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Budget balanced. Nobody happy.

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

"So, the good news is that we do have a balanced budget," announced Town Clerk and Accountant Tom McQuaid at the beginning of his review of the fourth and final pass at the FY2019 budget.

Said budget, upon being approved by the Budget Balancing Committee (BBC), is now on its way to Town Meeting for approval.

McQuaid's opening statement and the zeroed-out budget aside, very little else that was said by anyone at the 25-minute meeting held at Town Hall on Wednesday, April 4 sounded anything like good news.

McQuaid opened the door to this himself when he presented his five-year financial forecast for the Town and the structural deficit that Town Manager Tony Mazzucco had spoken of at length at the prior Budget Balancing meeting (and at a School Committee meeting) manifested itself.

As shown for each year's bottom line from FY2020-FY2024, the projected deficit steadily increases from \$2.2 million to \$4 million to \$5.8 million to \$8.2 million to \$10.2 million.

"The overall message is, we did a lot of things and we pulled a lot of magic and got this year balanced, but we did drain our free cash to approximately \$150,000, so we don't have a lot of reserve," McQuaid said before going on to anticipate that services in the Town would have to decrease "while we find some new source of revenue."

Building on this theme, McQuaid also spoke of the insurance and retirement expenses that had unusually remained neutral for FY2019, but that would likely increase again in FY2020.

Ultimately, he advised approving the budget and recommending it to Town Meeting, but that the BBC continue meeting afterwards in order to look into his projections further.

Wasting no time, discussion began immediately, with Mazzucco seeking to clarify McQuaid's forecast, in which he had kept Town and School services level over the five years.

"One thing that's important to keep in mind with this projection is that this is just a trend analysis," Mazzucco said. "It's not looking at the things that we're not doing that we should be doing."

Mazzucco's statement was met with some low murmurs of approval as he continued by citing understaffed schools, under maintained infrastructure, and unsound financial practices as examples of things not measured in McQuaid's forecast.

"It's level service-ish, I guess – if you

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Norwood RSVP volunteers recognized



On Tuesday, April 3, Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Norfolk County Commissioner Joseph P. Shea, and the Norfolk County RSVP Volunteer Program honored Norwood volunteers as part of National Service Day. RSVP Volunteers serve at Norwood Hospital, deliver Meals on Wheels, and work in a variety of Veteran and municipal support programs. Norwood honorees included Lillian Callahan, Martha Colamaria, Rose Marie Edgerly, Steve Eosco, Joan Goodman-Backs, Herb Johnson, Carolyn Lawhorne, Judy Maloney, Al and Joan Mancuso, David O'Brien and Joan K. Sullivan. Also recognized for their volunteer service to Norwood were Cleveland School volunteers Lois Darr, Roz Holenport and Patricia Lines. Out of Town Veteran Ride volunteers honored included Mike Teeley, Bill Topham, David O'Brien, Peggy Velazquez and Shelley Turok.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD



Toni Eosco gestures as she speaks during the Planning Board's public hearing regarding the parcel of land running behind the school bus yard on Morse Street. Along with most of the audience, Eosco was in favor of a zoning change from manufacturing to residential.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

Morse Street rezoning hearing draws another big crowd

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Planning Board met on Monday night, April 9 at the Civic Center (165 Nahatan St.) for the continuation of the public hearing that began on March 26 in the same place regarding its potential recommendation of a warrant article for next month's Annual Town Meeting.

The article – already on the warrant per an earlier Board of Selectmen vote – concerns a proposed zoning map amendment for seven acres of undeveloped land (except for a fenced school bus lot) bordered on four sides by Morse Street, the Neponset River, the ball field behind the Balch School, and the dead ends of Saint John, Saint Joseph, and Saint Paul Avenues.

The amendment – proposed by South Norwood resident Michael Saad

– seeks to change the zoning of the land – which is owned by Bruce Comenitz – from manufacturing to residential.

The proposal – which came into existence as a way of preventing Boch Automotive from purchasing the land and turning it into a car storage lot – has gained a following within the South Norwood community and the Town at large, with both sessions of the hearing filling the Willett Room and drawing a litany of public commentary, almost all of it in favor of the zoning change.

The Monday night session picked up where the March 26 one had left off, with Saad and co-presenter Michael Nemeskao again up at the podium angled between the door and the Planning Board, with both facing the roomful of people, many of whom had been there two weeks earlier.

The basic arguments that had been established at the March 26 meeting were also restated and repeated throughout the

nearly two-hour public forum.

The many supporters of the proposal argued in different ways that the zoning change would protect the neighborhood and the Town from the various negative effects of a car storage lot: traffic problems, environmental damage, and decreased property values among them.

Those opposed to it were far fewer in number. Attorney David Hern, representing Boch Automotive, was the most vocal, with Boch Vice President and Purchasing/Property Manager Michael Clemmey commenting as well.

Comenitz, who – it was confirmed – has had a purchase and sale agreement with Boch since last October, remained silent as he sat through the proceedings.

Hern – advocating once again for Comenitz in the course of representing his client – argued that the zoning

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Town and Country

HI GUYS

"WALK UP, NOT OUT"

The following are the words of a father, Ryan Petty, whose daughter was murdered in the Parkland, Fla. school shooting. "Instead of walking out of school on March 14, encourage students to walk up – walk up to the kid who sits alone and invite him to sit with your group; walk up to the kid who sits quietly in the room and sit next to her...Walk up to your teachers and thank them; walk up to someone who has different views than you and get to know them...you may be surprised at how much you have in common." Mr. Petty's words speak volumes...if only!

The day of the proposed school walkout was a snow day, no school. One of the students at our middle school told me that some of them were going to stay in school and talk with students they have yet to speak with or befriend. Sounds good, I hope it



Jackie Saber

still happens; do it and you will have learned a lesson of good friendship; furthering what it means to be a good American.

SNOW STORMS

The last big storm we had was a remembrance of being a kid in Norwood, walking to school in

the street with high banks of piled snow clinging to the curbs; falling down upon us in November or December and not melting until March. When school was to be cancelled in those days we listened for the loud blare of the fire whistle and, when Our Town became larger, the whistle no longer sounded, but the street lights stayed on. We were so glad to hear or see either one!

THANK YOU

During one of our recent snow storms, the DPW, Light Department, NFD and NPD were out straight with calls. The constant runs were many and dangerous. As I listened to the scanner I thought how lucky we were to have such great crews with obvious pre-planning for such weather events. I listened to both the PD and FD dispatchers as the many calls came in. The response to the calls in most cases is different for each department. The air waves were going constantly with barely a quiet moment. It's unimaginable to think of a more negative situation if the two dispatch units were in the same room. (Special thanks to Light Department for restoring our power in under an hour during the height of one of the storms!) What you all do is very much appreciated; as you are the best!

Have you driven along Wash-

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amendment would do harm to both parties if successfully carried out.

"What's being proposed here is to take away from Mr. Comenitz and from my client the value of the property by rezoning it or attempting to rezone it to general residence."

Addressing comments that had been made and would continue to be made for the duration the hearing regarding what should be done with Comenitz's land, Hern went further.

"For years, people perhaps have had their eyes on that property... but nobody did anything about it. And now that my client wants to do something with the property – that is allowed by special permit in a manufacturing zone – all of a sudden, people want to take away that right, and all of a sudden, people want to take away the value of that property."

Debbie Holmwood, following up on this, expressed her concern with rezoning a third party's private property and asked the audience for some justification. In response, Chuck Pizzano said,

"If we rezone this, we're going to change the price of this one person's property, but if we don't we're going to drop the price of everybody's," which drew a hearty round of applause.

Helen Donohue – who spoke several times during the hearing – stated that she was in favor of the zoning change, while also speaking in favor of Comenitz ("Bruce has never had a bad day for the Town of Norwood."), Clemmey, and Ernie Boch Jr. (both of whose weddings she attended).

She announced that she had proposed to Comenitz that he sell part of his land to the Town using Community Preservation Act funds and the other part of his land to Boch. She added that she offered to speak to Boch and Clemmey herself to see if they might be willing to amend

their purchase and sale agreement to reflect this.

Though Comenitz did not take her up on her offer, Donohue offered that she still planned to bring the idea up at the April 11 Community Preservation Committee meeting.

Additionally, Toni Eosco brought up a case in her neighborhood from more than 20 years ago in which local residents had brought about the rezoning of land through petition.

Throughout the meeting, Planning Board members kept reminding the audience that there was, in fact, no site plan for the Morse Street property before them at the time; as Clemmey explained it, putting one together has been complicated, but that he anticipated filing within two weeks.

Despite these explanations, there was still confusion as members of the audience repeatedly mistook the purchase and sale agreement between Boch and Comenitz – and Hern's mention of preliminary plans – as a filed plan and special permit application with the Board.

In fact, if this zoning amendment does not receive the two-thirds Town Meeting majority that it will need in order to take effect, there may be another date in the Willett Room, and another public hearing – likely featuring many of the same people – as Boch applies for a special permit.

Closing the hearing, the Board unanimously chose to discuss and vote on whether or not to recommend the Morse Street zoning amendment at its next scheduled meeting on April 23.

In the annual reorganization, Joseph Sheehan was voted Chairman, Alfred Porro was voted Vice Chairman, and Ernie Paciorkowski was voted Clerk. The meeting also marked the first for Robert Bamber, who was recently appointed to replace Paul Donohue.

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Town Meeting Articles top Selectmen's agenda

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen gathered in Room 34 of Town Hall on Tuesday evening, April 10, in a meeting that featured – as its main agenda items – some Town Meeting business and one public hearing. Paul Bishop was absent.

In Town Meeting business: School Committee Chair Myev Bodenhofer submitted a request to place an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant asking for funds to pay for an additional ELL (English Language Learner) teacher for the FY2018 School Department budget.

Having concluded that – with the tight budget – there might not be enough money to make it to the end of the school year, the School Department is requesting the appropriation article.

William Plasko also submitted four articles for May's Special Town Meeting.

Two of them were drafted to change Town bylaws regarding the Clerk Accountant position. One will officially separate the two positions, while the other changes the bylaw granting the position(s) the status of Town Meeting member(s) at-large.

"I'm recommending that we recommend language that simply deletes reference to either position," Plasko said. "With both positions being employees that are hired, there's potential that, in the future, we could have two individuals both living out of Town. We shouldn't have people out of Town as members of Town Meeting potentially voting at Town Meeting. I think it's probably the cleanest thing to just delete the position from being a member at-large."

Plasko's other submitted articles were those he had mentioned during the prior week's meeting.

One concerns Town Meet-

ing approval of an acceptance statute potentially granting the Board of Selectmen the power to charge fees to car dealerships for the open lot storage of their inventory.

The other asks for Town Meeting approval of a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement, should one be reached, between the Town and MAP Energy Funding Solutions, which – working with the MBTA – has plans to install solar canopies at Norwood Central commuter station sometime this spring.

With those four articles – and the School Department's – the warrant was closed with 24 on its agenda, with the possibility of a 25th being added for signature at next week's meeting.

"(Assistant Town Manager) Mr. Cooper was concerned last minute that we might possibly need an infusion of some cash into the General Government miscellaneous account," Plasko explained.

He went on to inform the Board that Cooper would check on the status of the miscellaneous account and that the 25th article would be added or dropped based on what he found.

In new business related to last November's Special Town Meeting, Plasko informed the Board that the request the Town

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Grateful thanks,
P.J.Q. and N.M.Q

had put through to Beacon Hill for five additional liquor licenses to be issued with no geographic restriction was – based on his conversation with State Representative John Rogers held earlier that day – not going to happen.

"It appears that the current Administration and the chairman of the committee that oversees these matters have the opposite opinion," Plasko detailed. "They don't want to issue additional licenses unless they're for specific businesses or for specifically -designated economic development districts."

Although the Town has de facto economic development districts, none are official, so

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OPINION

Eye opening revelations

If taxpaying residents of this Town have not paid close attention to the Page 1 article this week concerning Norwood's current budget woes then take a seat – start sipping a strong libation – and read it carefully. This Town is entering into a period of its history unlike any in at least the 25 years this newspaper has been doing business here. Norwood is, for all intents and purposes, broke.

To even mention that free cash is down to \$150,000 and saying, "so we don't have a lot of reserve," is like stating the Titanic is taking on water and there may not be enough bailing buckets. In the best case scenario, should all spending stay neutral over the next five years (which is impossible) and all revenue stay even, Norwood is looking at a budget deficit of millions each year, culminating in a \$10 million-plus deficit in year five.

According to Selectman Bill Plasko, it's ludicrous for a Town the size of Norwood to have just \$150,000 in reserve. Well, what is equally incredulous is that any Norwood Selectman would be surprised at that number given each of the five sitting members have overseen the bulk of the spending that has put this Town in the position it's in in the first place. Why the surprise? When recommendations were being made to construct things like a new high school and DPW yard, purchasing land for a new Electric Light facility and, the coup de grace, recommending the spending of \$13 million for a piece of land with no defined use, while at the same time approving virtually every capital expenditure of cars and equipment put before them by various departments, where was the behind the scenes personnel crunching the numbers saying, "Ah guys, we may have a problem here...?"

Were all of these purchasing decisions wrong? No, some of them made sense; others not so much. However, what is obvious is that no one was minding the hen house. Some may argue at least a portion of criticism should be directed at the Finance Committee and, to a degree, it should. However, more times than

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Letters to the Editor

A TOUCH OF CLASS

To the Editor:

Just a line to express appreciation for the graciousness displayed by both losing candidate Patrick McDonough and winning candidate David Catania in the televised aftermath of their school committee campaign. With so much rancor and divisiveness polluting politics these days, it was a breath of fresh air to observe their civility. Nice going, gentlemen.

*Joe Fitzgerald
Norwood*

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ington St. in the Ward and seen the number of cars parked curbside every work day? There is yet another development being proposed for the location of 862-878 Washington St. consisting of 12 units. We have 'condominium-ized' and 'town housed' Our Town enough. We live in a Town with fair taxes...want no more overrides...which will probably happen with an influx of students and the need, now, for a new school.

AN EYE FOR AN EYE?

A 36-year-old illegal alien who was serving time because he stole \$130,000 from an elderly woman has now finally been convicted, found GUILTY, and SENTENCED because of his horrific abuse of a puppy. Radoslaw Czerkawski starved, fractured, stabbed, and split the tongue of, Puppy Doe, a young, beautiful, and innocent pup, while in the evil one's unfortunate care. Puppy Doe was found starved, brutalized, and near death and had to be euthanized. The sub-human was sentenced to only eight to 10 years. When the creep gets out, America will give him a courtesy flight home.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our fabulous Director of Dining Services, Eli Norris, and his lovely wife, have had the joy of bringing their first child, a beautiful baby girl into their lives. Sleep is the magic word!! Also, many would like to thank Eli for the changes made in the school lunch menus, as many students have commented that they are more likely to purchase a lunch than take a sandwich from home. They even like the choice of veggies. YUM!

THIS AND THAT When we have a snow storm, do you find it annoying that our local TV channels cover the event from a.m. to p.m. blocking all regular programming? Are they so young they have never seen a snow event before? It was recently stated that the video industry took in 36 billion this past year. Videos, many social media sites, and extremely liberal parenting are the ruination of many in a generation. We all suffer the consequences. Mr. Trump, please keep your hands off of Amazon. It's fine just the way it is! Mr. Zuckerberg and Ms. Sandberg are trying to talk their way out of the inexcusable negative issues that have finally been made public concerning Facebook...The love of money? Are we truly helping someone addicted to drugs when we make a location available to them to legally shoot up? An individual will be on the premises to give the addict a clean syringe and use Narcan if necessary. BYE GUYS, think spring.

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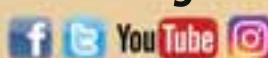


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Local realtor/developer Michael Viano gave a developer's perspective on the Forbes property. He suggested converting the Mansion to condos and building a small cluster of houses around it.

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Forbes Hill Task Force brings in first expert

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

The Forbes Hill Task Force met on Thursday, April 5 in the Willet Room of the Civic Center. In keeping with recent attendance, the meeting drew four members of the general public, one of whom was the invited speaker for the evening.

Over the course of several meetings, the Task Force had spoken of bringing in real estate professionals, developers, bankers, and other industry ex-

perts to share their insight and knowledge regarding the \$13 million Forbes property bought by the Town at the turn of the year.

Realtor/developer/historical preservation consultant Michael Viano, who was invited by Task Force member Stephen Keefe to speak to the group, proved to be a multi-faceted guest.

Although a Walpole native, Viano's familiarity and family connection to the Town ran deep as he shared his many

links to it while introducing himself to the Task Force.

Additionally, Viano's background as consultant to the Governor Allen House/Doll House Museum at 289 Walpole St. and as developer of the recently finished 30 lot subdivision of the 75-acre Sunny Rock Farm property in Walpole served as credentials during his 40-minute talk.

Asked by Keefe to give a developer's perspective on the

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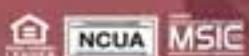
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Forbes property, Viano did just that, hypothetically going through the estate with sensibilities and concerns ranging from zoning, to building code, to development layouts, to topographical issues, to target demographics.

Throughout, the Task Force was interactive, asking questions of and sharing ideas with Viano.

One of his major points focused on keeping the Mansion and converting it to whatever number of condominiums would work, while developing the area around it with residential units.

"If new construction can be allowed in conjunction with the rehab of the existing building – not particularly dense, because that would detract from it – I think it would create a

better financial situation in terms of getting a better price for the property," Viano said.

He related this concept to his Walpole development, in which houses are clustered around a couple of parks: one green, the other wooded.

Going further, Viano spoke of the overwhelming demographic of the buyers.

"I'm going to say that more than 90 percent of them are people that are empty nesters who are selling their bigger house," he said. "They want a home, but they don't want a condominium. They want a yard, but they don't want a half acre or an acre to take care of anymore."

He made sure to mention that there was no age qualified restriction in place for these properties, just "a huge unmet

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need" of the baby boomer generation to downsize to a smaller house.

"So, I'm thinking townhouses around the Mansion – 10 or 12 or something like that, whatever the numbers are – and single-family homes," Viano said. "But you can adapt the plan any number of ways."

This idea of building market rate houses aimed for older residents seemed to be well received, particularly by Task Force Chair William Plasko and member Allan Howard, who cited Norwood Crossing and Norwood Gardens, respectively, as similar cases.

Beyond these conceptual ideas, Viano also touched on more cost-conscious aspects of the Forbes property process. He emphasized the importance of the Town having a plan as to what it wants to do with the property and then setting up the

zoning for it – with or without an overlay district – as quickly as possible in order to make it quicker and easier for potential buyers to act.

At the end of his talk, Viano revisited his suggestion for the site.

"You have a good design," Viano said. "In a location like that, in a town like Norwood, you should attract people who want to downsize. There are just an awful lot of us, and there aren't a lot of places to go."

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis also gave an update on the grant application he filed with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for technical assistance regarding the proposed survey on what to do with the Forbes property.

The MAPC anticipated another few weeks before making a decision.

In the discussion that followed, there was speculative talk regarding timelines and moving quickly, and Allan Howard made the emphatic announcement that he had four developers "today" who were willing to buy the property – for what the Town paid – for condominiums.

"Bring them in," Langone responded.

"You haven't told me to bring them in," Howard came back. "I have them. They don't want to submit their proposals because then everybody else

will know what they want to do and steal it from them."

"And we can't negotiate and deal with any one party," Plasko added. "We can get information. We can put it together."

Plasko went on to say that, with enough specifics, they could set up the RFP (request for proposals) around that information "so that that's who bids for it."

At the very end of the nearly hour and a half meeting, Halkiotis asked to speak, and generally responded to the comments and tone of the meeting, first by saying that four months after the purchase, they were as far along as any big developer would be.

He then reminded the group that the main reason behind buying the property was to keep another large development from going up.

"Everybody's forgotten all about that, and all we're doing is, 'We've got to get our \$13 million back,'" Halkiotis said. "I'd like to caution you to take a deep breath, work through the process, and do the best thing for the Town."

He added that four months, six months, or a year to plan something that would be there for the next 75 wasn't a lot of time and finished by saying,

"Be patient and we'll work through the process," he said.

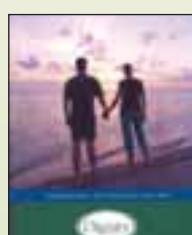
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the Board voted to amend its legislative request to one beer and wine license for the Grass Roots Cultural and Performing Arts Center at the Commerce Center (61 Endicott St.), which had been one of two businesses requesting such a license at last November's Town Meeting.

In related business, Little Bird Events – located at the Space Center at 83 Morse St. – was named in the ABCC (Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission) submission as the recipient of a wine and malt beverage license from Royal Pizza.

Little Bird Events had been the other business to request a beer and wine license last No-

vember.

In still more related business, the public hearing held was regarding Nashat Saleeb's application for a CV (common victualer) license to operate the aforementioned Royal Pizza (sans beer and wine) at 1001 Boston Providence Turnpike (at the intersection of Route 1 and Dean Street).

The application was quickly approved, with Saleeb stopping to share handshakes with the entire Board and exchanging a greeting in Arabic with Helen Donohue on his way out the door.

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Norwood Light Broadband outage one of its worst

Most problems quickly repaired

Matt MacDonald
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, March 29, Norwood Light Broadband (NLB) had one of its worst power outages in its 16 years of operation, with its televi-

this room," Hanson said. "The lights stayed on. The air conditioning stayed on. But all of the equipment went out."

It happened during routine maintenance on the Headend's Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS): the bat-

The first major hit was to the combining network – a six-foot-high embankment of five power supplies with large bundles of strapped together cables leading into them from the other side.

"This is where everything in this room comes together and gets combined and then is amplified before it gets sent out to our customers," Hanson explained. Of the five power sources, three were lost. "Fortunately, we had spares and were able to get those in."

Two aisles over, thin bright yellow wires connecting to

Broadband Outage
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Broadband Division Manager Darryl Hanson points out a fiber optics receiver wire in the Headend, the room at the center of Norwood Light Broadband's television, telephone, and Internet services. Despite suffering one of its worst outages since its 2002 establishment, almost all NLB services were restored to customers within a matter of hours.

PHOTO BY MATT MACDONALD

sion, telephone, and internet services going dark throughout the Town.

The outage, which occurred at 1:49 p.m., initially affected all 5,000 NLB customers, with services for the first of them starting to come back on-line by 2:15 p.m., 90 percent up and running by 3 p.m., and the balance of them back on by 4:15 p.m.

At that time, however, 14 channels continued to remain off and were restored one by one until the last of them was brought back online at 10:30 p.m. on March 31.

Standing in the "Headend," a single room located at Norwood Light's 206 Central St. headquarters crammed with telecommunication equipment arranged in several aisles of embankments was Broadband Division Manager Darryl Hanson, speaking over the constant whirring of the fans cooling the equipment.

"This whole room went down, which is everything: our internet, our telephone, all our cable TV comes through

terry back-up for the room that keeps it running during power outages until a generator kicks in.

While transferring the UPS from operational mode to bypass mode, the circuit breaker tripped, knocking out the power. Immediately reset, it was left in bypass mode to avoid any further disruption until emergency maintenance the next morning at 1 a.m. and was replaced as a precautionary measure, allowing for the power to be transferred back to operational mode.

"When a circuit breaker like that pops, we don't just quickly turn it back on, we want to find out why it popped, so we spent a little time at that," Hanson said.

Replacing the faulty circuit breaker switch wasn't the only problem that needed to be solved after the initial outage occurred. When the circuit tripped or when it was flipped back on, damage occurred in several devices – power supplies and satellite receivers – located throughout the room.

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Norwood Honor Society presents kids' birthday bags to Food Pantry



The Norwood Food Pantry would like to express its appreciation to the Norwood Chapter of the National Honor Society, who recently prepared and donated birthday bags for the children of families the pantry serves. The bags, which contain cake mix, icing, napkins, plates, and a variety of other delightful celebratory materials, were delivered to Executive Director Claudia Mackey (left) by Noelle Abruzzese (right).

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electronic boards mark the fiber optic section of the room. Hanson points out the block of equipment that sends signals out to customers and right next to that, the embankment of yellow wired optical receivers that get all of their information back.

"We have the internet, some two-way communications going out this way and coming back in," Hanson said. "The same thing with our set top boxes. If you order a movie on pay-per-view, this is where it all comes back in. Telephone, the same thing. The conversation is two-way."

Every neighborhood in Town – broken down into areas covering around two blocks – is supplied with a fiber optic receiver, or "node," that feeds about 35 customers. In the power surge, one optical transmitter went out, as did one fiber optics receiver power supply, which were also replaced with on site spares.

"That covers about 48 areas of Town, right there," Hanson said.

Satellite receivers are scattered throughout the room, looking much like DVD players slotted into metal shelving with network names (AMC, NESN, FX, Food, etc.) labeled on them.

"We've got, pretty much, one for every channel in our system," Hanson gestured to an aisle full of them.

He went on to say that when the power went back on, most of the satellite receivers came back up, but that about 20 of them needed maintenance, with 14 requiring reprogramming.

Reprogramming, he explained, can only be done one satellite receiver at a time, and had to be done for its entire networking route within the Headend. This painstaking process took over two days.

Hanson introduced Headend Systems Engineer Scott Dorsey.

"Scott was really instrumental in getting everything back on," he said, adding that Dorsey had worked for 48 hours straight before getting some sleep and then working for another 12 hours to

get everything back up and running.

"I mean, you just do what you have to do," Dorsey said about the experience. "It's what we prepared for, to try to make it, when you have an emergency, that it goes as smooth as possible. And, considering all, it went pretty well. This room was completely dark. There was nothing."

"All the fans turn off," Hanson added. "It's pretty eerie."

Though repairs were prioritized by addressing the most watched channels first, a couple of popular ones were out for more extended amounts of time. Boston Catholic – going right into Easter weekend – was one of them.

"That was one of the receivers that died, so one of our guys actually drove to its headquarters, its studios, and picked up another receiver from them – that's one that we didn't have on site – and brought it over and we got it fired up again," he said.

For this outage, everyone helped out, from technicians and engineers, to Light Department personnel, to customer service representatives, to a help desk in Kentucky.

"All of the guys here love the work," Hanson finished. "When something like that happens, they're all eager to jump in and help out."

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Budget *continued from page 1*

could come up with a word – that, roughly, things might stay the same on this trend, but it's not addressing any of the bigger picture financial challenges that we have, or any of the infrastructure challenges," Mazzucco said.

"For at least 15 years now, we've been purposely making sure that we put some money in every year to do some project," Member William Plasko said. "This is the first time in a long time we've said, 'No. We're not going to do anything this year.'"

Over the course of the discussion, Mazzucco and Committee members Anne Marie Haley, Myev Bodenhofer, and Maura Smith would revisit the projects and staff recommendations consistently put aside, or "new" hires that are, in fact, positions that had been cut from past budgets.

"I'm reasonably happy with how the School budget has turned out for this year, given where we started, and I definitely appreciate all of the support, but the truth is that we're not able to maintain level services in the schools anymore," Bodenhofer said at one point.

Haley touched on capital improvement projects left undone that would grow more problematic as they were delayed, while Mazzucco cited the current seller's market in municipal construction.

"You can't get a roof on an elementary school for less than a couple million bucks," he said.

Plasko went back to something that McQuaid had said

earlier regarding the free cash balance.

"\$150,000," he said the words slowly, emphasizing each syllable. "For a town this size. It's just ludicrous that we're in that position."

Slater brought up the fact that because of free cash spending practices that were forced for FY2019, there would actually be less available for FY2020, while Mazzucco threw in that those projected deficits for McQuaid's five-year forecast had free cash built into them.

He gave as an example FY2020's \$2.2 million deficit having \$1.8 million worth of free cash as part of it, making the real projected FY2020 deficit closer to \$3.5 million or \$4 million.

"So, to Bill's point, it's even worse than it looks," Mazzucco finished.

"I don't think there's any way that we can continue the way we're going," Committee Chair Alan Slater said. "I mean, we have to look at other ways of doing things. As I said on Election Night, everything should be on the table, and we'll just have to decide – looking at long term plans – what's the best solution."

"Better do that before we have to sell the table," Plasko responded.

Although this elicited some chuckles, Plasko and the majority of the Committee weren't smiling.

The next Budget Balancing Committee is scheduled for June 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

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naught recommendations against spending by said Committee have been ignored by Town Meeting, following the lead of the Selectmen.

Another eye-popping revelation came out of the latest Forbes Hill Task Force meeting when Selectman Allan Howard commented that he had four developers "today" who were willing to buy the property – for what the Town paid – for condominiums. And when Judy Langone said "Bring them in," Howard responded, "You haven't told me to bring them in. I have them."

Is it fair to ask if the Forbes Hill Task Force is so mired in protocol that time is being unnecessarily wasted on developing surveys and such when there really are buyers ready to step in and take this property off the Town's hands? The Task Force no doubt understands that their charge is to unload that property as quickly as possible without the Town taking a financial bath in the exchange. With a clear understanding of the Town's finances, Mr. Howard's frustration at the glacial pace of the process should be bothersome to everyone.

Selling off the Forbes Hill property would be an excellent start to dealing with these money issues. Cutting off unnecessary spending will also help, but is in no way a panacea for the troubles Norwood faces. Raising additional revenues is most assuredly the best way to deal with these problems but that takes expert, creative thinking, perhaps too much to expect from a mostly all-volunteer crew of public servants like Selectmen and Town Meeting, no criticism intended.

This newspaper has suggested in the past that perhaps it is time for Norwood to reconstruct its current governing charter and consider more of a mayoral, city council-type administration. This is not a cottage suburb. Norwood is big business, and we think it may be becoming too unwieldy for current leaders.

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Sports

Upset win vs. Wellesley has Norwood thinking big

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

At the outset of the season, Norwood High boys' volleyball head coach Paul Nimblett said that one of the goals for his team this spring was to take sets from teams the Mustangs have struggled against in the past.

Norwood didn't just take a set from Wellesley High last week, it took all three sets in a surprising 25-23, 25-22, 25-23 victory over the Raiders on the road last Wednesday. It was the first time the Mustangs have beaten Wellesley since Nimblett became head coach of the varsity team.

Norwood went on to fall in straight sets vs. Braintree High on Friday, losing 25-18, 25-6, 25-13 to the Wamps, but Nimblett believes the way his team is truly capable of playing moving forward.

"It was like night and day to how we played today," Nimblett said following the loss to the Braintree. "We missed way too many serves today, too



Even though the Mustangs fell in straight sets vs. Braintree High last Friday, a straight set win vs. Wellesley High two days prior shows this Norwood team has the potential to play with any team in the league.

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many unforced errors and things like that, things we can control, like the nets. We need to stay out of the nets, there were some big net calls. We started to gain a little momentum in that third set, so we

need to focus in on the little things we can control. Against Wellesley, we did that."

Jake Fleming filled the stat sheet vs. Wellesley, racking up 15 service points — a figure which in-

cluded 10 aces — with 17 kills and seven digs.

Fleming had 10 more digs vs. Braintree, as well as 16 kills. It wasn't enough, as the Wamps particularly overmatched Norwood

in the lopsided second set.

Nimblett cautioned that while the set scores didn't appear to be competitive, lots of the points were lost on long rallies when the Mustangs goaded themselves into unforced errors. He also credited Braintree for essentially taking Fleming out of the game with different coverages, leaving his skillset obsolete in various instances.

"Braintree covered everything," Nimblett said. "Give it up for them. They have a solid team over there. They don't necessarily always hit the ball hard, but they have guys that can hit and they're very well-rounded. That really hurt us. Jake's our go-to guy."

When Fleming is the focus of an opposing defense, Nimblett said it'll take some help from other members of the team to step up and keep the Mustangs afloat.

"We got other guys involved, but they just need to start putting balls away," Nimblett

Volleyball

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Boys tennis hopes to utilize strength in numbers

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

Progress is evident through one match for the Norwood High boys' tennis team this spring.

Even after a 4-1 loss to the Milton Wildcats in less than ideal conditions for tennis, Mustangs head coach John Churchill pointed to the sheer numerical advantage Norwood seems to be gaining on its roster after stagnant growth in the last several seasons.

"Our numbers are much improved this year," Churchill said. "After four seasons of having just over the required seven players to fill out a varsity lineup — around 10 or less each season — this season, there are 21 boys who have committed to playing tennis for high school."

This means that in addi-

tion to the varsity starters, consisting of three singles players and four doubles players, Norwood finally has the ability to run deep junior varsity matches. Churchill said that all but one of the JV players are new to the team this season.

Against Milton, the Mustangs rolled with two juniors, four sophomores and a freshman in its starting lineup. Norwood picked up its win in second doubles courtesy of Sai Nedunchezian and Finn Kelley, both juniors, who won 4-6, 6-4, 10-5. It was the first win in second doubles for the Mustangs since the 2016 season, Churchill said, adding that Kelley is one of the team's varsity newcomers.

Two more varsity newcomers played first doubles for Norwood in sophomore Chris Cox and freshman Will



Sai Nedunchezian, seen above in a photo from last season, notched Norwood's lone win in its opening match vs. Milton -- along with Finn Kelley -- as the second doubles pairing.

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Fehm. Though they fell in straight sets (2-6, 4-6), they jumped out to early leads in each set to demonstrate the

untapped potential each player still possesses. Cox and Fehm held a 2-0 lead in the first set and a 4-2 advan-

tage in the second before the Wildcats duo of K.J. Meade

Boys Tennis

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All things considered, Savino happy with Norwood opener despite L

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

There's nothing like the good outdoors.

Even though the Norwood High softball team fell to the Braintree Wamps, 6-3, in its season opener on Monday afternoon, head coach Carol Savino relished the opportunity to finally see the Mustangs up against some real competition – even if it was just the second day outside all spring for Norwood.

"Yesterday was our first day outdoors, and yesterday we worked on trying to find three outfielders," Savino said, referring

to one of her biggest question marks coming into the season. "All in all, I was pleased. It's encouraging as far as what they can do."

On 27 balls put in play by Braintree hitters, the Mustangs committed only three errors.

Savino was especially pleased with sophomore Emma Maturo's debut at shortstop, as she takes over the position long held by the since-graduated Siobhan Reen. Maturo fielded all five of her opportunities in the field cleanly, part of a day in which she batted third in the lineup for the Mustangs and recorded the team's lone extra-base

hit – a double in the bottom of the fourth inning.

"I thought Maturo did a great job," Savino said. "We didn't know what we were going to get. When you field the ball in the gym, it's nice and smooth and you get no bad bounces. You get out here and it's a different story."

Amanda Olbrys pitched the entire game for Norwood, giving up six runs (four earned) on nine hits while striking out four and walking two.

Battling an illness, not to mention rust, Savino praised her

Softball

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Boys Tennis *continued from page 10*



Sophomore T.J. Fehm, seen above in a picture from last season, has elevated to the first singles player on the Norwood High boys tennis team.

and Jack Elliott rallied, going on to win each set without yielding another game.

"Both Chris and Will are big additions to the team, adding depth to our squad that could make the difference against some teams," Churchill said.

Third singles player Alessandro DiCesare, a sophomore, came up just short against Milton co-captain captain Jeff Chan. After taking the first set, 7-6 (7-3), DiCesare dropped the next two 6-7 (6-8) and 8-10. Nevertheless,

DiCesare turned eyes with his performance, in a duel Churchill referred to as a "virtual coinflip."

Because Milton had already won their third and deciding team point, a super-tiebreaker was played in lieu of a third set, thus the straight 8-10 number.

First singles T.J. Fehm and second singles each fell in straight sets to Mike Gates and Nate Dickens, respectively, each of their opponents' members of the Milton team that made it to the Division 2 South

sectional quarterfinal a season ago.

"Despite the loss, this was an encouraging performance," Churchill said. "The conditions were not ideal for tennis, but everyone competed hard."

The Mustangs played at Weymouth High yesterday, in an event held after the Record's deadline. The team is next in action tomorrow afternoon at 3:45 p.m. vs. Dedham High for a nonleague match, this time on the courts adjacent to Norwood High School.



Second baseman Erin Murphy, a co-captain of this year's Norwood High softball team, showed little rust in the field or at the dish in Monday's season opener.

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Young laxers have lots to learn

Jake Levin
Staff Reporter

The Norwood High boys' lacrosse team remains in search of its first win following back-to-back losses vs. Dedham and Weymouth in its opening week.

Each game was on the road for the Mustangs, each locale providing its own set of challenges. Norwood dropped its opener at Dedham, 9-6, before falling to Weymouth last Thursday, 13-0.

With one week in the books as head coach of the varsity team, Danny Reyes said that there's been some improvement in a few areas for the Mustangs, but it still comes down to transforming a vast amount of athletic talent into lacrosse players.

"It was a combination of factors," Reyes said after the loss to the Wildcats. "Prima-

rily, we have a lot of athletes but we're still developing as lacrosse players. It's their first or second year with sticks in their hands, so it takes that time; that muscle memory to get them practicing. In addition to the early season and the weather with limited practice time, it's restricted those opportunities."

Weymouth scored five times in the first quarter and four more in the second, during which time Norwood wasn't able to set up any semblance of a set in its attacking zone. Even on the few occasions the Mustangs were able to force a Weymouth turnover and come up with a ground ball, the Wildcats denied Norwood a clear at every corner.

Boys Lax
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Legals

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORWOOD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

In accordance with the requirements of Mass. General Law Chapter 40A Section 5 and Norwood Local Bylaw Article 47 Section 2.1, the Norwood Community Preservation Committee will hold an informational Public Hearing on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. in The Willet Room of the Norwood Civic Center, 165 Nahatan Street. The focus of this public hearing will be to help educate the public on the ongoing work of the Community Preservation Committee and to solicit feedback as it pertains to the local Community Preservation Plan / Needs Assessment. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Planning Department at Town Hall during normal business hours.

Joseph Greeley, Chairman

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The Wildcats scored early and often against the Mustangs last Thursday in South Weymouth, although they did fall short of matching last season's 16-0 victory over Norwood.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

To make matters worse for the Mustangs, the team was absent its top offensive weapon in junior Jake Smelstor – Norwood's leading scorer from last season, when he racked up 49 goals.

"That definitely makes an impact," Reyes said of Smelstor's absence. "When you're missing a couple of your impact players, it makes it look a lot worse than I think it really was. We definitely had some improvement in a couple of different areas. I set the goals pre-game to work on, and we're getting there."

Reyes listed said goals as focusing on ground balls, including the hustle involved with scooping them, as well as improved communication on defense along the lines of paying attention to where the slide is coming from. He also hoped

for better movement in the offensive end, but due to a personnel shortage, he wasn't truly able to see that goal through.

"Due to the fact that we're missing some of our better players on offense, the ball was in our defensive zone most of the time," Reyes said. "The offensive assessment was limited, but we definitely improved on defense."

Weymouth held Norwood off the scoreboard in the team's lone meeting last season as well, a 16-0 win for the Wildcats.

Smelstor scored twice for the Mustangs in the opener vs. the Marauders, a preview of the team's Tri-Valley League rivalry which will begin next season. Mark Dunn also netted a pair for Norwood, which was tied with Dedham 5-5 at the half before the Marauders

pulled away in the final 24 minutes.

Joe Spadocia and Harry Leduc also scored for the Mustangs in the loss.

"It was an issue with turnovers," Reyes said of the second half letdown against the Marauders. "We turned it over on clears, we fought hard to get defensive stops and get a ground ball but then on the clears, we made an ill-advised pass on numerous occasions to turn it right back over and it ended up right back in our net."

Norwood traveled to Wellesley High on Tuesday, in an event held after the Record's deadline. The team's home opener – its only home game during the month of April – is this afternoon against Framingham High at 4 p.m.



Ryan Gallagher stands to the right of Norwood High goaltender Mike Sobchuk as the pair attempts to protect the cage from Weymouth High's attack in a 13-0 loss last Thursday.

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Softball *continued from page 11*



Janelle Kelleher, a co-captain of this year's Norwood High softball team, drove in the first run of the season for the Mustangs with an RBI single to right on Monday afternoon.

PHOTO BY JAKE LEVIN

said.

The Wamps tacked on two more runs in the top of the fifth, the Mustangs getting one back after Jenna Mazzola brought Olbrys home on a single to make it 4-2 Braintree.

The Wamps scored once more in both the sixth and seventh innings, while all Norwood could muster was a single run in the sixth as Katie Welch plated Erin Murphy on a fielder's choice to complete the game's scoring.

Braintree scored twice in the top of the third inning, cashing in on two of Norwood's three errors and the second and final walk yielded by Olbrys.

Janelle Kelleher brought

Matruo home with a single to

right to open the bottom of the

fourth inning for the Mustangs,

slicing the Wamps' lead in half with

still no one out.

It was the first time Norwood

had strung together consecutive hits

in the game, and it followed back-

to-back innings of going down in

order.

But in perhaps yet another ex-

ample of the cabin fever that came

with being confined to the gym and

Norwood High School for the

majority of the preseason, the Mus-

tangs' were unable to sustain any

rallies of significance in the game.

Norwood struck out nine times

as a team, six times while looking

at a called strike three.

"I'm not happy when they

stand there and don't swing, but

that'll come with reps," Savino

said.

"We just need to pick our-

selves up and move on," Nimblett

said. You always have that match in a week where it doesn't really go your way. I think we can play much better next time we play Braintree. We'll be better. They're a solid team and they play hard."

Volleyball *continued from page 10*

said. "There were long rallies, even in that second set. The score doesn't really dictate how the match went. There were long rallies, Braintree just finished the rallies."

The road ahead gets no easier for Norwood, with matches this week against Natick High, Norton High and Needham High – the last of which is this afternoon at Norwood High at 4 p.m. and the final match of the Mus-

tangs prior to April vacation. They won't take to the court again until Monday, April 23 vs. Newton North High in another home match.

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MONDAY, APRIL 2

1104 Phone - Larceny *Report Filed Location/Address: Bmw Gallery - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller Reports A Larceny Of Four Tires.

1336 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Brookview Cir Matter Resolved And Quiet For Now.

1402 Phone - Unwanted Party *Report Filed Location/Address: Walgreens - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller Reports A Possible Shoplifter. Subject Wont Leave The Store.

1850 Phone - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Brookview Cir Caller Reports Upstairs Neighbors Banging On The Walls. N662 Gives A Courtesy Transports To Stoughton.

2205 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Neponset St Caller Reports Her Daughter Is Being Disorderly In The House. Reports Upon Arrival The Child Was Calmed Down.

2237 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller Reports People Moving In Are Being Loud. Spoke To The Party And They Are Finished For The Night.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

1040 Phone - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Norwest Dr Units Arrest One Male On Two Wms. Arrest: Lawrence, Timothy Robert Address: 138 Norwest Dr Apt. #B Norwood, Ma Age: 35 Charges: Warrant Arrest Warrant Arrest 1142 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: St Catherine Of Sienna School - Nahatan St Caller Reports An Sp Male Near The Play Area At The School. Party Was Goa. If He Returns The Staff Will Call.

1257 Phone - Report Of Fight Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St + Douglas Ave Caller Reports 4 Females Fighting. Officers Locate All Involved And The Dispute Was Verbal Only.

1512 Phone - Shoplifting *Report Filed Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy W/M Male In His 20's With A Beard , Blue Top And Jeans Was Stopped In The Store After Concealing Tools. Items Returned And He Was Last Observed Entering Stop & Shop.

1832 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Officer Advised A Subject On Her Rights After Loaning Money To A Friend.

2012 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: George St Caller Reports Kids Causing A Disturbance. Reports It Was A Senior Prank.

2047 Initiated - Warrant Service *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Hill St Brings One Back Under Arrest. Arrest: Laurole, Woodley Laurent Address: 54 Hill St Norwood, Ma Age: 26 Charges: Warrant Arrest

2317 Phone - Disturbance Spoken

To Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller Reports Resident That Lives Below Them Are Being Loud. Reports Person Was On The Phone Speaking Loudly, They Will Keep It Down For The Night. 2323 911 - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller Reports Person Banging At The Front Door. Spoke To The Residents All Is In Order.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

0233 Phone - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Party In Emergency Room States He Was Assaulted Outside Of His Home When He Arrived Home By 2 Males. Responded To Hospital. Bolo Put Out By For A White And Black Male. One Wearing A Black Hoodie, The Other A Gray, Last Seen In Area Of The Elks. Area Searched By Officers, Unable To Locate. Report Filed.

0839 Walk-In - Harassment *Report Filed Location/Address: Grace Episcopal Church - Chapel St A Group Of Clients That Attend A Meeting At Grace Episcopal Church On Tuesday Report They Are Being Harassed By A Male Party.

1231 Phone - B & E Residence *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: David Ter Caller Reports A Past B&E To Her Home. As A Result Sharon Pd Placed One Male Into Custody. Transports Him Back To Norwood. Arrest: Randall, Brandon Shane Address: 19 David Ter Norwood, Ma Age: 30 Charges: B&E Building Daytime For Felony Destruction Of Property +\$250, Malicious Warrant Arrest

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

0800 Other - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr Teletype To Check On Ma Pc 1gxg51, Male Slumped Over Wheel In Bridgewater At 0630 Hrs But Left Before EMS Arrival. Reports While Speaking With Mother She Got A Text From Son, He Would Not Disclose His Location. Bridgewater Notified.

1245 Phone - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Staff Reports A Verbal Disturbance Outside The School. Subject Was Goa, Ongoing Issue. Sro Murphy Will File Report.

1347 Initiated - Drug Law Violation *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Chapel St As A Result Of A B.C.I. Investigation, Places Subject Under Arrest And Transports To Station. Center Auto Tows Ma Pc 6dj579. Arrest: Foley, Christopher James Address: 791 South St Apt. #5 Wrentham, Ma Age: 26 Charges: Drug, Possess Class E Drug, Possess Class A

1417 Walk-In - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: E Cross St Report Neighbor Was Asking Her Children About Whom Was Caring For Them. Reports Today Was A 1/2 Day

Of School And A Different Care-taker, Whom The Neighbor Did Not Readily See At The Home, Was Taking Care Of Them.

1422 Walk-In - Complaint Of Mv *Report Filed Location/Address: Walpole St + Winter St Past Road Rage Incident, Gun Brandished.

1650 911 - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Verbal Argument Between Two Parties.

1830 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Winslow Ave Caller Reports Blue Sedan Parked In His Drive Way, Possible Marijuana Use. Stopped Ri Pc Vu823 On Saunders Road. Citation Fine Issued.

1932 Initiated - Liquor Law Violation *Report Filed Location/Address: Acapulco's - Bos-Prov Hwy N495, While On A Grant Assignment, Observes A Liquor Law Violation.

2142 Phone - Civil Dispute Civil Matter Location/Address: Winslow Ave Dispute Between Moving Company And Resident Due To Language Barrier. All Parties Advised.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

1238 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Ad-

dress: Concord Ave Male With A Hood And Baggy Jeans Passing Back And Forth Near Washington On A Phone For 20 Minutes.

1510 Phone - Assaults *Report Filed Location/Address: 1408 - Bos-Prov Hwy State Police 9-1-1 Dispatcher Reports Child On School Bus Claiming He Was Assaulted While Riding On Bus, Bus Driver Not Stopping His Route. Searched 2 Busses On Hampden Dr-Not The One. Norwood Public School "Van" School Bus Eventually Notified To Stop Rt1a/Chapel. Reports Call Is Unfounded.

2310 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Dean St Caller Reports Seeing A Male And Female Having A Loud Argument In A Parking Lot. Parties Left On Foot Towards Dean Street. Bolo To The Cars. All Parties Located, No Argument, Noise Due To Use Party. Provided One Courtesy Transport To Kettering Road.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

0850 Phone - Drug Law Violation Spoken To Location/Address: Traphole Brook - Hampden Dr Report 2 W/M Standing Alongside Brook, Smells Like They Are Smoking Marijuana. Units Locate Them Walking Back Through

Pezwick Park. Checks Them, No Warrants, No Drugs, Stated They Were Taking A Walk, Sent On Their Way.

1013 Phone - Animal Complaint Naco/Waco Notified Location/Address: Fairview Rd Report Resident Of Last House On Left Lets His Dog Out Into The Neighborhood Unattended, Every-day.

2252 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Franklin St Caller Reports Hearing Loud Arguments In The Last Few Days. Residents Deny Having Been Arguing, Officers State No Issues.

2337 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller Reports She Can Hear People Arguing. Reports Person Was Playing Video Games And Yelling At The Tv

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

0202 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Address: Shamrock Pub - Railroad Ave Caller Reported Suspicious Person. Nothing Found.

2029 Phone - Harassment Spoken To Location/Address: 1a Pizza - Walpole St Caller Reports Person Is Making Harassing Phone Calls. Returning To Make Some Calls.

Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

—J.R.G.

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FY2019 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Norwood School Committee will hold a Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. in the Cafeteria at the C. J. Prescott Elementary School, 66 Richland Road, Norwood, MA 02062.

A copy of the proposed FY2019 budget will be available for the public to review from April 16-24, 2018 in the Business Office at the James R. Savage Center, 275 Prospect Street, Norwood, MA and on the Norwood Public School website at www.norwood.k12.ma.us as prescribed in Chapter 71, §38N of the Massachusetts General Laws.

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DEATHS

LANG

Alan E. 84, recently of Amherst, N.H., and a long-time resident of Madison, Conn., died Tuesday, April 3, at Norwood Hospital, after a brief illness. He was born in Hollis, Maine, July 25, 1933, son of Ensley B. and Beatrice Lord Lang of Bar Mills, Maine. Mr. Lang attended Bryant College in Providence, R.I., graduating in 1952, and remained a generous supporter of his alma mater, being recognized as a Distinguished Alumnae in 1994. He began his long career in the paper business at Providence Paper Company in Providence, R.I., before moving to Madison, Conn., to become General Manager of Operations and Assistant to the President at Chatfield Paper Company, then of New Haven, Conn., in 1966. He became President of Chatfield Paper in 1971 and took over ownership in 1978, bringing Providence Paper into the Chatfield organization, before selling to Nekoosa Paper in 1984. When he moved to Madison with his family in 1966, Mr. Lang joined the New Haven Rotary Club, and remained an active member for more than 50 years. He served as president of the club in 1976-1977. He was a benefactor of, and major donor to, the Rotary International Foundation, and was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Foundation for his generous commitment to improving the lives of those both here in the United States and around the world. He leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Doris, daughters Susan Lang of Wallingford, Conn., and Jennifer Rowan of

Norwood, Mass., Jennifer's husband, John, their two daughters, Kayla and Murphy, and cousins Peggy and Dick Ayotte of Augusta, Maine. He was predeceased by his son, Stephan, in 1981.

Funeral services were held at the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD, MA. Burial was at Tyler Cemetery in Vernon, Vt. In lieu of flowers, feel free to send contributions to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collection Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, or make a donation online at www.rotary.org/give.

LOCURTO



Ann Catherine (Didick), age 75, of Norwood, Mass. After a decade-long battle with dementia Ann passed peacefully on Nov. 14, 2017 at Woodbine Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Alexandria, Va. Born and raised in Norwood, Ann was a proud graduate of Norwood High School. After graduating she spent a varied career in the insurance industry and for a time tried her hand at teaching. Ann cherished her time at the beach, especially times spent with family in West

Dennis and Dennisport, on Cape Cod. She loved her family and friends and was a deeply devoted grandmother. Ann is survived by; her children, Cathleen Ann Ranalli of Norwood and James Peter Gordon (Greta) of Alexandria, Va.; brothers Joseph Didick of Port Charlotte, Fla. and Peter Didick of Wrentham, Mass. and grandchildren, Jake, Mark, Bailey and Brigid. She was predeceased by her father, Peter, mother, Mary, brothers Daniel, Richard and Mark and son in-law James Ranalli. Ann will be laid to rest in a family plot at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. Services are private. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Ann's name to the National Aphasia Association: <https://www.aphasia.org/aphasia-resources/primary-progressive-aphasia/> or National Aphasia Association P.O. Box 87 Scarsdale, NY. 10583.

SULLIVAN

David R. Longtime Norwood resident, passed away on April 1, 2018 at home. Loving father of Nancy DiMatta of Winter Springs, Fla., Marlena Doucette and her husband Paul of Medway, and Christopher and Scott Sullivan, both of Norwood. Cherished grandfather of Gregory, Andrea and her husband Brian, Nicholas, Hannah, Jillian and Joseph. Devoted brother of Martha Porter and her husband Charles of Middleboro and their children, Jay and Tara. Visiting hours were held at the Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rte. 1A), NORWOOD. Funeral service and interment with military honors was be private. Memorial contributions in memory of David R. Sullivan may be made to the American Legion, Post 70, 37 Chapel Court, Norwood, MA 02062. Gillooly Funeral Home

Obituary policy

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Ask The Doctor

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

The Best Full Size SUV Yet

Ford has done it again with the new 2018 Expedition and the Expedition MAX. It is bigger, better looking, and lighter than its predecessor – lighter due in part to the aluminum body panels and components. Gone is the 5.4 liter V/8 engine in favor of the ECO boost 3.5 liter, twin turbocharged V/6, making an easy 375 horsepower (or in the MAX model, 400 horsepower), both via a 10-speed automatic transmission. I never thought I would like a V/6 compared to the good old V/8, but the turbocharged V/6 is the future of power and economy on vehicles like this.

My test car was the MAX model. Rear-wheel drive, all-wheel drive, or 4x4 is available for the driver to choose, with a low range for off-road situations. The power train is very powerful, the transmission is seamless and allows the engine to always be below 3,000 RPM unless the driver is under hard or full throttle. I found a sweet spot around 2,200 RPM where the power is abundant. Fuel economy is unheard of on a vehicle of this size – I did an average of over 21 mpg. This is a large SUV that handles more carlike than trucklike. Even making sharp turns on and off highway ramps, it does not lean or sway like in the old days.

As you would expect, the Expedition has multiple safety features and driver aids. I used the remote engine starter every morning along with the heated seats and steering wheel; front seats are also ventilated. Second row seats are heated and both second and third row seats are electronically operated. Fold down both and you have room for whatever you can think of. Seating can be either 7–8, depending on second row captain or regular seating. I drove with six passengers and all were surprised on what a comfortable and quiet ride it was.

The list of equipment in the MAX Platinum model could fill this entire page. A few worth mentioning are the massaging front seats, 22-inch all-season tires, automatic high beams, large touchscreen center display, large power panorama roof, adjustable gas and brake pedals, push button start, and keyless entry, just to name a few.

The new style is very lean and smooth, even though it is a big SUV. Pricing starts at \$51,795 for the rear drive and \$54,800 for the 4x4 (plus \$1,195 destination fee). The 4x4 Platinum starts at \$75,400 RWD and \$78,545 for the 4x4 MAX model. If you are in the market for a large SUV, the Expedition should be at the top of your list to look at.

Boston's own Junior Damato, "The Auto Doctor" has agreed to field auto repair questions from *Bulletin* and *Record* readers. Please forward your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get your questions answered.

Library Events

TURN THE PAGE BOOK GROUP TO DISCUSS "EUPHORIA"

The Morrill Memorial Library's book group for adults will meet next on Wednesday, April 18 at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. to discuss Lily King's "Euphoria." In 1933, three gifted young anthropologists are thrown together in the jungle of New Guinea. Within months the trio are producing their best ever work, but soon a firestorm of fierce love and jealousy begins to burn out of control, threatening their bonds, their careers, and, ultimately, their lives...

Copies of "Euphoria" in a variety of formats are available to check out at the Circulation Desk, and the e-book and digital audiobook versions are available from Overdrive and Hoopla. The April 18 meeting will be led by Allison Palmgren, Technology Librarian, and Kate Tigue, Youth Services Librarian. Coffee and light refreshments will be served, and advance registration is appreciated. To sign up for either the morning or evening session, please call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library's Reference or Information Desk.

LUNCH & LEARN TECH WORKSHOP: PODCASTS – RADIO ON DEMAND

Join Technology Librarian Allison Palmgren for her latest Lunch & Learn workshop at the Morrill Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 18 from 12-1 p.m.: Podcasts – Radio on Demand. Podcasts are to radio as Netflix is to cable. Join Technology Librarian Allison Palmgren to learn more about this popular trend in information and entertainment and how to start listening. To sign up for this workshop, call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk. Feel free to bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

PASSPORT DAY EVENT AT THE MORRILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY!

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Event location: Morrill Memorial Library 33 Walpole St., Norwood. Dates/Hours: Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT** Please call 781-769-0200 X 110 Or visit norwoodlibrary.org

Walk-ins welcome, Passport applications can be downloaded from the web travel.state.gov

LET'S FIGHT AGAINST PARKINSON'S DISEASE FUNDRAISER

There will be Raffles, Food, a Cash Bar, Dancing, A DJ and Fun! Please join us on April 20, at 7 p.m. The fundraiser will be located at the Norwood Elks 1124, Norwood, MA. 02062. Donation \$20.00.

STORYTIMES

Spring session starts on Tuesday, April 24. Toddler Time is on Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and is a drop-in program. On My Own Storytime for ages 3 and up is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Registration is required. Babes n Books for infants up to 18 months is on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Drop in. Our next PJ Storytime is on Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m. Drop in. All ages.

APRIL SCHOOL VACATION

During April school vacation, children are invited to come and paint a Kindness Rock. The Norwood Park and Recreation Department, the Norwood Council on Aging and the Morrill Memorial Library are joining together to bring the Kindness Rocks Project to our town. For more information about Kindness Rocks check out the website, Kindness Rocks Project, <https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com>. Come to the library and create your Kindness Rock on Tuesday, April 17 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Drop in. All ages.

BUILDING WITH LEGOS!

Do you like to build? Join us on Thursday, April 19 from 10 a.m.-noon for "Block On!" Come build with friends! We'll use Lego, Lincoln Logs, and Mega Blocks. You can build on your own or create as a group. Drop in. All ages.

On Friday, April 20 at 1-2:30 p.m. Kim Larkin from Klassic Kreations will be here to present a Teen and Tween Chocolate Make and Take Program. The program highlights young chocolate entrepreneurs, the history of chocolate, chocolate trivia and make and take chocolate creations with a demonstration of a commercial tempering machine. This program is for fourth grade and up. Registration is required. Email norchild@minlib.net or call 781-769-0200 ext 225.

STEVE RUDOLPH TRIO RETURNS

Get your toes tapping as the Steve Rudolph Trio applies its distinctive jazz styling to the music of George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, and many others at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. as the Spring Musical Sundays concert series continues. It's a joyous sampling of the best of American popular music of the '30s, '40s, and '50s. Pianist/vocalist Steve Rudolph has performed extensively for over 40 years in the U.S. and Europe in venues ranging from jazz clubs to churches. Steve is joined by Alan Trebat on drums and Bill Dube on sax and clarinet. To sign up for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, call 781-769-0200, x110, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

SCOTLAND'S NORTH SEA GAS TO PERFORM

One of Scotland's most popular folk bands, with fabulous vocals and three-part harmonies, North Sea Gas will appear at the Morrill Memorial Library on Sunday, April 15, at 3 p.m. as the Spring Musical Sundays concert series continues. The trio of Dave Gilfillan, Ronnie McDonald, and Grant Simpson has been performing traditional and contemporary music together for over 35 years. Guitars, mandolins, fiddles, bouzoukis, harmonicas, whistles, bodhrans, banjos, and good humor are all part of the entertainment. North Sea Gas has released 10 albums, received Gold and Silver Disc awards from the Scottish Music Industry Association, and regularly sells out shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. To sign up for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, please call 781-769-0200, x110 or 222, email norprograms@minlib.net, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

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TEMPLE ALIYAH'S STREET FAIR FOR ISRAEL'S 70TH

Celebrate Israel's 70th birthday at a festive indoor street fair at Temple Aliyah on Sunday, April 22 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. There will be Israeli music and dancing, Israeli street food like humus and falafel, Israeli wine and/or beer tasting, and a 70th birthday cake for Israel! Activities will include:

For preschoolers – archaeological dig, face painting, arts projects like decorating flags and hamsas, Israeli snacks. For older kids – Gaga, blue and white manicures, art projects like making hamsas and making a mizrah, Israeli candy. For all ages – Sign a giant birthday card for Israel, have your photo taken by the Western Wall, make care packages to send to Israel.

The event will also feature soapbox mini-talks by local experts on topics such as environmentalism and archaeology in Israel; booths for organizations such as JNF, Magen David Adom, and the Israel Media Room; and Judaica for sale from Shuki's. Tickets are \$18/person, \$36/family. Purchase tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/temple-aliyahs-street-fair-for-israels-70th-tickets-44758519938>. Call 781-444-8522 for more information.

PLAYGROUND AND PARK CLEAN UP, COMMUNITY PICNIC, AND FAIR

On Sun April 22, FREE EVENT Progress Norwood, Subaru of New England, Norwood Recreation, and Norwood DPW will be sponsoring a playground and park clean up, community picnic, and fair. Volunteers can sign up at www.tinyurl.com/norwoodearthday to help at one of 11 different sites in town from 9-11 a.m.

Following the cleanup, everyone is invited to join us on the town common from 11:30-1 p.m. for music, a community picnic, and tables with information on local resources and organizations committed to environmental stewardship. Groups include Norwood DPW, Norwood Recreation, Neponset River Watershed Commission, Together YES, Adams Farm Seed Library, Norwood Evening Gardeners Club, Norwood Trails Committee, Landry's Bicycles,

and more! Learn about composting and see the composters available at a discount through the Norwood DPW, learn about the Norwood Community Garden, get some free seeds for your garden, register to win a FREE composter, get free low flow water filters, donate or take a free bicycle at the Bike Freecycle*, stop by the recycling station to drop off k-cups, snack bags, coffee cups and tops, and learn about Subaru's recycling efforts that turn trash into new products, recycle old/broken personal electronics and cell phones, batteries, plastic shopping bags, and inkjet and toner cartridges. We will also be selling \$5 children's bicycle helmets through thanks to the Norwood Health Department.

For more information, please contact Katie Neal-Rizzo at knealrizzo@gmail.com or John Aprea at japrea06@gmail.com.

*If you'd like to donate a bicycle for the Freecycle, please contact us ahead of time.

PREScott SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARDS

The C.J. Prescott School P.T.O. will present two special achievement awards in June at the Fifth Grade Musical. The awards will be given to an outstanding girl and boy who attended the Prescott School in fifth grade, are presently residing in Norwood, and are graduating from high school in June 2018. The awards will consist of a \$500 check, a certificate to each winner, and their names to be inscribed on plaques, which will hang permanently in the Prescott School. Application forms are available at the Prescott School and at the Norwood High School Guidance Office. Applications must be returned to the Prescott School by Friday, May 4, 2018.

NORWOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE

Join Norwood Bank and its employees to help support the Norwood Food Pantry.

During the month of April Norwood Bank, and its employees will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry of Norwood. Over the past three decades

the Food Pantry has served over 2,500 local families in Norwood and Westwood. For more information about the wonderful work the food pantry does please visit their website at www.norwoodpantry.org. Just drop your non-perishable food item in the box provided in the lobby and Norwood Bank will deliver to the food pantry. Some popularly requested items are listed below.

Cans of soup, canned fruits and vegetables, tuna, meat and stews, baked beans and chili, juice, baby food, peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, pasta macaroni and cheese, cold and hot cereals & cake and brownie mixes.

Neighbors helping Neighbors located at 11 Central St., Norwood, MA 02062 781-762-1800 www.norwoodbank.com

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP TOOLS FOR CALMING CHILDREN

The event takes place on Wednesday, April 25, at the Savage Educational Center – Room 219 275 Prospect St. from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Handling tantrums and outbursts, understanding why these outbursts occur, teaching children skills for self-soothing, teaching anger management/stress management skills. This workshop is for families with children from toddler to early elementary years. To register, contact Beverly Boudreau in the CFCE Office at 781-440-5983 or e-mail to bboudreau@norwood.k12.ma.us. The Norwood Public Schools CFCE Programs are funded through the 237 Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care's Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant.

JOIN OR DONATE TO THE NORWOOD FOOD PANTRY'S WALK FOR HUNGER TEAM

On Sunday, May 6, Project Bread will host its 50th annual Walk for Hunger. And the Norwood Food Pantry is currently organizing a team to participate in this event, which is dedicated to helping the 726,000 Massachusetts resi-

dents who don't always have enough to eat.

You can help by calling Team Captain Nick Campagna at 781-762-6866 – or logging on to <http://support.projectbread.org/goto/NorwoodFoodPantry> – and signing up to be part of this local team or making a donation to support those who are participating.

The 20-mile walk begins and ends at the Boston Common. With rolling starts between 8 and 9:30 a.m., it will wind its way through Boston, Brookline, Newton, Watertown, and Cambridge, with entertainment, water, free snacks, first aid, and toilet facilities along the way.

But if you're not a long-distance walker, you don't have to pledge to complete the entire course. You can walk 10 miles, 5 miles – or even just one or two – and take advantage of the free transportation back to the Common that's available at nine checkpoints located along the route.

You can also sign up to raise donations as a Virtual Walker. Or, if you prefer a faster pace, there is also a Walk for Hunger 5K Run, which begins at 7 a.m.

Participants in both the Walk and the Run are encouraged to solicit monetary pledges from friends, family, and co-workers. And youth, teens, and adults are all welcome to take part.

Last year the Norwood Food Pantry Walk for Hunger Team raised \$9,385 with just seven walkers. And with your help, we can raise even more – and help even more neighbors in need – in 2018.

MOTHER'S DAY SWEETHEARTS DANCE

For mothers and sons on April 27, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Civic Center. The cost is \$15.00 per couple and \$5.00 per additional person.

FISHING DERBY AND RUBBER DUCK RACE

Join us on Saturday, April 28 from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Hawes Pool and Endean Park. The cost for the fishing Derby is \$5.00 and \$5.00 for Rubber Duck Race.

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