home, Framingham. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Sisters of Saint Joseph, c/o Mission Advancement, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135

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CAR WASH

Boy Scout Troop 42 of Norwood will be holding a CAR WASH on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parking Lot across from the Civic Center in Norwood Center. We will also be accepting donations of returnable cans and bottles. Proceeds from the car wash and can and bottle drive will be used to help the Boy Scouts cover some of the costs of camping and activities, as well as assist the boys attending the Philmont Scout Camp in New Mexico. For more information, visit www.troop42.org.

TEAM TRIVIA

Come join the fun & show off your knowledge at the Cleveland School's 1st Team Trivia competition. On Friday, May 16 at the Norwood Elks. Individual tickets are available for \$20 each, or get together a team and play with a team table of 10 for \$175. Individuals or smaller groups will be assigned to tables. Cash bar and refreshments will be available. Participants are encouraged to bring their own snacks. The night will also include Raffle prizes and Silent Auction items. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the trivia will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. This event is only for adults. Can't make it for trivia? Join us after 9:30 p.m. for more fun and dancing with DJ Willie Rodriguez, admission is \$5. For more information and tickets, contact Amy Sobchuk at (781) 762-0773, masobchuk@norwoodlight.com, or Monica Tribuna at (781) 910-8681, monicatribuna@verizon.net.

EXPLO EXPO

Exploration Summer Programs is hosting an open house on Saturday, May 10th, from 2-5 p.m. The event will feature tours of the new building, an opportunity to meet Exploration's Board of Trustees and year-round staff, and Explo activities and demonstrations for the whole family such as Bowling For Ice Cream, Robot Soccer, Hovercraft Rides, Lip Balm Making, Haiku Wall, and more. The events will be held at 932 Washington St. in Norwood. For more information, call (781) 762-7400.

POPS NIGHT

Enjoy an evening of popular music at Norwood's annual Pops Night, on Thursday, May 15 at 7 PM in the Norwood High School gymnasium. The award-winning groups performing include the Jazz Band and Honors Chorus

from the Coakley Middle School, and the Norwood High School Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Madrigal Choir, and Concert Chorale. Refreshments are available. Reserved table seating is available for \$10 per person, or \$100 per table of 10, by contacting the Fine Arts office at (781) 440-5916 or cmulrey@norwood.k12.ma.us. General admission seating is \$5 per person. This event is sponsored by the Norwood Parents Music Association, and all proceeds benefit the PMA scholarship fund.

LAX YARD SALE

The Norwood High School Girl's Lacrosse team will hold a "giant yard sale" on Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 96 Prospect St. Proceeds will benefit a scholarship fund

CAR WASH FOR MUSIC PROGRAMS

Clean away the winter salt and spring mud at a Car Wash on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Norwood municipal parking lot. The Norwood Parents Music Association is sponsoring this day to get your car washed and help student musicians. All proceeds benefit Norwood's award-winning music programs.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

A meeting of the Morrill Memorial Library Board of Trustees will be held at the library at 33 Walpole Street on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Trustees' Room. The public is invited to attend.

LYNCH TO ADDRESS CHAMBER

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch will be addressing the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce (NVCC) on "Business Challenges and Opportunities in a Changing Economy" on Monday, May 19, 7:30-9 a.m., at the Sheraton Four Points, Route 1 South, Norwood. Congressman Lynch's address is part of the NVCC's Spring Speaker Series. The breakfast is open to the public and costs \$20. Registration is required by calling the NVCC at (781) 769-1126 or visiting www.nvcc.com.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL AWARD

The C. J. Prescott School P.T.O. will present two special achievement awards in June at the Prescott Awards Assembly. The

awards will be given to an outstanding girl and boy who attended the Prescott School in fifth grade, are presently residing in Norwood, and are graduating from high school in June, 2008. The awards will consist of a \$500 check, a certificate to each winner, and their names to be inscribed on plaques which will hang permanently in the Prescott School. Application forms are available at the Prescott School and at the Norwood High School Guidance Office. Applications must be returned to the Prescott School by Friday, May 16.

SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

The Norwood Public Schools' Visual Arts Department will present a display of sculptures created by students in grades 6 through 12. The artwork will be exhibited at the Grace Church Sunken Garden on May 17 from noon to 2 p.m. The Sunken Garden has been on the grounds, now owned by Grace Church, since 1916 when the property was part of the estate of Herbert M. Plimpton. The entire Plimpton property had been landscaped in 1895 by Frederick Law Olmsted, along with the adjacent Winslow property. The Sunken Garden was added in 1916 and was designed by Arthur A. Shurtleff, a protégé of Olmsted and at one time a member of the Olmsted firm. Shurtleff is probably best known for his design work in the restoration of the gardens at Williamsburg, VA. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Students will sell refreshments and t-shirts to benefit the Visual Arts Department. Grace Church is located at 150 Chapel St. Rain date is May 18, from noon to 2 p.m.

VIOLA SASTAVICKAS SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the second annual Viola Sastavickas Scholarship. In 2007, the family of Viola Sastavickas made a donation to the Morrill Memorial Library in order to create a permanent scholarship in the amount of \$500 to be awarded annually to a current or former library employee or volunteer for undergraduate or graduate school, a formal course of study, or an enrichment opportunity. Viola Sastavickas was a lifelong resident of Norwood and used the library frequently. According to her daughter Kathy the scholarship is "a fitting tribute to our beautiful mother and to the library and staff who treated her with great respect and affection." A brief application form is available from the library. Contact Mary Phinney at (781) 769-0200, ext 101. Applications are due by May 15. The 2008 scholarship will be awarded by June 30.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL YARD SALE

On Saturday, May 10, members of the First Congregational Church will hold their First An-

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Gathering of the faithful



Orthodox Christians in South Norwood and around the world celebrated Pascha (Easter) on April 27. At Saint George Church the faithful attended Divine Liturgy at midnight that Sunday. Many parishioners came back for a special Vesper Service at noon on Sunday; they are pictured with Father Joseph Kimmitt, the pastor, and Father Nifon Abraham, the pastor emeritus.

School targeting 'heavy hitters'

In the world of fundraising, large donors are often referred to as 'heavy hitters.'

Now, in an effort to reach individuals who might fit into that category, members of the Capital Campaign Committee of the South Area Solomon Schechter School (SASSDS) in Norwood this month are hand-delivering to prospective donors what may be among the heaviest invitations on record: 5-pound red bricks.

Organizers hope the gift-wrapped bricks, accompanied by an invitation to a private-home parlor meeting, will dramatically call attention to the fact that the fundraising for the school's new campus has reached 84 percent of its goal — about \$6.4 million out of a \$7.5 million target. The invitation cover depicts a brick wall with space for one additional brick.

A guest speaker at the upcoming parlor meeting will be George D. Krupp, Founding Partner of The Berkshire Group, a national real estate investment firm, and an SASSDS capital campaign donor whose family contributed the cost of the school's new gym.

Also speaking will be Israel Arbeiter, President of the American Association of Holocaust Survivors of Greater Boston and a lifelong survivor rights activist. SASSDS named its new Interfaith Institute & Gallery of Understanding in honor of Arbeiter.

In September, the school moved to a modern 50,000 square-foot building on a 4.6-acre campus just off Route 1 in Norwood. Besides the gym, the school includes spacious classrooms, state-of-the-art science labs and modern music, art and drama and playground facilities. A focal point is the Israel Arbeiter Interfaith Gallery of Understanding where people of all ages and faiths will gather to learn about the causes of and ways to combat prejudice.

About 213 boys and girls from 20 communities south and west of Boston are enrolled in grades K-8. SASSDS is accredited by the Association of Independent Schools in New England (AISNE). For donor information, call (781) 769-9400.

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nual Yard Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of new and used goods will be featured, including handmade items made by members of the Friendly Service group. The rain date is May 17, and no early birds are allowed. The First Congregational Church is located on the corner of Route 1A and Winter Street in Norwood. Parking is available in the lot behind the church. For more information on the yard sale, call (781) 762-3320.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Four scholarships will be awarded to former students of the F.A. Cleveland School on June 3. The awards will be given to outstanding young men and women who are graduating from high school in June 2008. Applicants must presently reside in Norwood. The four awards include two special achievement awards, the F.A. Cleveland School Graduate Award in memory of former principal, William P. Kenny, and a fourth award given unanimously to a student that is involved on a continual basis in volunteer work. The completed application, including a cover letter, a letter of recommendation, and the most recent high school transcript must be received by the F.A. Cleveland School no later than May 2. F.A. Cleveland Scholarship applications are available from the Guidance Department at Norwood High School and from the principal's office at the Cleveland School.

TEXAS HOLD'EM NIGHT

The Norwood Elks, located at 152 Winslow Ave., will be hav-

ing a charity poker night. Proceeds of this event will benefit the National Kidney Foundation (www.kidneyhealth.org). The event takes place on Saturday, May 10, at 6 p.m. Seats are limited, register ahead of time to assure a spot. Enjoy a poker tournament played on top quality equipment and professionally trained dealers, sponsored by Eastern Poker Tour (EFT). EFT is a sponsor of the event and does not benefit from the tournament. Donation is \$50 for 4,000 chips with an optional \$10 donation during sign-in for an extra 1,000 chips. One add-on available during first hour of play. The \$15 satellites start at 4 p.m. - top two players, per table of 10, advance to the main event. (Sit 'n' Go's \$35/\$65/\$125 short mini-tournaments available all night long). There is a \$3,000 and final table payout. Payout based on only 100 participants at 60 percent back to the players. Call Rich Lynch at (800) 542-4001, to register with a credit card, or mail a check to the National Kidney Foundation, 85 Astor Ave., Suite 2, Norwood, MA 02062 with the memo line, "May Poker Tournament." Participants can also register at least one-hour prior to the main event start time of 6 p.m. Cash only on the day of tournament.

WCC THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, located at 1194 Washington St. in Norwood, has a good selection of gently used spring and summer clothing and household goods. Operated by the Women's Community Committee (WCC), all proceeds go to local charities. Retail hours are Wednesday 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donations also accepted Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

SWING FOR THE MUSIC

Compete for a chance to win \$25,000 at the Norwood PMA Golf Tournament, June 26, at Brookmeadow Country Club, Canton. There is an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee includes a \$25,000 hole in-one Contest, greens fee, cart, free driving range balls, lunch, raffle tickets, prizes and a player gift. Tee off to support the Norwood Public Schools Music Program. For more information visit www.norwoodpma.org, call (781) 551-9663, or email golftournament@norwoodpma.org.

RABBI KUSHNER TO SPEAK

Internationally acclaimed author Rabbi Harold S. Kushner will discuss his latest best-seller, "Overcoming Life's Disappointments," at the 10th Annual Rabbi Pesach Sobel Memorial Lecture on Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. The event, free and open to the public, is sponsored and hosted by the South Area Solomon Schechter School at its new campus, One Commerce Way, Norwood (just off Route 1). Rabbi Kushner is Rabbi Laureate of Temple Israel in Natick, the congregation he served for 24 years. His book "When Bad Things Happen to Good People," has been translated into 14 languages. It was selected by members of the Book of the Month Club as one of the 10 most influential books of recent years. He has written six other New York Times best-sellers. The lecture

series is named for the late Rabbi Pesach Sobel who served as Rabbi and Judaic consultant to the South Area Solomon Schechter School for many years. The May 15th lecture is free and open to the public, but advance reservations are requested. To reserve seats and/or place an ad in the program book, call (781) 769-5555. Proceeds from the Rabbi Pesach Sobel Memorial Lecture Fund help to purchase books for the school library. For more information, visit www.sassds.org.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Time for spring cleaning? Bring your hazardous waste to Norwood's annual Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, May 10 at the old landfill off Winter Street from 8-11 a.m.. Please bring proof of residency. Hazardous waste is considered to be a waste product with properties that make it dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. A partial list of materials include oil or lead based paints, solvents, wood preservatives, pesticides, herbicides, lawn care products, automotive products, cleaning products, drain cleaners, and pool chemicals. Make sure to read the label be-

fore disposing of any potentially hazardous product. For a full list of hazardous materials, please see the Norwood Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Day Newsletter mailed to all residents, the town's website www.norwoodma.gov, or call the Health Department at (781) 762-1240. In addition to hazardous waste, residents may bring recyclable and bulk materials such as tires, electronics, refrigerators, air conditioners and propane tank. Some fees apply. The town can not accept latex paint, asbestos, bio-active materials, radioactive materials, explosives, or PCB-containing products. Latex paint can be disposed of in regular trash pick up only when it is completely hardened. Depending on the amount of paint, it can be hardened by leaving the container open or by adding paint hardeners. The Norwood Health Department has packets of paint hardener available to Norwood residents for \$2. Each packet dries 2/3 of a gallon of paint. For more information, call (781) 762-1240.

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Police Log

Tuesday, April 29

0944 Phone - weapons charges *REPORT FILED Location/Address: BALCH SCHOOL - 1168 WASHINGTON ST Mr Conlon reports a student with a knife.

1033 Phone - assist citizen SPOKEN TO Location/Address: 117 OLDE DERBY RD Complainant in station to report receiving mail from friend he owes money to. Officer spoke to both parties, matter resolved.

1811 Phone - larceny *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 43 E CROSS ST Resident reports a kid stole 2 stake markers from lawn, resident chasing same towards pleasant.

1932 Phone - unwanted party *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 205 OLDE DERBY RD 2A Caller reported verbal argument with an unwanted party. Officer transported male party to station for a taxi.

2007 Phone - disturbance GONE ON ARRIVAL Location/Address: WALPOLE ST @ OLDE DERBY RD Caller reported two males fighting in the street.

2017 Phone - FRAUD *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 301 BUCKMINSTER DR 204 Caller reported credit card use without authorization.

2235 Walk-In - assaults *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 1076 WASHINGTON ST Walk-in reports past assault that occurred at flower shop. N667 to speak with all parties.

Wednesday, April 30

0132 Phone - HIT AND RUN *complaint/summons Location/Address: NORWOOD HOSPITAL - 800 WASHINGTON ST Caller reports hit & run on island in front of hospital and continued n/b. (bolo to cars) N662 responded after prior call. Both signs are down and oil on the ground. NFD handled oil spill and DPW notified for two

signs. N662 states vehicle lost its oil pan and followed the trail of oil to 150 Pleasant St.. Summons: FRUCCI, CARMELO P Address: 150 PLEASANT ST NORWOOD, MA DOB: 06/25/1943 Charges: MARKED LANES VIOLATION; NEGLIGENCE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE; LEAVING SCENE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE.

0811 Walk-In - larceny No Action Required Location/Address: DUNKIN DONUTS - 141 NAHATAN ST Woman reports someone stole her keys at Dunkin Donuts last night, when she put them down to pay for items. Keys apparently turned into WOW (tag on keys) and they notified woman that keys are there.

0840 Phone - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT AREA SEARCH NEGATIVE Location/Address: 10 PLEASANT ST @ 345 NEPONSET ST Woman reports another woman hit her car and is banging on her car. Unable to locate first accident.

1639 Radio - Detective initiated *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: [NOD 1387] STONEBRIDGE APTS - 38 DEAN ST Detective Ryan reported one in custody. Arrest: JOSUE, ODERA Address: 42 DEAN ST A NORWOOD, MA DOB: 05/28/1970 Charges: INDECENT A&B ON PERSON 14 OR OVER; A&B; INDECENT A&B ON PERSON 14 OR OVER

1649 Walk-In - Warrant Arrest *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: MORWOOD POLICE - 137 NAHATAN ST Walk-in reported he may have a warrant. Subject was placed under arrest for warrants. Arrest: VERDONE, ARTHUR Address: 48 PIERCE ST MIDDLEBORO, MA DOB: 09/10/1958 Charges: WARRANT ARREST

1718 Phone - mischief (kids) GONE ON ARRIVAL Location/Address: 2706 PARKING LOT -

VILLAGE RD W Kids playing ball, ball hitting parked mv's.

1836 Walk-In - larceny *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 1905 VILLAGE RD W Bank card misuse.

Thursday, May 1

0717 Phone - larceny *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 741 PLEASANT ST Caller reports his dirt bike was chained in front yard and has been stolen.

0724 Phone - Road Hazard state dpw/Norwood dpw no Location/Address: 75 BROADWAY ST @ 2 DAY ST Caller reports manhole cover standing upright on it's side in manhole. N662 sent. Officer reports it is a water valve cover that is in a sink hole on crosswalk. N662 placed cover back in place and DPW was notified and will place a barrel until it can be fixed.

0957 911 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY FIRE DEPT NOTIFIED/RESPO Location/Address: [NOD 2088] SPECIALTY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT - 50 KERRY PL #1 Man collapsed in warehouse area.

1021 Phone - Road Hazard Services Rendered Location/Address: NORWOOD CENTRAL MBTA STATION - BROADWAY ST Man working in manhole, no cones around him. Subject will shut down Until detail arrives.

1358 Phone - mischief (kids) SPOKEN TO Location/Address: DOHERTY FIELD - BREWSTER DR Kids seen lighting a fire in ball park. Officer speaks to a group who deny lighting fires, but, are setting up for paint ball fight. Told not allowed and are leaving.

1436 Phone - Warrant Arrest *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: NORWOOD HOSPITAL - 800 WASHINGTON ST Warrant of Apprehension for Anthony Andrews, 0854MH0072. Mr. Andrews transported to DDC. Arrest: ANDREWS, ANTHONY Ad-

dress: 6 WYMAN ST WORCESTER, MA DOB: 05/17/1972 Charges: WARRANT ARREST

1450 Walk-In - stolen bicycle *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 369 NICHOLS ST Father and son in station to report son's bike taken from yard a couple of weeks ago. They know who took it and father went to speak to parents and was sent on his way.

1756 Phone - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT Papers Exchanged Location/Address: NEPONSET ST NFD notified.

2038 Phone - vandalism *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 1161 WASHINGTON ST Caller reported vandalism to her car.

2137 Phone - DRUNK PERSON *Protective Custody Location/Address: MOBIL GAS - WASH. RR AV - 499 WASHINGTON ST Possible DK female fell and hit head. NFD notified. a result one placed in PC and released to the hospital. P/C: POZNICK, KAREN A Address: 19 PHILLIPS AVE NORWOOD, MA DOB: 08/19/1957 Charges: PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

Friday, May 2

0648 Phone - well being chk SPOKEN TO Location/Address: MORSE ST Caller concerned about elderly male carrying suitcase on morse st. Headed towards route 1 and said his face looks battered. N667, N664 responded and located party who is fine And states he is headed to honey dew donuts. All in order.

0803 Phone - vandalism *REPORT FILED Location/Address: JACK MADDEN RENTAL - E CROSS ST MV vandalized over night.

1427 Radio - mischief (kids) AREA SEARCH NEGATIVE Location/Address: PROSPECT ST Kids horsing around pushing each other into traffic. Area checked, nothing showing.

1458 Phone - complaint of m/v SPOKEN TO Location/Address: 36 ELLIS AVE Caller reports dirt bikes riding up and down street. Dirt bike located at 15 Ellis St. and kids spoken to.

1527 Phone - well being chk SPOKEN TO Location/Address: 26 WINFIELD ST @ 88 NAHATAN ST Caller concerned about a 3-year-old riding a battery operated cart in the street. Officer Harkins located the girl and her Mom, who assured him she will remain in the driveway.

1624 Phone - larceny *complaint/summons Location/Address: 82 HOYLE ST Summons: ENGLAND, EVAN S Address: 82 HOYLE ST NORWOOD, MA DOB: 04/17/1988 Charges: DRUGS, POSSESSION CLASS D

1804 Initiated - SERVE WARRANT *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: 745 PLEASANT ST @ 95 MORSE ST Warrant arrest. Arrest: MCDONALD, SEAN R Address: 145 OLD POST RD NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA DOB: 08/28/1987 Charges: WARRANT ARREST

1914 Phone - suspicious person Could Not Locate Location/Address: NAHATAN ST Caller reports male party is standing on the side of the street with his pants at his ankles.

2225 Phone - BREAKING AND ENTERING *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 901 COVENTRY LN 205 Caller re-

ports past B&E to apartment.

2336 Walk-In - susp activity *REPORT FILED Location/Address: HOME DEPOT - 1415 BOSPROV HWY Walk in party reporting that employee gave his 6-year-old daughter his email address and phone number.

0247 Radio - Road Hazard state DPW/Norwood DPW notified Location/Address: 1201 BOS-PROV HWY @ 163 MORSE ST N669 reports road debris at intersection of Route 1 and Morse Street. While enroute to call and requests officer to check it out. N661 sent and reports it is a glass/porcelain elephant shattered all over the highway. State dpw notified and will respond. N665 standing by with state DPW while they remove debris.

Saturday, May 3

1243 Phone - ANIMAL COMPLAINT Unfounded Location/Address: ST JOHN AVE Reports that while walking that he had found a dog's head. NACO responded and determined that the item was a fake rubber head. No further action needed.

1719 Initiated - REPORT OF FIGHT GONE ON ARRIVAL Location/Address: CONRADS - 728 WASHINGTON ST. N417 reports motorist stopped to tell him that there were two males fighting in front of Conrad's.

2051 Phone - ANIMAL COMPLAINT RETURNED HOME Location/Address: 34 MAPLE ST Officer found stray dog in the Bable's parking lot. Was able to locate owners on Cottage street. Dog was returned safely.

2154 Phone - complaint of m/v AREA SEARCH NEGATIVE Location/Address: 7 DEAN ST @ 1065 WASHINGTON ST Caller from cell phone reported two black cars drag racing up Dean Street. and then continuing down Washington Street. in South Norwood, in the director of the Junior High. Both cars gone prior to the officers arrival.

2335 Phone - susp activity GONE ON ARRIVAL Location/Address: 35 HIGH ST @ 215 FULTON ST Caller reported several juveniles running through yards.

2336 Phone - noise complaint SPOKEN TO Location/Address: 45 FRANKLIN ST Caller reported loud party. Officers spoke with resident, advised.

Sunday, May 4

0501 Phone - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 96 WINTER ST @ 49 WALPOLE ST Caller reported two car MVA with injury. UPS box was hit by vehicles, officer attempted to get a responder from UPS, but none were available. Summons: DESOUZA, IVAN MARTINS Address: 533 NORMANDY DR NORWOOD, MA DOB: 07/26/1983 Charges: NEGLIGENCE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE; UNLICENSED OPERATION OF MV; STOP/YIELD, FAIL TO

1154 Phone - lockout FIRE DEPT NOTIFIED/RESPONDED Location/Address: 170 VERNON ST Interstate towing received call for mv lockout, child in mv.

1419 Phone - shoplifting Services Rendered Location/Address: OCEAN STATE JOB LOT - 1001 BOS-PROV HWY N666 reports suspect is 90-year-old male. Store will handle in-house.

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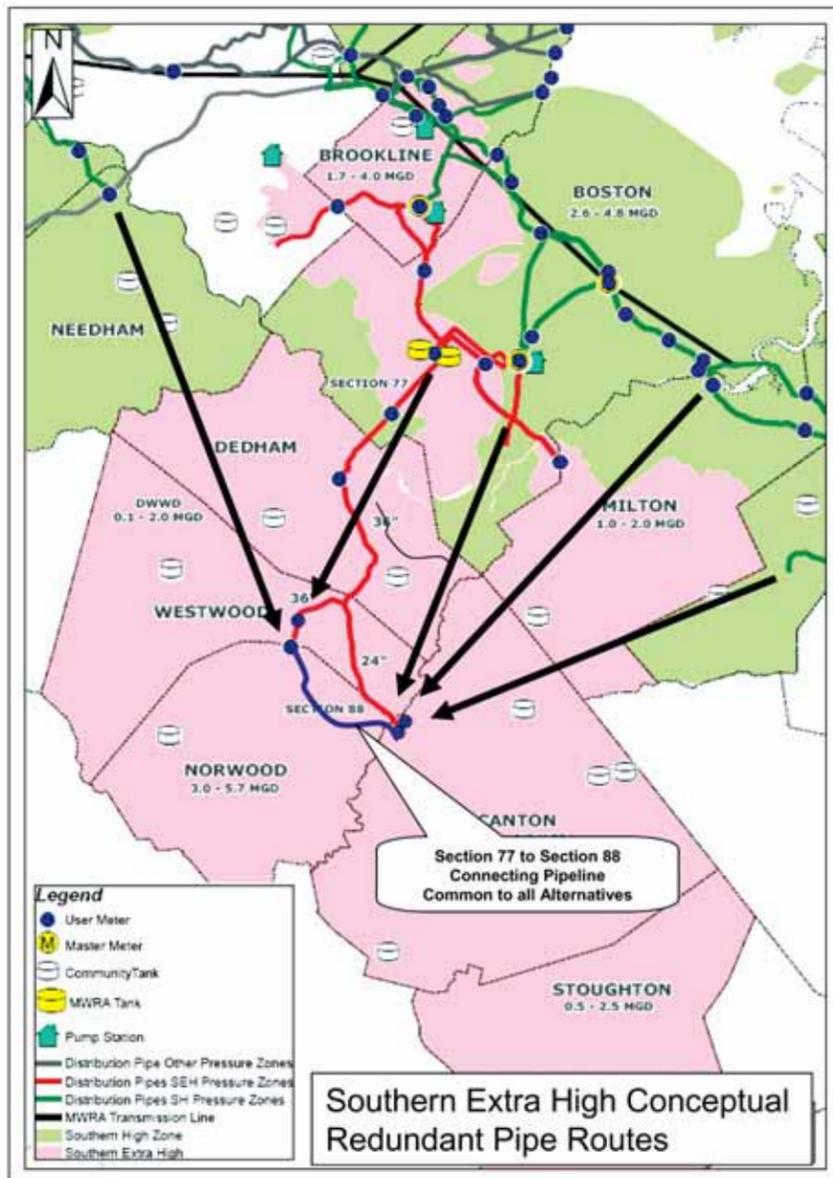
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An MWRA map illustrates the work along University Avenue that will begin this month.

University Avenue road work to begin

Major construction to start May 19

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Construction along University Ave to install a new water main is in the initial stages and is set to begin the week of May 19.

According to Ria Convery of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, workers will be testing the area next week in preparation for the tough work ahead.

"They are still mobilizing, but it will be a few weeks before they actually start digging in the ground," Convery said.

The purpose of the project is to create a backup water supply for Norwood and to interconnect the town to Westwood, Dedham, Canton and Stoughton water supplies, as part of the Southern Extra High Distribution and Storage Plan.

In March, when the project

was first announced, Town Engineer Mark Ryan said the section of pipe under University Avenue was essential to the MWRA's plan.

Over the next six months, workers from P. Gioioso and Sons Inc. of Hyde Park will install 10,000 feet of 36-inch pipeline under University Avenue. Convery said they expected the work to be completed by late November.

While traffic is a major concern along the busy strip of road that runs through a business park and across Route 1, Convery said traffic information would be made available to the public to insure people were aware of the status of construction as far in advance as possible.

Ryan said that the lanes along University Ave. would be narrowed, but anticipated keeping two lanes of traffic open during construction.

The MWRA awarded the

\$6.1 million dollar contract to P. Gioioso and Sons on March 12. They had permission to begin construction by May 31.

If all goes according to the MWRA's plans, Norwood will have an emergency water supply before the end of the year. In March, both Convery and Ryan believed the project would not wrap up until January.

The water main along university Ave will connect to an existing water main on Canton Street in Westwood.

Convery said the construction in Norwood was essential to neighboring communities as well.

"There is no redundancy in that area," she said. "The plans call for the pipeline to be built in a loop to distribute water effectively to each community."

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RIOLO THANKS SUPPORTERS

To the Editor:

I want to thank the over 1,500 voters who supported my candidacy for selectman. Your monetary support, calls, help and advice gave me the impetus to enter our town election in February. Although I knew the odds may not have been in my favor, I still think the democratic process works only when voters have a choice.

Had other Norwoodites entered the race I would have felt at ease to stay on the sidelines just like you.

I brought up issues, which concerned many of you, and I am hopeful the selectmen will take positive action on these items because of your interest.

- Having an open forum prior to the beginning of each Tuesday night meeting would give us a chance to share ideas, and bring information to the Norwood board of Selectmen.

- Making sure our Norwood Cable Station is financially stable and able to continue to compete with the other two cable companies is important to the town and those who use Norwood Cable.

- Lastly, it is essential to realize during this time when we are trying to improve the earth. That we worry about, "clean air" instead of increasing air pollution with asphalt and diesel molecules filling the air and increased breathing and lung problems in Norwood.

In addition, we should think about the benefits and disadvantages of yearly elections in Norwood.

Norwood voters turn out in high numbers for state and federal elections. However, this year in our yearly town election, only 3,700 voters (22 percent) took the time to go to the polls.

In 2007, the local election only garnered 15 percent of voters. Frequently, the ballot has uncontested races and sometimes not even enough town meeting members running for seats available in the nine districts. This is an indication that this process is in need of review.

Recently, other towns have changed their form of government to help meet needs of their citizens.

Weymouth and Braintree have converted to a mayoral form of government. Access to district councilmen is more immediate and contact to the mayor is more direct. Plus, mayors and councilmen are elected or re-elected every two or four years. I would be interested in forming a committee to explore the pros and cons of changing the town charter to research this alternative.

I know sometimes my ideas and opinions may be different but our lifestyles have changed immensely and although voters want to participate in the democratic process, time and lifestyles make it difficult.

If you believe Norwood would benefit from changing our form of government please call me.

Once again, thanks for all you did to support me. I deeply appreciate all your kindness.

Tom Riolo

HURRY UP AND WAIT

To the Editor:

In February 2006, an open, public meeting was held at the Norwood High School Library. Representatives of the Committee of 21 and their architectural consultants gave a presentation of the proposed new high school.

During that meeting, abutters and residents in the surrounding neighborhoods asked over 50 important questions regarding the impact of the proposed new facility. Almost 70 residents were assured and promised by those representatives that there would be numerous similar "neighborhood meetings" and that their list of questions and other concerns would be addressed. A few examples of those questions included: Would construction workers and personnel have a CORI (criminal background check for those working in close proximity to students) done? Would construction continue during weekends, holidays, and until late at night? What monitoring and mitigations would be done for possible flooded basements, rodents, dirt, dust, debris, traffic congestion, parking, health risks, etc.?

Over two long years have passed — NOT ONE of these questions has been answered; there have been NO ADDITIONAL neighborhood meetings; and NO APOLOGIES! Lacking complete and honest answers to so many serious questions, one cannot embrace any proposal in good conscience; and residents must and should be ready to give a resounding "NO SUPPORT." A majority of voters and neighbors of NHS have not forgotten. They have been patiently waiting for answers and a resolution — even for an alternative Plan B.

Come November, they may vote to wait a bit longer before they're willing to give their consent and their tax dollars.

*Sean Dixon Spokesperson,
Norwood Common Sense Committee*