



Pamela Chubet of the Norwood Senior Service Provider Network honored Det. Sgt. Peter Curran with an Appreciation Award for his eight years of service with the group. PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER ROBEBSON

Curran honored for service work

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Det. Sgt. Peter Curran was recently honored by the Norwood Senior Service Provider Network (NSSPN) having been at the helm for nearly a decade.

Following his promotion to detective sergeant, Curran determined that he could no longer give ample time to the NSSPN, which he helped develop, as his duties with the Police Department had become more demanding.

The Nov. 30 award presentation was intended to be a surprise. However, Curran said his attention was peaked

after he received two phone calls from NSSPN Member Pamela Chubet to confirm that he would attend the meeting.

Curran joked that he was slightly nervous, as he did not know why Chubet had been so insistent on him being there.

"I thought things were going to be unusual – and then the chief walked in – and then the Town Manager walked in," he said. "It must be the same feeling of when you're lying in the hospital not knowing if you're going to make it or not – people you

Curran

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School Committee takes first pass at \$44.7M budget

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Superintendent James Hayden recently released his \$44,757,799 preliminary budget recommendation for fiscal year 2018 to the School Committee, citing an increase of \$3,824,611 over last year's figure.

The proposed 9.34 percent jump is \$418,617 shy of the combined total increase for the past three fiscal years.

During the committee's Dec. 14 meeting, Hayden said the salary line item alone accounts for 80 percent of the budget at \$27,153,035. Although there is a 4 percent increase in the salary line item, Hayden said salaries have been somewhat stagnant during the past three fiscal years because of education and recertification expenses.

He also said that the salaries of 27 full-time employees are not included in the salary line item as they are funded by a series of grants totaling \$1,608,830.

Hayden said an additional \$1,622,214 is available through the district's fees and revolving funds. Some of the larger subtotals include \$1,100,000 in state aid, \$200,000 in bus fees, \$116,878 in rental fees from the Savage Educational Center and \$91,677 in athletic fees.

However, Hayden said athletics has always been worth the investment.

"It's not the sport, it's the cooperation and bonding," he said. "It's the other lesson that a lot of people don't know about."

The greatest line item increase is a 43 percent hike for special education and student services,



High school principal Jonathan Bourn presented his 2016-2018 School Improvement Plan to the School Committee during the Dec. 14 meeting.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER ROBEBSON

which is currently valued at \$4,557,403.

In addition, Hayden said there are 17 mandated expenses totaling \$1,088,114. Some of them include Title One services, the School Lunch Program, 504 accommodation plans, as well as local and parochial special education services.

Although a partial state reimbursement is available for special education services, the same does not hold true for 504 accommodation plans.

Hayden also said he does not expect much pushback from the

town going forward.

"The town does a remarkable job supporting the school budget," he said. "We have an incredible school system and I'm not just saying that because I'm sitting in this seat."

Hayden remained optimistic even if adjustments are needed.

"It's like a maze," he said. "If you don't get the cheese going down one tunnel, you turn around and try another way."

In other news, high school principal Jonathan Bourn pre-

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Norwood ZBA to hear 40B application after appeal denied

Christopher Roberson
Staff Reporter

Last week, the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) of Massachusetts denied the Town of Norwood's appeal regarding the 40B application of Davis Companies' Forbes Hill Development.

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) denied the project originally because it was determined that the town had satisfied the 40B law's requirement that developers have to follow local municipality zoning laws for an affordable development if the town already has 1.5 percent of its land dedicated to affordable housing.

Norwood Town Engineer Andrew Murphy originally took a land survey of the town and determined that the town had 1.54 percent of its land dedicated to affordable housing, which the town determined was grounds for denying the application. However, the HAC determined the town actually had 1.472 percent of its land area devoted to affordable housing.

"To come up that short is very disconcerting," said Norwood ZBA member Patrick "Packy" Mulvehill. "To have these bureaucrats up in Boston say to us that we're that short because of a formula or a denominator wasn't correctly used or some of the calculations

were done incorrectly is absurd."

Now, the ZBA will have to meet with the Forbes Hill proponents at a later date to hold a hearing to go through the full 40B process once again.

Norwood Board of Selectmen Chair Bill Plasko said he felt the HAC's process in reviewing the land assessments provided by the town was capricious, as many definitions and much of the methodology seemed to change from area to area.

"Some of their decisions, there's a lot of various factors that go into the whole case, and on each them, they make ridiculous statements as to why they don't accept our arguments and

they're contradictory from one part of the case to another," he said. "On one side they said we should measure the way we did and then, on the other side, they said the way we did was wrong."

Plasko said that it is for this reason - if the town decides to go into another appeal in court - he believes they will have a strong case. He said the higher court will not be looking at the case the same way as the HAC; they will just be looking at the consistency of the arguments laid out by the HAC.

"They're there to make sure the HAC handled itself properly and was consistent in all manners of legal interpretation," he said. "We do still think

our case is strong and compelling."

Mulvehill said he agreed with that statement, but would not comment as to what direction his board may go. He did say, however, that since the 1.5 percent determination was so close, he felt that fighting the determination would not be a waste of funding, as the amount the development would cost the town in increases of school costs, police, fire, EMS and general services would in the long run cost much more.

"It was also discussed as to whether or not the ZBA should have allowed the pro-

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When Aislynn Rodeghiero opened her heart to those in need at the Abundant Table 13 years ago she didn't expect to end her joy of serving others at this time. The end was unexpected, pushed quickly and

unfairly. The dinners have ended at the Congregational Church, but Aislynn and her volunteers are planning to serve boxed dinners during the Christmas and Hanukkah season at one of the Norwood Housing complexes, thanks to Pam Chubet and Steve Long. Aislynn states that this time of year is difficult for many, so they are committed to maintaining their service to their dine-in guests and their delivery friends. Aislynn, Linda Rapciak, and Kathi Ford will sadly leave the Abundant Table as of Jan. 1, 2017. A group of dedicated volunteers is interested in keeping Abundant

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Halkiotis explains 40B decision to Planning Board

Amanda Webster
Staff Reporter

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis presented a memorandum to the Planning Board during Monday night's meeting that addressed the recent decision of the State Housing Appeals Committee regarding the Forbes Hill 40B Appeal.

The HAC found that the town failed to meet the necessary 1.5 percent of land dedicated to affordable housing, meaning that the proposal for the 300 apartment units at Forbes Hill may move forward.

Halkiotis said that he wanted to briefly summarize the decision making process which has led to the HAC decision for the board.

According to Halkiotis, the town's failure to reach the 1.5 percent was "consistent with the experience of other cities and towns with appeals decided by the HAC."

"Since the 1.5 percent rules were changed in 2003, no towns have reached the 1.5 percent designation from the HAC," said Halkiotis.

The HAC found that Norwood has 1.472 percent of land used for affordable housing, leaving it just 0.28 percent short of the mandated requirement. However, Halkiotis said that he does not agree with that conclusion as the HAC included land in their equation that the town had left out, as the land in question was seen as unfit to home a housing unit.

"It appears that the HAC's ruling saying that affordable housing could be built within

or over railroad right of ways and private roads was a means to justify an end," stated Halkiotis.

"Building over a railroad may work in a city, but not in the suburbs," said Chairperson Debbie Holmwood.

According to Halkiotis, the town could have reached the 1.5 percent in 2014 when a proposed plan to convert the old Plimpton Printing Press into 238 housing units was on the Town Meeting ballot. Halkiotis said that at the time both the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board recommended this proposal be adopted, but a group of residents near the Plimpton Press property opposed the development. The opposition had a consultant speak on their behalf during the Town Meeting and the consultant claimed that Norwood had already met the 1.5 percent threshold. The article was ultimately not approved because it lacked a two-thirds majority vote.

"Norwood is no different than most of the other suburbs that are struggling to achieve the state's 40B affordable housing requirements. The blame for the town's 40B issues should not be placed on a few individuals working for the town or current group of elected officials volunteering to serve the town. It is a problem that has been a long time in the making," said Halkiotis.

The board also continued the public hearing on the McDonald's located at 31 Providence Highway without any discussion. The McDonald's is proposed to be torn down and rebuilt as a smaller structure with three

drive-through windows. Halkiotis said that a special variance would be needed as the town's bylaws only allow the building to have one window. The hearing was continued to Jan. 9 to allow the McDonald's to apply for a variance before returning before the Planning Board.



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Look on the bright side

Okay, so things didn't go in Norwood's favor regarding the recent Forbes Hill decision handed down by the state. Please try to remember, this Town still has plenty to be thankful for.

First and foremost, Norwood is resilient. Should Campanelli's Upland Woods, and Marcus Davis's Forbes Hill and Avalon Bay's Plimpton Press projects all get built and occupied to their full capacities, Norwood will find a way to make it all work. Is it an ideal situation? Of course not, but it's not a disaster either. Yes, there will be some increased demands on the police, fire and DPW departments to name a few, but who better to handle how to absorb these demands than Messrs Brooks, Greeley and Ryan? They are representative of the finest in public service employees not just here or in Massachusetts, but across this country. If it comes to it, these boys will make it all happen.

Norwood's school department has stabilized with Jim Hayden at the helm. Let's face it, leadership at the superintendent's position had been shaky at best over the last couple of decades until Hayden came in and calmed things down. It's unfortunate he has decided to retire early next year, but the good works he has accomplished positioned the schools to at least prepare for an influx of new students, the latest being a strategic study which will provide a lot of answers regarding infrastructure needs and potential population disbursements should it become necessary. The School Committee has a herculean task on its hands to find a suitable replacement for Hayden. There will perhaps never be a more important appointment than the one they will make soon, and they have to look at the big picture and not merely settle for just an okay replacement. They need a superhero-type.

And if expansions have to take place or buildings built, who better than your own Finance Commission to find the money and Teddy Callahan, Hopcroft and the rest of the boys at the PBCC to see to it the work get done on time and on budget. These people are superstars at what they do, and receive nothing in terms of compensation other than personal satisfaction knowing that they are making a significant difference in the lives of their neighbors.

Norwood's town government - including both elected and appointed positions as well as Town Meeting - have taken a lot of hits lately, and some were deserved. But they have also done a lot of good things, including attracting businesses which will continue to expand Norwood's tax base and help defray the costs of future public service needs. Moderna Therapeutics was a major coup for this Town, and perhaps a good chunk of the units already at Upland Woods and perhaps Forbes Hill will be occupied by people working there, people who will shop Norwood stores and support its restaurants and the arts and volunteer at the schools and area churches. All of this is a real possibility.

The latest news should not cast a cloud of gloom and doom over Norwood. Of course, it would be naive to think everything is rosy too, but there is certainly much to be thankful for this holiday season and perhaps everyone can take the next couple of weeks to ponder all the good in their lives and not dwell on the not so good. There will be plenty of time in 2017 for a call to arms and to fight the fight, or perhaps even to negotiate some ceasefires. Regardless of the outcomes of everything, Norwood is still a great town and will always be a wonderful community. Why? Because all of you will make it happen. You always have.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

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BOS STATEMENT RELATIVE TO RECENT 40B DECISION

To the Editor:

On Dec. 13, 2016, the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) released its decision in the litigation concerning the Zoning Board of Appeals' (ZBA) denial of the Davis Companies 40B Comprehensive Permit application (permit application).

The HAC determined that the Town of Norwood had 1.472 percent of its land area devoted to affordable housing, not 1.54 percent as calculated by Norwood, and thus Norwood didn't meet the statutory 1.5 percent general land area minimum requirement to deny the permit application. As a result of this determination, the HAC has remanded the permit application back to the ZBA, where the hearing will be re-convened and the application will go through the full process, beginning on a date mutually agreeable to the applicant and the Board. Because this 1.5 percent process was an interim step, in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), any opportunity for Norwood to further litigate this decision is reserved for the period after the ZBA makes a final determination on the permit application.

The ZBA and the Board of Selectmen are disappointed in the HAC's ruling. The boards are not satisfied that the HAC fully and fairly evaluated the evidence and the legal arguments submitted on behalf of the ZBA. The boards believe that in making its determination, the HAC may have exceeded its authority regarding certain evidence submitted in the proceeding, and that the HAC impermissibly moved the goalposts (again) for communities that seek to demonstrate they have achieved the 1.5 percent general land area minimum. We appreciate the hard work of our staff and our counsel, and look forward to re-visiting this matter after the ZBA process has been completed. Requests for additional comments should be addressed to **Selectman William Plasko or Town Council**

sel Karis North, at Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane.

MUCH TO PONDER...

To the Editor:

The Decision made by the state's Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) on Dec. 8, 2016 denied the appeal made by the Town of Norwood in favor of the Chapter 40B housing application of out-of-town private developer Davis Marcus Partners Forbes Hill (Davis). The application is for construction of 300 apartments in twelve (12) buildings to be situated on Upland Road between Campanelli and Benchmark. There are basically two reasons for HAC's Decision: (1) they relied heavily on Davis's expert witness who is a certified planner, and (2) they reported there were discrepancies in Norwood's figures pertaining to its claim it had reached the 1.5 percent statutory minimum requirement for affordable housing. It is interesting the state subtracted numbers from Norwood's calculations, but never added any.

Because of nonsupport by Town Officials, Town Meeting Members were convinced to defeat an article at Special Town Meeting last year to hire an outside expert to assist Town Counsel in the appeal. Town Officials decided to rely on its own in-house methods and witness.

One has to wonder about many things. First of all, after Polaroid closed years ago, why didn't the Town acquire that property, including Forbes's mansion, for open space and other uses by Norwood residents? Once zoned for commercial use, did Town Officials neglect to cer-

tify with the state the signed contract it made with Campanelli for Tax Increment Financing (TIF)? Absent that certification, Campanelli was able to get Chapter 40B housing on Upland Road. Please note: Chapter 40B of the Massachusetts General Laws does not count existing two and three family dwellings, and in Norwood, multi-family dwellings exist in every single voting district. Moreover, according to the 2010 census, the town's population has grown to 30,602 in only 10.6 square miles, much denser than any of the surrounding communities.

One also has to wonder if the total amount of acreage for ALL group homes in Norwood as of September 2015 was actually included in the town and state's calculations to reach 1.5 percent or were any group homes left out. Residents know of one such property on almost three acres that was not included in the Subsidized Housing Inventory and wonder why. Was the Norwood Housing Authority building itself included? Were Fowl Meadow and the portion of Willett Pond that Norwood owns, both unbuildable properties, included in the town's calculations?

The bottom line is the state sided with the private developer and not our municipality and made sure the safe harbor of 1.5 percent was not reached. With its political and government allies, all of whom do not live in Norwood, the developer will destroy the rest of the woodlands on Upland Road, making an impact

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sented his School Improvement Plan for 2016-2018.

Bourn said the school has been designated as Level Two by the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and was pleased with his students' MCAS results.

"Overall, we've outpaced the state's performance," he said.

Bourn said the school also held its first Challenge Day on Nov. 29, which opened a discussion on social emotional learning. The school also created a Data Team to focus on homework and attendance data.

In addition, Bourn said he and Dr. Alec Wyeth are in the process of reviewing the homework policy and will be speaking with teachers at both the Coakley Middle School and the high school.

"It could use a breath of fresh air," said Bourn.

Although the attendance policy also needs to be looked at, Bourn said it needs to be handled in more delicate manner.

He said that while punctuality should continue to be enforced, the penalty must also match the offense. Under the current policy, if a student accrues an excessive number of absences, they will automatically fail for the term with a grade of 55 percent. Hayden and Bourn both said that can easily become problematic, as the rule gives students a reason to drop out.

Bourn also said students were six points shy of meeting the minimum Cumulative Progress and Performance Index of 75 needed to continue closing the achievement gap.

Regarding student population, Bourn said enrollment has decreased from 1,037 in 2013-2014 to 967 in 2015-2016.

Going forward, Bourn said he would like to implement a senior capstone course, which would also serve as a job-training course.

He said there is currently a company in Avon that "cannot hire people fast enough" and have \$40,000 entry-level positions available for high school graduates.

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posed development prior to Marcus Davis appealing to the state. In other words, should we have just taken our medicine and gone home," he said. "If we were way off and they said you were 5 percent or 7 percent of a full football field away, maybe we should look back and say it wasn't worth it, but to be that close, by a nostril hair, I mean their guidelines are absurd. To be that close, I think it's very likely that the town should and would appeal."

As of the date of publication, no hearing with Davis has been scheduled.

Plasko did say, however, that if Davis' company was to come back to the ZBA with a compromise on the size and design of the development, the town may just want to approve it and be done with the Forbes Hill development.

"I think if they make reasonable and considerable compromises to the community, the ZBA and the Selectmen may determine it's a better project than what was proposed," he said. "So we want to keep an open mind through the process and reassess at the end... That's really in the hands in the de-

veloper whether they want to make compromises and work with the town or fight us all the way."

The decision by the state also opens the door to the Avalon Bay development project, a proposal to build 218 apartment units at the former Plimpton Press site. Because the application was submitted to the Massachusetts Housing Partnership prior to the rendering of the Forbes Hill decision, the 300 units recently approved for Forbes Hill cannot be used by Norwood to increase its affordable housing numbers in defense of its ZBA's denial of the Avalon Bay proposal, effectively allowing Avalon Bay's project to proceed.

"In the case of Avalon Bay, that is a separate matter that was originally held by the housing appeals until this matter was resolved," Plasko said. "That's expected to be brought back up by the HAC in February, but our counsel has been talking to their counsel and it looks like the other side will be trying to move that up to get through in January to not waste more time."

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haven't seen for a while start coming in."

All kidding aside, Curran said it had been a pleasure to lead the NSSPN.

"It's been good for my heart and very good for the town and the community," he said.

Chubet lauded Curran for his work and described how the NSSPN came into being.

"Peter has always gone above and beyond to work with all of us," she said. "No matter what time of day or night he has been there, his incredible charisma and intuitive personality has made our meetings both meaningful and fun."

Chubet, who is also the senior resident services coordinator for the Norwood Housing Authority, said the NSSPN was born out of a meeting she had

with Curran to discuss a Housing Authority resident who was suffering from sundowning, a symptom of Alzheimer's disease, which becomes more pronounced at the end of the day. As a result, Chubet said the resident had repeatedly called the Housing Authority's executive director complaining about noises coming from the apartment downstairs.

Curran also said he had been assigned to work the midnight shift at the time.

"I was lucky enough to work the midnight shift, it's a great shift to work," he joked. "I was seeing things working midnights that I didn't see working days."

In the months that followed, Chubet said she and Curran worked closely to monitor the residents' behavior.

"Peter and I both agreed that this communication and collaboration was helpful and made our jobs more productive," said Chubet. "We decided to create the NSSPN to further promote better communication, understanding of roles and education regarding senior issues such as dementia and other critical topics."

Chubet said the NSSPN now partners with Riverside Community Care and formed the Community Crisis Intervention Team.

"This group is successful in addressing the more serious and confidential needs of that population and the people that aid them," she said. "We have also expanded our role to address the important concerns of people with mental illness."

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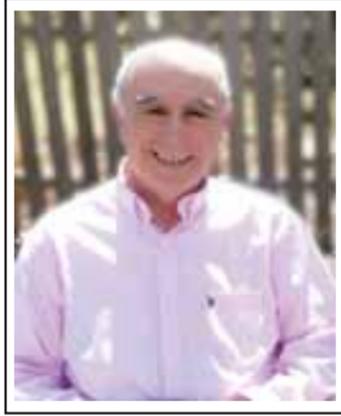
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[I haven't taken "Christ" out of "Christmas;" I merely substituted the Greek letter chi, the first letters of His name].



My Kind of Town/ Joe Galeota

Everybody has their favorite Xmas carol. We even prefer our favorite renditions of the carols by various performers.

But it may change our stance on the above to know that a number of Christmas songs were first written/sung during World War II, when members of Tom Brokaw's Greatest Generation were sweltering in forsaken atolls in the Pacific or shivering in the European theater.

The most famous of these is "White Christmas," first sung by Der Binger in 1942.

"I'll Be Home for Christmas," with its haunting "If only in my dreams," came out in 1943. Judy Garland popularized "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" in the 1943 movie, "Meet Me in St. Louis;" it's this carol that emanates a sense of foreboding in the line "Through the years we will all be together/ if the fates allow."

In the year the war ended, "Let It Snow" made its debut. And while GI's were mopping up in Europe and

our GI's. Perry Como's "(There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays" first appeared between the Korean War and Vietnam, with its memorable down line, of which we don't have to be reminded at this time of year, "From Atlantic to Pacific/ The traffic is terrific."

May your favorite carols be played this season. And I hunch there's a frail, wizened guy out there somewhere, a veteran who saw action at the Chosin Reservoir more than half a century ago, who in his foxhole mouthed the words from Handel's "Messiah" hearkening back to the prophecy of Isaiah 9:6:

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Asia, "The Christmas Song," better known as "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," was on everybody's play list.

Not played very much during WWII was "The Little Drummer Boy," written by Concord's Kay Davis in '41. Now, of course, it is a Christmas staple, even though it has no biblical basis.

One holiday song that one would think to have been written during the war is Meredith Wilson's "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas."

But, hey, the Korean War was raging, so I guess it could be considered an inspirational/ motivational song for



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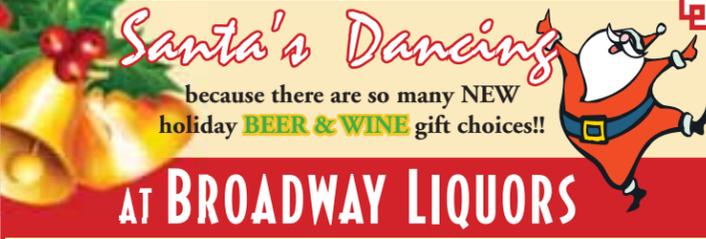
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on the lives of Norwood residents, not theirs. A new set of eyes by an outside expert would have been extremely helpful. The outcome should have been different. How and why the town came up short by only .03 percent to the state's statutory minimum requirement of 1.5 percent is mind-boggling.

Last but not least, a great big thank you goes out to the almost 500 signatories from all nine voting districts who signed our letter and submission to the Housing Appeals Committee. Our group is so appreciative for your support. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring peace and happiness to all.

*Judith Howard
TMM - District 3*

NOT SUCH A MERRY CHRISTMAS

To the Editor:

Merry Christmas Norwood. 'Tis the season for some treason. I guess the Board of Selectmen were too busy planning their Holiday Bash that followed the BOS meeting last Tuesday night to inform the public of our 40B decision by DHCD made on Dec. 8. I hope the privileged information they possessed didn't spoil the taste of the cocktails consumed that evening. The very sad betrayal of our Town by our BOS has sunk to new lows. I'd like to compliment the Norwood Record for informing the public of this event in a timely manner. Frankly, our BOS is simply complying with their boss's wishes (our Town Manager). Shame on all of you. The only official who tried to stop the threat of 40B's here in Norwood is former Selectman Denis Drummey. The rest have offered nothing but

lip service and lies to the public.

Not to worry folks, you can still always just simply request to speak with the Board of Selectmen, and step up and get involved. There are just a few minor snags if you choose to do so. You may get threatened with a letter of disinvite from Town Hall. That just means you'd get arrested for entering the building. Don't give it a thought. The BOS will also refuse to let you speak with them. They also remove most of the public seating from the Selectmen's chambers during meetings, and prefer to deal with potted plants as props for the NPA broadcasts instead of working with the citizens of town. The missing seats always return to place after the cameras are turned off, so all is fine. It is nice to know the developers have a place to sit as they stop by to chat with their friends during business hours. I'm sure they know our Town Manager's office always affords them a seat as well. Perhaps Our Town Manager will receive three ghostly visits this holiday season. Christmas miracles do happen. NPA has also adapted amazing camera angles that appropriately compliment the theme each Tuesday night. Santa's naughty list here in Norwood keeps getting longer. We may have a coal shortage this year.

Santa always takes care of those on the good list with their wishes. The elves up in the North Pole are working overtime to ensure an ample supply of tar and feathers will arrive here in Norwood to rescue all the good boys and girls from the powers that be here in town. In the meantime, ask Santa to get you a copy on disk of the Dec. 4, 2014 meeting of The 1.5 Percent Task Farce. Be sure to tell Santa to ask NPA for the unedited copy. It will only cost him \$5 for a copy. You can watch the Grinch storm out of that meeting. It is a Holiday classic. Watch that, and you will understand what is going on here in Norwood with the 40Bs.

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Sports

Mustangs split opening week with loss vs. Braintree, romp vs. Shawsheen

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Thirteen was anything but an unlucky number for Norwood in Monday's 8-2 thrashing of Shawsheen, the first win of the season for the Mustangs.

Norwood's eight goals came from eight different players, while 13 skaters managed at least one point in the victory – the kind of win head coach Tim Coskren hopes can serve as a sparkplug for the Mustangs following a 4-1 loss to Braintree in the opener.

"They were obviously very excited," Coskren said. "We needed something like that after a very disappointing loss on Saturday."

Shawsheen, a vocational school located in Billerica, put an early scare into Norwood with the Rams keeping them at bay in a scoreless first period.

That quickly changed with a tally off the stick of Emily Cataldo at 2:02 of the second period, which escalated a six-goal onslaught for the Mustangs.

Rose Campbell, Meghan Quinn, Coley Hayes, Sam Doucette and Kiley Venterosa scored before the period was out for Norwood, while Jess Keller and Allie Kelleher kept the party going into the third period.

Venterosa and Kelleher both had their first goals of their respective high school careers.

Although she didn't score a goal, Franki DeVingo finished with three assists to finish tied for the team lead in points on the afternoon with Kelleher, who had two assists in addition to her third period goal.

Mustangs junior starting goaltender Janelle Kelleher, who made 37 saves in the loss vs. Braintree on Saturday, split time with freshman Jenna Mazzola on Monday afternoon to combine for the win.

Norwood played Shawsheen at Janas Rink in Lowell on Feb. 11 last season, earning a 6-1 victory over the Rams. The schools will face off for a second time this season on Jan. 16 back in Lowell.

Coskren had been hoping for a faster start to the season vs. Braintree, but Norwood couldn't overcome a drastic difference in shots on goal vs. the Wamps; Braintree peppered the Mustangs with 41 shots on goal on the afternoon, compared to just six for Norwood.

"I think defensively, we really struggled getting the puck out of our end," Coskren said. "They were really quick on any of the loose pucks in our end. All those battles in our zone eventually



Emily Cataldo, above, prepares for the opening faceoff in Saturday afternoon's loss vs. Braintree. The Mustangs struggled for offense against the Wamps, but received points from a staggering 13 different players in Monday afternoon's triumph over Shawsheen Valley Tech.

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caught up with us."

Campbell scored the lone goal on Saturday for the Mustangs, who never led. The game was tied at 1-1 after the first before the Wamps reclaimed a one-goal

heading into the third, and tacked on two more in the game's final period.

"We had the puck in Braintree's end quite a bit, but we never had the opportunity to shoot

that much because they were all over us," Coskren said.

Although each of Norwood's first two games were "home"

Girls Hockey

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Norwood Girls Basketball reaches near double digit win

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Three Mustangs reached double figures in scoring as Norwood breezed past Dedham, 54-32 to earn its first win of the season on Tuesday night.

Meghan Reen led the Mustangs with 15 points, the second straight game in which she's led the team to open the season.

But it was a freshman off the bench, Ali Giambanco, who opened the most eyes with 12 points for Norwood, on a night where both the present and fu-

ture were on full display.

"We've definitely seen sparks from her," Mustangs head coach Amy Lepley said after the win. "It's nice for her to be able to learn under Meg for this year."

One of three freshmen on this year's varsity team, along with Nailah Teneus and Emma Maturo, Giambanco scored the final basket for Norwood in every quarter except the first as part of her breakout perfor-

Girls Bball

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Freshman Ali Giambanco came off the bench with a whopping 12 points during the game scored the final basket again Dedham.

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Norwood Wrestling takes tough loss to Milton

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

The Mustangs fell in their first dual meet of the season last Wednesday vs. the Milton Wildcats, 48-24.

“Forfeits hurt us again, but improvements are on the way,” Norwood head coach Billy McDermott said.

Sylvain Appolon, DeVaughn Carter and Cordell Souther all won their respective matches via pins, while Mike White collected his first varsity win with a forfeit.

“Milton had a little more experience on the mat than us,” McDermott said. “As time goes on, this young team is going to be turning heads.”

The Mustangs had a tourna-

ment in Marlboro last Saturday cancelled due to snow. They did wrestle the Wellesley Raiders last night on the road, in an event held after the Record’s deadline, and have a busy break ahead of them as well.

Norwood will wrestle at a tournament in Marshfield over two days next week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, and will have a dual meet vs. the Sharon Eagles of the Hockomock League on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. They’ll return from holiday break with a match at Framingham on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at a time to be determined.

“The guys are learning and are eager to wrestle,” McDermott said. “So as time goes on, we’ll be okay.”

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Wamps romp Mustangs, 80-61



Mike James, who led the Mustangs with 21 points on opening night, sinks a free throw in the second half vs. Braintree. Norwood shot very well from the charity stripe, going 15 for 21 (71 percent).

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Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Braintree exploded for a 19-0 run in the first quarter and never looked back, sending Norwood to an 80-61 loss in JJ Oliver’s debut.

Despite shooting 50 percent from the floor in the first quarter (5-for-10), the Mustangs were doomed by an opportunistic Wamps that had 22 extra possessions in the first half.

“We gave them 22 extra possessions in the first half between turnovers and giving them offensive rebounds,” Oliver said after the game. “They earned their offensive rebounds sometimes, but we’ve got to do a better job boxing out.

“If you give a good team 22 extra possessions, it’s not a good start.”

Mike James scored the game’s first basket for a brief Norwood lead. Rickey Meehan, making his first varsity start, sank a 3 to give the Mustangs a 7-6 edge, their last lead of the game.

After a Jason Ortega jumper tied the game at 9-all, Braintree seized control with an onslaught of 3s, dunks and offensive rebounding which resulted in the Wamps taking nine more shots than the Mustangs over the course of the first quarter.

“We came out pretty well, but we had a couple of really badly timed turnovers – three 3s and a dunk – and that was that,” Oliver said.

Braintree’s lead reached its apex at 31 points, a 58-27 lead midway through the third quarter. Norwood was able to trim it to 15 at several points in the fourth but couldn’t will the deficit back to single digits.

“We did battle, we’re proud of the way we played for the majority of the game because I don’t think there was any quit in us,” Oliver said. “I think some of the basketball IQ, at times in the first half, was lacking. In the second half, we put it together – the toughness that we’re looking for and that basketball IQ at the same time, trying to find that identity as we move on.”

Boys Basketball
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Ricky Meehan made his first career varsity start for Norwood, finishing tied for second on the team with eight points.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

The game featured just four out of 16 players – James, Meehan and captains Richie Watson and Kyle Condon – who’d seen varsity playing time a season ago, something Oliver said he took into consideration.

“I do think that’s a part of it, a number of guys seeing their first varsity action tonight, against a very, very good opponent,” Oliver said of the Mustangs’ inconsistencies.

James, who led Norwood with 21 points, briefly left the game with an apparent leg injury after crashing into an air vent on a layup near the end of the first half.

But he’d return just fine, scoring 15 of his 21 after the scare.

After scoring just 30 points all of last season, the 21 points represented a career-best for James.

“Mike’s a very tough kid, he had a tremendous offseason,” Oliver said. “I

knew coming into tonight that he could do big things for us. He worked hard tonight and it paid off, and hopefully it continues to pay dividends throughout the season.”

One thing the Mustangs can certainly take out of the Braintree game as a positive is robust free throw shooting. Norwood sank 15 of 21 tries from the line, good enough for a very respectable 71 percent.

Meehan and Watson tied for second on the team with eight points apiece.

The Mustangs defeated Dedham in overtime on Tuesday night, 63-57. Watson led Norwood with 24 points; Meehan had 17, and Condon had “a huge defensive game,” according to Oliver.

Norwood is next in action on Tuesday in the Milford Holiday Tournament vs. the Waltham Hawks at 5 p.m. They’ll face either Milford or Tantasqua on Thursday, in either consolation or championship action.

Girls Hockey *continued from page 9*



Junior goalie Janelle Kelleher was sharp for Norwood in its opener vs. Braintree, stopping 37 shots that came her way, but suffered a tough loss nonetheless. She didn’t give up any goals during her appearance vs. Shawsheen on Monday.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

games, they were played at different rinks; the Mustangs hosted the Wamps at Rodman Arena in Walpole, and welcomed in the Rams to Bajko Rink in Hyde Park.

Norwood faced Dedham on

Wednesday afternoon, in an event held after the Record’s deadline.

Next week, the Mustangs will partake in a tournament at the Canton Ice House, facing off against the Westwood Wol-

verines on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

The Mustangs will face either Canton or Dedham on Friday of holiday break at a time to be determined, and will also face Walpole on New Year’s Eve day at noon at Rodman.

Girls Bball *continued from page 9*

mance. Giambanco scored just two points in her varsity debut on Friday night vs. Braintree, a 72-38 loss for the Mustangs.

Lepley noted the relative infusion of youth on this year’s team compared to last, and said that the veteran players have done been doing a great job getting them up to speed with the Norwood system.

“We have a lot of pieces to the puzzle that we’re just trying to figure out how they’re going to fit,” Lepley said. “I’m excited about a lot of new younger players. The older girls have done such a great job of bringing them along and just learning our system, so it’s been kind of a learning process for the first month or so but it’s coming along.”

Krista Bradley rounded out the Mustangs triumvirate of double-digit scorers with 11 points.

“It’s nice to get a win under our belt,” Lepley said of the game which Norwood led by as much as 29. “Braintree was very, very good and we knew that going in, but it was definitely nice to get a team win.”

The Mustangs began the game with an 8-0 run featuring all Reens: four points from Kaylin, including the first bucket of the game, and four

from Meghan. The elder Reen had five assists and four steals in addition to her 15 points; Meghan completed a coast-to-coast steal-plus-layup on three such occasions.

Norwood shot over 50 percent from the floor for the game (19-for-37) and a respectable 68 percent (13-for-19) from the free throw line.

The Mustangs limited Dedham to 4-for-27 shooting in the first half, after which they held a 32-10 lead. The Marauders recovered to shoot just 23 percent (13-for-57) for the game.

The lopsided number of shots Dedham took isn’t lost on Lepley, who knows the Mustangs must do a better job rebounding – particularly on the defensive end.

“We’re small, so we’re definitely going to have to

make sure that’s a focus,” Lepley said. “It is a focus every single day at practice.”

The Marauders outscored the Mustangs 12-8 in the fourth quarter. Abrianna Vazquez led Dedham in scoring with 15 points.

Norwood will play host to Notre Dame Academy (Hingham) tonight at 6:30 p.m., the first in a nonleague home-and-home series with the Cougars. The Mustangs will make the return trip to Hingham on Jan. 23.

After tonight, Norwood is off until the New Year, when it will return to action at home vs. Wellesley on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Lepley is hoping the Mustangs will be able to scrimmage some teams over the long layoff, which will be 11 days when all is said and done.

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Senior High School. Paul went on to graduate from Northeastern University and began his distinguished 40-year career as Director of Contracts for Raytheon Company. While raising his children Paul was involved in coaching Norwood Little League baseball and Norwood Nuggets hockey. Summer vacations were always spent on Nantucket Island with family and friends. Paul particularly enjoyed the 4th of July and the traditions associated with it. Following his retirement he wintered in Naples, Fla., surrounded by his wonderful friends. Paul volunteered his free time with services at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. He was celebrated in 2014 at the Saint Catherine of Siena School Gala Honoree. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 20, in St. Catherine of Siena Church, followed by interment at Highland Cemetery. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., NORWOOD. Expression of sympathy may be made in Paul's memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

FOLAN

Thomas E. "Duke," Sunday, Dec. 11. He was 80 years old. A lifelong Norwood resident, Duke was born March 10, 1936 at Norwood Hospital, attended St. Catherine's and Norwood High School, graduating in 1954. Duke served honorably in the United

States Air Force, spending most of his time as a crew member on B-52s. Duke was the longtime owner of the Norwood institution known as Guild Variety, more commonly referred to as Duke's. Duke's was a special place where locals would meet daily, pick up the morning paper, discuss the day's events, talks sports, mention goings on around town and argue politics. Duke was a passionate baseball fan and a rabid Dodgers fan. The store was always decorated with pictures and mementos of Dodgers past and present. Duke was also a great supporter of the local baseball and softball teams through sponsorship of Little League and Babe Ruth teams. Duke truly enjoyed rooting on the Norwood High Mustangs and the American Legion Post 70 baseball teams. Duke also had a passion for history, specifically The Civil War. He was a voracious reader of all things Civil War and could recite facts, figures and stories like an Ivy League scholar. Duke received numerous awards and recognition such as the Department Of Defense Award for Support of the Guard and Reserve as well as the Norwood Police Association Supporter of The Year award. He was also a member of Norwood Mustangs Gridiron Club, Diamond Club & Knights of Columbus. Duke had many friends, dozens of them former employees. Tim McDonough is the son he never had. Tim worked for many years at the store and as he moved on in life, they always cherished the bond that they shared. Tim made Duke proud every single day. One of Duke's best friends was Tony Yelapi - The Voice of The Night. Tony added the color commentary to any of Duke's stories and ran security for the store, where he was a fixture. Duke loved to reminisce about old times, talk about the history of Norwood and its many neighborhoods and sometimes just spend countless hours driving the back roads of all New

England. Most recently, Duke spent a short time in the Charlwell Nursing Home. He was grateful for all the visitors he received and got to spend time with. The visits from friends, old and new, always brought a smile to his face and another story to be told. Duke will always be remembered for his friendship and unending charity. He was always there to lend a hand when someone needed it, and never asking for anything in return. He will forever be known as a friend, mentor and father figure to all the young people that worked at the store. A kind and generous man to all, he will be sorely missed. He was the beloved son of the late Michael J. and Delia (O'Donnell) Foley; brother of the late Mary (Folan) Rogers-McDonough, Michael "Jack" Foley, Francis "Paul" Foley, and Joseph Foley. Survived by Joan Smith, many nieces and nephews, and Tim McDonough. He is also survived and fondly remembered by scores of people whose lives he changed for the better. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, Dec. 16 in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood followed by interment at Highland Cemetery. Funeral arrangements by Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., NORWOOD. Expressions of sympathy may be made in memory of Duke to St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, SD 57326.

GLYNN

Mary (Kelleher), 93, of San Diego, Calif. and formerly of Norwood, Tuesday, Dec. 13. Daughter of the late Patrick and Mary Margaret (Lunney) Kelleher. Beloved wife of 54 years of the late John Glynn. Devoted mother of Paul Glynn and his wife Debbie of Walpole, John Glynn of Burlington, Kevin Glynn and his wife Valerie of Middleborough, Mary Ann Glynn of San Diego, Calif., and Eileen Glynn and her

husband George Davidson of New York City. Also survived by seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Sister of the late Joseph, John and William Kelleher. Funeral Thursday, Dec. 22 from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD, at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Timothy's Church, Norwood at 10. Interment Mt. Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Mary's memory to the Make a Wish Foundation, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, One Bulfinch Place, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02114.

HENRY

Philip, J. of Walpole, 45 years formerly of Norwood, passed away on Dec. 13, 2016 at the age of 73. Son of the late Philip J. Henry and Bernadette (Reissfelder) Johnson and his late Stepfather J. Robert Johnson. Father of Heather K. Molly and her husband Robert of Foxboro, Brandi L. Surace and her husband Chad of Maine and Lori A. Henry of Maine. Brother of Donna Nunes and her husband Frank Sr. of Falmouth, Richard J. Henry and his wife Jill of Falmouth, Mark E. Henry and his wife Victoria of Norwood and Gale Burke of Westwood. Cherished grandfather of Stephanie, Christopher, Mitchell and Mason. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Philip was a member of the Walpole VFW. A funeral home service was held at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Norwood. At the request of the family burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

KELLIHER

Francis J. of Norwood passed away on Dec. 18, 2016 at the age of 81. Beloved husband of Anne P. (Watts) Kelliher. Devoted father of Lisa A. Lynch of Holbrook, Jeremiah F. Kelliher of Sandwich, John T. Kelliher of Norwood and Brian E. Kelliher of Norwood. Brother of Rosemary Langill of Webster, Mass. Son of the late Jeremiah F. and Mildred (Dugdale) Kelliher. Also survived by five grandchildren. Francis was a former member of the Wampatuck and Ponkapoag Country Club in Canton, Mass. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Norwood. A funeral mass was at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. At the request of family burial will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Francis Ouimet Schol-

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**Ask The Doctor**

Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns a 10-bay auto repair service center in Hyde Park and an 8-bay center in Middleboro. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.

2016 Infinity QX60

Today's market has many SUVs in all sizes and prices. They are one of the top selling types of cars and it looks like they will be for a while. Our test car today is an Infinity QX60 — a 3.5 liter V/6 with all-wheel drive. The Infinity is Nissan's upscale division and the quality throughout shows. This V/6 puts out 265 horsepower via a shifttable CVT transmission that feels more like a regular automatic transmission. 18-inch tires and 5-spoke wheels, power and heated front seats and a much sought-after third row seat (with some room leftover) are standard features. The interior is very rich looking and well-appointed with all controls at the wheel or within reach at the dash. It has a smooth ride and even under hard acceleration, the engine is quiet.

Pricing starts at \$44,400 (destination fee: \$995). It has an EPA rating of 19 mpg city and 26 highway. The base model has what most would want and the option list is long, although it brings the base price up. The Technology Package (at \$6,900) includes blind-spot and collision warning, back-up collision intervention, distance control assist, front and rear sonar sensors, Bose cabin surround sound with 15 speakers, 20-inch 15-spoke alloy wheels, heated and ventilated front seating, forward emergency braking, and more. Other options are included in the Theater Package (\$1,650), the Premium Plus Package (\$2,900), and the Premium Package (\$1,800), but are too numerous to list here. This is a multipurpose vehicle that many will like if it fits in your price bracket.

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MATTHEWS

Janet Florence (Powers) of Norwood passed away on Dec. 15, 2016 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth V. Matthews. Devoted mother of Kim D. Carlson of Norwood, Brian J. Matthews and his fiancée Joyce Hibbard of Norwood, David K. Matthews and his wife Nancy A. of Norwood, Jill K. Trundley and her fiancée Robert Belliveau of Norwood, Andrew J. Markowski of Stoughton and the late Robin A. Davis. Cherished grandmother of Frank P. Carlson, Paul M. Carlson and Jason A. Davis. Great grandmother of A'Marie, Frank III, Kim, Riley, Jacob, and Cooper. Sister of Gale Bradbury and her husband Ted of Connecticut and the late Barbara Pitts. Daughter of the late James and Erma W. (Hicks) Powers. A funeral mass was held at St. Catherine of Siena Church 547 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062. Burial was at Highland Cemetery Norwood. At the request of the family visiting hours was omitted. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 480 Pleasant St, Watertown, MA 02472.

McCARTHY

Edward Dennis of Vero Beach, Fla., formerly of Norwood passed away on Dec. 12, 2016 at the age of 82. Beloved husband of the late Anne Catherine (McLaughlin) McCarthy. Devoted father of Paul B. McCarthy and his wife Mary of Waltham, Susan J. Capurso and her husband John of Naples, Fla. and Jane M. O'Donnell and her husband John "Jack" of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of Daniel, Carolyn,

Jack, Molly, Michael, Katie and Patrick. Son of the late John F. and Nora (Ahearn) McCarthy. Brother of Sr. M. Dionetta, CSJ of Brighton, Mary R. Gagnon of Glastonbury, Conn., the late Elizabeth Maleiko and the late John McCarthy. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, Mass. A funeral mass was at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. A graveside service was at the Mass. National Cemetery Bourne, Mass. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, Office of Mission Advancement, 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton, MA 02135 or a charity of your choice. US Navy Korean War Veteran.

PIGNONE

Marion A. (Caprarella) Of Dedham, passed away on Dec. 16, 2016 at the age of 79. Beloved wife of the late Eugene R. Pignone. Devoted mother of Christopher J. Pignone and his wife Angela of Dedham, Marianne C. Kokinis and her husband Michael of Dedham and Eugene M. "Gino" Pignone of Norwood. Sister of James Caprarella and his wife Jeannine of Mansfield and the late Thomas and Joseph Caprarella. Cherished grandmother of Nicholas, Sebastian, Alexandra and Antonia-Bella. Daughter of the late Pasquale and Celia (DeFlumera) Caprarella. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visiting hours was held on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016 from 4-8 p.m. at the Folsom Funeral Home, 87 Milton St., DEDHAM. Relatives and friends were invited to gather at the funeral home at St. Mary's Church, Dedham. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery, Bos-

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

ROMBOLA

Robert Anthony, 84, passed away on Dec. 17, 2016 at the Golden Living Center in Dedham, Mass. Bob was born in Norwood, Mass. on Aug. 18, 1932 and was a lifelong resident of Norwood. For the most of his life in Norwood, he lived at 115 Chapel St. with his family. He graduated from Norwood High School in 1950 and, although a talented artist, was pulled in a different direction by his love of horses. For years, he trained standardbred race horses at a variety of racetracks and regularly trained and raced at Bay State Raceway in Foxboro (now the site of Gillette Stadium) and Rockingham Park in Salem, N.H. Bob also owned some of the racehorses in partnership with his brothers Freddie and Paul, and with longtime family friend Edward Hinds. He had a vast knowledge and recall of races and events related to standardbred and thoroughbred training and racing. Following his training career, he wrote two mystery novels about horse racing. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Maria Rombola, his brothers, Frank, Freddie and Paul, and his sisters Adeline (Dias), Edna (Falconer), Eleanor (Letts) and Mary (Crowe). He leaves his sister-in-law, Mary Guthrie, nieces Nancy Couture, Suzanne Clark, Judy Martorano and Janice Tower, and nephews John Crowe, Robert Dias, Allen Falconer, Robert Falconer, Edward Letts, Tony Rombola and William Rombola. A Funeral Mass will be held at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Church on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016 at 11 a.m., followed by burial at Highland Cemetery. At the request of the family there will be no visiting hours. Arrangement by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St., Norwood, Mass. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to Saint Catherine of Siena Parish or Saint Catherine of Siena School, 547 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062.

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Police Logs

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 0710 Phone - Parking Violation Parking Ticket Issued Location/Address: Austin St Report Of Vehicle Parked All Night Up On Sidewalk. N669 Responded. (Md.Reg#4by9750) Tagged For Obstruction Of Sidewalk.
- 0808 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Rt95 - Neponset St Report Of A White Nissan Ri 372001 Operating Erratically . Just Passed Neponset St S On 95. Sp Foxboro Notified.
- 0929 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St QA 135 Fisher St Westwood . Animal Complaint. Westwood Pd Notified. Westwood Psap At This Time And Calls Forwarded To Norwood Today.
- 0939 Phone - Stolen Bicycle *Report Filed Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Two Bikes Removed From The Deck.
- 1203 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Student Being Disruptive In The Hall . His IP Has Him Out At 11.
- 1210 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Advice Given To The Er Patient About A Past Crime That Occured Out Of Town.
- 1236 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy Teens Behind Workout World Smoking Marijuana.
- 1408 Walk-In - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Ad-

- dress: Sally Beauty Supply - Lenox St Employee Finds A Duffle Bag And A Gym Bag Containing A Computer Outside The Store. Lost/Found Entry Form Filled Out. Bolo To Cars For Owner, Known To Pd, And Is Homeless.
 - 1431 Phone - Hit And Run *Report Filed Location/Address: Pleasant St + Factory Mutual Rd Bolo To Cars And Walpole Pd For A Small P-Up, Maybe Mazda Or Tacoma, Red With Black Stripe, Older Male Operator, Driver's Side Sideswipe Damage. Walpole Stops 2 Trucks - Not A Match. N667 Reports Other Driver May Not Be Aware Of Damage As It Is Minor.
 - 1512 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Roosevelt Ave Dcf Request. Teen Had Left To Be With Friends Per Her Grandfather. Dcf Advised
 - 1648 Initiated - Serve Summons Services Rendered Location/Address: Dean St Served In Hand.
 - 2121 911 - Motor Vehicle Accident *Arrest(S) Made Location/Address: Central Chrysler Jeep & Dodge Of Norwood - Bos-Prov Hwy Negoshian's Tows Ma Pc 3cme70. Arrest: Fleming, Peter W Address: 55 Mount Hope Bristol, Ri Age: 61 Charges: Oui Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**
- 0807 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Area Search Negative Location/Address: Neponset St + Norton Dr

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Report Ma Pc 143av0 Made A Rude Hand Gesture And Stopped In The Lane Of Travel Backing Up Traffic, Left Towards Dean St. Bolo To Cars. Caller Did Not Wish To Speak To Officer, Informed Of Improper Operation Form.

0819 911 - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Exterior Designs Landscape Co. - Lane Dr Caller Reports That Is Outside Her House Threatening To Throw Rocks Through Her Window. N677 Advised That He Was Goa.

0857 Cellular - Hit And Run Taken/ Referred To Other Location/Address: Dunkin Donuts - Bos-Prov Hwy Bolo To Cars For Ma Pc 4xs290, Left Rt1(N). Call Transferred To Walpole Pd And Notified Them That Owner Works At Norwood Supercuts 1415 Bos-Prov. Hwy. Walpole Handled The Call.

0924 Other - Be On The Lookout Services Rendered Location: [Can] Bolo For A Penske Rental Truck, Ma Co P26625, For Questioning In Stolen Ups/Fed-Ex Packages From Houses.

1130 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Rte1(S) Ramp To Pendergast - Bos-Prov Hwy Report Of A B/M In A Dallas Cowboys Jacket Walking Up/Down Ramp.

1440 Phone - Animal Complaint Naco/Waco Notified Location/Address: Cameron Rd Resident Coralled A White Lab That Belongs Up The Street.

1528 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Washington St + Granite St As A Result Of Stopping Ma Pc 3dm831 N461 Places 2 Under Arrest. N677 Transports 1 To Station. N669, Using N670, Transports 1 To Station. Center Auto, With N661 Escorting, Tows Car To Station. Arrest: Andrade, Kelvin Address: 31 Burmah St Boston, Ma Age: 25 Charges: Conspiracy To Violate Drug Law Arrest: Barros, Kelvin C Address: 39 Clayborn St Apt. #2 Boston, Ma Age: 21 Charges: Conspiracy To Violate Drug Law

1707 Walk-In - Lost And Found Other Location/Address: Nahatan St + Rock St Htc Cell Phone Found In The Street 12/13/16 . Charged Last Night But Unable To Id Owner. Form Filled Out.

1756 Initiated - Serve Summons Services Rendered Location/Address: Howard St. Served In Hand.

2020 Phone - Animal Complaint Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Winter St + Spruce Rd Caller Reports Deer May Be Injured On The Side Of The Road. N664 Sent To Investigate. Upon Arrival N664 Observes A Small Amount Of Motor Vehicle Debris But Not A Deer. Caller Was Still On Scene And Reported The Deer Ran Off Into The Woods. The Motor Vehicle Debris Was Moved Off The Roadway.

2137 Walk-In - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Stonebridge Apts - Dean St Party Reports That Her Son Is Missing.

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0119 Phone - Noise Complaint Message Delivered Location/Address: Norwood Depot - Railroad Ave Caller Reports Beeping Sound Coming From Depot. N677 Responded And Reports Gates Are Down. MBTA Notified And Will Respond.

0453 Phone - Unwanted Party Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Emergency Room Nurse Rep Arty Causing A Disturbance In Lobby. Area Checked. Party Left Before Arrival.

0822 Cellular - Hit And Run *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Bos-Prov Hwy + University Ave Caller Reports She Was In Mva With Ma Pc 2ml658, Which She Followed To Elm St. In Dedham, Car Continued Rt1(N). Bolo To Dedham Pd. N665 To File A Complaint Application With A Report And A Mva Report. Addr Bayberry Dr Apt. #3 Sharon, Ma

0858 Phone - Parking Violation Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Report Ma Pc 3pr186 Parked So Close To Caller's Car That She Is Afraid She Will Hit It When Backing Out Of The Parking Space. Check Of Car - Not Stolen And Cannot Locate Phone Number For Owner. N669 Referred Resident To Complex Management.

0912 Initiated - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr N494 Stands By While An Investigation Is Conducted. N494 Reports No Answer At Apartment.

1146 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Central Buick/Gmc - Bos-Prov Hwy Service Manager Reports A Customer Is Refusing To Leave And Blocking The Entrance And Not Allowing Anyone To Enter The Business. Matter Resolved.

1715 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Pleasant St Party In The Lobby Reports A Past Larceny Of Packages Off Her Front Steps.

1908 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Nichols St Father Unable To Rerach His Son. Officers Attempted To Speak With That Party At Several Addresses, He Is Not Currently At Any Of Them.

1915 911 - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Jack Madden Service Dept - Bos-Prov Hwy Employee Saw A Man Exit His Vehicle And Vomit On The Property, Instructed The Driver To Wait At The Service Lot. Officers Report That Party Is Not Intoxicated And Is Feeling Sick. Ma Pc 4gd318 Will Stay On The Property With Permission From Caller. N661 Provided The Operator With A Courtesy Transport To 137 Nahatan Street Where He Will Get A Ride From A Friend.

2001 Phone - Assist Mci/Hosp Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St 1 Prisoner From Mci Norfolk Via Ambulance.

2117 Walk-In - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Boch Toyota Scion - Bos-Prov Hwy Party In The Lobby Reports A Stolen Cell Phone.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

0131 911 - Misdialed Call Other Location/Address: Neponset St Accidental By Resident Who Said He Was Trying To Make A Call To India. Resident Did Not Open Door To Officer.

0844 Phone - Lost And Found Spoken To Location/Address: Jc Jacobs Plumbing Co - Washington St Ma N34652 Found In The Lot. Officer Contacted The Owner And They Will Be In To Pick Up.

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1040 Phone - Drug Law Violation *Report Filed Location/Address: Edgemoor Rd Subject Passed Out In The Bathroom. Caller Disconnected The Call .Nfd Responds. Officer Reports The Subject Is Conscious After A Drug Overdose.

1100 Initiated - Debris On Road Services Rendered Location/Address: Doherty Field - Brewster Dr Deputy Informs Dpw Of A Down Tree Limb.

1208 Walk-In - Unwanted Party *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Dress Barn - Lenox St Follow Up To How An Individual May Be Entering The Building At Night. Addr Pleasant St Apt. #5a Medfield, Ma.

1215 Phone - Lost And Found Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Report Of Lost Backpack. Returning With Backpack And Will Attempt To Contact Owner. Officer Located The Owner At 53 Irving And Delivers The Bag.

1330 Phone - Parking Violation Services Rendered Location/Address: Chapel St Ma 645lb2 In The Lot With Front End Damage. Owner Located On Chapel St. Vehicle Will Be Moved In A Few Days. Property Owners Will Allow It.

1358 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood True Value - Washington St Receiving Text From A Male She Does Not Know. Officer Left A Message On The Callers Voice Mail .Complainant Satisfied.

1611 911 - Report Of Fire Police & Fire Notified/R Location/Address: Inverness Rd Microwave Fire.

1611 911 - Susp Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Cypress St + Roxana St Caller Reports Party May Have Taken A Package Off Of Someone's Front Steps And Walked Away With It. Upon Speaking With The Homeowner, That Party Was A Family Member, The Package Is His.

1649 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Residence Inn By Marriott - Norwood Pk S Employee Reports Snowblower And Power Washer Stolen From Shed.

Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Village Rd E Older Model Buick Idling, Operator Hunched Over. Officers Spoke To The Operator Of Ma Pc 4gc876, He Was Smoking A Cigarette In His Vehicle, Checked Ok.

2057 Phone - Animal Complaint Assisted Party Location/Address: Cross St Caller Reports Her Dog Might Have Been Hit By A Vehicle After It Wandered Off The Property But Is Not Positive. Caller Does Not Wish To File A Report But States She Is Concerned About Speeding On The Street In General. Caller Was Directed To Contact The Safety Officer And Advised Of 24 Hour Animal Hospital In Walpole.

2107 Phone - Susp Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St Male Party Sleeping In The Pharmacy.

2228 Initiated - Unwanted Party Spoken Location/Address: Cvs Pharmacy - Nahatan St N669 Flagged Down For A Party Harassing Customers At Cvs. Party Was Escorted Off The Property.

2234 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Spoken To Location/Address: Mobil Gas - Rte 1/Dean - Bos-Prov Hwy Report Of Tc Pc Gvh6474 Operating Erratically. Officers Spoke With That Operator And The Caller, All Parties Advised.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

0144911 - Noise Complaint Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Wash-

ington St Caller Reports A Group Of People In Parking Lot Being Loud. N661, N669 Responded.

0336 Phone - Susp Activity Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller Reports Someone Ringing His Doorbell And Reports There Are Tracks In The Snow And Would Like To See An Officer. N666, N678 Responded And Checked The Area And Believe Kids Are Up To Mischief.

0614 Phone - Larceny *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Maple St Caller Reports Amazon Package Taken From His Porch. N666, N678, N668 Responded And Followed Foot Prints To Ma.Reg# 3nh621 Of Which The Stolen Package Was Found In Car. Center Autobody Towed Vehicle. Complaint App. Filed.

1023 Walk-In - Hit And Run *Report Filed Location/Address: Conrads - Washington St Caller Reports He Was Rear Ended Uptown And When He Got Out To Exchange Papers The Other Party Told Him To Pull Around The Corner And Fleed. Plate # Does Not Come Back As A Match.

1104 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Ac Auto Repair - Washington St Caller Reports Neighbor Is Plowing Snow Up Against His Building. N679 Responded.

1353 Phone - Hit And Run Spoken To Location/Address: Municipal Lot - Central St + Guild St Caller States He Thinks A Dpw Struck His Vehicle While Parked In Parking Lot. N662 Responded And Spoke With Him. He Declined Police Services As He Was In A Rush. Advised.

1419 Phone - Hit And Run *Report Filed Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller Reports Her Vehicle Struck In Parking Lot And Would Like An Officer To Respond. N678 Responded And Spoke To Management At Stop & Shop Who Reviewed The Tapes But Nothing Shown. Report Filed.

1431 Phone - Parking Violation Services Rendered Location/Address: Vico Restaurant - Central St Caller Reports Ma. Reg# 7166go Parked In Front Of His Driveway. N667 Sent And Tried To Locate Owner At Lewis's And The Norwood Theatre. Owner Believed To Be At Theatre And An Announcement Was Made To Move Vehicle. Matter Resolved.

1641 Phone - Unwanted Party *Arrest(S)Made Seph C Sampson Daughter Would Like Mother Removed From Home. As A Result, On Fd Treats Prisoner In Holding Tank For A Cut On Her Finger. Addr Roosevelt Ave Norwood, Ma.

2200 Phone - Trespassing *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Lenox St As A Result Of Checking The Business For A Squatter, N669 Placed Subject Under Arrest And Transported Him To Station. Arrest: Ahem, John P Address: Homeless Homeless, Ma Age: 60 Charges: Trespass B&E Building Nighttime For Felony Receive Stolen Property -\$250 Receive Stolen Property -\$250

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

0019 Phone - Susp Vehicle Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Outback Steakhouse - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller Reported Suspicious Vehicle. Nothing Found.

0114 Initiated - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St + Short St Checked Ok.

0148 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Loud Group. Parties Advised.

0259 Phone - Noise Complaint Gone On Arrival Location/Address:

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Washington St Caller Reported Loud Group. Parties Left Prior To Arrival.

0857 Initiated - Susp Vehicle Services Rendered Location/Address: Meditech - University Ave Party Checks Out.

1027 Initiated - Mischief (Kids) No Action Required Location/Address: Norwest Woods - Chestnut Hill Realty - Norwest Dr Conducting Extra Checks Of The Area.

1046 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Sullivan Tire - Everett St Caller Reports That He Accidentally Broke A Window At This Location. Key Holder Is Responding To Resolve The Issue.

1154 Walk-In - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: High St Both Parties Spoken To And Matter Was Resolved.

1208 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Washington St Caller Reports That A Plow Damaged His Front Gate.

1313 Walk-In - Lost And Found *Report Filed Location/Address: Stop & Shop - Bos-Prov Hwy Reporting Party Found Several Bags Containing Property That Appears To Be Possibly Stolen. See Off. Payne's Report For Further.

1500 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Chapel St Party Seeking Presence Of A Police Officer During Property Exchange Per Court Order. Plaintiff Not At Home.

1542 Walk-In - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Discepolo, William & Sandra - Hoyle St Party Turns In Veterans Identification. Item Returned To Owner.

1818 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Norwood Animal Shelter - Bos-Prov Hwy Ma Pc 4hb219. As A Result, N664 Placed One Female Under Arrest And Transported Her To The Station. S/M 38105 At 1844, E/M 38107 At 1848. Nehoshian's Towed Ma Pc 4hb219. Arrest: Valentino, Lauren Kathleen Address: 30 Carpenter Rd Walpole, Ma Age: 25 Charges: Ovi Liquor Or .08% Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Marked Lanes Violation Speeding

1957 911 - Susp Vehicle Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Ellis Nursing Home Caller States That She Saw A Suspicious Vehicle Driving Around The Area. N677 And N669 Are Responding.

2024 Phone - Susp Person Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Sunnyside Rd Resident Reports Male Party Was Standing In Her Yard Upon Her Return Home. Stated He Was Looking At The Lights Then Left On Foot. Area Search Negative, Caller Advised.

2056 Phone - Susp Vehicle Area Search Negative Location/Address: Austin St Dark Color Honda Civic Driving Slowly Through Neighborhood, Operator Looking At Houses.

2107 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Group Moved Location/Address: - One Upland - Upland Woods Cir Manager Reports Non-Tenants Gathered At The Clubhouse, Would Like Them Removed.

2205 Phone - Pedestrian Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: St Catherines Of Siena Church - Washington St Report Of A Party Struck In The Rear Parking Lot Of Saint Catherine's. Nfd Notified And Responded.

2305 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Report Of Loud Music, Party Agreed To Turn It Down.

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SOUTH NORFOLK AFFILIATE MONTHLY MEETING

The National Alliance for Mental Illness—South Norfolk affiliate will hold its monthly meeting at the Riverside Clubhouse, located at 595 Pleasant St., Norwood, Mass. at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017. NAMI participants are invited to a light dinner followed by a combined meeting with Clubhouse participants. Mental illness is a label for a variety of diseases of the brain. Often it strikes in late adolescence, devastating the afflicted person and the family. The South Norfolk Alliance is composed of such families who find mutual support and join together to advocate for their loved ones.

We welcome all families in the South Norfolk Area who are dealing with mental illness and their loved ones. In case of inclement weather, we will align with the Norwood schools. If they close, the meeting will be cancelled. For further information call Ray at 508-668-2941.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

The First Congregational Church will hold its traditional Christmas Eve service of candles and carols on Saturday, Dec. 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This family-friendly service has been celebrated for more than 20 years, and includes Christmas songs performed by the choir, and a Nativity pageant based on readings from the prophecy of Isaiah and the gospels according to Luke and Matthew. Our new Pastor, Rev. Michele Bagby Allan, will bring the message "Welcome Jesus." In addition to the Christmas Eve Pageant, First Congregational will offer a 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles in Warner Chapel. For more information, please visit the church web site (<http://firstcongregational-norwood.com>) or call the church office at (781)762-3320.

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Table alive if a new location in the Norwood area or surrounding community is found. Thousands of people have been touched by a group of volunteers that worked extremely hard with love in their hearts for others. To all of the volunteers, Aislynn says, 'thank you all for bettering my life and joining me in this wonderful effort. I am better for knowing each and every one of you.' May God Bless Aislynn and the many others that brought joy to so many whose lives were deservingly touched by the loving hands of Angels that are the Abundant Table.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Town's John Shalbey recently passed the bar and is now an attorney. John passed the exam on his first attempt, as those of us who know him knew he would. John is a terrific young man! His family is very proud of him including his mom Dianne, grandmother Dolores Elias, and siblings Garret and Leah. I know his dad John is looking down from heaven glowing with pride and much love for his son! Congrats, John, good luck in all your future endeavors!

IS IT JUST GOSSIP?

I was told the word on the street is that the owners of the Guild Medical Building will soon be charging for parking in the lot. All that was done is paint inside, and re-pave the parking area which is taking longer than Noah's Ark to

make a round trip. I hope it is just silly gossip!

OUR TOWNS CONDOLENCES

A friend to many and a terrific mother, Maureen (Burke) Joseph, went home to the Lord this past Nov. 21. She leaves five married children and 10 grandchildren. Maureen's husband, 'Dickie Joseph,' (Norwood police officer) preceded her in death. Together they gave tremendously to their family and our town. You are missed Maureen, Memory Eternal!

THANKS TO YOU WHO DONATE

The large white donation boxes at all of the public schools and DPW have been filled with your donated goods with a total weight of ...178,100 pounds, collected within approx. 1 and 1/2 years, which rings in at a total of \$8,905 to be dispersed among the schools and DPW. The Cleveland had the largest weight total, with NHS not far behind. Good job Norwood, keep donating, as it is for our kids' benefit (clothes, books, shoes, linens, stuffed animals, etc.) NPS thanks you!

"ILS NE DEUVENT DAS ALLER EN FRANCE"

'THEY CANNOT GO TO FRANCE' as voted by the Norwood school board. Our 23 NHS students expected to go to the city of lights over vacation and stay at the homes of

the 23 French students who were here residing in our students' homes in October. Obviously a great disappointment and, for many, a once in a lifetime opportunity dashed. The vote was a tie, which renders a negative decision. I wish the school board a wonderful CHRISTMAS RECESS.

'TIS THE SEASON

The TV ads are beautiful; families sitting together at meal time, fun time shopping, colorful trees in homes, stores selling beautiful decorations, Menorah's on the table, people opening beautifully wrapped gifts, etc. The ads end with the words, happy holidays. Why don't we start saying what's right; it's simple and it's honest. The PC silliness should come to an end! The two celebrations are Christmas and Hanukkah. Both holidays are steeped in 'mega' years of history. So let's start saying it out loud and proud.

HAPPY HANUKKAH and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

God Bless you and may 2017 be a great year for all, and hopefully a great year for the greatest country in the world, AMERICA!

BYE, hopefully next year the South Norwood Nativity will be back at its traditional home!

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