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In Norton, golfing becomes therapy

Officers, others hit greens to raise money for Cann girls

BY TED NESI
SUN CHRONICLE STAFF

NORTON — The town's police officers knew things would be hectic when they arrived at work on the last Monday morning in

August, a month and a half ago, with the annual Deutsche Bank Championship tournament set to start.

But then the day took a tragic turn.

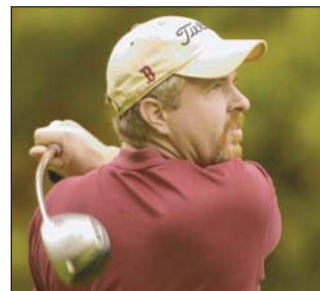
At 9:15, Norton police were

called to 384 Reservoir St., the home of Elizabeth Cann, a 44-year-old single mother with three daughters, Amanda, 17, Danielle, 15, and Brittany, 12.

There, officers found a grisly scene. At the back door, was the

family dog, shot to death. Upstairs, they found Beth Cann dead and her two younger daughters gravely wounded. All three had been shot by Cann's estranged ex-boyfriend,

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Focused

Walter Lind watches his ball after hitting a tee shot during a golf tournament fundraiser for the Cann sisters at Norton Country Club on Monday.

MARTIN GAVIN
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Hand-crafted melodies

Attleboro guitar maker blends quality, design in his instruments

BY RICK FOSTER
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ATTLEBORO
From a Union Street shop that used to ring with the sounds of jewelry making, the ear now responds to the hum of saws and sanders mixed with the occasional lilt of a guitar melody.

These days the raw materials have turned from gold and silver to mahogany, hartwood and ash, some of the primary materials in a Becker guitar. Guitar maker and professional musical instrument repairman Dan Becker is at

last realizing a lifelong dream — handcrafting unique electric guitars that he hopes one day will be the choice of rock stars and music lovers, alike.

"We emphasize hand craftsmanship and use tools like spokeshaves and rasps," he said. "We don't use any CNC (computer-controlled milling and shaping) equipment at all."

A glass-smooth prototype and sample guitars of all types line the showroom in Becker's log-cabin like reception area. The solid- and hol-



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Mike Freeman, shop supervisor at Becker Guitars in Attleboro, fixes a broken guitar. At left, an example of a Becker.

low-body guitars are made in four different styles and can be custom-designed to fit an individual player.

Necks that extend all the way through the body, rather than glued on as in typical guitars, guarantee a stable sound, as does the fact that Becker uses carefully-selected woods that have been allowed to air dry for years and kept in humidity-controlled surroundings.

Becker, who has been in the guitar repair business full time for 10 years, started out as a financial analyst who found the daily grind of suits and offices enervating.

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Lawyer targets town

Attorney says Mansfield, manager liable

BY TED NESI
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MANSFIELD — The attorney for a former municipal employee who won a lawsuit against the town is seeking to reinstate a half-million dollar award against the Mansfield electric department, and is also arguing that Town Manager John D'Agostino is personally liable in the case, disputing an argument made by the town's lawyer.

At the center of both disputes is \$500,000 in punitive damages awarded by a federal jury to the former employee, Kimberly Stoye, in an Aug. 2 verdict that found both D'Agostino and the town liable for discrimination and retaliation against Stoye, the electric department's former chief financial officer.

The jury also awarded Stoye \$300,000 in compensatory damages and more in fees and interest.

U.S. District Court Judge Douglas P. Woodlock threw out the jury's \$500,000 punitive award against the electric department on Sept. 26, saying it was impermissible under the Massachusetts Whistleblower's Act, one of four statutes under which the department was found liable in the lawsuit.

But in a motion filed late last week, Stoye's attorney, Lynn Leonard, asked Woodlock to restore the \$500,000 in punitive damages awarded to Stoye from the electric department. She argued that the electric department is still liable for the \$500,000 award under one of the other four statutes, the state law governing discrimination claims.

The wording of that law, Chapter 151B, states that it "shall be construed liberally," and that



Town Manager John D'Agostino

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A bad marriage can really break a heart

▶ Study says that sour relationships might literally cause heart disease

BY LINDSEY TANNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — A lousy marriage might literally make you sick.

Marital strife and other bad personal relationships can raise your risk for heart disease, researchers reported Monday.

What it likely boils down to is stress — a well-known contributor to health problems, as well as a potential byproduct of troubled rela-

tionships, the scientists said.

In a study of 9,011 British civil servants, most of them married, those with the worst close relationships were 34 percent more likely to have heart attacks or other heart trouble during 12 years of follow-up than those with good relationships. That included partners, close relatives and friends.

The study, in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine, follows previous research that has linked health problems with being single and having few close relationships. In

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BOBBY BIMARZO

State's finest

Anthony Nardozi, 23, of Seekonk, has made Cosmopolitan magazine's list of the 50 hottest bachelors of 2007.

Sexy & single in Seekonk

▶ Local man selected by Cosmopolitan magazine as state's hottest bachelor

BY MICHAEL GELBWASSER
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SEEKONK
Beauty worthy of a magazine cover apparently runs in a Seekonk family.

West Avenue resident Anthony Nardozi, 23, is on Cosmopolitan's 50 Hottest Bachelors of 2007 list representing Massachusetts.

Nardozi's sister, Cristina, was Miss Massachusetts USA in 2005. Anthony Nardozi will compete

with the bachelors from the other 49 states for Cosmo's Bachelor of the Year award, including a \$10,000 cash prize.

Voting for the six semi-finalists started today on www.cosmopolitan.com and ends at midnight Thursday.

A panel of Cosmo editors will choose the winner from the final six. The winner will be named at Cosmo's annual bachelor party in New York City on Oct. 18. All 50 contestants have been invited to attend.

Pictures of the 50 hunks are featured in Cosmo's November issue, which hits the newsstands Oct. 16.

Anthony's honor wasn't a complete surprise to the Nardozzis.

He was nominated last February by his mother, Tonia; his sister, and their good friend, Kate.

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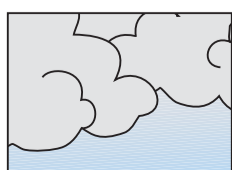
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