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The Bantam A Norwood Nuggets made local hockey fans proud by amassing 27 wins this season and winning the Massachusetts Hockey South Shore Conference.

Bantam A Nuggets bolt to regular season title

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

Gretzky and Lemieux who? weekend in Brockton. Norwood was scheduled to play the winner of eighth-seed Duxbury and ninth-ranked Hingham on Sunday.

“We’ve had great teams, but this is one of the best I’ve ever had (in terms) of attitude and (talent),” said head coach Russ Tobin. “They never give up... Norwood is going to be lucky because most of these kids are going to Norwood High. They’re going to be very lucky.”

It’s been quite a ride for the mighty Nuggets, who surged past some 19 other teams to win the South Shore Conference

regular season title. Along the way, Norwood finished second in the unrelated Mass. State Tournament, in which the Nuggets lost to high-powered Needham, 3-0, in the championship game. Norwood knocked off four other teams to advance to the final. Among Norwood’s victories included a gut-wrenching 2-1 win over Wilmington in the semifinals and a 4-0 first-round triumph against Burlington, who Tobin noted the Nuggets lost to in last year’s semifinals.

In the second and third rounds of this

season’s tourney, Norwood defeated Dorchester and Pembroke, 5-1 and 6-3, respectively.

This winter, Norwood also lost to Franklin in the Massachusetts Playdown, but was still chosen to play in the state tourney because of its undefeated record at the time. The Nuggets’ only conference setback was a 2-1 loss to Braintree in their last regular season affair on March 22.

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Shoppes at Elm Way Farms moves forward New retail development could be finished in six months

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Construction is to begin this week on a new retail development.

The Shoppes at Elm Way Farms will be located off Route 1, near Dean Street, and is to be sited on top of contaminated material that the Environmental Protection Agency declared a “Superfund” area. That hazardous area, according to developers, has been capped, paved over and will only be used for parking.

Three to five retail stores and two restaurants will be built as part of the

project, which Town Planning Director Steve Costello said should not disturb the capped area, which has been vacant for a number of years.

“Hopefully this development will make a productive use of that space,” Costello said.

The Planning Board approved the plans in August, but the owner of the site, Joseph Laham and applicant Developers Diversified Realty revised their plan in November, reducing the total

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Schools to plan blackouts? Selling back power could net \$35,000 a year

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Amidst the rising costs of energy and faced with a tight FY09 budget, the Norwood School Committee has begun to consider other methods to bring in revenue and conserve power.

During last week’s School Committee meeting, Superintendent Ed Quigley recommended that the school system enter into the Demand Response Energy Program, which could possibly net the

town \$35,000 in revenue over the next two years.

“Essentially, in high energy demand periods, we would shut off our power and give it to them,” he said.

As unusual as this may sound, Quigley and business manager William Hurley said the power would only be shut down at the Coakley Middle School and would only happen during the summer for a maximum of three to four

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FINE finds a niche in funeral business

Mortuary College one of a kind in New England

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

While caskets and funeral accoutrements line the corridors of the FINE Mortuary College in Norwood, you're more likely to see a smiling face than a cadaver when you arrive. The two-year private school is nestled in a little business park off Route 1 and offers students a chance to delve head first into the mortuary sciences.

"They have to make a few of these wax heads so they can practice sculpting and applying makeup properly," Administrative Assistant Donna Taylor said, proudly displaying a head one student had made.

"I like to show people this one, because it's so detailed," she says, pointing out the painstakingly precise placement of eyebrows and eyelashes.

The college was founded in 1996, and has been graduating

funeral professionals ever since.

"Our first graduating class was only three students," Taylor said. Since then, more and more people from all walks of life have given a second thought to a job in the post mortem arts.

FINE began as the Funeral Institute of the Northeast, and was founded by Louis Misantone, Lyn Prendergast and the now deceased Joanne Sperr.

Prendergast, who has a Ph.D in anatomy, is the current executive vice president of FINE, and said the school caters to all sorts of individuals who find themselves interested in the field. But there is one thing each and every student must possess to be successful in the funeral business.

"You have to have a sense of humor," she said. "We deal with sadness and tragedy in this profession. Some people can't deal with that."

Prendergast said the curriculum is focused, but also allows students the opportunity to learn many other things that have become required knowledge in the field.

"They take psychology courses and anatomy courses,"



Donna Taylor holds a wax mold resembling FINE Mortuary College President Louis Misantone at the school's Norwood campus.

PHOTO BY KRISTAL GROW

prentices," she said.

There are bereavement studies programs at area colleges, including Mt. Ida College in Newton, but FINE is the only school that specifically caters to the industry. Prendergast believes this makes her students more focused, and more prepared for what they are really getting into.

"In a traditional, four-year college environment, you want to try things out and see what you're interested in. Some people will take one class and

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Where the candidates stand

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

As voters and candidates alike get ready for town elections on April 7, the three vying for two positions on the Board of Selectmen are explaining their different ideas on what they would do with a three-year term.

"This is already a great place to live," incumbent candidate Jerry Kelleher said, "and I want to maintain that high quality of life."

Tom McQuaid, current chairman of the board, said his top priority was Norwood High School, an issue he felt was very important to the people of the town. The candidates seem to agree that it is a delicate issue, and that many people have a strong connection to the building. All said, however, that

it is an issue that needs to be addressed quickly.

"We have to do whatever the MSBA says they will reimburse us for," McQuaid said, referring to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, which will decide how much state assistance it will offer the town to rebuild or renovate the building.

"I think the bottom line is that it will cost about the same," he said.

Former Selectman Tom Riolo, the only non-incumbent in the race, said he agrees that it comes down to the MSBA decision. But he believes there should be a compromise.

"I'd love to see them keep the front façade," he said. "There should be a way to maintain that, while still giving the students what they need

from the rest of the building."

Riolo, who has a long history in town government, said he decided to throw his hat in one more time to make this election a little more challenging for the incumbents.

"I don't think anyone should run unopposed," he said, "and I think we can do better." "No one should get a free ride."

Kelleher said he thought the town had already improved substantially, and thought Riolo's slogan, "We Can Do Better," was somewhat confusing.

"We're really the envy of other towns," he said. "We've improved Norwood Center into an outstanding destination spot."

Kelleher was a member of the Downtown Steering Committee that was largely responsible for the rejuvenation of the town center and for attracting new businesses in. "We're 42 percent commercial business here," he said. "We're trying to bring in new sources of revenue and work with the community and the taxpayers to help us thrive."

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Each of the candidates said that they realize the town's budget is a long-term problem and another top priority to be addressed.

"We are in better shape than most towns," McQuaid said, "but the budget is our ongoing problem."

McQuaid said a major factor putting added stress on the budget is Proposition 2 1/2, which limits the amount of property taxes the town can gain each year. Under state law, the town can only raise the property tax rate by 2.5 percent annually.

"Now we have a cap on how much money is coming in. To stay competitive, people are getting larger increases, which

upsets the structural budget," McQuaid said.

McQuaid has been an elected member of the Finance Committee for eight years, serving twice as chairman.

Riolo said he was also concerned with the town's financial situation and wants to find better ways to spend municipal money.

"When I left the board six years ago, there was \$4 million in the treasury," he said. "Now look where we are."

Riolo is opposed to raising the tax rate, and is in favor of stabilized rates. He said he believes the budget problem stems from the amount of capital projects the board approves every year.

"You have to pick and choose projects," he said. "You can't go crazy spending money. They do two or three big projects a year and spend all this money we don't have. We need to do maybe one big

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hours.

"Energy demands are highest during the summer, mostly due to people using their air conditioners all at once," Hurley said. "We don't expect it to be a frequent occurrence."

If the school committee does decide to participate in the program, they would have to agree to shut down their power at any time during the year.

"However, if we feel that turning the power off at any time would be a health or safety hazard to teachers or students, we could refuse," Hurley said.

School Committee members were at first hesitant to accept the program, and were concerned it would have an effect on students and teachers who may be involved in summer school programs at Coakley. Quigley informed them that classes would be held in the portable classrooms behind the school, which, if the power were to be shut down, could run on the power of the school's backup generator.

While it is expected that the school would shed power at least once per year, there is a possibility that it will not happen at all, Hurley said.

"Even if they don't shut down the power, we still get the money," he said.

Norwood Light Department Superintendent Malcolm McDonald said that only certain buildings are eligible to participate and they must be able to shed 100 kilowatt hours.

"If you can save energy in one customer, it helps the whole system," he said. McDonald said another perk of the pro-

gram includes partial compensation for times when a backup generator must be used.

"If you have a generator, and need to use it, they will pay fifty cents per kilowatt hour used in addition to the \$35,000," he said.

The committee voted to table the issue until they received input from Town Counsel, but generally agreed after the discussion that it would be beneficial to the entire district to participate.

"This money could possibly pay for a first year teacher," committee member Bill Plasko Jr. said.

"There are some risks involved," Quigley said, but he emphasized that the occurrences when power would be shut off would most likely be times when the building was empty and could run sufficiently using backup generator power, not only saving money in energy costs, but gaining money by participating.

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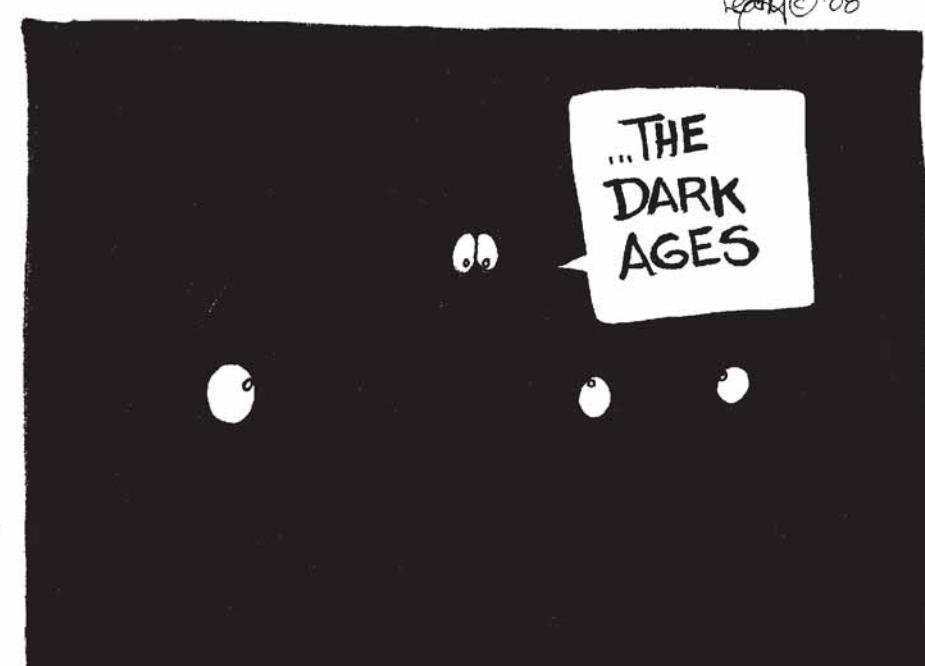
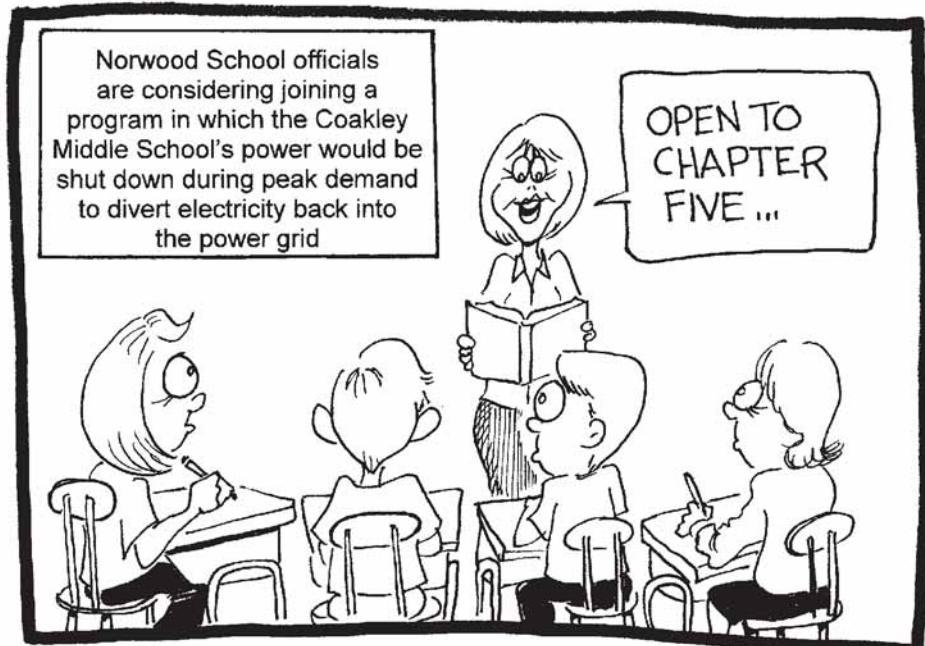
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Board hears substation pitch

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen Tuesday night met with members of the Electric Light Commission to discuss the possible construction of a new power substation.

According to Norwood Light Superintendent Malcolm McDonald, the town will need to build a new substation to accommodate power needs into the future. McDonald said it would be in the town's best interest to build an additional substation by 2010.

Building a new station could potentially cost \$7 million. Members of the board agreed that in order to procure that amount of money, rates would have to be raised and that could be problematic.

"But it would be an infinitesimal amount," Chairman Tom McQuaid said. The rate increase

would equate to about 75 cents per month, per customer, he was told.

McDonald said he based his findings on the town's usage history and industry trends.

"We've had a steady growth rate," he said.

He explained the specifics of the plan with various PowerPoint slides, but members of the board said they would prefer if he wrote a letter, one they could present to the public, that would more clearly explain why the new substation was necessary and exactly how much it would cost. Board members admitted that they were confused by details of the proposal.

McDonald is expected to present the board with more information at their next meeting.

Selectmen also signed and approved a draft of a noncompliance letter that will be sent to Verizon regarding their failure to provide customers with local ac-

cess television channels (see related story on page 16).

Verizon was required by contract to make local channels available by March 15 and had already been granted an extension from December of last year.

In other business, the Common Victualer license for the Town Square Diner was transferred from current owner Donna David to new owner Inesa Stavri.

David, who has owned the local landmark for the past six years, said she was too busy with her full-time job as an engineer and designer for Verizon to continue running the restaurant.

"This was just a hobby for me," she said.

Stavri said she intended to keep everything as it was, and did not anticipate extending the hours or changing the menu. She officially took ownership on Wednesday, April 2.

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square footage by 15,000 square feet.

"They came back and said they just didn't need all that space," Costello said.

The revised plan has an approximate square footage of 70,000 square feet.

Costello said the developer has hired environmental consultant Al Ricciardelli of GZA GeoEnvironmental to oversee the project, but the town has hired their own consultant as a safety measure since the site is so close to capped contaminated material.

"We've hired a licensed site professional as a failsafe," said Costello. "They will report to us regarding air quality and oversee construction activity on water mains to ensure the developers are following the plans to the letter."

The town chose to hire the Woodard and Curran engineering firm of Dedham as their consultant. That cost will be paid by the developer.

"We wanted to have our own source to inform us of any change in the work plans so we can react quickly," he said, "but we're not expecting any problems."

According to Costello, Developers Diversified will spend over \$2.5 million in road construction around the intersections of Dean Street and Route 1 to alleviate the increased traffic the new plaza will produce.

"Those traffic areas will be barely recognizable once they're done," Costello said. The plans include expanding the "jug handle" turn onto Dean Street, widening Route 1 to three lanes, adding a right turn lane off Dean Street near the Staples office supply store and adding traffic lights near the Starbucks across Route 1.

"This will all help the flow of traffic that has been difficult in that area," said Costello. Laham and Developers Diversified are eager to begin work on the project, and according to Costello will begin construction before the end of the week. They plan on the project being completed by October.

"They don't have any tenants yet," Costello said. "Right now, the plans call for five retail pads, but if they find a tenant who needs more space they could combine two."

"I think they are in it for the long haul," said Costello. "They seem to want to do the necessary work. I'm just happy they're picking up the tab [for the consultant and road work]."

Also happy, for now, were a small group of abutters and town officials who met Monday night to discuss environmental aspects of the project. Though there were some tough questions for Ricciardelli, who represented GZA GeoEnvironmental, most seemed satisfied with progress at the site as the area is secured

in preparation for construction.

At that meeting, Ricciardelli explained the numerous safeguards in place, including monitoring wells and vapor barriers. He stressed there will be no disruption to long-buried contaminants.

"We are not touching the cap," he said. "There is not going to be a lot of excavation that will occur."

Ricciardelli added that there will be "decontamination areas set up" to handle any debris before it leaves the site. Because "PCBs, by their nature, tend to stick to solid compounds," there should be no issue with airborne hazards, he offered.

Contractors will mobilize in the coming days to secure the site and begin preparations, he said. Once that is finished, con-

struction will begin, with foundation work taking place from April to June. Construction is expected to take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., five days a week, with only occasional work on Saturdays as necessary.

Agnes Dauphinais was at the meeting with a keen interest. Her grandfather, and later her father, owned the original farm the development takes the name of.

She expressed little concern over the fate of the one-time dairy farm.

"Of all the things that have been proposed, this is the best," she said.

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project a year, and use the money left over for other things."

The candidates all agree that reopening the Norfolk Asphalt Plant would not benefit the town at all.

"It's in the middle of a residential neighborhood, there are traffic and health concerns. Every one of the selectmen are opposed to it," McQuaid said.

Riolo agreed, and Kelleher suggested last week that the board attempt to take the property by eminent domain and convert it into a new space for the Department of Public Works.

"It's really up to the town to decide," Kelleher said, "but I haven't found one person who is for it."

Each candidate has served the town on a litany of other boards and committees, and say they would bring knowl-

edge and experience to the three-year terms they are running for.

Riolo has the longest history with the Board of Selectmen, serving six terms total. He has run for office two times following his last term, and was defeated.

He is hoping his third campaign will be a success. He was also a member of the Planning Board for 14 years, and was the town constable for six years.

Kelleher is finishing his third term on the Board of Selectmen, serving as chairman during his second term. He is a member of the Historical Commission, the Public Works Task Facility Force, and the Alternative Energy Committee.

McQuaid is finishing his first term on the board and is the current chairman.

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Candidates for School Committee faced off this week in a debate that helped set the stage for Tuesday's election.

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School candidates bring their act to Norwood TV

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Under the bright lights of the Norwood Public Access television studio, six candidates running for three open seats on the School Committee made their stances known on some of the hot topics in the upcoming election.

Incumbents Mark Joseph and Bill Plasko Jr. were joined by newcomer David Ford in their campaigns for election to a three-year term, while Ed Morneau, Courtney Rau and Eleanor Travers are vying for the two-year vacancy left by outgoing member Toni Eosco. Travers was unable to attend the debate due to a family emergency.

Moderator Jack McCarthy dished out the questions that most voters will be pondering when they step up to the polls on Apr. 7, giving each candidate two minutes to respond to such topics as the renovation of the high school and their ideas on the tight budget situation.

Each candidate has a deep connection to the town, and is highly invested in the success of each student in the school system. They come from a variety of backgrounds, some serving on the board for a number of years, and some newcomers with fresh ideas for the future of the district.

In their two-minute introductions, the candidates summed up their experience and ambitions for the viewers.

Morneau was up first, and said that even after 30 years as an educator, he still wants to continue being a part of the educational process, and felt he can

be most effective on as a member of the school committee.

"I want to try to affect change on the local level," he said. "I admire public education because it is the foundation of democracy. However, we need to look closer at state and federal mandates like MCAS and No Child Left Behind in a thoughtful and productive way."

Rau agreed that public schools are the centerpiece of a community, and felt her experience in special education would make her a vital asset to the committee.

"School Committees have an enormous challenge," she said, "and my strength is in my experience. My 15-year career as an educator will help me make the schools stronger." "Educators like me should be the ones shaping our schools," she said.

Ford said he had spent a significant amount of time going door to door, meeting people and trying to get a feel for what they saw as the most important issues facing the schools. "Education is vital," he said. "I appreciate this community, and am grateful to be here." Ford said he had experience on building committees and in educational technology that he could contribute to the committee.

Incumbent Mark Joseph said he also felt that the strong sense of community in town made Norwood special, and was looking forward to working with community members if elected to another term with the school committee.

"Education is our civic duty," he said. "Every child

deserves the right to an education. We need to move forward and work together with the community."

Bill Plasko Jr. introduced himself by saying he started running for the School Committee nine years ago, and was up for another term.

"I grew up in Norwood, and I'm always thinking about what's ahead of us," he said.

With the introductions out of the way, McCarthy dove right into the tough topics, putting the candidates on the spot regarding their positions on the controversial high school project.

Rau fielded the question first, sticking to her opinion that although she loved the building, it may not appropriately serve the needs of 21st century students.

Ford said that renovation may be the best way to utilize funds, adding that the building had a lot of potential.

Joseph said the most important factor was to get the community behind the school committee. He said he thought efforts should be made to preserve the facade, but that the building needed developments that would carry it into the next century.

Plasko said it all came down to building the best building possible, and doing what would be best for the students.

Morneau is for constructing a new high school, and said he feared unexpected issues that would undoubtedly arise during renovations. He also brought up the issue of accreditation, and said that the high school could

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Kelleher stands alone on land taking Suggests eminent domain purchase for asphalt site

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Selectman Jerry Kelleher is suggesting that the town consider taking the Norfolk Asphalt Plant by eminent domain.

Selectman Helen Donahue, however, said such a plan may be more trouble than it is worth.

"It will most likely take years of litigation to make something like that happen, all at the expense of the town," she said.

Kelleher said he was simply looking for ways to alleviate the problem and prevent the plant from reopening.

"I have yet to meet one person who is in favor of this," he said. "We need to come up with some ideas to solve this problem."

He suggested the site on Pleasant Street might be better suited for the Department of Public Works, which is currently spread out over three sites in town.

Town Manager John Carroll said the site is not nearly large enough to house the DPW's equipment.

"The site there is smaller than the one we have now," he said.

Carroll said the DPW Task Force already conducted a study on the plant site and determined it would not adequately meet their needs.

The DPW would need at least five acres of land to maintain and operate their equipment. Donahue said the main factor in taking any property by eminent domain was proving there was a real public need for the property.

"I grew up on that side of town," Kelleher said last week. "I'm familiar with the smells and the traffic and all the issues associated with that plant."

Kelleher said there was more research that needed to be done, but said he still felt it was a viable option worth pursuing. Thus far, his fellow board members have distanced themselves from the proposal.

"We still need to get some assessments on the property from the tax assessors," he said, "but I'm really interested in helping the residents of that area," he said.

Dropouts on the rise

But Norwood officials have a different take on state statistics

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

Some unsettling numbers have surfaced regarding the rising rate of high school dropouts in Massachusetts.

According to recently released state figures, 3.8 percent of Massachusetts 11,436 high school students dropped out in the 2006-2007 school year.

"No matter what the dropout rate is, so long as any of our students are leaving high school

before graduation, we have a serious problem," Paul Reville, chairman of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education said. "Until we develop the right set of strategies to meet the needs of every student we will never be able to ensure that they all leave our schools ready for college and careers."

But Norwood Superintendent of Schools Ed Quigley says the numbers can be deceiving.

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decide it's not for them. Students get here and they already know this is what they want to do," she said.

According to Prendergast, the dropout rate at FINE is extremely low, and the percentage rate of students who pass the National Board Exam is extremely high. In 2006, 100 percent of FINE students who took the exam passed on their first try.

"We get students who have backgrounds in social work, and we have students who have been nurses and EMTs," Prendergast said. "And sometimes, we get students who have no experience at all, but we urge them to seriously consider getting some."

She said that sometimes, people have just gone through an incredible tragedy, and turn to the funeral services as a way to cope, and want to find ways to help others who may also be grieving.

"There's a level of maturity among our students," she said. "Our average student is in their early thirties or late twenties. We don't get too many 18 or 20 year olds. They just haven't suffered enough to really understand."

Prendergast admits there has been a rise in the need for funeral professionals, a rise she suspects will only increase with the aging of the Baby Boomer generation.

"There are definitely jobs to be had in this field," she said. "The job market is not what it used to be, and people are look-

ing for something that they can learn from and be interested in."

It's hard to deny the spooky stigma attached to the job, but Prendergast says that is mostly because the media makes a big deal out of it around Halloween.

"It's really just a normal part of life. Everyone dies," she said. "We've tried very hard to create an atmosphere where serious students can come and network. We have worked very hard to keep it that way."

But they still have their fun. Some of the wax heads sport little sprouts of ear hair, and a poster from a tacky 1980s horror film hangs on the wall opposite an Egyptian wicker coffin. The school reserves a small room they call the museum, where they proudly display various styles of coffins, an

antique embalming board, funeral registries from the early 1900s and an assortment of extremely menacing surgical tools and needles.

"Students are required to make a portfolio with information from funeral parlors, florists, cemeteries and livery services to show they understand how much goes into this," said Prendergast.

"People never really consider what it means to be a part of this business," she said, "but everyone who comes into this profession had a compassionate streak, a creative streak and a real need to help people. We're here to help them do just that."

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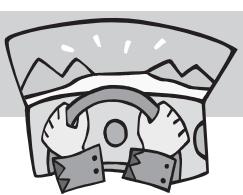
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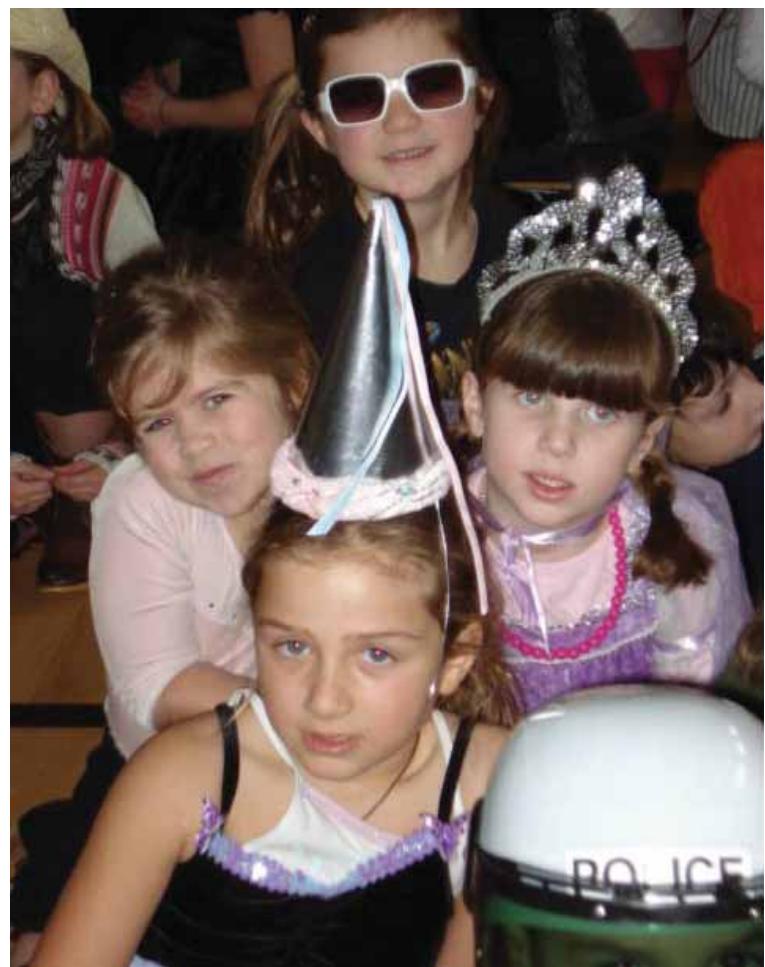
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Members of the Norwood Council on Aging gathered last Friday night for the seventh anniversary of their regular "Young at Heart" dances. Pictured at the night's festivities, taking a break from dancing, are Bill McCoy, president of the Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging and Anne Benson, treasurer. Seated with them are Marilyn and Peter Hand, John Connolly, Carolyn Coulombre, Bill and Marion McAdams and Bill and Giselle Sullivan.

Pictured to the right, Rose DeFilippo and Richard Parnagian hit the dance floor.

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Sports



Time to take the field!

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

Seven senior starters went out on a heartbreaking note last season after the Norwood softball team closed its campaign with a 3-2 loss to Dighton-Rehoboth in a Division 1 South tourney preliminary round. The loss combined with losing much of the starting line-up to graduation may seem damning at first, but the Mustangs return both of their star pitchers with a talented freshman cast in tow.

"It's definitely a strong freshman class," said longtime

head coach Kathy Smelstor. "I'm definitely looking closely at it."

The hope, of course, is that Norwood will have enough firepower to get back to the tourney regardless of whether it ranks high, low, or somewhere in between. Smelstor is just not concerned with such petty details.

"I don't pay attention to that," she said of the tourney seeds. "As soon as you get to the tourney, everyone is on the same plain anyway. If they put (us) in a lower seed, (we) probably deserve a lower seed, but

if anything, the pressure is off... The goal is always to do better than the previous season."

For the Mustangs, that would mean topping last year's 13-8 mark, including 9-7 in the competitive Bay State Conference Herget Division. Norwood will miss the services of the seniors who graduated last June, including shortstop and First Team BSC All-Star Katie Ouellette, but with top senior hurlers Kristen Dolan and Paige Hackett back, the Mustangs have every reason to — as they say — believe.

"They both have a decent

mix of pitches," the coach said. "Kristen has great movement. She can cut it into you or cut away, and Paige has decent placement if she keeps it away from the middle of the plate."

Dolan, a First Team BSC All-Star, finished third in the conference in earned run average, allowing well less than a run a game last season, while averaging nine strikeouts per contest. Hackett followed suit with an earned run average of about 1.00.

The Mustangs will also get a boost from three other returning position players, Brittany

Calarese, Allison Tedesco, and Kim Decosta.

Calarese, a leadoff hitter, possesses a keen eye at the plate and has a good nose for the ball at second base.

"She's a consistent, smart ballplayer," Smelstor said. "She's got a good eye for the ball. She knows a good pitch from a bad pitch."

That helps, especially in sacrifice situations, when Calarese is often called upon to bunt to move a runner along.

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Rossmann, Cottens a 1-2 scoring punch

Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

While it's understood that head coach Tom DeMaio will need a complete team effort if the Mustangs hope to rebound from last year's sub-par 7-13 ledger, it can only help if captains Mike Rossmann and Steve Cottens continue to be Norwood's version of Orr and Esposito on the lacrosse field.

The famed Boston Bruins hockey duo would only be too proud of Norwood's top goal-

scoring tandem on the varsity lacrosse team last season. Rossmann and Cottens combined for 100 points last spring as both stars garnered second team Bay State Conference All-Star honors.

Rossmann led the Mustangs with 55 points, while ranking seventh in the BSC. The talented attack had 25 goals and 30 assists, following a sophomore campaign in which he registered 42 goals and 11 helpers. He is projected to graduate as the top point-getter in the

school's history.

"Mike has been with us as a starter since his freshman year, and has turned into a highly skilled lacrosse player, who not only has good athletic ability but understands the game and is like having another coach on the field," DeMaio said.

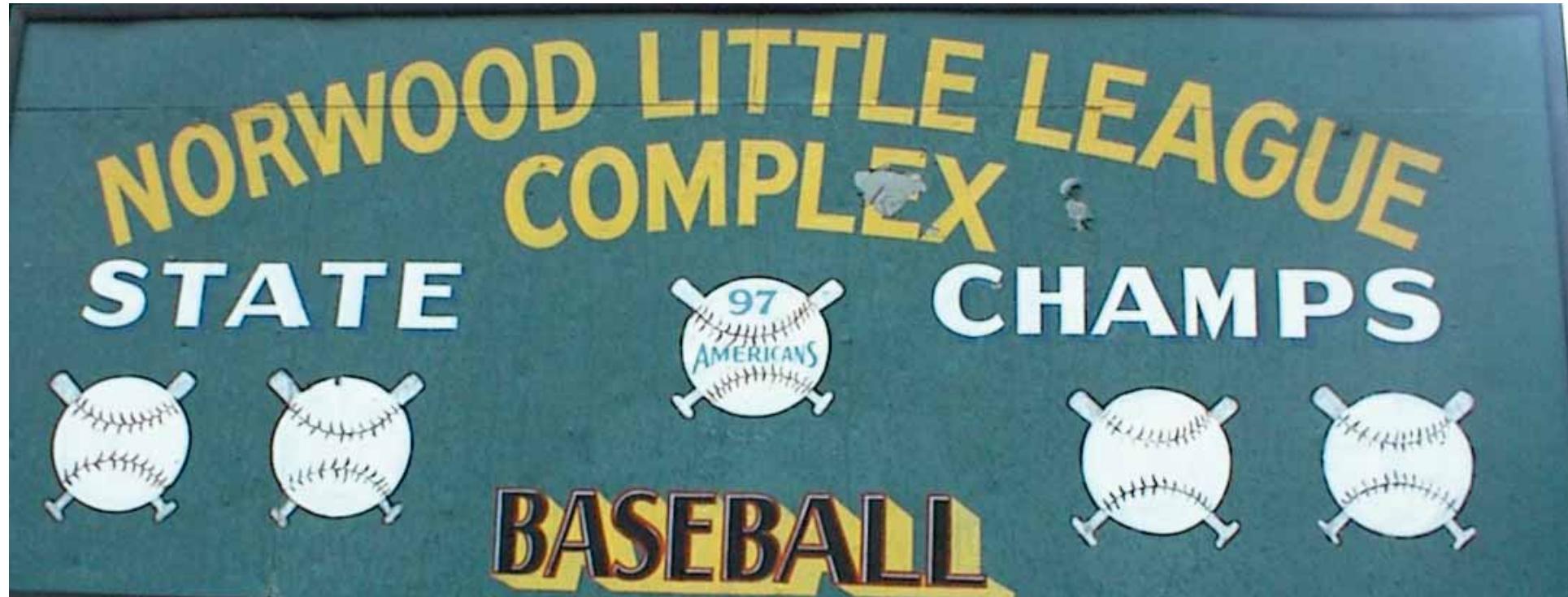
Rossmann, a senior captain, said he hopes in working with fellow leaders Cottens and Mike Notarangelo to leave a lasting legacy on the Mustangs,

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Pictured at practice this week are Norwood lacrosse players Mike Rossmann, Mike Notarangelo and Steve Cottens.

PHOTO BY MIKE STOLLER



Mike Stoller
Staff Reporter

Norwood's Little League program opens the 2008 campaign with its annual parade on Saturday, April 26. Players from all 64 squads will wave their respective team banners down Washington Street. The first games of the season will follow the featured ceremony.

Those flags will have a little extra meaning for three teams. The league will vote on the three best banners, with the winning teams being awarded tickets to a Brockton Rox baseball game.

Many volunteers over the years have put much effort into organizing the town's Little League, which plays a number of its games at the prestigious Kelley and Wall Fields at the Bird Complex, where the league began to finance its own expenses some 35 years ago. Games not played at the Bird Complex are played at the local town fields.

With 50 teams now in the baseball mix, Norwood uses the Major League Baseball format of housing an American and National League.

The Little League program, which also includes 14 softball teams, is still going strong, and

Play Ball!!!

relies on donations for support. The league is hoping to add a second-story snack bar in the complex, says long-time league president Mike Doliner, who also coaches the league's Dodger team.

The league prides itself on the overall headway it's made since the early years of its existence.

Of particular note is the development of the local Challenger League, steered by Norwood resident Bob Smith. Since its inception in 1993, the league, geared to the physically challenged, has upped its team count from two to six, with its players practicing one day a week. All but one of the Challenger League games are played at the local town fields, with one played at the Bird Complex.

"It's the highlight of the season," Smith said of the final game played under the lights.

The players in the Challenger League will also join the parade festivities on April 26.

Even more impressive, Smith, with the help of assisting parents, has expanded this kind of program into other youth sports such as basketball and football.

"It's a year-round production now," Doliner said, noting that more than 60 players recently finished competing in basketball this past winter.

Football, meanwhile, has its own unique spin with the usual Friday night drills culminating in the Super Bowl in November, which splits up the league's members into two teams.

Volunteers in the Challenger League are mostly born out of the high school's Friendship Club, where students assist their peers who have special needs.

Smith is grateful for their extra time. "They come out, coach the kids, and be buddies," Smith said. "Everything that has to be done, they give up their time and help us in baseball, basketball, and football... "(They) help with drills, running the bases, holding bats. Most of the interaction with the players is with the high school (volunteers) and the coach coordi-

nates."

As an added benefit, John Castillo, who is blind and played in the football league two years ago, sings the national anthem before many Little League games. Castillo is expected to sing before the opening games this season. He has also sung at the Boston Baseball Writers Awards Dinner for the past three years and at Fenway Park.

"We're very lucky to have him," Smith said. "He's just got a natural talent for it."

"Oh yes, he's a real gifted singer," Doliner added.

Doliner, who has coached Little League since 1987, said the league finances all of its expenses at the Bird Complex, including water, electricity and trash disposal. The league even hired a part-time grounds crew keeper to maintain the playing areas.

Everything else is pretty much done on a volunteer basis, from the coaches who lead the teams (they also umpire in the league opposite to which they instruct) to the scorekeepers and parents who help with fundraising. For the latter ef-



Mike Doliner, president of Norwood Little League

forts, Doliner said the league was able to add dugouts, lights for night games, and a public address system during the past 10 years. He also noted that Pepsi Cola donated two electronic scoreboards.

So nice are the playing fields that Norwood hosts the district games for the Little League World Series tournament that culminates in Williamsburg, PA, and suburban league summer ball tournament games for 9-12-year old teams from Newton to Kingston.

"We're lucky to have a complex where both fields are of excellent quality," Smith said.

Added Doliner, "If you ask any of the coaches, they'll say the Norwood complex is the best complex they play in."

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In centerfield, the gifted Tedesco was lauded by the coach as "very quick with a powerful arm." Offensively, Tedesco is also expected to be a major force. Last year, she batted about .290 either in the clean-up spot or among the other top slots in the order.

Like Tedesco, DeCosta figures to make an impact in the outfield and at the dish. Among her contributions last season was a key RBI single

in Norwood's tournament loss to Dighton-Rehoboth.

The Mustangs, ranked 19th in last year's state tourney, almost staged a big upset, holding a pair of leads before dropping the one-run affair to the 14th-seed Chieftains.

As for Norwood's competition this spring, the BSC figures to be a tough bunch, with many other squads, including defending Herget Division champion

Milton, boasting more upper-classmen than the local nine. But Smelstor isn't too concerned about how other teams fare. Rather, she prefers to focus on her own group.

"Anytime I can improve on the previous year, that's an accomplishment," said the coach, whose squad opens the slate at home against Wellesley on April 7.

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who missed the state tourney last year after losing three regular season games by a total of four goals.

"I think as long as we work as a team, and rely on each other, we'll be able to win the tight games," he said of this year's more potent squad. "We're trying to teach the younger kids so that the program gets to what we're trying to make it. We're trying to make it competitive in the (conference) so that maybe they can win a few BSC championships in the years to come."

Cottens, meanwhile, is only a junior. He credits his overall success to his younger years playing the sport, and particularly lauded Norwood youth lacrosse organizer Kevin MacLean.

"He really just showed me a lot how to play the game," said the star midfielder, who struck for 31 goals and 14 assists as a sophomore. "He really got me into lacrosse, and I really liked it from

there...Lacrosse is a mixture of football, hockey, and basketball. It's a fast-paced game. He showed me it's an athlete's game."

Cottens' success in youth lacrosse was well received when he got to the higher level.

"Steve was a great player in (Norwood's) youth lacrosse program," DeMaio said. "He was a standout when he came in as a freshman, and we put him in the starting line-up... He really delivered his sophomore year, and is one of the more dominant players."

With the consideration usually going to seniors, Cottens said he was honored to be voted a captain by his teammates.

"It's an honor to really be voted to lead the team, and I'm glad my teammates chose me as a captain," he said. "I'll try to keep everyone motivated this year, and have some fun, and hopefully we'll come out with a winning season... We're going to have a lot of kids that are going to step it up and put

points on the board for us... Our defense is (also) strong, and we have a really good goalie in Chris Arthur."

A three-sport athlete, Cottens, who also plays football and hockey, improved remarkably in lacrosse after scoring just one goal in his freshman season. The Mustangs particularly looked to his offensive prowess last year when Rossman was out for three games with a concussion.

"He always had the skill," DeMaio said of Cottens' talents. "He started to learn the game and put a focus on the sport and really developed a high quality shot with a lot of hard work (in last year's off-season). His shooting became above average, and I expect him to build on that."

Both Rossman, who also played in the Norwood youth lacrosse program, and Cottens had equally high praise for their coach.

"He's always pushing me to get better," Rossman said of

DeMaio. "If he wasn't the coach, I probably wouldn't be as good as I am now. He made the program as good as it is, and he's put a lot of time and effort into getting us to improve (by encouraging) us to get better."

Cottens added, "He really helps out teaching the kids how to play the game, and we're expecting our team to take it to the next level this year, and I think he can help us do that."

Certainly, the Mustangs are in good shape with Rossman,

Cottens, and Notarangelo back to lead the pack. One more year of wisdom can only help the trio's cause.

"Now, we'll have a good idea of where each other will be on the field, and we'll have an (even better) chance to make a play," Rossman said.

"(We) play good together, and find each other open a lot," added Cottens. "It's a really unselfish relationship we have playing together."

Nuggets *continued from page 1*

In addition to Braintree, Duxbury and Hingham, other South Shore Conference teams include Westwood, Weymouth, Brockton, Canton, Pembroke, Plymouth, Falmouth, Hanover, Milton, Rockland, Cape Cod Canal, and Randolph-Taunton-Avon.

Norwood also won the Quincy Kiwanis Tournament and the Foxboro Thanksgiving Tournament, both non-conference events.

"This team was special," Tobin said. "Every year it's great kids, but this year they have a special thing about them... You'll be hearing about these kids in high school and beyond."

Tobin also gave credit to his co-coaches, Tom Kewriga, Steve Mahon and John Sennott, and to parent representative Beverly Kewriga, who handled the bulk of the team's paperwork.

"All great assistants," said Tobin, who also noted the great support the Nuggets got from the town's Babe Ruth League coaches, who attended a number of the state tourney games.

Leading the Nuggets on the ice was Brendan Cathcart, who registered a team-leading 59 points on 15 goals and 44 assists.

Tyler Gover followed with a team-leading 23 goals, while adding 24 helpers.

The coach also cited Co-captain Steve Colomey, who also played varsity for the high school Mustangs as a freshman.

"He's so good," Tobin said of the standout defenseman. "He's one of the MVPs. He has loads of talent and does a really super job."

"The same with (Adam) Kewriga at center," Tobin added of Norwood's other captain.

Goalie Pat Honeywell, meanwhile, amazed with a 0.89 goals against average.

"He was the backbone," lauded Tobin of the star netminder, who joined Colomey, Kerwiga, Peter Kelly, and Mike Doherty as two-year South Shore Conference players.

In its entirety, the South Shore Conference regular season champion Nuggets include the following participants: Andrew Alty, Brendan Cathcart, Co-captain Steve Colomey, Mike Doherty, Kyle Dolan, Tim Duggan, Pat Honeywell, Peter Kelly, Co-captain Adam Kewriga, Austin Glaser, Sean Morrison, Conor Mahon, Greg Gillis, Tyler Gover, Mike Murray, and Eric Anderson.

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Frederick W., 70, of Norwood, formerly of West Roxbury, March 28. Beloved son of the late Walter and Marie (Daye) McGarrahan. Devoted brother of Marie Barca and husband Joseph of Norwood. He leaves his devoted and caring friend Annette Fortier of Norwood and many friends. In lieu of flowers, donations to charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Blue Hill Cemetery, Dedham.

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Ida M. (Lunderkin), of Sturbridge, formerly of Norwood, March 26. Beloved wife of the late

Ragnar A. Loving mother of John D. of Florida, Karl A. of Walpole and Richard A. Ross of Sturbridge. She is also survived by 8 grand and 8 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Home Care and Hospice, Harrington Home Care, 61 Pine St., Southbridge, MA 01550. Funeral arrangements by the May Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

ROSSETSKY

Stanley W., 86, of Norwood, March 25. Beloved husband of Ida (Mike). Devoted father of James W., Robert and Helen J. Rossetsky all of Norwood and Dennis Rossetsky of North Attleboro. Survived by 3 grandchildren: Debra, William and Robert, 2 nephews: William and Anthony Abril. WWII Army Veteran. In lieu of flowers, donations to Norfolk Adult Day Health Center, 595 Pleasant St., Norwood, MA 02062 or Hessco Elder Services, 1 Merchant St., Sharon, MA 02067. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery with full military honors.

SHRIBER

Arnold, of Canton, March 30. Beloved husband of the late Thelma (Finkelstein) Shriner. Dear companion of Carol Elledge. Devoted father of Allan Shriner and his wife Judith of Worcester and Louis Shriner and his wife Carol of Norwood. Dear grandfather of Todd and Amy, Deborah, Joshua and Patience, Stephanie and Benjamin. Loving brother of the late Bernard Shriner, Irene Shriner, William Shriner and Lillian Wallace. Remembrances in his memory may be made to the Thelma Shriner Memorial Lecture Fund at Temple Shaare Tefilah, 556 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA 02062; or to Hebrew

Senior Life, 1200 Centre Street, Boston, MA 02131; or to the charity of one's choice. Funeral arrangements by the Schlossberg-Solomon Memorial Chapel, Canton. Memorial observance will follow interment at the home of Allan and Judith Shriner.

SILLETTI

Domenic, of Norwood, March 26. Loving husband of Giovanna (Vitulli) Silletti and the late Santa (Balba) Silletti. Devoted father of Coletta Shellmer and her husband Leo of Walpole, Andrew Silletti and his wife Peggy of Norwood, Domenic Silletti, Jr. and his wife Lisa of Norwood. Cherished brother of Anna Milano of Norwood and Stella Stano of Italy. Dear grandfather of Leo, Kyle, Sean, Erin, AJ, Michael, Allison and Jack. Late member Teamsters Local 25. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Domenic may be made to your favorite charity. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood.

SIMMONS

Helen Lee (Barkas), 88, of Norwood. Beloved mother of Diana Lee (Simmons) Drugas and Marylin Michelle Simmons of Norwood. Mother-in-law of Stephen N. Drugas and Richard P. O'Connor and grandmother of Andrea Lee Drugas and Gina Stephanie Drugas also of Norwood. Beloved sister of Argera Polechronis of Walpole and John Barkas of New Hampshire. Loving aunt, great aunt and great-great aunt to many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Gregory the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church, 1007 West St., Mansfield, MA 02048. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, Norwood.

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MIOSZEWSKI

Wanda E. (Sheptycki), 80, of Walpole and Norwood, March 26. Wife of the late Frank J. Devoted mother of Anne M. Miloszewski of New Hampshire, sister of Antoinette Campbell of East Walpole and Irene Larson of Maryland, and the late Stephen Sheptycki. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood. Interment private.

REARDON

James F. "Beansie", retired Firefighter, City of Boston, Engine 30, Ladder 25, West Roxbury, of Dedham and Dennis, March 27. Beloved husband of Mary L. (Kiely) Reardon. Devoted father of Cecilia Marinucci and her husband John and James Reardon and his wife Gail of Dedham, Patricia Reardon of Dracut, Francis Reardon of Abington, Michael Reardon and his wife Dianna of Norwood and the late Patrick Reardon. Grandfather of Erin, John and Marissa Marinucci, Lisa, Jane, Kylene, Michael Dennis, Shea, and Michael Patrick Reardon. Brother of the late Francis X. Reardon. Late World War II Veteran, U.S. Army. Member of the Boston Firefighters Local No. 718, the Boston Fireman's Relief Association, the Gaelic Brigade and the Florian Society. Funeral arrangements by the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, Dedham. Interment Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham.

ROSS

Ida M. (Lunderkin), of Sturbridge, formerly of Norwood, March 26. Beloved wife of the late

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26
0732 Initiated - motor vehicle stop Citation/Warning Issued Location/Address: [NOD 1432] STAPLES/ MA. REG# 78PG06 - 991 BOS-PROV HWY
0737 911 - well being chk Services Rendered Location/Address: 23 SAVIN AVE - 59 E COTTAGE ST NORWOOD TOWN TAXI PICKED UP A MALE PARTY GOING TO LYNN BUT THEN ASKED TO BE DROPPED OFF AT 23 SAVIN AND WENT BEHIND HOUSE. CABBY CONCERNED AS HE IS DRESSED IN SHIRT,PANTS,SLIPPERS AND A BLANKET AROUND HIM. DISPATCH SPOKE WITH HOSPITAL SECURITY AND THEY REPORT HE IS "AMA" BUT NOT SECTION 12. HE WAS A PATIENT WHO LEFT AGAINST MEDICALADVICE. N661 SENT TO CHECK AREA FOR OF DAN SMITH OF QUINCY. (D.O.B. OF 8/23/58)AND LOCATED PARTY WHO WANTED TO STAY AT FRIEND'S HOUSE ON SAVIN AVE., BUT UNABLE TO REACH HIM. Subject found the key and let himself inside.

1910 Phone - disturbance *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 207 NORMANDY DR Caller reported verbal argument between neighborhood juveniles. Officers reported verbal argument only, parties advised.

1917 Phone - larceny *REPORT FILED Location/Address: SUNOCO - 515 BOS-PROV HWY 1292 Caller reported theft of approximately \$400 dollars. BOLO for PC MA 86GJ98. BOLO posted on area wide 3-radio network.

2041 Phone - assaults *complaint summons Location/Address: 9 ACHORN ST Caller reports her son was assaulted by other teens who were still on her property. NFD also responding to check injured party. Juvenile Arrest Age: 16 Charges: A&B Refer To Summons: 08-286-AR Juvenile Arrest Age: 16 Charges: A&B WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON

2159 Phone - RESTRAINING

STANDS BY FOR TOW, N661 ASSISTS AT BOOKING 3 OTHERS SUBJECTS IN MV CHECKED-OK,SENT ON THEIR WAY. Arrest: MCDOUGALL, ERIC Address: 1135 WASHINGTON ST 2 NORWOOD, MA DOB: 11/06/1986 Charges: LICENSE REVOKED AS HTO, OPERATE MV WITH REGISTRATION SUSPENDED; OP MV WITH UNINSURED; MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT VIOLATION; MISCELLANEOUS MV; DRUG POSSESSION, CLASS D

2234 911 - DRUNK PERSON *Protective Custody Location/Address: JOE AND MARIA'S RESTAURANT - 434 BOS-PROV HWY As a result N669 placed subject into protective custody. N663 transport to station. P/C: HOUSAND, AARON J Address: 16 FAIR LN BROWNSBURG, IN DOB: 10/03/1977 Charges: PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

2249 911 - disturbance SPOKEN TO Location/Address: 9 ACHORN ST REPORT PARENTS OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN EARLIER INCIDENT BANGING ON DOOR. UNITS TO HOME, THEN THEY ALL CAME INTO STATION. N679 SPEAKS TO EVERYONE, INFORMED TO STAY AWAY FROM 9 ACHORN OR WILL BE ARRESTED

0133 Phone - noise complaint *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 51 CEDAR ST 1 CALLER FROM 1ST FLR. REPORTS HER UPSTAIRS NEIGHBOR HAS T.V

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0652 Phone - larceny *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 77 EARLE ST Unit: 664 Patrol Brian C Riley CALLER REPORTS ALL 4 TIRES STOLEN OFF HER VEHICLE.

0737 Phone - assist mci/hosp Services Rendered Location/Address: [NOD 886] NORWOOD HOSPITAL - 800 WASHINGTON ST MCI NORFOLK TRANSPORTING 1 W/CHEST PAIN VIA AMBULANCE WITH 1 OFFICER ON BOARD, 2 FOLLOW-ING.

1125 Initiated - motor vehicle stop *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: CLAY CHEVY INC - 640 PLEASANT ST As a result one under arrest for outstanding warrant. Arrest: VEGA, JOEL Address: 3 BELKNAP ST APT 1 DEDHAM, MA DOB: 06/06/1979 Charges: FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE ON COURT WARRANT

1305 Walk-In - BREAKING AND ENTERING *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 48 COTTAGE ST Walk-in reports his house was broken into.

1431 Walk-In - assist citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: MOBIL GAS - RTE 1/ DEAN - 971 BOS-PROV HWY Lost/stolen cell phone T-Mobile Razr.

1625 911 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY FIRE DEPT NOTIFIED/ RESPO Location/Address: ASSOC INTERNAL MEDICINE - 825

WASHINGTON ST

1707 Phone - harassment *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 12 EVERETT AVE Caller reported harassing phone calls.

1742 Phone - assist other police depart Services Rendered Location: TOWN CENTER CANTON Units 665 and 669 assisted Canton PD. 664, 668 and 670 to assist at Norwood Hospital.

1820 Phone - BREAKING AND ENTERING *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 377 NEPONSET ST B Caller reported B&E.

1924 Phone - Road Hazard Services Rendered Location/Address: 6 WASHINGTON ST @ 81 EVERETT ST Caller reported wood panels fell off bridge.

1944 Phone - complaint of m/v Services Rendered Location/Address: ROUTE 95 HWY State Police reported erratic operator.

2039 Phone - disturbance Peace Restored Location/Address: MCDONALDS - EVERETT/ RTE1 - 31 BOS-PROV HWY Caller reported a verbal argument over a receipt. Spoke with parties, advised.

2244 Initiated - motor vehicle stop GROUP MOVED Location/Address: JUNIOR HIGH SOUTH (COAKLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL) - 1315 WASHINGTON ST N667 CHECKS ON MA PC 87FV75 IN LOT NEAR LL FIELD. N667 CHECKS 2 SUBJECTS, OK, SENT ON THEIR WAY.

1727 Initiated - motor vehicle stop *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: 125 WALPOLE ST @ 16 ROSEMARY ST AS A RESULT OF STOPPING MA PC 89JD98, DON AND WALLY'S TOWS, N665 PLACES SUBJECT UNDER ARREST AND TRANSPORTS TO STATION, N679

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BLARING AND HER CHILD CAN'T SLEEP. N662,N664 SENT. UPSTAIRS TENANT WOULD NOT ANSWER DOOR OR PHONE. SHE FINALLY TURNED IT OFF BUT STILL WOULD NOT SPEAK TO OFFICERS. REPORT FILED.

0444 Other - susp activity SPOKEN TO Location/Address: PLEASANT ST OFF DUTY OF FICER REPORTS 2 PARTIES WALKING S/B ON PLEASANT WEARING BACKPACKS. N667,N661 SENT. N667 REPORTS ALL IN ORDER. THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY TO WORK @ DUNKIN DONUTS ON NAHATAN ST.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

0810 Phone - B & E OF MOTOR VEHICLE Services Rendered Location/Address: FOUR POINTS SHERATON - 1151 BOS-PROV HWY B&E to guest's mv overnight. Driver drove away prior to officers arrival, no report.

0900 Walk-In - AUTO THEFT *REPORT FILED Location/Address: ENDICOTT ST

0903 Phone - death at home *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 2 GARFIELD AVE Unresponsive female. NFD sent. Off Brown, Sgt Doucette responded. CPAK notified.

1043 Phone - Warrant ArrestA *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: NORWOOD HOSPITAL - 800 WASHINGTON ST Warrant of Apprehension for Kevin Seastrand, transported directly to DDC. Arrest: SEASTRAND, KEVIN J Address: 204 TABER AVE PROVIDENCE, RI DOB: 07/31/1974 Charges: WARRANT ARREST MENTAL HEALTH PETITION 0854MH0051 WARRANT ARREST 0721CR001006 NEWTON DIST

1121 Initiated - ANIMAL COMPLAINT Services Rendered Location/Address: 399 NORMANDY DR Raccoon outside looks rabid. NACO notified.

1121 Phone - weapons charges Field Interrogation Location/Address: WINDSOR GARDENS - 624 WALPOLE ST Train Personnel reports four kids in area of Windsor Gardens Stating one with hand gun. Second call from T Police called stating two males have rifles. Kids located with BB gun, and ID'd. T Police arrived on scene and met Officers with youths involved.

1200 Phone - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT Papers Exchanged Location/Address: BURGER KING RESTAURANT - 41 BOS-PROV HWY NFD notified.

1309 Phone - susp. person SPOKEN TO Location/Address: UNITED CHURCH - 595 WASHINGTON ST

1333 Phone - DRUG LAW VIOLATION *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: PERKS COFFEE HOUSE - 685 WASHINGTON ST Caller reports there is a male party trying to sell Class B drugs in the uptown area. White male with black and white sweater on and rosary beads around his neck. Male party also reports that he possibly might be stealing from the Dollar Store across the street because he is leaving stuff in front of Perks on the bench. N664 N670 sent. As a result Officer Begley places one male under arrest for Shoplifting. Arrest: RIZK, CHRISTOPHER Address: 218 FISHER ST WALPOLE, MA

DOB: 07/01/1981 Charges: SHOP-LIFTING \$100+

1419 Phone - assist other agency SPOKEN TO Location/Address: WORLD CLASS MARBLE - 275 LENOX ST Norfolk County Sheriff's closing business at 275 Lenox St. Owner of building would like to see some proof. Officer to resolve situation. Matter resolved.

Walk-In - assist citizen SPOKEN TO Location/Address: 83 NAHATAN ST @ 181 PLEASANT ST Person in station reporting a possible violation of restraining order. No violation.

1519 Radio - susp activity *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: 295 DEAN ST @ 10 LANCASTER LN Det Sgt Rinn and Det C Brown requests 2 marked units for an arrest at Dean and Lancaster. 667 and n/s transported 2 prisoners. K9 unit responding. Arrest: RIVERA, DORIAL Address: 23 ARNOLD ST 1ST WOONSOCKET, RI DOB: 02/17/1978 Charges: LICENSE SUSPENDED, OP MV WITH; RMV DOCUMENT, FORGE/MISUSE; FALSE NAME/SSN, ARRESTEE FURNISH Arrest: CORREASURIEL, CATALINO Address: 26 CHAPEL CT 2ND NORWOOD, MA DOB: 08/22/1972 Charges: RMV DOCUMENT, FORGE/MISUSE; FALSE NAME/SSN, ARRESTEE FURNISH

1541 Walk-In - B & E OF MOTOR VEHICLE *REPORT FILED Location/Address: BELMONT ST Person in station to report his truck was B&E'd 2 days ago.

1545 Phone - larceny *complaint/summons Location/Address: NORANDEX - 675 CANTON ST 1 Employee has taken \$13,000 in materials. OFF. Mawn will file charges. Summons: LEDWELL, JOHN J Address: 2 CENTRAL ST MANSFIELD, MA DOB: 01/21/1968 Charges: LARCENY OVER \$250

1554 Phone - CIVIL DISPUTE *REPORT FILED Location/Address: JAGUAR AND LANDROVER OF NORWOOD - 449 NEPONSET ST Caller reported vehicle had not been returned. Boston Police notified department vehicle had been recovered. NCIC entry canceled. Officer to file report. Summons: HICKS, KEYANA Address: 306 SAVIN HILL AVE DORCHESTER, MA DOB: 08/26/1979 Charges: MOTOR VEH, LARCENY OF

1715 Phone - larceny *REPORT FILED Location/Address: JUNIOR HIGH SOUTH (COAKLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL) - 1315 WASHINGTON ST PHONE STOLEN FROM A STUDENT'S COAT WHEN SHE LEFT THE CLASS.

1808 Phone - ANIMAL COMPLAINT MESSAGE DELIVERED Location/Address: 19 E HOYLE ST Caller reported one dog on roadway. Caller reported she dropped off a small dog at the above address. Caller reported homeowners were not present at the time. Animal control to follow up.

1932 Phone - MEDICAL EMERGENCY FIRE DEPT NOTIFIED/RESPO Location/Address: NORWOOD HOSPITAL - 800 WASHINGTON ST Officer assisted with transport of prisoner to Norwood Hospital. Officer transported prisoner back to station.

1945 Phone - disturbance SPOKEN TO Location/Address: 1065 WASHINGTON ST @ 7 DEAN

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ST Caller reported juveniles knocking over news vending machine. Officer reported one newsstand overturned. Officers spoke with juveniles in area, advised.

2338 Phone - disturbance GONE ON ARRIVAL Location/Address: 28 ACHORN ST @ 9 EARLE ST Caller reported vehicle spinning its tires.

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0032 911 - REPORT OF FIGHT *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: NORWOOD CENTRAL /TRACK 1 - BROADWAY Call for fight on the train (#731) with 2 white males, on track #1. Arrest: CIALLELLA, PAUL JOSEPH Address: 23 FAULKNER RD NORTH GRAFTON, MA DOB: 07/26/1977 Charges: DISORDERLY CONDUCT RESIST ARREST PROTECTIVE CUSTODY Furnishing False Name Or Social Security Number To Law Enforcement Officer

1000 911 - ANIMAL COMPLAINT Services Rendered Location/Address: 377 NICHOLS ST Caller reports pet bird in a tree. Animal control notified.

1030 Phone - susp activity Services Rendered Location/Address: 41 PELLANA RD Female called reporting 2 women came to door, rang bell and left when she did not answer. Caller did not recognize them. They drove off in a brown Mercedes. Officer reported parties are religious solicitors.

1313 Phone - phone harassment Services Rendered Location/Address: FAMILY DOLLAR STORE - 658 WASHINGTON ST Subject arrested yesterday for shoplifting is now harassing by phone for them to drop charges. Officer went to home in Walpole, he was not home. Officer to follow up tomorrow. Under investigation. OFFICER WAS ABLE TO LOCATE PARTY AND MATTER RESOLVED. THERE WILL BE NO MORE PHONE CALLS.

1655 Walk-In - larceny *complaint/summons Location/Address: 16 PEMBROKE RD Refer To Summons: 08-300-AR Summons: SANTIAGO, JULIE A Address: 16 PEMBROKE RD NORWOOD, MA DOB: 05/11/1970 Charges: LARCENY OVER \$250 BY FALSE PRETENSE

1719 Phone - assist citizen *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 265 PROSPECT ST Walk in party reports that her wallet was lost/stolen today at the senior center.

1811 Phone - DISPUTE SPOKEN TO Location/Address: CVS PHARMACY - 136 NAHATAN ST Customer arguing over the price and will not leave the store.

2056 Walk-In - lost and found *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 5 JOY ST Person in station reports lost or stolen plate. Plate entered in LEAPS.

2214 Phone - DISPUTE *Arrest(s) Made Caller reports a person is yelling at her. As a result one male was arrested on outstanding warrants. Arrest: CLINE, JOHN S Address: HOMELESS HOMELESS, MA DOB: 10/26/1950 Charges: ABUSE PREVENTION ORDER, DISTURBING THE PEACE AND RESISTING ARREST, THREATS AND DISTURBING THE PEACE

2306 Phone - SERVE WARRANT *Arrest(s) Made Location/Address: VENICE CAFE - 1088 WASHINGTON ST Person called to report male party with warrants at apartment 3. After short foot pursuit Officer Wennerstrands returns with one under arrest. Arrest: RIZK, CHRISTOPHER JAMES Address:

282 FISHER ST WALPOLE, MA DOB: 07/01/1981 Charges: WARRANT ARREST

WHEN SHE LET HIM OFF @ 43 CEDAR ST. N665 TO TAKE REPORT.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

0036 911 - HIT AND RUN *REPORT FILED Location/Address: NORWOOD DEPOT - RAILROAD AVE CALLER REPORTS HIT & RUN TO A POLE AT THE DEPOT, LEAVING BEHIND A PIECE OF RUNNING BOARD. N679,N664 SEARCHED AREA FOR (MA. REG# RS5634) GRN. JEEP WRANGLER. PLATE DOESN'T COME BACK A MATCH. PARTIAL PLATE SEARCH COMES BACK WITH (MA. REG#RS56EY) TO 37 SILVER ST. N679,N669,CHECKED OUT VEHICLE AT RESIDENCE.

0108 Radio - susp activity Services Rendered Location/Address: NORWOOD HOSPITAL - 800 WASHINGTON ST OFF. MAWN STATES PARTY IN E.R. REPORTING SHE THINKS SHE WAS BEING FOLLOWED BY A P.U. TRUCK IS CONCERNED.

SHE STATES FROM WALPOLE TO HOSPITAL, WHITE P.U. TRUCK WITH YELLOW OVERHEAD LIGHTS APPEARED TO BE FOLLOWING HER TO HOSPITAL. SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY DRIVER AND DID NOT GET PLATE. CHECKED PARKING LOT FOR VEHICLE.

NOTHING FOUND.

0526 Walk-In - larceny *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 43 SAVIN AVE - 137 NAHATAN ST SHARON CAB DRIVER REPORTS SHE WAS RIPPED OFF BY CUSTOMER WHO FLED

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0903 Phone - larceny *REPORT FILED Location/Address: 94 GARDEN PKWY 1) LAWN ORNAMENTS. 2) 03/30/2008 1158 RESIDENT 99 WILSON LOCATES SOME ITEMS. 3) N666 CONDUCTS SEARCH OF AREA AND 97 WILSON ST AND LOCATES SOME OTHER ITEMS.

1134 Phone - complaint of m/v Services Rendered Location/Address: 81 EVERETT ST @ 6 WASHINGTON ST REPORT MA PC 91KB89 DRIVING ERRATIC(Almost ran mv off road but caller did not wish to see pd), BOLO TO CARS,(NOTE: NO UNITS IN AREA).

1134 Walk-In - HIT AND RUN Investigated Location/Address: T.G.I.FRIDAYS - 1345 BOS-PROV HWY PARTY IN LOBBY REPORTS MV HIT LAST NIGHT IN LOT, NOTE LEFT ON WINDSHIELD. N662 TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION.

1510 Phone - lost and found No Action Required Location/Address: [NOD 1918] NORWOOD DEPOT - RAILROAD AVE REPORT DIAPER BAG AND BABY CHAIR LEFT UNDER HP RAMP TO PLATFORM ON HILL ST. SIDE. N665 REPORTS NO IDENTIFIABLE ITEM IN BAG APPEARS ITEMS PLACED THERE TO PICK BACK UP WHEN GETTING BACK OFF TRAIN, ITEMS LEFT THERE.

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WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Norwood Women's Club will hold their next meeting on April 8 at 12:30 p.m. Linda Gray Kelley will present a program based on "Women of the Old Testament". Some of the women are good, some are bad. The meeting will be held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Parish Hall located at 24 Berwick Street in Norwood. All are welcome. Come and bring a friend. New members are always welcomed. You need not to be a resident of Norwood to join or attend. For more information call Trina Mallet at (781) 762-8173.

WCC THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, located at 1194 Washington Street 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.

NORWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING EVENTS

*On April 23, at 7 p.m. the Norwood Historical Society will hold its members' meeting. Share your ideas for programs, education and outreach for the forthcoming year. Meet the candidates for the Board of Directors. Interested in running for the Board of Directors? Submit nominations to the nominating committee ASAP at (781) 762-9197. *On April 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. an Antiques Appraisal at the Day House. Check your attic and bring those items you've been curious about: works of art, knick-knacks, china, glass, small furniture, textiles. Appraiser Hercules Pappacristos of Grogan and Company, Fine Art Auctioneers and Appraisers, will offer expert appraisals on your antiques or family heirlooms. (Please no jewelry.) Fees: \$5 per item or \$10 for three items. The Norwood Historical Society is the repository of information about Norwood's history and is headquartered in the F. Holland Day House, 93 Day Street, Norwood. We are a non-profit organization, largely supported by the financial contributions of members and donors and the time and energy of volunteers. For more

information about upcoming programs and exhibits at the Norwood Historical Society, visit www.norwoodhistoricalsociety.org.

LOW COST PET CARE

The Medfield Animal Shelter will be hosting their annual low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for cats and dogs on April 12. The rabies clinic is open to all pet owners and the cost is \$10 per pet. To receive a three year vaccination you must bring your certificate of last rabies vaccination, or the vaccination will only be good for one year. Dog licenses will also be available at the clinic. Dr. Melanie Thomas, DVM, from Medfield, will be vaccinating cats from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and dogs from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. *Low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic for Cats on April 23 at Medfield Animal Shelter. As part of our ongoing effort to help reduce the population of homeless and unwanted cats in our area, the shelter hosts STOP (Stop the Overpopulation of Pets), a low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats once a month. The fee for female cat spays is \$80, and the fee for male cat neuters is \$70, and includes a Rabies vaccine if needed. Please call (508) 359 8989 for an appointment for your cat.

COOKING FOR LIFE

This April, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., the Foxboro Council of Aging & Human Services in partnership with Caritas Norwood Hospital will host The Cancer Project's Food For Life Cooking Series. Classes will be held at 75 Central St., Foxboro and will provide community education about the importance of good nutrition in cancer prevention and survival. Classes will be free cooking demonstrations including recipe samples focusing on: April 7, Replacing Meat and Antioxidants & Phytochemicals; April 14, Immune Boosting Foods and Maintaining a Healthy Weight. Space is limited and reservations required. RSVP by calling (508) 543-1252.

BLOOD DRIVE

In acknowledgement of Mike Hayes's one-year anniversary of a successful bone marrow transplant, the family is sponsoring a blood drive on April 12. The blood drive will be held 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the town of Norwood municipal parking lot on the corner of Nahatan and Broadway Streets. The Massachusetts General Hospital Mobile Blood Drive Unit will be running the drive. Appointments should be made in advance by calling the Hayes's at (781) 769-6550 or email at jack59@norwoodlight.com.

NPS ARTS FESTIVAL

The Norwood Public Schools' Fine Arts Department is proud to announce their annual Fine Arts Festival. The festival showcases artwork, musical group performances, drama performances, and

films all created and performed by Norwood students in grades K through 12. This event is free and open to the public from 6-8:30 p.m. on April 14 and 15 at a new location - the Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols Street in Norwood. The Fine Arts Advocate of the Year and Albie Awards for outstanding high school seniors will be presented on April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

FIREFIGHTER'S ICE UP

The Norwood Firefighter All-Stars Annual Hockey night at Iorio Arena will be held April 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Firefighters will face-off against the "Legends of Hockey." Past legend greats included former Bruins Captain Terry O'Reilly, Ken Linseman, Rick Middleton, Cleon Daskalakis, Gary Doak and Reggie Lemelin. Rick Cobban the Celebrity Clown will be on the ice with his offbeat style and funny hockey skits. This special hockey night is the Norwood Firefighters way of saying "thank you" to all the businesses and residents for their support, not only during this years fundraising effort, but also for the support they have shown us throughout the year. NFD Local 1631 has made numerous contributions and donations to worthwhile charities as well as many local youth sports sponsorships and activities resulting from this fundraising effort. This year, Firefighters Local 1631 will be handing out a limited number of free souvenirs to the first 200 children.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

A meeting of the Morrill Memorial Library Board of Trustees will be held at the library, 33 Walpole St., on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Trustees' Room. The public is invited to attend.

TEMPLE SHAARE TEFILAH ANNIVERSARY

Temple Shaare Tefilah will celebrate its 100th anniversary by inviting the public to attend an open house on Sunday, April 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. Rabbi Andrea Gouze and members of the congregation will be present to greet visitors and answer questions about the community. The temple is located at 556 Nichols St., Norwood. For more information, call (781) 762-8670 or visit www.templeshaaretfilah.org.

DEDHAM YMCA CAMP

The Dedham/West Roxbury YMCA is currently accepting camp registrations. There are a total of 9 different camps for children ages 4-15 in the towns of West Roxbury, Dedham, Westwood, and Milton. Visit www.ymcaboston/westroxbury for detailed information.



Vic Babel gives Stephanie Nichols of the Greater Boston Food Bank a check for \$1,000. These funds were the result of money collected from customers who attended recent decorating seminars. Babel's Paint & Decorating charged \$5 to attend and all the money collected was donated to the Food Bank.

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Living Waters Christian Academy invites you and your families and friends to their Annual Scholarship Dinner on April 12 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Quincy Marriott Hotel for a fun evening with great food, live music and silent auction. Tickets are \$75 per person. Corporate sponsorship and all donations and contributions are welcome. Proceeds will benefit the Scholarship and Capital Funds of the School. For more information, contact Diane Jeffery (781) 762-6062.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Four scholarships will be awarded to former students of the F.A. Cleveland School on June 3, 2008. 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.

Seniors

TIN PAN ALLEY

The Stone Street Strummers Banjo Band will perform music from the 1920s as part of the Spring Fling Concert series today April 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield. Admission is free, but reservations are required for groups of 20 or more.

CRIBBAGE CLUB

Seniors meet every Monday at 1 p.m. in the library to play cribbage. Anyone who would like to join this club can just arrive at the center at 1 p.m. If you do not know how to play, or it has been a while since you have played, don't let that stop you. All you need to know is how to count to 15. John Howard coordinates this group and invites all to come.

PROOPE

Prose, Poetry and People, run by Doug Ross and Barbara Hall, is a group of amateur poets and philosophers who meet the third Wednesday of the month. Call the Council on Aging for times.

REMINISCENCE HOUR

On the second Wednesday of each month, join other Norwoodites to discuss a subject you may have experienced in our youth, such as movies, markets, first dance, etc. Call the Council on Aging for times.

MINI-FIX-IT SHOP

A "mini fix-it-shop is operated by Mike Bassile and Bunny Conrad, for Norwood Seniors only, on the second and fourth Monday of each month. No TVs. Their expertise is free except for parts (which you must buy). Items must be picked up within 30 days or they will be donated.

MEN'S CLUB

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Selectmen press Verizon

Krystal Grow
Staff Reporter

It's a little joke around town that Norwood Light customers can catch Selectmen's meetings on Channel 22, and Comcast customers can turn to Channel 8 for updates on local government, but Verizon customers can turn to Channel Zero, because they don't get local access television at all.

"It's not a joke for customers who are paying for it," Selectmen Jerry Kelleher said. At last week's meeting, Kelleher suggested the board send a warning letter to Verizon, who have not met the March 15th

deadline to provide Norwood customers with public access channels.

"They haven't complied with their contract," Kelleher said. "It should have been done in December."

Cable Commissioner Paul McGee said Verizon's contract required them to offer local channels within 120 days from last August, and was unable to meet the deadline. They were allowed an extension to March 15.

McGee said it appeared Verizon was having technical issues that have prevented them from holding up their end of the deal.

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"They use a cohort number that tracks students who enter in grade nine and graduate in grade 12," he said. "Kids who take five years to graduate are considered dropouts. I do not consider them dropouts."

Dropouts are defined as students who leave school between July 1 and June 30 of a given school year and do not return to school, graduate, or receive a GED by the following Oct. 1.

Norwood's total enrollment is currently at 1,082. The state's records indicate 39 students have dropped out since the 1999-2000 school year.

Assistant Superintendent Peg Dougherty agreed that the state numbers might not accurately calculate drop out rates in Norwood.

"It's configured differently," she said. "They track students who enter in ninth grade as freshmen and who graduate in four years with the same class."

She said she believed the higher dropout rate may also be a result of No Child Left Behind and MCAS requirements.

Quigley said the state results also did not consider the number of international students who attend the public school system.

"We have a sizeable population of students who are not from this country," he said. "If they leave school and return to their home country, we have no way of tracking them and their education, and if we can't track them, they are considered dropouts."

"To succeed in today's economy, students need not just a high school diploma, but preferably a college degree," Acting Education Commissioner Jeffrey Nellhaus said. "Students who drop out are cutting their options short and it is up to us to find ways to stop them before they get out the door and never come back."

"We are always concerned, and we will look into it to make sure we are doing everything we can to make sure our students are getting what they need," Quigley said.

Scott Wachtler contributed to this article. Krystal Grow can be reached at kgrow@norwoodrecord.com or by phone at (781) 769-1725

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lose it if they did not completely rebuild.

While the candidates are somewhat split in their views on this issue, they all agree that the bottom line depends on the Massachusetts School Building Authority's findings, and how much they agree to contribute financially.

The other issue that will undoubtedly be on voters' minds is the school committee's search for a new superintendent. Current Superintendent Ed Quigley announced he would be leaving the position at the end of June.

"I think we need a superintendent who has experience with large building projects and fiscal matters," Plasko said. "We also need someone who has a

good track record of hiring and maintaining quality administrators."

Morneau said he would look for a superintendent who was open to new forms of education and was not a slave to MCAS and NCLB.

"We need someone who has a knowledge of the classroom and can reach out to the students, and doesn't stay locked in an office," he said.

"We need a superintendent who can lead us through the potential pitfalls of a massive building project," Rau said.

"Someone who inspires teachers to be the best educators they can be and is curriculum savvy."

Ford kept his requirements simple. "Leadership is key," he

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Verizon

"It's certainly not for lack of trying," he said. But Kelleher said the board has the ability to impose a \$300 fee for every day Verizon neglects to install service to its Norwood customers.

"It is supposed to be a level playing field, but I think they would rather buy their way out of it," he said.

Kelleher said a draft letter to Verizon has been sent to the town's lawyer for cable-related matters, Peter Epstein, and will likely be delivered subsequent to the Board of Selectmen's next meeting if it is approved.

McGee said he understood that Verizon was attempting to connect to one of the other cable providers to bring local television to its customers. He said he suspects they are close to completion, and expects service from Verizon in the next two to three weeks.

Richard Colon, Verizon's regional director of external affairs, said they were working to remedy the problem, but it has been slightly more complicated than expected.

"This has been one of the more challenging configurations we've dealt with," he said. "Each community is unique as to where the facilities are located, the number of origination points and the best way to actually make the physical connections," he said.

According to Colon, Verizon is working with Comcast to interconnect to their lines and pick up local channels they can then provide to their customers. He said that Comcast is conducting engineering work to prepare their equipment to accept Verizon equipment, and are nearing completion.

"Once they are finished, Verizon estimates it will take 14 days to complete our work," Colon said.

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said. "That can make or break a superintendent." He also said the committee needs to pay close attention to the focus groups of parents and teachers that will help inform the committee of the school system's needs.

"The more input we get, the more direction we will have," he said.

"I think there is a visionary out there who can lead us through a challenging time," Joseph said. "They have to have a love for kids and a love for this town. They have to be a leader."

McCarthy split his next question between the candidates, asking the incumbents what they were most proud of in their work with the school

Socks to help soldiers

WASHINGTON - The Veterans' Administration announced today that in a joint venture between a local inventor and the Defense Department, a new line of socks designed to help soldiers lose weight was being introduced to the military.

According to government spokeswoman April Sloof-Day, the product is called "FatSox" in the civilian market, but the military code name is classified, due to the sensitive nature of the technology. "We sure don't want the bad guys wearing them," said Sloof-Day. These revolutionary socks could actually suck body fat out of sweating feet, says inventor and local resident Tad Molehill. The invention promised to "banish fat for ever," said Molehill. The socks employed a patented nylon polymer called FloraAstraTunaTetrazini that had been "previously only applied in the nutrition industry," according to the inventor.

"I had been tinkering down in the cellar with an old parachute, my Little League windbreaker, and some fishnet stockings. I wanted a sock that would make better soldiers. The test results on my daughter's hamster were amazing. The little guy lost so much fat he can't use the running wheel anymore. He just slips through the bars." The socks work in the following way: as a person's (or hamster's) body heat rises, their blood vessels dilate, and the socks draw "excess lipid from the body through the sweat." After having sweated out the fat, the wearer could then simply remove the socks and wash them, and the fat, away.



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The military applications are obvious, says Sloof-day. "Skinny soldiers have better posture, and this makes them taller. Taller soldiers always win. And smaller belts mean less spending on expensive belt material and that will help the budget deficit" We can expect all of our Armed Forces to be slimmer and taller and wearing the socks by August 21, 2008, which is Wilt Chamberlain's birthday.

"Happy Birthday (and R.I.P.) to Wilt, and Happy April Fools Day," said Molehill.

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committee.

Joseph said he was most proud of the implementation of the full day kindergarten program, an issue outgoing board member Eosco brought up at the budget hearing last week. He also said he was honored to have worked with so many gifted teachers. Plasko was a member of the school committee when they decided to rename the Coakley Middle School and dedicate the Savage Educational center in honor of two of the town's most gifted educators.

"We're looking at our history and honoring them. We look to our past to see what our standard is, and I believe we have an incredibly high standard for education in Norwood," he said.

McCarthy wanted to know what the first time candidates number one goal would be if they were elected.

"The high school is the pre-eminent issue," Morneau said. "We need to get up to speed on that, and I think I would take a closer look at teacher negotiations."

Rau said she would learn everything she could about the budget, and be heavily involved with the search for a new superintendent.

"Listening is key," Ford said. He said he believed he could bring strength to the negotiating procedures, having successfully negotiated an employee health plan in the past.