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The Norwood Nuggets sponsored the annual Challenger Skate at the Metropolis Skating Rink last Saturday. Volunteers from the Nuggets and Bantams assisted Challenger Program participants as they skated around the rink. For more information on the Challenger Skate, see page 9.

Many teachers to be cut

"This number, to me, is just devastating to the schools"

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

In order to balance their Fiscal Year 2012 budget, the School Committee cut \$1,090,000 in personnel. This is the equivalent of 21.8 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

"It's very distressing, and unprecedented, in this community," School Committee member Paul Samargedlis said. "We haven't made that level of cuts across the board. I think, in my opinion, it will affect services."

Of this \$1,090,000, \$300,000, or six FTE positions, were cut at the high school; \$440,000, or 8.8 FTE positions

were cut at the Coakley Middle School; and \$350,000, or 7 FTE positions were cut at the elementary level.

"This number, to me, is just devastating to the schools," School Committee member Bill Plasko Jr. said. "It's completing the [budget balancing] task, but at what cost?"

Plasko recommended cutting \$790,000 in personnel, leaving them with a \$300,000 deficit. However, School Committee Chairman Mark Joseph noted that while the cuts sickened him, they were on a deadline and were legally required to present the town with a balanced budget.

"We have to do it," Joseph said. "Carrying it over another week isn't going to help."

Ultimately, the School Committee

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NFD still causing budget headaches

Lyons calls for change in management reporting

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

With the Fire Department's monthly report came several budget issues. In addition to the usual substitution account concerns, the Board of Selectmen also had issues with the department's building budget and overtime and recall accounts. All three of these accounts are overspent so far.

The biggest concern continues to be the substitution account. Of the \$637,000 allotted, which includes a \$151,000 appropriation from Town Meeting, \$493,447.04 has been spent. The line item

is overspent by 10.8 percent, or \$68,822.84.

"We are continuing to monitor that very closely," said Fire Chief Michael Howard.

However, monitoring the account is not enough, Selectman Bill Plasko said.

"You have about \$36,000 per month left to get you through the fiscal year," Plasko said.

Plasko noted that during the last four months of FY 2010, the department spent an average of \$40,000 per month on substitution, meaning the department is al-

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voted 3-2 to make the full cut, with Samargedlis, Joseph and John Badger in favor, Plasko and Courtney Rau opposed.

Superintendent of Schools Jim Hayden noted they were required to reach the target of \$34,125,963 set by the Budget Balancing Committee, and this represented \$2,167,176 in cuts from their initial FY 2012 budget requests.

“We are committed with the town to that bottom line number,” Hayden said. “We have to live within their means.”

While this latest round of cuts will affect services, the changes are necessary to reach the school department’s bottom line.

“Yes, they’re painful, but they’re still allowing programs to function,” Hayden said.

These weren’t the only cuts made at last Wednesday’s meeting. The committee also cut one \$40,800 custodial position and cut \$63,000 from the instrumental music program budget.

The committee also looked at ways to increase revenue to

the school system, and approved fee increases that are projected to bring \$65,450 in new revenue. These fees include \$33,950 in new athletic fees, \$21,500 in new music fees and \$10,000 in new Norwood High School parking fees. The new music fees were approved unanimously, while the increased athletic fees and parking fees were approved 4-1, with Plasko opposed.

Samargedlis noted that while the fee increases do bring in some new revenue, they were not nearly enough to balance the budget.

“Even if we pressed those to the maximum level, we’re just throwing a rock at a tank,” Samargedlis said, as it wouldn’t bring them anywhere near the \$1,458,395 they needed to cut at their Mar. 2 meeting.

All School Committee members spoke about the difficulty that came with raising user fees and making personnel cuts. They recognize the potential ramifications that these cuts will have on students.

“No one here is in favor of reducing services to the students here in Norwood and increasing the costs of those remaining services,” Rau said.

Joseph noted that the School Committee is there for the stu-

dents of Norwood, and they will be the ones most affected by these cuts.

“What it impacts the most, at the end of the day, is the kids,” Joseph said, as these cuts will have ramifications on class sizes and services offered.

While they now have a balanced budget, the School Committee’s work is not done. They will look at ways to restore some of these 21.8 FTE positions in the weeks ahead. Joseph said that during an upcoming executive session, they would be meeting with the collective bargaining units and union presidents to talk about an option to help overcome this budget shortfall.

Joseph did not go into details of what this discussion entails at the School Committee meeting, though at last week’s Budget Balancing Committee there were talks of meeting with unions to negotiate rolling back salaries to last year’s levels. If this goes forward, it might be possible to balance the budget without having to cut those 21.8 FTE positions.

“I look forward to working with our unions members to get down to a number to help us reach that bottom line,” Joseph said.



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Left: Steven L. Chang, MD, MS, Associate Surgeon, Brigham and Women’s Hospital and on the faculty at Harvard Medical School.
Right: Jim C. Hu, MD, MPH, director of the Brigham and Women’s Center for Robotic Surgery at Faulkner Hospital, on staff at Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women’s Cancer Center and on the faculty at Harvard Medical School.



The Budget Balancing Committee went over the town's eighth pass budget.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

Budget not all bad news

Committee frowns on Blue Hill school increases

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Norwood's eighth pass budget came with some good news: a net reduction of \$398,672, giving the town that much more to work with as town officials continue the budget balancing process.

This is largely due to a reduction in the Group Health Insurance budget.

"The Group Health Insurance budget came in," said General Manager John Carroll. "The recommendation is to reduce the Group Health Insurance budget by \$500,000. That's good news."

Assistant Manager Bernie Cooper said this reduction was based on their current Group Health Insurance enrollment. The budget is subject to change, should people switch plans when open enrollment occurs, but since most employees are in the more expensive plans, shift in enrollments could lead to further reduced costs.

"We're fairly comfortable with where we are now," Cooper said.

While this frees up \$500,000 in the budget, it is partially offset by the projected Blue Hills Regional Technical School budget. The town originally allotted \$1,038,480 for Blue Hills, while the school is requesting \$1,139,808, creating a deficit of \$101,328.

School Committee Chairman and Budget Balancing Committee member Mark Joseph did not agree with Blue Hill's request.

"We're not very happy with the Blue Hills budget. We're making cuts," Joseph said, specifically mentioning the 21.8 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions the School Committee chose for removal at its March 2 meeting.

"We're making numerous cuts at this time, and it should be sending a message to Blue Hills," Joseph said.

FinCom member Joseph Greeley noted that while Blue Hills is requesting more money from Norwood, their overall FY 2012 budget dropped by \$124,885. In addition, Norwood's enrollment at Blue Hills is increasing this year, and with increased enrollment comes increased costs.

However, this isn't to say the Finance Commission is in favor

of the requested increase. Member Judith Langone said, "It's something that sticks in our craw every year. They get away with whatever they want, and they've got the law behind them."

Representatives from Blue Hills will meet with the FinCom to discuss their FY 2012 budget on March 22.

In total, the Blue Hills increase and Group Health Insurance decrease leads to an overall budget reduction of \$398,672. This increases the FY 2012 budget ceilings to \$34,345,233 for the school department and \$28,100,645 for the general government departments. Both sides of government believe they can hit these targets.

"We've made our cut," Carroll said, "This will push us a little over the top, actually, if the early retirement incentive works out."

Joseph noted that the School Committee made cuts to reach the number allotted by the seventh pass budget, \$34,125,963, at their March 2 meeting.

"We're plus \$275,000," Joseph said.

Superintendent of Schools James Hayden noted that the schools are allowed to put that \$275,000 back into the budget. School Committee member Paul Samargedlis estimates it can save five FTE positions.

While they have hit their target, the school department is not done with the budget balancing process. They are working with the unions and looking at rolling back the FY 2012 salaries to FY 2011 levels. This would reduce the salary line item, and would allow them to hire back the cut personnel. While people would be earning less than initially proposed, more people would get to keep their jobs.

They are negotiating this with the various unions, so while they have made cuts, the school department's budget is not finalized.

The Budget Balancing Committee also spent time discussing the \$5,923,006 capital projects list. Of this list, the draft recommends borrowing \$4,359,500 to cover projects and deferring \$1,543,506 in projects for future fiscal years.

While they took no action on the capital item list, several members expressed concern over bor-

rowing that much money, as it adds a fixed cost into the budget, one that has to be paid back.

"We can't afford this wish list," Langone said. "We're going to be laying off teachers, we're going to be asking for wage freezes, and we're asking for a \$4 million credit card purchase. That doesn't make sense."

Greeley added, "If there was a year that we needed to take a deep breath and curtail our spending, it's now," though he acknowledged that many items on the capital list need to be done, as it is important to maintain buildings and purchase new equipment to help move the town forward.

Langone noted, "Every one of these projects needs to be done, and so do the ones that have been taken off the list, but there is only so much money to go around."

The Budget Balancing Committee will go over the list in more detail and plans to make a recommendation regarding it at their March 28 meeting.



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Editorial

You can't make this stuff up

OK, can we all agree right here and right now that lawyers should not chew gum during any formal session? Granted, a hearing before a Board of Selectmen is probably not as anxiety provoking as standing in front of a Superior Court judge, but attorney David DeLuca appeared just a little too relaxed slumped in his chair gnawing on a piece of Dentyne while interrogating witnesses. DeLuca may be a fine attorney, but I never saw Mike Lehané chomping while addressing the board.

Of course, DeLuca may have simply had his skivvies in a bunch over the ridiculously poor case handed to him by the Norwood Police Department. For those not able to view Tuesday night's meeting, the Shamrock Pub was called before the board to account for an incident that happened back in October. Why, you may ask are they just having a hearing in March when the incident allegedly occurred almost six months before. Good question, so allow me to set the stage.

On October 18 one already inebriated, historically un-rehabilitated drunk, let's refer to him as "Otis" because he was described as bald, like the drunk on the Andy Griffith show, allegedly enters the Shamrock around 6 pm and is served 6 or 7 additional drinks after he admitted to having already drunk about 15 at home. Police know this because while falling down #\$\$\$-faced on Central Street, a cop pulls up and places Otis in protective custody and asks him where he had been drinking. That was the extent of the investigation for that evening, that month, and even the following two months.

Come around mid-January, Norwood Police decide to further investigate Otis's claim that he was served at the Shamrock while already soused, a major no-no for anyone holding a liquor license. The detective at the hearing explains he only has limited time to work on these kind of issues. "Hey, I'm busy, so sue me," he says (Ok, he really didn't say that last part, I am just exercising some literary license to make my point).

However, the detective explains that the NPD still has a strong case because he had a five-minute phone call with Otis, now living in Vermont, who remembers drinking at the Shamrock months before even though in total he probably had over 20 drinks that night and ended up in the slammer. The detective, not stopping there, then goes to the Shamrock and questions the bartender working the evening in question and asks him if he served Otis months before. Bartender says "nope," never happened, never saw the guy before, but does remember his wife coming in looking for her husband around that date.

Another "break" in the case comes when the wife of Otis testifies under intense grilling by "Jaws" DeLuca that the bartender did deny seeing Otis that evening when she went looking for him, but that a patron sitting outside the Shamrock (you've seen those guys hanging outside of barrooms, who wouldn't believe them?) says he saw Otis stumbling down the street toward the train tracks after drinking in the bar. The wife also said she was told by Otis's al-anon sponsor that Otis was there, but said sponsor didn't want to show up and testify and DeLuca didn't deem it necessary to subpoena him.

OK, OK, the case may seem a little weak, but DeLuca wasn't worried because his star witness, Otis, agreed to travel down from Vermont and testify in the case. A slam-dunk you think? Not exactly. Otis did show up for the hearing, but to everyone's shock, apparently showed up drunk (How would you like to be driving on I-95 around the same time Otis is heading to Norwood?). Not only that, but previous to entering the hallowed halls of our Town Hall, he went to the very Shamrock Pub he was being asked to testify against for a little taste! Otis was denied service, at least on Tuesday night.

This writer's attempt to add a little humor to the events of Tuesday evening should not mitigate the very serious issue raised during the hearing, which had nothing to do with the Shamrock.

The issue concerns a police department that is either understaffed or mismanaged to let a case like this dangle for so long. The detective's claim of having too much to do rang hollow, even though it may be true. Either way, someone should be investigating shoddy police work.

MONEY WON'T SOLVE SPORTS PROBLEMS

To the Editor:

I am responding to your recent article on the sports fees for Norwood. It does not surprise me that the fees are lower than surrounding towns. Everything in Norwood managed by the town seems to be lower. We picked Norwood as a place to live in part due to low taxes and found out about such low recreation fees and other things as well. The town is managed well. I have to disagree with one part of the fees for athletics. It certainly appears there is a financial shortfall and if fees need to go up it seems fair. I do disagree that this will have any effect on the success of the sports teams. The article referenced Westwood and Walpole football programs being ranked in the top 100 and Norwood is not. Cash infusion will not make our teams more successful. You need to look at the leadership of Norwood High School athletics for that answer. Surrounding towns do not have the politics and meddling Norwood has. They want to be successful sports wise. There is a need for processes and proper management to have success. This is a very proud town where people grow up and stay in the town. That is a great asset and you see that pride everywhere you go. It too can be a weakness. Almost every first generation Norwoodite can tell of bias in kids' sports at some point. This bias also affects decisions made at the high school. Most of the varsity coaches grew up in this town and others are teachers. This is especially prevalent on the boys' side. Feel free to look this up. There are some great coaches, but it seems to me that with the law of averages there has to be a time when the Norwood-born coach was not the best candidate. Our AD, of course, was born and brought up

in Norwood.

I cannot judge all sports, but I have coached high school and youth football most of my life. I have managed both youth and adult leagues and know coaches and the fraternity. Look to last year when the Norwood Varsity coach had a vacancy. There were applicants that had proven successful experience as a head football coach and won several division titles and even a championship. The job was awarded to a coach with no head coaching experience but who did graduate from Norwood high and is a teacher at the school. People I know were shocked.

It is great to see the success of the girls' hockey and softball, but look at the last five years of the prior Athletic Directors sports teams' records. Then look at the ample sample of the present AD. The results are striking and getting progressively worse, especially on the boys' side. Last year's football team went 3 and 8. They were not a 3 and 8 team. Next year's team has talent seen once in a decade or even a generation. Hopefully, the learning curve is complete. We will see. Funds may be needed, but sports teams will not improve until there are changes.

*John Anderson
Norwood*

COMMITTEEMAN SHOULD NOT TAKE IT PERSONALLY

To the Editor:

I am commenting on a very lengthy letter to the editor in last week's paper by Mr. Samargedlis.

In the business I am in, we review contracts every year. The business environment today changes so quickly that you need to constantly review what is currently happening. The question was brought up just to review the Special Education program to see if we were still on the right

track. That is the way responsible business is done today. There is no need to take it personally. Every department in the town needs to look more closely at expenditures to make sure that the taxpayers of Norwood are getting a fair shake for their tax dollars.

*Peter F. O'Brien
Norwood*

THANKS FROM COA

Thank you to everyone who helped the Friends of Norwood Council on Aging (COA) over the last ten years. April will be the start of our eleventh year and the past ten years have been fantastic. Around a half a million dollars has been raised and it helped to build the Senior Center addition, bocci courts, horse shoe pits, furnish the exercise room and much more. Our Friday night dances are going strong and our New Years Eve day dance has sold out year after year. We are having a luncheon at the Senior Center for seniors from all the nursing homes in Norwood, on May 6 sponsored by the Friends. They are an important part of the seniors. This will be a yearly event. I have heard people say the Senior Center is for old people. They should come to one of our dances and watch people in their 70s, 80s and yes, even 90s dancing the night away. We call them young at heart, not old. If anyone would like to join the Friends of Norwood COA, just pick up one of our monthly newsletters and fill out the Friends part and for \$5 you become a member for the year. Lastly I would like to say God Bless all of our past members who have passed away in the last 10 years. You are not forgotten and your contributions are the reason we have what we have today.

*Good health, good luck,
God bless, Bill McCoy,
President, COA*

CHURCH NEWS

LENTEN SERVICES AT EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

During Lent, Sunday worship services are scheduled as follows: 8:45 a.m.-Formal Worship Service with Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.-Fellowship Hour, Sunday Church School -Ages 3 (by Sept. 1) - Grade 8, Adult Sunday School; 11:15 a.m.—Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion. Childcare is provided during both worship services. For any questions or more information please call the church office or Pastor Saling at 781-762-9457.

Emmanuel will also be offering midweek Lenten worship services each week throughout Lent. Our midweek focus this year will be on

the humanity of Jesus; specifically the human body in which he lived out his passion and death for our salvation. Week by week, responsive calls to worship, scripture readings, hymn verses, and prayers will help us pay attention to how Jesus gave his life for us All. On Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m. on March 16, 23, 30, April 6, and 13 the service will include a time of devotional worship, prayers of the community, and a message presented by the pastor. On Thursday evenings Emmanuel will present a second mid-week worship experience. Evening prayer service will be offered at 6:45 p.m. on March 17, 24, 31, April 7 and 14.

EVENING SERVICE AND SUPPER AT TEMPLE

Temple Shaare Tefilah will have a supper followed by an evening service on Friday, March 11. The supper, costing \$9, will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Kabbalat Shabbat service at 8 p.m. Temple Shaare Tefilah is a Conservative, Egalitarian congregation located on Commerce Way in Norwood. For more information and directions see www.templeshaaretefilah.org. To make reservations for the supper, leave a message at the Temple office 781-762-8670. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 8.

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**NORWOOD TEMPLE
PURIM CELEBRATION**

Temple Shaare Tefilah will celebrate the holiday of Purim on Saturday, March 19, at 7 p.m. Come hear the Book of Esther. Come in costume to enhance the gaiety! Light refreshments will be provided. The Book of Esther relates to Jewish life in Persia just after 500 BC. It describes how a certain Jewish businessman would only bow to God and not to a certain government official. It happened that the king at that time took a ward of the Jewish man as one of his wives, and she became queen. The king also elevated the government official to high office in the kingdom. The story is one of conflict and escape for the Jewish community, along with palace intrigue. Come listen to the rest of the book (Hebrew with English explanations). Temple Shaare Tefilah is a Conservative, Egalitarian congregation located on Commerce Way in Norwood. For more information and directions see www.templeshaaretefilah.org.

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to real questions for which we need answers. Rabbi Wildstein will lead these sessions on our Jewish religious laws and traditions to help learners so that, when the time of need arrives, they will be more prepared. The first session will consider end of life and medical treatment issues. The second will consider rituals, funerals and mourning practices. The third will consider Jewish thoughts on life after death.

**ICON STUDY AND PRAY
AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

This year's Lenten series at Grace Episcopal Church is centered around praying with icons. For five weeks, beginning on Thursday, March 17, a different icon will be studied based on Henri Nouwen's "Behold the Beauty of the Lord: Praying with Icons." Each week a chapter of Nouwen's book centered on a famous icon will be read and then prayer involving the icon will be introduced. March 17 will be an introduction and study plan for the series. On March 24, the Icon of the Holy Trinity by St. Andrei Rublev will be studied. The following weeks are: March 31, the Icon of the Virgin of Vladimir; April 7, the Icon of the Savior of Zvenigorod; and April 14, the Icon of the Descent of the Holy Spirit. The series will culminate in a pilgrimage to the Museum of Russian Icons in Cinton, on Sat-

urday, April 16. The Thursday evening study group will meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the church located at 150 Chapel Street. All are welcome.

GRACE CHURCH BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Grace Church book club is Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. Erik Lawson's "Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America" will be discussed. The book club meets the third Thursday of each month. Grace Episcopal Church is located at 150 Chapel St. Light refreshments are served.

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Members of the Capital Outlay Committee discussed the capital expenditures list for Fiscal Year 2012.

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Capital projects discussed

Projects totaling millions will not make the cut

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Several department heads met with the Capital Outlay Committee on Monday night to discuss their requests found in the Fiscal Year 2012 capital expenditures list. This draft list contains 37 requests totaling \$5,923,006.

Of this, the draft report recommends borrowing \$4,359,500 to cover immediate projects while deferring \$1,543,506 in projects for future fiscal years. The remaining \$20,000 is for a pair of Conservation Commission projects, and has been placed back in the FY 2012 operating budget.

"There are two major projects on this list," said General Manager John Carroll, specifically referring to the two most expensive items on the list: the \$1,750,000 re-pointing of Town Hall and the \$675,000 in maintenance to the Chapel of St. Gabriel in Highland Cemetery.

Superintendent of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Mark Ryan defended this request, saying that while the chapel is a beautiful building, it is in great need of maintenance.

"I was taken aback by the condition of the building," Ryan said. "You can see a lot of deficiencies with the building. I don't want to say neglect, but we haven't been taking care of it like we should."

He cited a 2009 report from Gienapp Design Associates. This report outlines the numerous problems with the chapel, including leaks throughout the building and damage to the roof, west wing and tower.

"We either have to think about doing something now, or further down the road we will have to make some harsh decisions about this building," Ryan said.

This building, which serves as a mortuary for Mr. and Mrs. Day, has a long history: it was built in 1903 and had its open-

ing ceremony on Memorial Day of that year. The Day family donated the chapel to the town, with the condition that it be made available to residents at no charge for funeral services. It is still used for services today: Ryan estimates that between five and 10 services are held there each year.

"The Days made this donation to the town with the expectation that the town would cover the cost of maintenance of the building," Ryan said.

The Capital Outlay Committee agreed that repairs to the chapel were needed, but asked if it could be done in phases, rather than all at once. Ryan said this was a possibility: the project can be split into four parts. The most expensive of these is waterproofing the chapel, which costs \$265,000. Other potential phases include \$200,000 for tower and west wing repairs, \$200,000 for main entry repairs and \$10,000 for urgent roof repairs.

While the Chapel of St. Gabriel repairs are the DPW's most expensive capital request, it isn't their only one. Ryan is also looking for five new pieces of equipment, totaling \$438,000. Of these, the draft recommends purchasing three items at \$315,000 and deferring the remaining \$123,000. The three items are: replacing the five-ton sander, purchasing a mini-loader and replacing a front-end loader. These requests are Ryan's top three priorities for the DPW at this time, the department can afford to defer the purchase of an underground pipe camera system and one-ton dump truck.

The sander is his top priority. A replacement would cost \$120,000.

"It's a 1998 sander," Ryan said. "We were very fortunate to get through this year with it... it's beyond its useful life."

His second priority is purchasing a \$55,000 mini-loader for the DPW. This vehicle was used during the winter season, and proved to be a very versa-

tile item for the department.

"We tried it out this winter, and it was an absolute godsend," Ryan said.

The mini-loader will be used to replace a sidewalk tractor. Unlike the sidewalk tractor, the mini-loader can be used year-round and isn't restricted to sidewalk work. The DPW's third priority is replacing the 1987 front-end loader, and this will cost \$140,000.

The DPW is also requesting a \$30,000 Ventrac mower, which will be used at the landfill and near the Ellis Pond dam. Ryan noted that this mower will pay for itself in three years, as currently the town outsources mowing of the dump at the cost of \$10,000 annually. Because the mower should last eight to 10 years, it will save the town between \$50,000 and \$70,000 during its expected lifespan.

The DPW wasn't the only department with some expensive requests. Fire Chief Michael Howard stopped by to discuss his six capital requests, totaling \$1,011,250. Of these six requests, the draft report recommends deferring five of them: the only one suggested for borrowing is replacing Ambulance 2 at a cost of \$281,250.

"Our top priority for Fiscal Year 2012 is the replacement of Ambulance 2," Howard said. "That ambulance was purchased in 2004. It has 58,000 miles on it, and has responded to over 15,000 calls."

The plan is to purchase a new ambulance and use Ambulance 2 as the back-up ambulance. The current backup ambulance is from 1998.

As for the department's other five requests, Howard agrees that he can defer four of them: the replacement of Squad 1, the replacement of a truck with a generator, the replacement of a Crown Victoria and replacing the portable radios. However, he feels that replacing the \$250,000

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Demolition drawing near

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

It might still be winter, but workers at the new Norwood High School construction site are preparing for the summer season. Phase 2 of the construction project begins on June 15, and crews will be tasked with demolishing a portion of the existing building and installing an access road prior to the start of school in September.

"We're doing a lot of planning for the spring and summer work," said Michael Moisé, Executive Manager for Agostini Construction. "We're in that planning phase so we can hit the ground running when the kids get done with school in June."

Moisé said the company will receive half of the West Wing of the existing building for work in mid-June. This will allow them to begin asbestos abatement, which must be done before demolition begins.

"Once the asbestos abatement is complete, we can take the West Wing down," Moisé said, and then they will begin installing the Access Road, which will be used by school buses to drop students off at the new school. There is a second

road leading to a drop-off point behind the building, which parents can use when dropping students at school.

They are on a tight schedule: the phase two work must be done before the school year begins, so that students, teachers and administrative staff can access the building.

"We've got two weeks to get [the West Wing] out of the way, so construction of this road can start," Moisé said.

There are some concerns that come with demolition, including dust and noise that come with construction work of this nature.

"It will be noisy," Moisé said. "I guess the good news is, it's for a short period: only a couple of months before the demolition is completely done."

In addition to the demolition and creation of this access road, the spring and summer work includes furniture, fixtures and equipment (FFE) installation. FFE work will begin on May 16, the day after the substantial completion day of the building.

"We estimate [FFE work] will be done by July 4," said Bryan Jarvis of Compass Project Management.

The technology present in

the new school will be installed alongside the FFE, and should be done by the middle of July. Once this is complete, the building will be open to administrative staff and teachers.

"We plan to have George [Usevich's] office open in the new building by the middle of July," Jarvis said, and they hope to have it open for teachers by Aug. 1.

In addition to looking forward, construction crews are hard at work on the interior of the new Norwood High School. Several areas of the building, including the second and third floors of the classroom wing, are on the punch list stage, and the first floor is nearing the punch list stage as well.

One element of the first floor that remains is the installation of porcelain tile, which is being placed in the main corridor and lobby of the new building.

Several other areas of the building are complete or nearing completion. The gymnasium was finished a few weeks ago, and the auditorium should be done by the middle of March.

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Welch to seek selectmen seat

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

With two openings on the Board of Selectmen, former Superintendent of Public Works Joseph Welch turned in his nomination papers on Feb. 10, and is one of three candidates for the open seat.

Welch is in a race with former Assistant to the Chief of Police Paul Bishop and former Finance Commission member Allan Howard. Welch has begun to campaign and hopes that people will come out on April 4 and support him in the Annual Town Election.

"I think it will be a good race," Welch said. "Every one of us has been in Norwood all our lives."

Welch got approximately 175 signatures on his nomination papers in under 48 hours. He began collecting signatures on Tuesday, Feb. 8, after Kelleher announced he would not seek reelection, and turned in his papers on Thursday afternoon.

"When I saw there were four people running - including another town employee - I figured I'd wait another year," Welch said. "When the two incumbents



Joseph Welch

dropped out, I decided to run."

While he has not held an elected position in town, Welch has a wealth of experience, including 20 years as a Town Meeting member, serving from 1974 to 1994. He has also served as president of both the Norfolk/Bristol/Middlesex Highway Association and the Mass Highway Association.

Welch was also a member of the engineering department for two years, the Superintendent of Highland Cemetery for five

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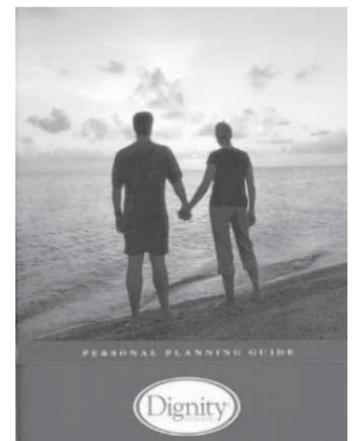
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console radio is needed at this time.

“Those items are in need of replacement based on their age and continued operability,” Howard said, adding that, should the console radio get replaced, it would complete a radio replacement program that began in 2004.

These console radios have an estimated lifespan of eight years. While this doesn’t sound like a long time, it is because the items are in constant use.

“They are on 24 hours a day, 365 days a year,” Howard said.

While most of the discussion involved FY 2012, the Capital Outlay Committee also addressed the Fire Department’s ten-year plan, specifically an item coming up in FY 2015.

“My biggest worry with your department is the ladder truck,” Capital Outlay Committee Chairman Kevin Connolly said, noting it will cost approximately \$1.6 million to replace.

Howard acknowledged this concern and the high price tag associated with the ladder truck.

“It will be the most expensive item, obviously, that we have to replace,” Howard said, and it will certainly have budget ramifications down the line.

Another series of requests were for replacing boilers throughout the town at a combined cost of \$432,750.

“You’re going to see three boilers in here: one in the Town Hall, one at the Recreation Department and one at the library,” Carroll said.

Library Director Charlotte Canelli outlined her department’s request for a \$200,000 boiler. The \$200,000 is a placeholder, as they have not received an estimate yet, though the town is working on receiving an estimate from Wilkinson Boiler. It is possible it will come in below this \$200,000 price tag.

“We do need to replace it,” Canelli said, noting the boiler is

approximately 46 years old.

The boiler was installed in 1965. It was originally an oil-fired burner, but was eventually converted to natural gas. This conversion lowered its efficiency in combustion. A report from Morrill Memorial Library Senior Custodian James Croak indicates a boiler of this age has an efficiency range of between 45 to 70 percent.

Canelli notes that the boiler gets regular inspection and service, so it hasn’t been a problem yet, but could be if the town doesn’t act to replace it soon.

While the Capital Outlay Committee agreed this was a legitimate request, they took no action on it or the list as a whole. They are waiting to hear the Budget Balancing Committee’s recommendation regarding the capital budget, and will act after that. The next meeting of the Capital Outlay Committee is scheduled for March 28 at 7 p.m.

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Bid documents will be made available beginning March 17, 2011. A pre-bid conference will be held on March 30, 2011, at 11:00 A.M., in the airport conference room (Airport Manager’s Office), 125 Access Road, Norwood, MA 02062. Prospective bidders may contact Mr. Russ Maguire, Airport Manager, at 781-255-5615, to arrange a site visit if they are not able to attend the pre-bid conference.

A certified check or bid bond in an amount not less than 5% of the bid price for the Contract work will be required from each bidder. The bid security, made payable to Town of Norwood, shall be as described under INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS.

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The Instruction to Bidders, Bid Proposal, Contract Documents, Drawings, and Specifications may be examined at the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062, (781) 762-1240; and Dubois & King, Inc., 18 Constitution Drive, Suite 8, Bedford, NH 03110 (603) 637-1043.

Drawings and Specifications may only be obtained from the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062, (781) 762-1240, Extension 106 or 107.

When copies of Drawings and Specifications are taken out, a deposit of \$100.00 (check only) will be required for each complete set of Drawings and Specifications. Check shall be made payable to the Town of Norwood. This deposit will be refunded in full upon the return of the complete set of drawings and specifications in good condition to the Contract Administrator, Town of Norwood, at the bid opening, or within thirty (30) calendar days thereafter. No refund will be made for documents received after this period. Requests to mail copies of drawings and specifications will be honored only upon receipt, for each set, of an additional \$20.00 mailing fee (separate check made payable to the Town of Norwood) which is non-returnable. A planholder’s list can be obtained at the Town’s website at www.norwoodma.gov.

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Challengers hit the ice and have a ball

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Nuggets held their annual Challenger Skate at the Metropolis Skating Rink in Canton on Saturday. Dozens of Challenger League participants hit the ice and spent the afternoon skating.

The event was made possible thanks to the Norwood Nuggets, who donated an hour of ice time to the Challenger League.

This Challenger Skate program is a longstanding tradition, going back to 2000. Bob Smith, Program Director for Challenger Sports, said the Norwood Nuggets do this every year for them, and they appreciate it.

"The important thing is that the kids are having fun," Smith said. "They're learning to skate, they're having fun and they are getting some exercise."

Norwood Challenger Sports offers recreational opportunities for children and young adults with a wide range of physical and intellectual challenges. They offer tag football in the fall, basketball in the winter and baseball during the spring.

Kelley thanked both the

Norwood Nuggets and the Bantams, the youth hockey organizations who volunteered at the event. The Bantams assisted some of the inexperienced skaters around the ice and helped ensure everyone had a good time.

"We wanted to get them involved in the community by helping out the challenger kids," said Norwood Nuggets consultant Tom Kewriga.

The efforts of the Nuggets and the Bantams were appreciated.

"There was a smile on everyone's face," Smith said. "The kids love it, the families love it and everyone is having a good time."

Also enjoying the event was John Kelley, President of the Norwood branch of the Special Education Parent's Advisory Committee (SEPAC).

"This is the twelfth year we've done this, and every year, the Norwood Nuggets donate the ice," Kelley said. "It's such a wonderful program, and Norwood is such a wonderful community. They welcome the special education students."

SEPAC is a group that aims

to facilitate communication between school administration and parents, helping to forward the understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs who reside within the town.

"We try to help parents figure out what their rights are, under the law, for special education," Kelley said.

More information on SEPAC is available at their website, www.norwood.k12.ma.us/page.php?pid=58. For more on the Norwood Nuggets and pictures from previous Challenger Skates, visit the Nuggets web site, www.norwoodnuggets.org.

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years, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works for 12 years and Superintendent of Public Works for 23 years, from 1986 to 2009. In total, he has 42 years experience in town government.

"I still want to stay involved in the town," Welch said. "I got a lot out of the town and a lot of satisfaction working for the town. I want to give back."

During his long tenure in town government, Welch met with and gave presentations to numerous groups, including the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting. He was involved in the DPW budget preparations, and feels this experience will aide him, should he be elected.

"I know all of the town departments and how they work," Welch said.

The candidate knows he has a tough road ahead of him, and a busy time on the campaign trail. He has already prepared information cards on his experience in town, is working on a letter to send to Norwood residents, has ordered signs and is getting ready to travel around town and reintroduce himself to the citizens.

"I know I'm a little late getting started," Welch said. "Probably my biggest problem with this race is I'm not a politician, so I am going to have to get acclimated to what I have to do."

As Superintendent of the DPW for 23 years, the condition of the public works yard is important to Welch, and is one of the things he will advocate for if elected.

"I am a proponent of a new public works yard, or the rebuilding of the existing yard," Welch said. "It's really in disarray. I think it's time."

The need for a new public works yard is nothing new. Welch said that 20 years ago, while he was Superintendent of Public Works, it was the number one item on the capital projects list, though it was never acted upon. Today, the site remains at Lyman Place and does not fully meet the needs of the department, though Town Meeting members approved appropriating \$35,000 to hire a consultant to develop a conceptual study to keep the DPW yard at its current site.

Welch recognizes the importance of the department and the all the work its employees do around town.

"[The DPW's work] touches someone every day, whether you know it or not," Welch said. "As long as everything is working, people are happy."

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The Friends of the Council on Aging met after the monthly COA meeting. Friends President Bill McCoy is a proponent of evening hours at the Senior Center during the summer.

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Flags to summer hours

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Senior Center is getting a flag, which will be installed in the flower garden outside the building.

The Council on Aging (COA) approved the purchase of a flagpole back at their Jan. 6 meeting, contingent on School

Department approval. At the COA's March 3 meeting, Senior Center Executive Director Dorothy Vitale revealed they have received this approval from Superintendent of Schools Jim Hayden.

In a letter from Hayden to the COA, Hayden wrote, "I am in full support of this project, and approve of your location in the flower garden."

"We do need a vote from the board, but quite frankly, I think it's a great idea," Vitale said, and the issue will be discussed in more detail at a future COA meeting.

The idea was proposed by Friends of the COA President Bill McCoy, who feels it would be beneficial to both the seniors in town and the center itself.

"I think you're going to get some more people to come up here, and it could help the place," McCoy said during the Friends of the COA meeting.

In addition to a potential expansion of hours in the summer, Vitale discussed the need for more space at the Senior Center.

"Are we running out of room?" asked Vitale. "I hate to say it, but we are. Every group we have is growing, from Whist to Mahjong."

She noted that the group of crafters who use the building on Monday afternoons has grown so large that they are no longer working in the craft room, but the large meeting room. These crafters have been hard at work over recent months knitting caps, prayer shawls, afghans and more to local hospitals. In February alone the group donated 23 prayer shawls to the Norwood Hospital, 17 lap robes and 10 full-size afghans to the VA Hospital and over 20 knitted caps to cancer patients.

Vitale is working hard to accommodate every group that wishes to use the Senior Center.

"We just need to be a little more creative in our planning," she said.

She is working with the Morrill Memorial Library to see if some programs can utilize that site, including a potential revival of the Senior Center book club.

"When I came here four years ago, I know many of you were disappointed our book club was cancelled," Vitale said. "We haven't resurrected that, but we have the support of the library to do that."



Dorothy Vitale

Vitale said that with this approval they can move forward, and will install the flagpole once the ice melts and they can break into the ground.

The COA is covering the costs associated with the flagpole, while the Friends of the COA were tasked with acquiring the initial flag. They have also agreed to purchase replacements when the flag wears out.

"Jim Schmidt is donating the flag," Vitale said. "It's a flag that flew in Iraq."

COA member Frank McDermott said they should consider a dedication ceremony once the flag is installed. Vitale agreed that this was a good idea, and one worth looking into.

Vitale and the COA also discussed potential evening openings during the summer. Traditionally, the Senior Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but they are looking into remaining open one night per week during the summer season.

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Sports



Captain Ali Maloof has been one of the driving forces behind the girls' hockey team postseason run. This year's team has already won two games in the postseason.

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Girls' hockey tops Sandwich 4-1

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Mustangs have made winning look easy in the Division 2 South tournament.

Norwood defeated Winchester 4-1 in its first round matchup, and followed up the effort with a 4-1 victory over Sandwich to advance to the semifinals for the first time in school history.

"This is farther than any Norwood girls team has ever gone," said Norwood head coach Bill O'Donnell. "It's a real credit to the girls."

The Blue Knights stifled the Mustangs in the first 10 minutes of the contest, and took advantage of its offensive opportunities. Sandwich sophomore Katherine O'Brien gave the Blue Knights an early 1-0 lead, scoring with 4:23 remaining in the first. Freshman

Claire Gauthier and senior Megan Congro provided assists on the effort.

"Down 1-0, they didn't put their heads down," O'Donnell said. "They knew what they had to do."

The Blue Knights could not maintain their momentum, and the Mustangs responded 17 seconds later with a goal of their own. Norwood junior Hayley O'Rourke tied the score at 1-all. Senior co-captain Ali Maloof assisted on the play.

The top-seeded Mustangs were outshot 11-5 in the first, but their team effort proved it's the shot quality, not the quantity, that matters.

The score remained tied heading into the second period, but sophomore goaltender Christina Frasca stepped up her effort. Frasca kept the Sandwich offense at bay in the

second and third periods, stopping 28 shots in the matchup.

The Mustangs' powerplay unit took advantage of a hooking penalty against Katherine O'Brien to gain the lead. Norwood sophomore Jenny O'Donnell scored a powerplay goal with 8:29 remaining in the period to give the Mustangs a 2-1 lead. Maloof provided the assist on the effort, and Norwood would never trail again in the contest.

Maloof kicked off the Mustangs' scoring in the third period. The senior co-captain gave the Mustangs a 3-1 lead with 12:47 left in the game, while sophomores Katie O'Brien and Heather Folan assisted.

Senior co-captain Lisa Coskren iced the game with

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Boys' hockey falls in quarters

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood boys' hockey team finished the regular season on a five-game winless streak, but proved it was ready to play at the start of the Division 1 South tournament.

The Mustangs earned a 5-1 victory over Brockton in its first-round matchup with the Brockton Boxers. Norwood overcame a sluggish end to the regular season to open the tournament on a strong note.

"We had two good days of practice this week," Clifford said, "and they came out and were ready to play."

The Mustangs entered the Division 1 South tournament as a No. 11 seed, but were not intimidated by the sixth-seeded Boxers. Norwood outplayed and outthrustled throughout the contest, playing faster and smarter from the opening face-off to the final horn.

"They're a quick team," Clifford said. "When they want to come and play, they can play. I thought our speed was the difference in the game."

The Mustangs' put their speed on display early, outshooting the Boxers 4-0 in the first 1:15 of the contest and 13-1 in the period. Senior co-captain Adam Kewriga gave the

Mustangs a 1-0 lead with 2:07 remaining in the first. Fellow senior co-captain Anthony Gaita assisted on the goal.

Gaita scored his first of two goals on the night less than two minutes later. The Norwood co-captain capitalized on a powerplay opportunity, putting the puck past Boxers senior goaltender Chris Samaras and giving the Mustangs a 2-0 lead with 22.2 seconds remaining in the period. Sophomore Tyler Gover and junior Andrew Alty assisted on the effort.

"He's played well all year," Clifford said of Gaita. "He's a senior captain and has shown great leadership."

The Mustangs held a two-goal advantage after the first period, and continued their aggressive play into the second. Alty scored with 12:43 remaining in the period, giving Norwood a 3-0 lead. Junior Jake Ranalli and senior Michael DeCosta provided assists on the goal.

Norwood continued to put pressure on the Boxers, and refused to let Brockton get comfortable. Gaita scored with 5:24 remaining to give the Mustangs a four-goal lead. Alty assisted on the effort.

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Norwood players ready for a faceoff. The team lost in the second round of the state tournament.

PHOTO BY DANIEL KOBIALKA

Campaign season underway

Brad Cole

Staff Reporter

Signs are popping up on people's front lawns, candidates are knocking on residents' doors, kickoff parties have been held and pamphlets are being presented to potential voters. This can only mean one thing: it's election season.

There are three contested races this year. Former Finance Commission member Allan Howard, former police officer Paul Bishop and former Department of Public Works Superintendent Joseph Welch have all announced their candidacy for the Board of Selectmen. There are two open seats, as both Jerry Kelleher and Tom McQuaid have opted not to seek reelection.

The other two races are for the Planning Board and Norwood Housing Authority. Planning Board Chairman E. William Bamber is being challenged by Associate Zoning Board of Appeals member Debbie Holmwood; Norwood Housing Authority incumbent Patty Starr will face Joe Rich.

Norwood voters will have numerous opportunities to see

and question these candidates prior to the April 4 Annual Town Election. One of these opportunities comes on March 15 at 7 p.m., when Norwood Public Access (NPA) hosts a candidates' forum called "On the Ballot." It will air live and be re-run throughout the remainder of March. This is the eighth year NPA-TV has held such a forum, though in past years it was called a debate.

"The plan is to do three sets of forums, with the Housing Authority, the Planning Board and the Selectmen candidates," NPA Government Access Coordinator Brian Albertson said.

The forum will be hosted by former Town Moderator Jack McCarthy, who will ask the candidates questions. They will also take calls, giving Norwood residents a chance to ask candidates about the issues.

Albertson said they also hope to include prerecorded statements from Finance Commission candidate Judith Langone and School Committee candidates Bill Plasko Jr. and Mark Joseph. All three are up for re-election and are running unopposed.

Another opportunity is the

annual League of Women Voters Candidates Night, which will be held at Memorial Hall in the Norwood Town Hall on March 21 at 7:30 p.m. All candidates - both those in contested races and those running unopposed - have been invited to participate. Much like the candidates' forum, this will air live on NPA-TV and be re-run prior to the election.

A third opportunity is at the annual Meet the Candidates forum held at the Norwood Senior Center. Senior Center Executive Director Dorothy Vitale confirmed such an event would be held, and is working on finalizing a date and time and contacting the candidates. She hopes to have the candidates from all three contested races present.

All this campaigning culminates on Monday, April 4 with the Annual Town Election. There will be two new faces on the Board of Selectmen, and with contested races for the Housing Authority and Planning Board, as well as an open seat on the Library Board of Trustees, other groups could see changes as well.

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ready operating at a deficit of \$4,000 per month for the remainder of FY 2011.

"It looks to me that you stand to be quite short by the end of the fiscal year, and it doesn't look to me like you're doing anything to manage that," Plasko said. "You say you're managing it, but I don't see what you're doing."

Howard said he was aware of the budget and the restrictions that come with it, and will be able to live within the \$637,000 line item through the remainder of the fiscal year.

"I'm very aware of what I have to do to get to June 30," Howard said, adding he will have to reduce the minimum staffing numbers in the months ahead.

Selectman Michael Lyons took issue with another aspect of the Fire Department monthly report relating to substitution. On page six of the report, Howard writes that the "two firefighters/EMT positions not funded again in the FY 2011 budget has resulted in 122 tours (244 shifts) having to be covered from July 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011 at a cost of \$109,653.60," and this accounts for approximately 22.22 percent of the substitution costs thus far.

Lyons did not approve of the message this statement states. He said it indicates, "The position of the management of the Fire Department is the reason we have this much spending in our substitution account is because those two positions have not been filled."

Lyons noted that these positions have not existed for several years, and should not be included in the monthly report. He said the statement suggests the problem is caused entirely by the loss of two employees, not the minimum staffing level of 14 or procedures set by Chief Howard.

"They are simply not an excuse anymore," Lyons said, adding that Howard must consider other potential causes for the continued substitution account problems.

The substitution account is not the only concern. There is \$80,000 allotted in the Fiscal Year 2011 overtime and recall budget. So far, the Fire Department has spent \$67,297.31. Of this, \$34,007 has been spent since December, \$14,943.40 of which specifically associated with emergency snow and ice storms.

"We are overspent this year as compared to last year, but I'm confident in the upcoming months that we will be OK," Howard said, as nearly a quarter of the overtime costs so far were due to increased activity during the winter season.

Currently, they have spent 84.12 percent of the department's \$80,000 budget, meaning they are overspent year to date by \$13,969.31. This drew comment from Plasko.

"I'm concerned with the budget, in particular the overtime and recall," Plasko said. "I feel you're overspent more than you need to be."

In addition, the Fire Department has spent \$213,978.60 of their \$321,000 building budget. A large reason for this is the cost of electricity.

"The electric budget is going to be short by approximately \$100,000," Howard said.

There is a \$125,000 line item for electricity costs, and only \$22,521.59 remains in this account.

"It appears, right now, that we're going to be at \$225,000," Howard said. "The electric bills have been substantial."

Howard noted that the increase in electricity costs is partially due to increased use of the police and fire community room coupled with rate increases.

Discussion regarding the Fire Department culminated during the Selectmen's personal agendas, when Lyons moved that General Manager John Carroll look at what it would require to make the Fire Chief report directly to the Town Manager, rather than the Board of Selectmen. He suggested it might require legislative action or a Town Meeting vote, and wanted more information on what it would take.

"We need a more professional and efficiently run department, at least from a financial standpoint," Lyons said.

He feels the department needs closer, daily professional management, rather than monthly reports to a group of part-time volunteers. It makes more sense to have someone in Town Hall full time for the chief to report to.

Plasko supported this motion, stating, "I think it makes sense for efficient operations."

Board of Selectmen Chairman Jerry Kelleher said they can't question the chief's efforts, but noted that many of his decisions have led to grievances from the union. The most recent was the filing of a third step grievance regarding vacations filed by Andrew Quinn, President of International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1631.

This motion passed unanimously, and Carroll is tasked with looking at what it would require to make the Fire Chief report directly to him.

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Track teams finish with a kick

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

The Norwood boys' indoor track team finished its season with a 2-3 record, but two members of the girls' squad continued their seasons at the New England Championships on Friday.

Norwood seniors' Lauren Duggan and Cory Ryan earned spots at the event following strong performances during the season. Duggan finished the season as one of the top shot-putters in the state, while Ryan excelled in the 300 meter dash.

Both athletes showed they could compete with the best in New England. Duggan won the shot-put title with a distance of 12.47 meters, a personal best. Ryan finished third in the 300 meter dash at 40.6 seconds.

The girls' efforts could provide hope to both indoor track teams next season. Norwood's new high school will be completed at the start of next season, which could have a tremendous impact on next season's squad.

"I think the new facility will increase our numbers and will make us a lot more com-

petitive," said Norwood boys' head coach Russ Booth. "I think it will be a great step up from what we've had in the last three or four years."

The boys' team faced challenges this season, including several snowstorms which delayed practices and meets. But the team persevered, and through it all, managed to have a productive season.

"We had increased numbers, which was good," Booth said, "and consistent efforts at practice, which was great."

Duggan

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Quick Hits

There seems to be no end in sight for college sports and their recruiting problems and violations. After the college football season was overshadowed by one player's recruitment fiasco, a recent spate of recruiting violations has reached the campus of college football's runner-up.

The two teams that fought for the NCAA football national championship have now both been surrounded by controversy.

Auburn University had their season hijacked by Cam Newton and his father's quest to seek payment for his son's talents.

The Heisman winner Newton was embroiled by eligibility controversy for nearly the whole season, a story that overshadowed the National Championship itself.

Follow that up with a recent recruiting scandal for runner-up Oregon, in which the school reportedly paid \$25,000 to a man to help them land highly touted Texas running back Lache Seastrunk.

It's fairly obvious that there need to be changes made to the NCAA system, or at least some sort of crack-down. This epidemic of recruiting violations hardly starts and ends with Oregon and Auburn, as it seems that recruiting violations have become a part of the college sports culture.

Former national football

powerhouse Southern Cal is now suffering mightily thanks to a series of recruiting violations. The NCAA can dole out as much punishment as it wants, but it won't stop the backhanded and sleazy culture that permeates Division I sports recruiting.

There are far too many "handlers" and "advisors" leading 18 year old men astray, and it leaves college programs with the choice of cheating the system or failing to land talented players.

It's hard to find a solution to the problem at the moment, but it would seem there needs to be a complete revamping of the system.

Why not let the students choose their college without the pressure of coaches calling every five minutes, and various characters trying to make a buck off of a teenager's talents.

Why not eliminate the recruiting process in which colleges seek out players, but rather let a player visit a college one or two times, and have a one hour meeting with the head football coach.

Let's tone down on coaches flying cross country to watch a high school practice. No more texting prospective players at midnight on the first minute of open contact period.

How about college athletes work their way through the college process just like everybody else.



Gil Haylon



Goalie Christina Frasca has helped the girls' hockey team to their deepest postseason run in the team's history.

PHOTO BY ZALINA MCGUIRE

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4:35 remaining. Coskren scooped up the garbage in front of the net, gently pushing the puck past Sandwich goaltender Megan O'Connell following a blocked attempt by senior Taylor Donners. The goal gave the Mustangs a 4-1 lead, and Norwood left the Foxboro Sports Center with the 4-1 victory.

Norwood will face Fontbonne in the Division 2 tournament semi-finals this Saturday at 4 p.m. The team recognizes it has plenty of work to do if it hopes to continue to be successful in the tournament.

"This team just needs to focus on the next team at hand," O'Donnell said. "It will be a challenge no matter who we play."



Ali Maloof takes a faceoff in a game against Dedham earlier in the season.

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The Norwood boys' hockey team celebrates after its opening round victory. Unfortunately the team would lose in the second round.

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Brockton junior Nick Seropian cut the deficit to 4-1, scoring the Boxers lone goal of the night with 3:58 remaining. Junior Matt Guillemette and senior Jason Guillemette earned assists on the effort.

Norwood junior Peter Kelly finished off the Boxers, scoring with 1:26 remaining in the third period to give the Mustangs a 5-1 advantage.

Norwood earned the 5-1 victory over Brockton, but could not carry the momentum into its matchup against Marshfield. The Rams shut out

the Mustangs 4-0 in the quarterfinals of the tournament.

"The kids worked hard this year," Clifford said of his team's tournament performance. "Overall, I thought they had a good year."

The loss closes an enjoyable yet challenging year for the Mustangs, one which saw them compete against several Super 8 opponents and face a variety of injuries.

"The kids overcame a lot of adversity," Clifford said, "and we had some people step in and do a good job."

Athlete of the Week

Little man makes big plays

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

Mustang sophomore Tyler Gover stands 5-foot-6, making him the shortest player on the Norwood squad, and on most nights, the tiniest athlete on the ice. But the 140-lb. forward has shown it's his play, not his size, that counts.

Gover plays with a relentless aggression on the ice. The sophomore utilizes his speed and quickness while remaining a physical presence in the lineup to keep Norwood's offense moving in the right direction.

Gover finished among the team leaders in goals and assists; his 23 points were second only to senior co-captain Adam Kewriga. Gover possesses a tenacity that has made him a valuable contributor to the Norwood squad.

The youthful Mustangs faced challenges this season, including injuries, inconsistency and inexperienced play. But Gover's play helped keep his team on track during difficult times.

"We all played really well together this season," Gover said. "It's really fun when we play in games and we get our offense going."

Despite his diminutive size, Gover agitated his opponents by becoming a physical presence on both ends of the ice. The sophomore showed his toughness along the boards as well, a trait he considers to be his greatest strength.

"I always try my hardest along the boards," Gover said, "and even though I'm the tiniest kid out there, I always feel like I can come out of



Tyler Gover

there with the puck, no matter who I'm going up against."

Gover may appear to be David, but the sophomore has shown he's not afraid to battle players who are nearly twice his size at times. The Mustang forward seizes his opportunities to battle the big guys.

"When you hit them, they know that you're out there," Gover said. "They have to be aware of where you are at all times."

Gover began playing hockey when he was six years old. Opponents may take him lightly due to his lack of size, but the Norwood forward has shown he can compete with the best players at every level.

"[Norwood Youth Hockey] is good competition," Gover said, "but when you get to high

school, the whole game changes."

Gover displayed his competitive spirit in the Division 1 South tournament. The sophomore left the Mustangs' 5-1 victory over Brockton with a shoulder injury, but battled back to play in the quarterfinal matchup against Marshfield.

Norwood finished the regular season 9-8-5 overall. Gover recognizes there is plenty of room for improvement.

"This year, I thought we played well, but there were some games where we fell apart," Gover admitted. "We gave away some easy games that we should have won."

Gover may be small, but Mustang fans can expect big things from the forward next season.

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The Mustangs included several multi-sport athletes who performed admirably during the season, including sophomore David Solis and junior Jon Canniff. The boys' team performed at a consistently high level.

"[The record's] not great, but for my first season, I was excited," Booth said. "The team competed hard every single week."

Norwood displayed its competitive spirit in a Jan. 6 meet

against Natick. The Mustangs earned a 57-37 victory thanks to a strong team effort.

"The kids saw it was going to be a close meet, and they would need to compete in every event," Booth said of the victory. "And I really appreciated that."

But the Mustangs faced challenges outside the Reggie Lewis Center as well. Several snowstorms delayed meets and made outdoor practices difficult.

"Towards the end of the sea-

son, our meet schedule was affected quite a bit," Booth said. "It got a little hectic at the end of the season."

The new facility could help ease weather concerns next season. The teams will have the opportunity to practice indoors consistently, regardless of the weather conditions. Booth said he believes the new facility could lead to increased participation and improved performances from the boys and girls teams.

The Record Book

LWV CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Norwood League of Women Voters is sponsoring a Candidates Night, Monday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Memorial Hall. All candidates have been invited.

NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB DANCE

The Norwood Irish Music Club invites you to join them, Saturday, March 12 for the club's Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, at 6:30 p.m., followed by our usual dance at 8 p.m. Dinner and Dance tickets are \$25 per person and the Dance only door fee is the usual \$10 p.m. Music by Denis Curtin. Dances are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. All are welcome. Call 781-982-4092 for more information.

ZELDA FITZGERALD PERFORMANCE

Talented actress and singer Rita Parisi will perform an original one-woman play at the Morrill Memorial Library on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m., called "Zelda, Musings from the First American Flapper." After the death of her husband, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald rummages through the effects of her life in the attic of her mother's home in Montgomery, AL in 1940. Every item and its associated memory reveals to the audience the life of a woman who was more than the beautiful muse and the mentally unstable flapper wife to one of the greatest "lost generation" writers. Parisi's play is a tribute to an often-misunderstood woman who was also a mother, a dancer, an exhibited artist and a published writer. This free program, appropriate for mature teens and up, is funded by the Friends of the Library and by a partial grant from the Norwood Cultural Council. Space is limited, so please sign up at the library Reference Desk or Information Desk or call 781-769-0200, x110 or x222. The Norwood Library is accessible to people with disabilities.

WATERCOLOR ARTIST GUEST OF NORWOOD ART ASSOCIATION

Professional artist Robert Mesrop is the guest demonstrator for the upcoming Norwood Art Association meeting, to be held in the Simoni Room of the Norwood Library on Thursday, March 17, at 6:45 p.m. He will demonstrate his watercolor technique, in particular his distinctive ability to convey a powerful contrast of light and dark. In 1987 Mr. Mesrop left the advertising world and moved to the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York. It's mountains, mists, clouds and waters provided inspiration for many of his paintings. A few years ago he settled on Cape Cod, where he now enjoys interpreting the area's waterways, marshes, towns and back roads. The Norwood Art Association demonstrations are held on the third Thursday of each month (September through May) and each features a noted local artist. The demonstrator usually starts with a blank canvas and completes a painting that evening, to the delight of the audience. The demonstration is free and open to the public.

MANY MARCH ACTIVITIES AT THE CIVIC

Join us during March for some exciting activities: Touch A Truck, Norwood Police, Fire, Airport, and DPW will supply lots of trucks for your enjoyment. For all ages, Saturday, March 19, 9-11 a.m., in the Municipal Lot, Free! Summer Program Fair Meet terrific summer staff

and learn about all the options this summer, Saturday, March 19, 10-12 p.m., arts, crafts, face paint and more. Held at the Norwood Recreation Department Gymnasium. Shop and Drop, Friday, March 11, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. For ages 2.5-5, \$18 per child. Kids Yoga Party, March 12, ages 3-7, 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, \$20 per child. Quake and Bake Volcano Party, Create your own lava cake, decorate a volcano hat and watch a Mentos volcano explode. Party concludes with decorating and eating your cake, for ages 4-11 (children under 6 require a parent) 2-4 p.m. Art Room/Gym, \$15 per person. Parents Night Out. Final one of the year. Ages 7-11 Friday, March 11 from 6-9 p.m. includes pizza and juice, \$5 per person. Home Alone Safety, for ages 9-11, Friday, March 11, from 10-12 p.m. Children will learn telephone and door answering techniques, internet and accident safety, manage time and more. \$42 per person and instructed by Juanita Allen, W-EMT. B.L.A.S.T. an American Pediatric course that covers how to handle the basics of infant and childcare, how to react responsibly to medical concerns, perform first aid and set up and run your own babysitting business. For ages 11-13, Friday, March 11, \$48 per child.

SIGN-UP FOR STORYTIMES AT THE LIBRARY

Sign-up is currently underway for the children's weekly storytimes at the Morrill Memorial Library. The storytimes begin March 1 and run for 7 weeks. Lapsits, designed for children under 3 and their family, will take place on Fridays from 10:30-11 a.m. and again from 11:30 a.m. - 12 Noon. The storytimes are identical, but the earlier Lapsit requires registration and the second Lapsit is drop-in. The 3 year old storytimes are on Thursdays from 10-10:30 a.m., and the 4 & 5 year old storytimes are on Tuesday mornings from 10-10:30 a.m. All storytimes include stories, songs, dance, instruments and more. Please register at the children's desk of the library or call 781-769-0200 X225. Our storytime schedule, clubs and special events are listed on the library website at norwoodlibrary.org

CHILDREN'S PIANO CONCERT AT THE LIBRARY

On Sunday, March 20, at 3 p.m., students from TK Music Lessons will welcome Springtime with a free piano concert at the Morrill Memorial Library. The concert, which is by children and for children ages 5 and older, will welcome Springtime with the story of "Tucker Dog and Other Animals," as well as a sing along. Teacher Tania Haralampiev is excited to give her students an opportunity to share their talent with other children. Please register at the children's desk of the library, or call 781-769-0200 X225.

NPA-TV ANNOUNCES NORWOOD NEWS

NPA-TV is excited to announce the premiere of Norwood News, a live newscast that will provide residents with up to date coverage of Norwood stories and events. The program will debut on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. on NPA-TV's Town Channel. Segments will include government meeting recaps, in-studio guests, and youth and high school sports highlights. This half hour newscast will be anchored by former Norwood High standouts Katelyn MacLean and Marty Sansone as they work to keep you informed on all things Norwood. Produced by NPA-TV's Jack

Tolman and Nick Strauss, Norwood News will start out as bi-weekly program and plans to be weekly when NPA-TV moves into the new Norwood High School. When news happens in Norwood, Norwood News will be there! This is just a quick snapshot of all of the many new shows NPA-TV is working on. Please visit our website at www.npatv.org and like us on Facebook to keep up with all of our programming.

"NPA ON THE BALLOT" TO HOST CANDIDATES

NPA-TV is proud to announce the LIVE broadcast of its annual candidates forum moderated by Jack McCarthy. This will be the eighth year that NPA-TV will provide Norwood residents access to their candidates. NPA-TV has invited the three candidates for the Board of Selectmen, two candidates for the Housing Authority, and two candidates for the Planning Board seats. In addition, we will show pre-recorded statements from candidates in other races. "On The Ballot" will be rebroadcasted in its entirety thru Election Day. The debate will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. on NPA's Town Channel. Viewers at home are encouraged to phone in questions live during the broadcast by calling the NPA-TV Studio Line at 781-352-2605. To leave questions in advance for the candidates call the NPA-TV Office at 781-551-0338 or email NPA-TV at brian@npatv.org. NPA is also covering the League of Women Voters Candidates Night live. All of this will be leading up to our LIVE coverage of Election Day - Monday, April 4 at 8 p.m. For more info, visit www.npatv.org or call 781-551-0338.

DIVORCE RECOVERY SERIES BEGINS

The Divorce Recovery series, an 8-week separation/divorce group, starts on Thursday, March 10, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 100 Winter Street. The fee is \$90; call 781-762-3320 to register.

WORKSHOPS AT NORWOOD HIGH ATHLETIC DEPT.

Norwood High School Athletic Dept presents: Workshop on Adolescent Sports Concussions and Management, Wednesday, March 16, 7 p.m. at Norwood High School Auditorium. Free, For: Parents of all school age children, Youth Coaches, Anyone interested in learning signs and symptoms of concussions and its impact on learning. To Register: Please email - athletics@norwood.k12.ma.us with # of people attending Speakers Panel: 1. Dr. Adam Strauss, Pediatrician, Partner Westwood-Mansfield Pediatric Associates Special Interest in Sports Medicine; 2. Mr. Bob Barksdale, MS, PT, ATC, CSCS. N.H.S. Athletic Trainer, Marathon Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine; 3. Ms. Molly Barefoot, N.H.S. Guidance Counselor and N.H.S. Assistant Girl's Hockey Coach; 4. Mr. Brian McDonough, CAA N.H.S Athletic Director. The Agenda: 1. Concussion Basics; 2. Intro to Computerized Neuro-Cognitive Testing; 3. Guidelines on Return to Play; 4. Concussion and Academics; 5. Easing the transition back to the classroom; 6. New M.I.A.A. Guidelines for Coaches and Parents; 7. Questions and Answers.

READING STRATEGIES WORKSHOP

Reading strategies workshop, Susan Marx and Barbara Kasok. Both are experienced reading teach-

ers, parent educators, and writers/editors. Learn how to use read-aloud times effectively to help young children get ready to learn to read. Reading strategies and activities will model the introduction of early literacy concepts and skills for children from early childhood to early elementary years. Parenting strategies that enhance the reading experience will also be included. Two series of duplicate workshops are available. Choose either the Willett morning series or the Balch evening series: Willett Early Childhood Center, 100 Westover Parkway, 9:30-11 a.m., Willett Café, March 17, 24, and 31; Or: Balch Elementary School, 1170 Washington Street, 7-8:30 p.m. Balch Library, March 23, 30, and April 6. Please register by contacting Jeanne Morrison at jmorrison@norwood.k12.ma.us or 781-440-5983 before March 11.

Dinner will be held on Friday, March 18, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For \$5 per person, you will enjoy a hot and delicious pizza dinner, including salad, beverage, coffee/tea, and your choice of assorted desserts. Soda can be purchased for \$1 per can. Members of the fifth-grade class will serve as the hosts for the evening and all proceeds from the event will go towards the fifth-grade yearbook and end-of-year activities. There will also be a raffle.

TRAINING FOR LITERACY VOLUNTEER TUTORS

Morrill Memorial Library will sponsor a training program for Literacy Volunteer Tutors beginning Wednesday, March 23, at 7 p.m. and continuing for three Saturdays. The training will incorporate the methods and materials developed by Literacy Volunteers Of Massachusetts

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Police Logs

Tuesday, March 1

0030 911 - Medical emergency transported to hospital. Location/address: Lenox St.
 0452 phone - Violation of town bylaw spoken to. Location/address: upper lot - Lenox St. Caller complaining of truck running in upper lot. N662 responded and spoke with driver who had dropped a trailer and was picking up another. N662 advised.
 0948 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Austin St. Vehicle window damaged.
 1209 phone - Susp person spoken to. Location/address: Captain Pizza - Washington St. Unwanted customer has left but they do not want him to return. Subject left prior to officer's arrival. Advised to call back if & when he returns.
 1227 phone - Assaults *report filed. Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St.
 1235 911 - Well being chk transported to hospital. Location/address: Hickory Rd. Aunt requests well-being check on nephew who sounds dillusional. Subject thinks he has the flu and went to hospital via ambulance.
 1312 phone - Susp vehicle gone on arrival. Location/address: Windsor Shell - Walpole St. 1A Pizza reports small Chevy truck has been parked in their lot for

several hours last few days, and now is in lot of Shell Station across the street. Possible reg 26d743. Goa. Officer will check around area. Officer locate subject who was in the area and checks out.
 1316 phone - B & e of motor vehicle *report filed. Location/address: Everett St. B&e to mv on 1/25/11.
 1347 phone - Medical emergency transported to hospital. Location/address: Burnley Rd. NFD transports.
 1828 911 - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Walpole St. Caller reported adult son is out of control.
 1900 phone - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: Sunset Ave. Caller reported barking dog. N667 responded and spoke with dog owner and advised them to take the dog inside for the night.
 2305 phone - Complaint of m/v area search negative. Location/address: Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Walpole Police reported erratic operation of pc MA 13xe81. Vehicle possible entered Norwood on Rt 1. Officer checked area. Officer checked area, nothing fond.
 2334 initiated - Domestic *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Centennial Dr. Officer flagged down by passer by reporting possible domestic at above adress. Officers on scene

reporting one under arrest. Transport to station starting 70281 @2348 Ending 70282 @2349. Arrest: Pagnini, Lauren Ashley Address: 110 Carleton St, Whitman Dob: 11/28/1984 Charges: a&b
Wednesday, March 2
 0338 911 - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Albemarle Rd. Male had fallen. N667, NFD responded.
 0418 phone - Violation of town bylaw spoken to. Location/address: Lenox Park - Lenox St. Complaint of truck running up against fence in park. N669 responded. Spoke to driver and advised of violation and moved truck.
 0422 initiated - Road hazard State DPW/Norwood DPW no. Location/address: Cross St. N669 reports large amount of snow in middle of road. DPW notified and will handle same.
 0510 phone - Violation of town bylaw spoken to. Location/address: Lenox St. Park - Lenox St. Caller reports another truck idling in park. N669 responded, Advised driver of bylaw and truck has been moved.
 1128 phone - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Ryan Dr. Black Jeep in driveway. Neighbor thinks family is away. 2 vehicles in driveway. MA 888nc9 & 785dh6. Men are there replacing a floor for homeowner. Check ok.
 1145 phone - Complaint of m/v *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Bos.-Prov. Hwy. + Dean St. Eratic operation of Florida reg 6301jb, 1994 brown Buick. Stopped at Chateau, in lot. As a result of mvs, warrant on driver. Arrest made. Arrest: Plouffe, John Edward Address: 115 Curtis St., Cranston, RI Dob: 11/29/1975 Charges: warrant arrest
 1229 phone - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Centennial Dr. Officers assisted resident she returned to pick up property
 1503 phone - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Nassau Gardens - Bahama Dr. Caller from Bahama Dr. management reports w/m in area wearing grn & white bandana, has a hockey stick and basketball, appears to be "high". Officers located him at Eaton Village, he is a resident there and out for some exercise. Caller advised.
 1920 911 - Medical emergency Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Jefferson Dr.
 1958 initiated - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Norton Dr. Transport assist to Saunders Rd.
 2025 initiated - Lost and found gone on arrival. Location/address: Short St. Officer attempted to return driver's license to owner. No one home.
 2316 phone - Well being chk spoken to. Location/address: Cottage St. Request check of brother-in-law, not answered phone in 4 days. N666 spoke to resident, he is ok and he does not wish to speak to the caller.

dress: E. Cottage St. Dispatcher called and stated one of his drivers not happy with him and asked if we could make ourselves visable when he returns. N665 responded and stoodby. Caller called back and stated driver returned and got into his own car and left. N665 reports no problems.
 0549 phone - Parking violation citation/warning issued. Location/address: Vanderbilt Ave. Caller reports a vehicle parked on Vanderbilt Ave. where parking is prohibited. N666 tags two vehicles in violation.
 0647 phone - Disturbance gone on arrival. Location/address: Hill St. Walker reports male party shooting bb gun in his yard on Hill Street. Unsure of exact address. N666 checks the area. Nothing found.
 0805 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Gay St. Mv window broken overnight.
 0953 phone - Medical emergency transported to hospital. Location/address: Lane Dr.
 1011 phone - Medical emergency transported to hospital. Location/address: Plimpton Ave.
 1018 walk-in - Fraud *report filed. Location/address: Adams St. Party defrauded.
 1143 phone - Susp activity assisted party. Location/address: Nichols St. Spoon with residue found in the bathroom. Officials concerned it may be a drug. Officer reports no drugs.
 1143 phone - Susp activity assisted party. Location/address: Press Ave. Problem with tenant. Property owner advised. Civil issue.
 1333 911 - Medical emergency transported to hospital. Location/address: Garfield Ave. Unresponsive male.
 1446 phone - Susp vehicle spoken to. Location/address: Lane Dr. Caller reports Chevy Suburban in driveway of neighbors home. 2 youths ran from it and have not returned. Male is insurance adjuster waiting for home owner. Kids running by is unrelated.
 1634 phone - Malicious damage *report filed. Location/address: Salon Mirabella - Washington St. Walk in party reports past malicious damage to motor vehicle.
 1839 911 - Medical emergency Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Winslow Ave.
 2006 911 - Medical emergency Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Winter St.
 2028 911 - Unwanted party *protective custody. Location/address: Guild St. Caller reports ex boyfriend banging on her back door. As a result one male placed into pc.
 2040 phone - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Infinity of Norwood - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Caller reports that while he was picking up his car they Locked the gate and he cannot leave. Key holder notified and responded.
 0057 911 - Drunk driver *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Mobil Gas - Rte 1/Dean - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. RI. Reg# eb598. Caller reports she is pulled over at the Mobil station and too intoxicated to drive. N669, N679 transported to hospital for evaluation.
 0139 phone - Violation of town bylaw spoken to. Location/address: Decathalon - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Caller reports tt unit running in Decathalon parking lot.

N679, N662 responded. Driver making delivery to Cap World in morning. Will shut down truck till then.
 0524 phone - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: Neighborhood Market & Deli - Washington St. RI reg# 660675 idling outside deli with radio blaring. N663, N667 responded. Spoke with driver and advised. Sent on his way. (fio'd)
 0546 911 - Disturbance *protective custody. Location/address: Margaret St. Caller reports his wife is intoxicated and would like her removed. 679 and 662 responding. One female placed into protective custody. Both parties advised of shier 209a rights. Transported by 662 starting Mileage 21020.1. Ending mileage 21021.8.
 0736 phone - Road hazard services rendered. Location/address: Prospect St. + Upland Rd. Caller reports 2 hyperdermic needles on island where snow has Melted. N661 responded and located. Disposed of.
 0807 phone - Susp vehicle area search negative. Location/address: Hannaford Market - Walpole St. Grn suv no plate, riding around lot by bank and atm. Connolly bus called it in.
 1010 phone - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Section 35. Unit 36. Female taken to court s/m 70396 @ 1038 hrs. E/m 70401 @ 1057 hrs. Report filed by Det. Gover. Arrest: Murphy, Margaret A. Address: 68 Lakeshore Dr, Westwood Dob: 03/25/1943 Charges: warrant arrest
 1013 phone - Assist citizen spoken to. Location/address: Coventry Ln. Caller claims she is being harassed. Officer spoke to her this is about ongoing criminal complaint out of Cambridge. Advised.
 1050 phone - Well being chk spoken to. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Beth Israel requests well being check on mother and 5yo who attends Willet School. Both mother and daughter check ok, Mother and school very cooperative. Officer spoke to dr's office, they will see 5 yo today. Everyone satisfied.
 1218 phone - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Margaret St. Female transport from the station 39051.9 1217hrs 39053.4 1221 hrs
 1327 phone - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St. Off. Murphy will file a report
 1403 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Curran Ave. Realtor at house reports previous b&e and items missing.
 1427 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St. Off. P. Murphy to file report.
 1441 phone - Complaint of m/v area search negative. Location/address: Nichols St. Caller reports mv speeding on Nichols St heading toward St Tim's, grey sedan.
 1717 initiated - Serve warrant *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Washington St. +

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 0105 phone - Repossession no action required. Location/address: Norwest Dr. MA. Reg# (vt) g590 repo'd by Todisco Towing - E. Boston (617-567-0700) entered into tow file
 0521 phone - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/ad-

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Howard St. Officer Doherty off with male subject. As a result one male placed under arrest and transported to the station. Arrest: Barber, Dean R, Jr. Address: 389 Washington St., 1 Dob: 05/03/1992 Charges: warrant arrest

1834 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Rockhill St. Caller reports b&e to home. See report.

1842 911 - Animal complaint services rendered. Location/address: Beech St. Caller reports racoon stuck in the sewer cover. ACO notified and responded.

1844 phone - Animal complaint services rendered. Location/address: Prospect St. Cat struck by car. ACO notified. N663 sent.

1920 phone - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Shaws Supermarket - Nahatan St. Caller reports that a group of males outside the Bank of America atm are making her nervous. Officers report that they spoke with the caller who stated the males were youths who were on bikes and where driving up and down the ramp of the atm making her nervous. The youths were goa.

2031 walk-in - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Lincoln St. Walk in party reports his son missing. N662 to file report. Male party located.

Saturday, March 5

0027 911 - Susp activity spoken to. Location/address: Jefferson Dr. Caller reports her neighbor and company are smoking and it is filtering into her apt. She would like officers to speak with them as she does not believe it is cigarettes. N669, N679 responded spoke to caller and could smell nothing. Officers knocked on neighbors door but no one would come to door.

0043 phone - Under age party *report filed. Location/address: Cross St. Anonymous caller reports underage drinking party @ house. N669, N679, N663 responded and reports house in darkness. No one comes to door. As a result of further investigation, realtor responds to

home, pictures taken and a report will be filed.

0549 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Medical Billing Assn - Kerry Pl. Caller stated that he wants to report vandalism to his property N669 responded.

0939 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Plymouth Dr. Report 2 pairs of boots taken by neighbor's child. N667 spoke to all parties and will file report.

1107 911 - 911 hang up services rendered. Location/address: Morrill Memorial Library - Walpole St. Open line from the elevator, no noise in background. N661 spoke to staff, no problems, there were some kids in the area earlier.

1552 phone - Weapon could not locate. Location/address: Neponset St. + Bahama Dr. Report 4 white males, 10-12yoa, 1 has a backpack and may have a handgun in same. Area checked could not locate males.

1640 cellular - Civil dispute spoken to. Location/address: Press Ave. Caller reports issue with a tenant. Officers advised on civil matter.

1645 phone - Assist other agency services rendered. Location: Dedham Police Department Bolo from Dedham PD for MA reg#7sg120 2003 Hyundai Sonata grey wanted by Dedham PD for an ongoing narcotics investigation. Det. Mahoney of Dedham PD has a search warrant for the vehicle. The vehicle is registered out of Fall River but has been working in the Dedham Norwood area. Caution should be exercised as one firearm has already been seized during this investigation. Stop and hold if vehicle is located.

1915 phone - Assist citizen assisted party. Location/address: Victoria Haven Nursing Home - Nichols St. Confused elderly female walked in off the street with language barrier. Officer transport female party back to residence

2151 initiated - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Nahatan St. + Rock St.

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Negoshians to tow one vehicle. Female placed under arrest for warrant. Arrest: Phillips, Erin Nicole Address: 3 Refus Jones Ln. North Easton Dob: 07/05/1982 Charges: drug, possess class b Warrant arrest

2215 radio - Well being chk *protective custody. Location/address: Bos.-Prov. Hwy. + Sumner St. Officer reports people possible sleeping in vehicle. As a result one male placed into pc. P/c: Mann, Aaron Seth Address: 33 Owen Rd., Norton Dob: 11/08/1985 Charges: protective custody

Sunday, March 6

0212 phone - Assist citizen spoken to. Location/address: Mountain Ave. Caller requested to speak to an officer about an issue with her children. Officer reported no problems found at residence. Officer spoke with parent, advised.

0239 911 - Report of fire Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Sunnyside Rd. Caller reported brush fire in woods. Fire reported outside burn at above address, extinguished fire.

0315 911 - Medical emergency *report filed. Location/address: George St. Caller reported friend took too many pills. Norwood Fire transport to the hospital.

0452 phone - Assist other Police Dept services rendered. Location/address: Pleasant St. Dedham Police reported assault just occurred in their town, suspect left in a green Subaru pc MA 442g13. Vehicle belongs to Norwood resident. Officers to check adress and id driver.

0718 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Wedgewood Dr. Caller reported vandalism to the property. Officer reported damage to property was caused by a plow in a previous storm.

1138 911 - Malicious damage *report filed. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Resident reports her car was damaged overnight.

1156 911 - Complaint of m/v spoken to. Location/address: Coach Ln Report of a kid riding an atv on the street. N667 spoke to the kid and parent, not on the public way upon arrival.

1304 phone - Assist citizen *report filed. Location/address: Autumn St. Father calls stating 16 year old out of control. Youth has left home. N661 sent and reports verbal argument.

1430 phone - Medical emergency Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Hill St. Resident having complications from kidney stone. NFD transported.

1449 walk-in - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Rock St. Grafitti on home.

1609 911 - Domestic *arrest(s)made. Location/address: 47 Chapel St. - Chapel St. Caller reports fiancée is being assaultive. One arrest, one complaint application. Arrest: McCue, Kevin D. Address: 47 Chapel St. 30 Dob: 02/17/1967 Charges: a&b Witness, intimidate Destruction of property +\$250, malicious Summons: Bair, Cathy Address: 47 Chapel St. 30 Dob: 02/25/1967 Charges: a&b

1637 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: IHop Internat House of Pa - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Caller reports a group of young men left without paying their bill, ocured at 7am. Summons: Chadwick, John Address: 57 Walnut St, Millis Dob: 09/25/1992 Charges: innkeeper, defraud, under \$100

2049 walk-in - Threats *report filed. Location/address: Wickham Way

Monday, March 7

0000 phone - Noise complaint gone on arrival. Location/ad-

dress: Jefferson Dr. Loud music from white suv. Officers checked area, vehicle gone prior to arrival.

0121 911 - Susp activity *protective custody. Location/address: Napper Tandy's - Day St. Caller reported she had words with another patron and was worried they would attempt to drive home while intoxicated. Caller did not witness the other parties get into a vehicle. Caller was unwilling to speak to officers or give her information. Officers reported no problems found at the establishment. Officers located calling party. Subject placed into protective custody, released to family member. P/c: Bethoney, Isaura M. Address: 13 Dean St., 21 Dob: 09/12/1964 Charges: protective custody

0140 walk-in - Assist other agency services rendered. Location/address: 47 Chapel St. - Chapel St. Department of children and families requested escort during investigation.

0315 phone - Noise complaint services rendered. Location/address: Plympton Park - Lenox St. Caller reported idling truck. Officer spoke with driver, advised.

0502 911 - Medical emergency Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Caller requested ambulance. Norwood Fire transport to the hospital.

0521 911 - Medical emergency transported to hospital Location/address: Brierwood Ln. NFD transports one.

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to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Topics covered will include inter-cultural communication, lesson planning and goal setting. Volunteers are asked to make a commitment of tutoring an adult learner two hours a week for at least a year. Neither prior teaching experience nor knowledge of another language is required. However, volunteers must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must register for the workshop. Call Norma or Bonnie at 781-769-4599 for registration or further information.

NPA-TV ANNOUNCES 2ND YOUTH CLASS

NPA-TV is now offering a second Youth Video Club class for the spring season. The class will be held every Tuesday from 3-5 p.m., March 15 through May 24. Norwood residents in grades 6-8 are eligible to sign up now for the program. The class will meet weekly at the NPA-TV Studio in Norwood High School. Students will work independently and in groups to learn the ins and outs of television and video production. Each student will be able to have his or her work showcased on NPA-TV. Class size is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis. Call NPA-TV now at 781-551-0338 or email Meghan@npatv.org to sign up.

SPECIAL REGISTRATION SESSION

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the April 4, 2011 Annual Town Election. An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 4 to 8 p.m. This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election. Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office. Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

SUMMER PROGRAM FAIR

Meet our terrific summer staff. Learn about all the programs and clinics that are happening at the Civic during this summer. Arts and crafts, face painting, fun activities and more! No registration required. Come on by and say hello and register for all the programs while space is available. Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NORWOOD FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT SPONSORS A CAPELLA NIGHT

A Cappella Night sponsored by the Norwood Public Schools Fine Arts Department, Friday, March 18 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Coakley Middle School, Washington Street. The evening will feature: NHS AcaBella, NHS SoundFX, MIT Chorallaries, Brandeis VoiceMale, Tufts Jackson Jills, Boston's Pro Group - Overboard! \$5 at the door. For further details contact the Fine Arts Department at 781-440-5916.

PNEUMONIA SHOTS

The Norwood Health Department has now expanded its availability of "pneumonia" or Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV). In addition to Norwood residents, age 65 and older, PPSV is now available to adults 19 through 64 years of age who smoke cigarettes, have asthma or have a high-risk medical condition. The vaccine is offered free of charge at the Norwood Health Department, Town Hall, on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call the Health Department at 781-762-1240.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **March 22, 2011 at 7:30 PM** on the request of Richard Saad and Michael Saad (**Case # 11-05**) with respect to property located on **42 Concord Avenue**, in a G-General District.

The application requests:
This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow division of existing parcel into two separate lots, with the following relief: (as to proposed Lot 1) To allow construction of a single-family dwelling on a lot having less area, frontage, and width than required; and (as to proposed Lot 2) To allow maintenance of an existing single-family dwelling on a lot having less area, frontage, width and setback than required; pursuant to Section 4.0 et seq., together with such further relief as the Zoning Board of Appeal may deem necessary or desirable.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday - Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

BOARD OF APPEAL —Patrick J. Mulvehill, Chairman; Barbara A. Kinter, Philip W. Riley, John R. Perry, Harry T. Spence

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** in **ROOM 12** of the **Municipal Office Building** on **March 22, 2011 at 7:15 PM** on the request of Michael Pugatch (Case # 11-04) with respect to property located on **98 Spruce Road**, in a S-Single Residential District.

The application requests:
This Application requests a Special Permit under Section 5.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow a second story addition, approximately 24.3' x 30', and a 16' x 20' rear deck to a pre-existing, nonconforming single family home leaving a 9.4' side yard where 15' is required and 70' frontage and lot width where 90' is required. And, any additional relief the Board may deem necessary.

Plans are on file with this application in the office of the Zoning Board of Appeal and may be viewed Monday - Thursday between 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

BOARD OF APPEAL
Patrick J. Mulvehill, Chairman; Barbara A. Kinter, Philip W. Riley, John R. Perry, Harry T. Spence

Norwood Record, 3/3/2011, 3/10/2011

FOOT CLINIC

Dr. Cormier is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$25. Please call for appointment.

UPCOMING TRIPS

All trips require sign up at the Senior Center Front Desk and a deposit is necessary. March 18: "Boston Flower Show", includes 2-Hr. Boston Cruise, Lunch, Flower Show for \$99. May 6-13: Boston to Bermuda Cruise (\$749. p.p. Double Occupancy). May 17: "Laughs, Giggles & Grins" Pete Michaels and his "friends" at Luciano's-\$36.95 (Drive on your own). May 23, 24, 25: "Pennsylvania Dutch Spring Tour" - \$399 Double-\$445.00 Single. June 12-15: "Maine Escapes" - \$599. p.p. Double. June 15: "The Fabulous Fifties" Latshaw Pops Orchestra-Lunch & Show \$49.95 p.p. July 19: Spirit of Boston Trip-\$78.

HISTORY TALK

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 10 at 1 p.m. Our topic will address the Muslim religion. You will learn its true teachings & practices and more.

AFTERNOON DANCE

Our afternoon dance will be held on Friday, March 11, with music by John Rampino. Please sign up at the front desk

PROPOPE:

(Prose, Poetry & People) The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 from 1-3 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR MARCH

On Thursday, March 17 we will be having a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Cost is \$5 and we will be featuring the Norwood High School Madrigal Singers. On Friday, March 18, enjoy the Glee Club Show at 1:30 p.m. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FRIENDS OF NORWOOD COADANCE

Friday, March 18, 7-10:30 p.m. with music by Dave Valerio. Please sign up at front desk.

JOURNALING WORKSHOP

If you are interested in joining us for a 4-week Journaling Workshop, please call Dorothy at 781-762-1201.

SENIOR NEWS

TRIAD

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, at 12 noon.

FRIENDS OF NORWOOD COUNCIL ON AGING DINNER

Please join us on Monday, March 21 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Westbury Farms. The cost is \$10 with a choice of Turkey or Chicken Parm. Please sign up at the Norwood Senior Center.

WATER COLOR

Our next class will be held on Thursday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Please sign up at the front desk.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

We will hold a workshop on Thursday, March 24 at 11 a.m. The Hellenic Health Care of Canton facilitates the workshop.

OIL PAINTING

Our next oil painting class is scheduled for Friday, March 25 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WAXING

Angela will be available Monday, March 28 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sign up at front desk.

TUESDAY BUS TRIPS

March 29 - Day of Beauty, \$25 - Please sign up at front desk. \$5 for trip.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Hellenic Health Care will be available at the senior center for blood pressure screening on the first Wednesday of each month.

BOCCE COURTS AND HORSESHOES

We have closed our Bocce Courts and Horseshoe Pits for the winter. Please check in with us in the Spring.

COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer Club meets at 1 p.m. each Wednesday in the library. Users of all skill levels are welcome.

CRIBBAGE

The seniors meet every Monday at 12:45 p.m. in the senior center library to play cribbage. If you would like to join, arrive at the center early to be sure you get a table.

FITNESS ROOM

Come and exercise in our fitness room. We currently have two treadmills, a recumbent bicycle and a recumbent elliptical machine.

FUEL ASSISTANCE

Applications for Low Income Home Energy Assistance offered by Self-Help, Inc. are available. Specific documentation is required and application must be completed in person between Nov. 1 and April 30. If you are over the age of 60 and meet income guidelines please call 781-762-1201, and press 3. Younger than 60 should contact the Veteran Services office 781-762-1240, ext. 209 for assistance. One person, \$30,751; two people, \$40,213; three people, \$49,675; four people, \$59,137.

INDOOR WALKING

Indoor walking in the School Gym continues every Monday through Friday from 9-11 a.m.

LINE DANCING

Afternoon dances with Dave Valerio on the 5th Friday of the month, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$5. April 29, July 29 and Sept. 30.

MINIFIX-IT SHOP

The workshop will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. This is a free service except for parts you may need to purchase. Please, no televisions.

NEW SQUARE DANCE INSTRUCTOR

The Norwood Senior Center is happy to announce that Dennis Marsh, a well known, very talented caller is our new Square Dance Instructor. Dennis will be calling on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Please come

and join us whether you are a beginner or have been dancing for years.

NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

Board of Directors meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Norwood Elks Lodge at 10 a.m.

SENIOR BOWLING

The Senior Bowling league meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Norwood Sports Center. This is a mixed league and three strings are played for \$6. Please note the fee has been raised to \$6.

SENIOR SUPPERS

Caritas Norwood Hospital offers a Senior Supper Program consisting of soup, entree and a drink in the cafeteria from Monday through Friday, 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$5.50.

SHINE

Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, continues to assist you on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for appointments.

TAX PREPARATION

There will be a change in the way we schedule tax preparation this year. With the new set-up you will be signing up for a specific date and time. Each person will be taken in his/her turn. You will no have the choice of a specific preparer. We hope this will help move things along more smoothly. If you prepare your own taxes and want someone to look it over please make appointment at the last time slot of the day. Reservations are being accepted now.

VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for special projects: Cancer hats (adults & children); Newborn hats; Prayer Shawls; Lap Robes: knitted strips 7" x 63" or squares 7" x 9". Please call the Senior Center. WHIST CARD GAMES Please note: our regular Whist games are every Tuesday at 12:45

WHIST PARTY

Please note: whist parties will be held on the 4th Friday of each month from 1-3 p.m.

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Deaths

ARNER

Ruth H. (Bettencourt), of Saugus, formerly of Norwood, Feb. 25. Wife of the late Willard G. Arner. Loving mother of Judith Lortie of Plainville & her late husband Arthur, Janice Chaves & her husband Joseph of Saugus, Edward "Ed" Arner & his wife Anne of Taunton. Beloved grandmother of Janelle, Chris, Katie, Olivia, Eric & great grandmother of Carly. Sister of the late Dot Durling, Tom, Bert & Fred Bettencourt. Also survived by many nieces & nephews. Retired secretary, Norwood Public Schools. Funeral arrangements by the Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, 549 Lincoln Ave., Saugus. Interment was at Highland Cemetery.

CURTIS

Ethel E. (Downie), 93, of Norwood and Sesuit Neck in East Dennis, Feb. 25. Ethel was born in Winthrop, on June 15, 1917, to Jasper and Helena Downie. Late wife of 50 years to the late Elmer Curtis, who died in March, 1989. She is survived by her beloved sister Grace Hartigan of Sandwich, son; William Curtis of Sterling, VA, and his children Mary Blair and Julie Curtis and great-grandchildren Zack and Rylee Blair and her daughter; Chris Rubinas of Tallahassee, FL, and her children Curt and Jennifer Rubinas and great-grandchildren Emma and Holden Rubinas. A member of the First Congregational Church of Norwood which she and her husband joined in service in 1952. She served on the Board of Trustees, as a Deaconess, an active member of Friendly Service, and a member of numerous committees throughout her 50 years of service. Funeral arrangements by the Hallett Funeral Home, 273 Station Ave., S. Yarmouth. Donations in her memory may be made to the Jacob Sears Memorial Library, 23 Center St., East Dennis, MA 02641.

DIORIO

Vincent Anthony, Sr., 77, of Norwood, March 5, after a brave battle with kidney disease. Late Army veteran. He passed away surrounded by his beloved wife of 52 years, Elinor and loved ones. He was born August 29, 1933 in Boston and was a long time Norwood resident. Mr. DiIorio was a graduate of Boston University and Coyne Electrical School and entered the field of electrical engineering in 1958. Once receiving his professional registration from the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts. He founded Vincent A. DiIorio, Incorporated, an electrical engineering firm in 1972 and immediately earned a solid reputation in the New England area for quality and efficiency in electrical designs with top architectural firms and electrical contracting companies. Subsequently, he obtained professional registrations in all the New England states. This reputation and his striving for perfection allowed the company to sustain itself and grow through the years. Under his leadership, Vincent A. DiIorio, Incorporated has employed more than 50 different people, over the 39 years of existence. His dedication to his employees and his clients, is a testimony to the longevity of the company. During his career, he also served on the board of directors of the New England Electrical Institute, and served as president in 1988 and 1989. He was known throughout the industry for calling a meeting to order without the need for a microphone. Mr. DiIorio earned a Naples Institute Leadership Award from Mount Ida College for leadership in furthering his profession. Mr. DiIorio was also very civic minded and was always finding ways to give back to his community. He served two terms as president of the Norwood Lions Club and was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, 3049 in West Roxbury. Mr. DiIorio was a devoted grandfather, diehard Red Sox fan and an avid golfer, "especially if he won." He is survived by his three sons, Vincent Jr. and his wife Annette, Edward, Paul Sr. and his wife Beth, his daughter Elinor Gallahue, 11 grandchildren, Kathleen, Vincent III, Anthony, Kristina, Dominic, Paul Jr., Alicia, Matthew, Colleen, Megan, Kathleen and one great grandchild, Joey. He is also survived by his sister Mary Faletta and her husband Joseph. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A), Thurs. March 10 at 8 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Catherine of Siena Church at 9 a.m. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Interment Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Donations in memory of Vincent may be made to the Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Pl. West, 6th Fl., Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

DIROMA

Orlando "Turk", of Roslindale and Norwood March 5. 68 year member local 4 Operating Engineers and member of the Roslindale Lodge # 1606 Sons of Italy Lodge

and VFW Seniors and an usher for many years of Holy Name Parish. Beloved husband of the late Genevieve "Jane" Korzec of 66 years, and devoted father of Linda DiRoma Topping and her husband Paul R. of Norwood and James O. DiRoma, of Portsmouth, NH. He leaves five grandchildren, Pamela and her husband Jeffrey C. O'Neill of Westwood, Andrea and her husband Dennis Doucette, Jr. of Roslindale, Paul J. Topping of Denver, CO, Patty Ann and her husband Mark Dutton of Belmont, NH and Diane DiRoma of NH. He also leaves six great grandchildren, Jamison, Christian and Ethan O'Neill; Madison Doucette; Tyler and Megan Dutton. Brother of Joseph DiRoma of Roslindale, and the late Leonora, Nina Machin, Florindo J., Dominick C. Brother-in-law of Margaret DiRoma of Roslindale and Anne DiRoma of Florida and uncle of Margie Mancinelli, Debbie Breen, Johnny DiRoma, Donna Hussey, and Jack Machin. Funeral arrangements by the Joseph Russo Funeral Home, 814 Americam Legion Hwy, Roslindale. Interment was at Forest Hills Cemetery, Jamaica Plain. Mr. DiRoma may be remembered through Holy Name Church, 1689 Center Street, West Roxbury MA 02132.

FLAHERTY

Carol G. (Michaelson) 71, of Norwood, March 1. Beloved wife of Richard T. Flaherty. Devoted mother of Katie Norris and her husband Andrew of Bedford, Dennis M. and his companion Lorraine Colbath of Stoughton and Mark S. and his wife Kristen of Lynn. Cherished grandmother of Sean Norris, Anna Flaherty and Madison Flaherty. Sister of John Michaelson of N. Attleboro, Joseph Michaelson of Canton, Maryann Berger of Sharon, Casey Skogland of Tatamy, PA. and Kelly Tallman of Sharon. Daughter of the late Joseph E. and Eleanor (Dupuy) Michaelson. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Interment was at Highland Cemetery.

LLOYD

Marjorie G. (Hill), of Norwood & Littlejohn Island, Yarmouth, ME, formerly of Quincy, Feb. 28. Beloved wife of the late Thomas W. Loving mother of Thomas D. & his wife Mary Ellen of Norwood, Paul & his wife Mary of Texas, Richard of Norwood and Douglas Lloyd of Quincy. Dear sister of the late

Barbara Baker. She is survived by 9 grandchildren & several great grandchildren. Relatives & friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service, Sunday, March 13th, 2:30 pm at May Funeral Home, 85 Nichols St. Burial will be private.

RUMBEL

Rita H. (Barry), 81, of Walpole formerly of Norwood March 3. Beloved wife of the late William H. Rumbel. Loving mother of Susan M. Johanson of Walpole, Robert W. Rumbel of Colchester, CT, William B. Rumbel of Mansfield, and Thomas P. Rumbel of Walpole. Cherished grandmother of 10. Sister of Lorraine Stuart of Watertown and the late Catherine Niland. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements by the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home 48 Common Street, Walpole. Interment was in Saint Francis Cemetery Walpole. Memorial donations may be made to: the Activities Fund at the Ellis Nursing Home 135 Ellis Ave., Norwood, MA 02062.

TWOMEY

Donald A., of Newburyport formerly of Norwood, Feb. 27. Mr. Twomey lived his life with dignity while fighting AIDS. Devoted son of the late Jeremiah and Taimi (Routsala) Twomey. Loving brother of Edward J. Twomey of Brockton, Timothy J. Twomey of Brockton, Roberta Twomey of Newburyport, and the late Marie Donnelly, Henry Twomey, Arthur Twomey, John Twomey. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews and friends. Funeral arrangements by the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St. (Rt. 1A). Interment was at Highland Cemetery. Donations in memory of Donald may be made to the AIDS Action Committee, 75 Amory St., Boston, MA 02119 or to the Strongest Link, 5 Federal St., Suite 250, Danvers, MA, 01923.

Condolences Extended To:

Joanne J. and Eugene Bresnahan, on the loss of her father, Joseph J. Jaros, formerly of Braintree and Mattapan, March 4.

John P. Brunelli, on the loss of his mother, and Mary Glancy-Tomasionis on the loss of her sister, Elizabeth C. (Glancy) Brunelli, of Dorchester, March 3.

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