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# Merry Christmas

from the publishers and staff of The Somerville News

# Alderman William Roche resigns



William Roche (left) resigned on December 13 after 17 years as Alderman, Ward 1 in Somerville. At his suggestion, the Board of Alderman unanimously named Maureen Bastardi (right) to succeed him.

#### By Cathleen Twardzik

Alderman William Roche, Ward 1, recently resigned as an alderman, and now he will assist the city as Interim Part-time Personnel Director.

Maureen Bastardi, School Committee Member, Ward 1, was named by the aldermen to serve the balance of Roche's term.

Roche, who holds a master's degree in Human Resources from Boston University, considers the position of Interim, Part-time Personnel Director to be an "opportunity" to assist the city while they search for an individual to serve in that role on a full-time and permanent basis.

Roche's goals in his new position will prove to be useful to the city. He would like to recruit and interview individuals for top-level administrative positions, to provide assistance with the modernization of human resource systems, which is currently in progress, to set up performance-based non-union evaluations and reviews, and to help out with contract negotiations with the Somerville Municipal Employees Association.

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# Walnut St. Center celebrates the holidays

#### By William Tauro

On Friday, the Walnut Street Center celebrated their annual holiday party for the 200 people they provide services to throughout the Somerville, Cambridge and Arlington

The change of venue to Anthony's, located at 156 Highland Avenue in Somerville, was a great hit, paired with the large dance floor and wonderful hospitality. It was non stop fun for all.

This event was made possible with the support of food donations by Shaws Supermarket and other Somerville Nonprofit organizations, Community Cooks.

Local Somerville Resident, George Landers also took time from work to donate his DJ services. He also has a nephew that attends the Walnut Street Center day program.

The party featured some of Walnut Street Center's very own program participants, including Peter Hughes performing an Irish Step Dance as well as Ray Hardy, sporting a suit, tie and classic trilby hat, dancing to Frank Sinatra.

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The atmosphere was festive and joyful at the Walnut St. Center's annual holiday party last Friday.

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# NEWSTALK

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah from all of us here at The News to all our readers out there, both in the 'Ville and all over the country. May one and all have a great Holiday season and a safe one, and may all our wishes come true.

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Tonight, December 19, the City of Somerville will be holding a public information meeting to discuss the conclusion of remediation work at the Conway Park/15A Bleachery Court site. The city will update the community on the activities related to managing any contaminated soils at the site that occurred during the construction of the new skating rink. The public will also have an opportunity to provide comments. The meeting will be held at the Somerville Public Library-Central Branch, located at 87 Highland Ave on December 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. See the city's website for more information: http://www.somervillema.gov.

Tomorrow, Thursday the 20th, is the last day to buy a Christmas tree and wreath from the Full Circle/Next Wave student fundraiser. The lot is located at Foss Park near the MDC pool. Net proceeds will benefit the school's Student Activities Fund.

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If you were unable to make the Illumination Tour last Saturday then you can pick up an Illuminations Tour Map, and create your own self-guided tour, at Blue Cloud Gallery in Ball Square and Magpie in Davis Square. Maps are \$3. All proceeds support the Somerville Arts Council's public programming.

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Congratulations to now former Alderman Bill Roche for a long and distinguished career serving the residents of Ward 1 and, in fact, the entire city. He resigned last week and read his resignation to the board at the meeting. He was widely accepted as one of the best Aldermen

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# TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

# Response to Federal Realty signs agreement for IKEA parcel

#### MarketMan says:

Good news I think. My main concern is whether the zoning is appropriate for urban style development. I recently learned that most of Somerville requires suburban style parking regulations. That conflicts with urban development. Anyone care to shed light on this?

#### A Moore says:

Is anybody else as shocked as I am that federal got this deal? It probably will end up being called Federal City before it is done.

#### K. Johnson says:

Putting the control of the entire site into the hands of Federal is going to make this a HOME RUN.

IKEA is a great retailer but ultimately a furniture store doesn't generate the repeat business end wants and with the housing market in the tank (and furnishings weak) I think a focus on grocery stores everyday sales will make the entire project hum.

#### MR says:

Yes

No

The speed of Assembly Row??? This has taken over ten years. And so far we have 1 restaurant.

#### Somervillewatcher says:

isn't it ironic that the opposition to ikea simply resulted in a barren wasteland surrounded by big box retail?

And that won't change. Ever.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

### TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

Would you like to see a casino built close by in Everett?

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you would like to see a casino built close by in Everett. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.





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# A large turnout gathers for discussion of the Community Path and GLX

#### By Blake Maddux

In the Suffolk Room at the Holiday Inn at 30 Washington Street last Tuesday, Hayes Morrison of the City of Somerville Department of Transportation commenced a presentation of the plans for the Community Path from Lowell Street to Inner Belt Road.

"I am aware that a lot of you are actually here to talk about how we get from Inner Belt over to Cambridge," Morrison said. "I am just as excited as all of you to talk about that. Unfortunately, for the most part I don't think that the Green Line team is ready to discuss it, but they will field your questions as best as possible, and so will I."

Morrison then introduced Mark Suscovich, of the engineering firm Bryant Associates. Shortly after he took the floor, Suscovich asked the more than 80 people in the tightly packed room to "please keep all questions until the end."

"The purpose is to extend the Minuteman all the way to, to-wards Cambridge," Suscovich explained. "The Cedar Street to Lowell Street [portion] is out to bid, and will be constructed in the spring and next summer. The Green Line has committed to the 100% design of the Community Path from Lowell Street to Inner Belt."

He added, "The connections from Inner Belt to North Point in Cambridge and Boston have not been precluded by the Green Line Extension. But at this time it is not in our scope to design it further."

Suscovich then presented slides that depicted the plans for the Community Path. He spoke for five-and-a-half minutes with minimal interruptions. At about that point, however, his request that for all questions wait until the end apparently began to slip the minds of those in attendance.

Within a few minutes there-

after, the dam burst completely, allowing thoughtful, informed, and detailed questions form the audience to pour in.

Suscovich and project team members Mary Ainsley (Senior Director of Design & Construction for the GLX), Karen Shaffer (Senior Project Executive for the real estate and construction company Gilbane, Inc.), and Robert Cone (Design Manager and Vice President of HDR Engineering, Inc.) all helped provide answers.

The perpetual stream of questions was not the only indication of the zeal that those in attendance have for the Green Line Extension (GLX) project. Several people were wearing GLX T-shirts or "Friends of the Community Path" stickers. At least one person present mentioned having been the last meeting about the project which, according to Suscovich, was in September 2011.

Suscovich did manage to continue presenting his more than 40 slides, which in turn prompted further queries, several dealing with the safely of the cyclists and pedestrians who would be sharing the path.

The size of the audience increased from the start of the talk onward. After about half an hour, employees of the Holiday Inn began to take down the dividing wall in the room in order to provide space for more chairs.

At one point, Mary Ainsley of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation took the floor to address the issue of expansion of the Community Path into Cambridge. She said, "We have not precluded it to continue down to Brickbottom or to Cambridge from North Point."

When an attendee asked her to explain why this was not specifically in the works, Ainsley responded, "It's money. It's not an easy design, I'll be very honest with you."

Mark Suscovich then made a false start in continuing his



Bryant Associates' Mark Suscovich presented details to the curious crowd that gathered at the Holiday Inn last week, hoping for a clear vision of what to expect concerning the Community Path and the Green Line Extension.

presentation.

After 10 more minutes of questions and answers, Hayes Morrison stood to say, somewhat impatiently, "What we're doing right now is observing all of these questions that you have, and we're kind of aware of all of them, and packaging them up, because at the end of the day, most likely, it will be borne upon the city of Somerville to find out how to design those things and how to pay for those things. It's great to hear all of this, and we're garnering all of this feedback and thank you very much for telling us all of these things, but at the same time this team [is] going to push back on you, because they have a scope of work that they're adhering to."

The Q&A section continued through at least one more of Mark Suscovich's attempt to finish with his slides.

With more than an hour of the evening past, Karen Shaffer of Gilbane, Inc. said, "What we've heard loud and clear in the two years I've been out here is that this is a project that people really want. And I think that we've been trying to work

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the design such that we get something that's affordable. Some situations are not going to be ideal, but I think we're trying to come up with something that works and that could possibly get funding."

Lynn Weissman, founder and co-President - with Alan Moore, who was also present - of Friends of the Community Path, rose five minutes later to jokingly ask, "So, we're in Q&A now?"

Weissman spoke for several minutes, saying, "The city of Somerville has been enormously supportive in getting the Community Path done. We have a friendly disagreement about how the path should get over those tracks in that area from Inner Belt to Lechmere. We would love the City of Somerville to support our view, of course, partially because that Green Line section will get done in the next five years. It's relationship Somerville. We just think this could get done sooner."

After Weissman finished and another attendee asked a ques-

tion about the project's timeline and cost, Karen Shaffer said, "The commitment [from the state] was to make sure that anything that we're doing on the Green Line is not precluding the path from happening, and that any engineering for the Green Line is taking into account the path. The state did commit to building portions of the path that would be hard to do later."

She continued, saying, "The path itself, as it exists and what you saw, is not yet funded. There has been a lot of outcry to build that along with the Green Line. There has been no commitment to that yet. The big issue for the state is that they're still struggling to get all of the funding in place to build the entire Green Line, so committing to build a path when you don't have all of the money lined up for the Green Line yet is a little bit of a stretch."

Although it was not perfectly clear if Mr. Suscovich actually finished all of his slides, the meeting did come to an end within the two hours for which it was scheduled.

### Alderman William Roche resigns

To Bastardi, "It's both an exciting and very sobering prospect. To the mayor and to my new colleagues on the Board [of Aldermen], but above all, to the people of Ward 1, I offer my solemn promise to do my very best to uphold the high standard of integrity, compassion and public service that Bill has brought to his municipal service."

Several issues with which

Roche has dealt and deems essential to his experience as an alderman include: strengthening the "quality of life neighborhood issues, such as public safety (safe streets/gangs) and public health (rodents/absentee landlord) issues. Some of the milestones as Chair of Legislative Matters [include] drafting and passing an ethics ordinance in 1997, signing

the living wage ordinance into law as acting mayor in 1999, drafting and passing an antigang ordinance in 2004, opening the East Somerville police substation in 2008, and passing a historic vote for a \$25 million bond for the Assembly Square development," said Roche.

Roche treasures having had the experience of helping the immigrant community to squash bar-

riers to city government and easing the process for some of them to gain citizenship.

In addition, he efficiently aided residents, especially veterans and senior citizens, to cope with issues within their neighborhood, all of which influenced those individuals' quality of life.

"I built some great relationships with colleagues and Ward 1 residents. Most of these will go on long after I leave politics, as they are now lifelong friends. In addition to serving on the Board for 17 years, I served as acting mayor of the city in 1999, an experience I will never forget."





# WEEKIN By Jim Clark

# Alleged heroin moving and storage halted

surveillance operations in East Somerville last week, members of the Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit took notice of what appeared to be drug trafficking activity being conducted out of a U-Haul storage van, according to reports.

Police said that one of the occupants of the truck, Kristen Barnett, 23, was observed exiting the truck and conducted what

While conducting routine appeared to be a drug transaction with a known dealer at a Broadway residence.

> Rolling surveillance was maintained as the van was followed into Arlington, where police said an alleged drug transaction took place. The vehicle was then reportedly tracked back to Somerville, where the driver, Antonio Cardoso, 34, was observed running a red light at the Powderhouse rotary, police said. The van was stopped by police

and Barnett was reportedly observed attempting to discard a paper packet, which was retrieved by officers and later identified as containing what appeared to be heroin, according to police reports.

Kristen Barnett was placed under arrest and charged with possession of a class A drug. Both Cardoso and passenger Rachel Barnett were arrested and charged with being present where heroin is kept.



Police put a stop to an alleged heroin trafficking operation in Somerville last week.

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#### **Arrests**:

Cheikhou Gueve, 43, of 18 Irving, Medford, December 10, 1:35 a.m., arrested at 366 Somerville Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Ericka McLaughlin, 35, of 199 Pearl St., December 11, 1:33 p.m., arrested at Fellsway West on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Antonio Cardoso, 34, of 137 Pearl St., December 11, 3:19 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of being present where heroin is kept.

Rachel Barnett, 20, of 15 Canal Ln., December 11, 3:19 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of being present where heroin is kept.

Kristen Barnett, 23, of 30 Memorial Rd., December 11, 3:19 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

Rumeno Romero, 28, of 260 Revere Beach Pkwy., Chelsea, December 11, 6:06 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of distribution of a class B drug.

Rolondo Verde, 32, of 424 Border, East Boston, December 11, 7:34 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, marked lanes violation, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Gibran Tabrares-Gomes, 28, of 30 Carlton St., Revere, December 11, 7:34 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of cocaine trafficking, conspiracy to violate drug law, and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Hector Concepcion, 29, of 105 Bellingham, Revere, December 11, 7:34 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of cocaine trafficking, conspiracy to violate drug law, and fugitive from justice.

Edward Mahoney, 50, of 31 Wilton St., December 12, 10:49 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of armed robbery.

Patrick Brennan, 48, of 75 Coolidge, Weymouth, December 13, 2:39 p.m., arrested at 9 Davis Sq. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Jermaine Brown, 40, of 4 Thane St., Dorchester, December 13, 2:41 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of drug possession to distribute.

Rodney Marcellas, 34, of 30 Bersani, Quincy, December 13, 6:48 p.m., arrested at 530 Mystic Ave. on charges of cocaine trafficking and drug violation near a school or park.

Andrew Roome, 27, of 76 Pearson Rd., December 14, 2:56 a.m., arrested at 54 Dartmouth St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Javier Padilla, 44, of 41 Main St., December 14, 3:49 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and furnishing a false name or Social Security

Noel Pefine, 44, of 14 Newburne Ave., Medford, December 14, 11:00 a.m., arrested at 81 Holland St. on warrant charges of number plate violation, abuse prevention order violation, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended li-

cense, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Daniel Gentile, 52, of 40 Florence St., December 14, 11:13 a.m., arrested at 44 Pearl St. on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Tarik Afifchaouch, 41, of 333 Broadway, December 14, 12:01 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Sarah Virla, 29, of 17 Medford St., Malden, December 14, 2:15 p.m., arrested at 64 Temple on charges of possession of a class C drug and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Lesroy Ottley, 46, of 42 Wilson St., Mattapan, December 14, 7:07 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, and failure to stop or yield.

Carol Fitting, 44, of 16 Acorn Ct., Malden, December 15, 3:16 p.m., arrested at 78 Gilman St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Tancredo Silva, 27, of 72 Rush St., December 15, 6:29 p.m., arrested at 97 Pearl St. on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250 and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

John Igo, 50, of 252 Powderhouse Blvd., December 15, 8:47 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and trespassing.

James Niemczyk, 39, of 37 Sydney St., December 16, 2:15 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of trespassing and possession of a class B drug.

#### **Incidents**:

#### Theft:

December 11, 1:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Fellsway West.

December 11, 1:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Vernon

December 11, 1:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Cummings St.

December 11, 1:52 p.m., police reported a theft at New Washington St.

December 11, 3:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford

December 12, 2:37 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath

December 12, 2:37 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

December 12, 5:44 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 High-

December 13, 12:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Prescott St.

December 15, 2:38 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath

December 16, 8:44 p.m., police reported a theft at 256 Elm

December 17, 12:04 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

December 17, 2:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Warren

December 17, 6:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Lake St.

#### Breaking & Entering:

December 12, 7:14 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Puritan Rd.

December 12, 8:48 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Puritan Rd.

December 13, 12:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Derby St.

#### Assault:

December 14, 1:58 a.m., police reported an assault at Dartmouth St.

December 14, 3:49 a.m., police reported an assault at Main

December 14, 12:01 p.m., police reported an assault at 220 Washington St.

December 14, 10:03 p.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.

December 17, 4:15 p.m., police reported an assault at Boston Ave.

December 17, 7:07 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

#### **Drug Violation:**

December 11, 3:19 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

December 11, 6:06 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 75 Mystic Ave.

December 11, 7:34 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 75 Mystic Ave.

December 13, 2:41 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

December 13, 6:48 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Mystic Ave.

December 14, 2:15 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Temple.

December 15, 3:16 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Gilman St.



### Walnut St. Center celebrates the holidays

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technology of electric wheelchairs, Stephen Dewar was able to pull his chair into a full standing position and join in the dancing on the same level as everyone else. At the close of the party everyone left with a holiday ornament and feeling the true holiday spirit.

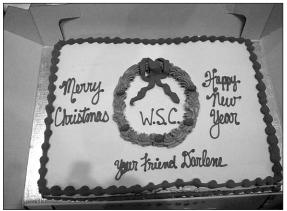
Walnut Street Center, Inc. is a nonprofit, human service agency that provides comprehensive support services to adults who have developmental disabilities and their families. The agency was founded in 1970 by parents who wanted support for their children and other adults who had similar needs in their community. Walnut Street Center now provides services to people who live in the communities of Somerville, Cambridge and Arlington.

The Mission of the Walnut Street Center is to provide adults with developmental disabilities opportunities to live engaged and meaningful lives. The agency accomplishes this mission by offering a variety of support services that provide opportunities to live, work, volunteer and socialize in the community. The Walnut Street Center is currently developing and enhancing support services to meet the changing needs of the people who are served by this agency.

Walnut Street Center's community-based services include day and employment training programs, residential and respite programs, social service and clinical support and specialized services including assisted living, Alzheimer's and day habilitation programs. The goal of all of these services is to provide the resources and support that will enable the people we serve to live rewarding and productive lives in the community.

















# **Heath Street and Avon Place fires**



On Tuesday, December 18 at 12:04 p.m. the Somerville Fire Department responded to a house fire at 82 Heath Street.

The fire heavily damaged a second floor apartment in the twostory duplex and resulted in water damage to the first floor and basement.

All four apartments in the building have been deemed unoccupiable at this time and nine occupants have been displaced. One male was transported to the Somerville Hospital for smoke inhalation. Damage is estimated to be in excess of \$100,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Somerville Fire Department's Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) and is not considered suspicious.

This was the second fire responded to by the Somerville Fire Department within the past twenty-four hours. At 2:04 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18 firefighters responded to a reported car fire on Avon Place. The fully engulfed vehicle also resulted in damage to a shed at 133 Cross Street. This fire is considered suspicious and is currently under investigation by the Somerville F.D.'s F.I.U.

# **Somerville boy** helps to light **State House tree**



Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick read the holiday classic 'Twas the Night Before Christmas to children last Wednesday at the state house. Patrick then handed three-year-old Xavier Rodgers of Somerville, who stole the show during the event, the microphone for the countdown to the annual State House tree lighting.



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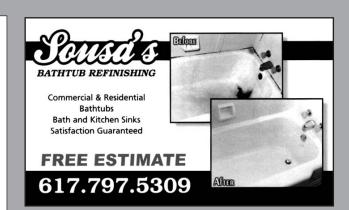
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# Jimmy Tingle coming back to Somerville

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Jimmy Tingle and his local comedic success story is coming back to Somerville to cement his roots. What is now called the Davis Square Theatre was home to Tingle's OFF BROADWAY theatre, where Monsieur Tingle performed to packed houses as the millennium dawned and American pop culture spawned comedic social commentary like Colbert, Stewart, and Conan O'Brien.

"When I started producing my own one person shows during the late 1990's I often did them at the Somerville Theatre on New Years Eve and always loved the audience response and the turnout we would get. It holds 900 people and we usually sold it out every year," said Tingle.

"I think what I do is in the vein of John Stewart, Stephen Colbert and Bill Maher," according to Tingle. "It's not underground really because it is pretty mainstream entertainment. But humor can be used to make points in different ways than tradition-

al journalism because you can use satire, metaphor, or stretch the truth, to make people laugh inviting them to pay attention to an issue they normally may not think about."

So ya thought ya might like ta go ta the show? Advance tickets are available at www.artsatthearmory.org for the Saturday, December 29 show as well as the New Year's Eve performance.

"Not everyone wants to be a social critic. Some people just go for jokes and make people laugh as much and as often as they can, and that's cool and a great contribution to the world." Mr. Tingle has ran into several heavy hitters in American intelligentsia. He speaks affectionately of his discourse with Howard Zinn: "He was very down to earth and friendly, yet someone who was not afraid to stand up for what he believed in, regardless of the popularity of his position. It was not popular in many circles to work on behalf of civil rights in Georgia in the 1950's, but history has ulti-



Jimmy Tingle asks: "Got Democracy?" and hopes you will join him for this and more Q&A at The Arts at the Armory on December 29 and 31.

mately proven that position to have been correct."

Mr Tingle, as a traveling social critic, has Somerville and, therefore, Boston in his blood. "The film that we are showing at The Arts at the Armory on the 29th and on New Year's Eve, Jimmy Tingle's American Dream, is largely about starting that theater - Jimmy Tingle's OFF BROADWAY Theater - in Davis Square in 2002," says Tingle. He is a fixture of Somerville due to his podium, Davis Square, so close to the growing artistic renaissance in the hub.

The show must go on. Tingle has a rich performance arts history, so closely connected to the blurred line between comedy and social criticism. When asked about his influences, he responds, "Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor, Mark Twain, Will Rogers, George Carlin, Jackie Gleason, my mother, family members, friends and most of the comics I started out with back in the 80's here in Boston. Simply encapsulating his conception of the American Dream, Jimmy uses Zinn's summation upon the possibility to remain optimistic of said Dream: "In the long run I am because I believe people are fundamentally decent and have common sense and if people are fundamentally decent and have common sense in the long run that is ultimately going to win out."

Monsieur Tingle condenses the meat of his show in his own words: "Tingle! Live on Stage and Screen is a rare theatrical production, combining a screening of the acclaimed documentary film Jimmy Tingle's American Dream" followed by a Q&A and live performance by Jimmy as he looks back on some of the hilarious high points and low points of 2012, including the presidential election and his own satirical run for the white house in Jimmy Tingle for President - The Funniest Campaign in History. The live show will also include some "best of" material from Jimmy's previous one person shows and material pulled from that week's headlines. Tingle! Live on Stage and Screen promises to be topical, timeless, and Tingle!"



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# **TALES OF SOMERVILLE**

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah from all of us here at The News.

# The View From Prospect Hill





#### A Christmas Poem Author unknown

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look, And that is when I realize that these names are a part Not of the book they are written in, but really of my heart.

For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path sometime, And in the meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme. And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim, I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.

And while you may not be aware of any special link Just meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you think. For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.

So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between, For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you, It is because you're on the list that I'm indebted to.

For I am but a total of the many folks I've met, And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget. And whether I have known you for many years or few, In some ways you have a part in shaping things I do.

And every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew, The best gifts life can offer is meeting folks like you. And may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures



#### News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

here in the city, one who did a lot to bring about the recognition of Ward 1 as a great place to live and work. We wish him the very best in his future and, who knows, we probably will see him sometime in the future as a citywide candidate. He certainly was an Alderman who was and is respected throughout the city.

Former Alderman Bill Roche recommended his successor as all others in the past have done. Maureen Bastardi, who served on the School Board, now leaves that board with an empty seat. She made

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no recommendation of anyone in Ward 1 to be appointed. We wish Maureen the best and hope she does well for everyone down in Ward 1.

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Now who will replace Maureen Bastardi? Very interesting, the process that is underway here. In the past, it's always been at the recommendation of the one going out of office to propose their successor. Like Charles Ciano did when he resigned the School Board in the 70's. Tom Taylor did it when he resigned and recommended Dot Gay in Ward 3, and recently with Stan Koty assuming the Alderman seats when recommended by outgoing Macaluso. Koty also recommended Sean O'Donovan to take his place on the school board. Now it appears if you want the seat, you submit your resume to the Superintendent of Schools, who then presents said resumes to the board to be voted on. The school board should be an independent group of persons representing the children and taxpayers in each Ward. This process they are using can only serve to benefit the Superintendent or the majority of the school board who they want to see stand with them, and not be independent. Do you

sense a conflict of interest here? The employee (in this case the Superintendent of Schools) being part of the process of picking his potential boss. There are so many questions to be asked here. It probably would have been better if Maureen made her recommendation, as she stands to get reelected to the Alderman's seat, so shouldn't the person have been selected by her? Now, this process will be watched and criticized. Since when is it required to submit a resume for elected office? And what is the basis for making the decision? Maureen should just have recommended Continued on page 15



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# The light in the darkness



By Joseph A. Curtatone

With more emotion than he usually displays, President Obama summoned us all to action last Sunday night: "If there's even one step we can take to save another child or another

parent or another town from the grief that's visited Tucson and Aurora and Oak Creek and Newtown and communities from Columbine to Blacksburg before that, then surely we have an obligation to try. In the coming weeks, I'll use whatever power this office holds to engage my fellow citizens, from law enforcement, to mental health professionals, to parents and educators, in an effort aimed at preventing more tragedies like this, because what choice do we have? We can't accept events like this as routine."

After the latest mass killing by a lone gunman, this kind of effort is exactly what needs to happen. Shame on any one of us who fails to join in, and shame especially on any elected officials afraid of the political consequences of an honest discussion about guns and violence. As a member of the Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition, I am eager for the President's effort to get under way, and for this nation to explore and embrace a full range of policy solutions that can reduce the frequency with which one American kills dozens of others in the blink of an eye.

But in the meantime, in the wake of the horrific school shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, there are a few important things that every Somerville parent and every Somerville child should know about our city and its people:

First, you should know that your schools and your public safety agencies understand the need for preparedness, for security and for vigilance. Somerville has well-designed protocols in place to keep our schools safe. We practice them, we update them, and we take them very, very seriously.

Second, you need to know that our city's teachers, police officers and firefighters - and even many of its everyday residents - would unhesitatingly give their lives to protect the children of this community. Never doubt this: We are surrounded by people who care for us and will do their best to protect us. That should be a source of comfort and strength to us all.

Third, gun crime has declined significantly in Somerville in recent years. Indeed, violent crime of all kinds is down. There are still shootings - even one is too many - and there are too many illegal guns out there, but we are making real progress in reducing the risks they pose to our community.

Fourth and perhaps most important: Whether their weapons are rapid-fire rifles or fuel-laden jet planes, the hateful acts of the very evil or the utterly deranged can hurt us - sometimes almost unbearably - but they cannot destroy us. The only way Continued on page 11

# Medical cannabis and beyond

## Part 2: How it became illegal



By William C. Shelton

The problem with conspiracy theories is Occam's razor, the principle that favors the simplest explanation that fits all the evidence. Conspiracy theories offer too few dots, and require too many assumptions to connect them.

But the evidence that ex-

plains how cannabis became illegal in the U.S. is ample, in plain view, and unequivocal. Rather than dots, it forms lines among a few public officials and powerful interests who had much to gain from petroleum-industry growth.

In their own minds, they weren't just protecting their business interests. They were being virtuous.

In the end, they did do some good. They did incalculable harm as well.

At the beginning of the 20th Century, cannabis was a major U.S. cash crop, prized for its long fibers, which were manufactured into high-quality cloth, paper, rope, and sails. The word canvas comes from cannabis.

Widely prescribed by physicians to treat a variety of ailments, it occupied an honored position in the Western nations' pharmacopeias. Cannabis seed oil was an essential ingredient in paints and varnishes.

Rudolf Diesel assumed that his engine would run on cannabisseed and other botanical oils. Henry Ford produced a Model T that burned ethanol distilled from cannabis biomass. He later built a prototype car whose light, stronger-than-steel body was made from cannabis fiber.

Meanwhile, petroleum was a rapidly emerging industry. Price fixing, extorting railroads, and brutal labor practices enabled John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company to refine 90% of U.S. petroleum and make him the country's richest man.

The late 19th Century had been a time of rich experimentation in all branches of medicine. Brilliant herbalist physicians like Samuel Thomson, Benedict Lust, and Alva Curtis formed medical schools and societies.

The modern pharmaceutical industry emerged over the same period, using compounds developed in dye making and other

chemical processes. Rockefeller invested heavily in chemicalbased drug production.

He read Andrew Carnegie's The Gospel of Wealth and was inspired in 1909 to endow the Rockefeller Foundation. Charles Eliot at the Rockefeller Foundation and Simon Flexner at the Rockefeller Institute conceived a high-profile study that would affirm drug-based medical schools and discredit others.

The Carnegie Foundation sponsored the study and, on Flexner's recommendation, hired his brother, Abraham Flexner, to conduct it. He had no background in Continued on page 17

# On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

# A dose of Christmas



My sister and brother and me and my dad Found the very best Christmas tree we ever

It was so full and thick, and it was very heavy

It came home on the roof of Dad's '53 Chevy

I was worried that the tree may come loose tied up there

So I checked it, when we stopped for the train in the square

At the lot, as we shopped for the tree we would pick

A transistor radio was playing Little St. Nick

I noticed some tree sap on my corduroy

The ones mama just bought for me down at Grants

At Woolworth's luncheonette counter we sat for a snack

We ran out of Glass Wax Stencils so we picked up a pack

I saw toys in the aisles that I'd add to my

And Jean Naté perfume would make mom a nice gift

My sister wanted Santa to bring a Chatty Cathy doll

I wanted some Hot Wheels, I wanted them all!

A Mattel Vac U Form was a good toy for boys

With one of those things we could

make our own toys!

We went to The Smoke Shop where Dad bought some cigars

On Christmas day we dropped them off down at Grandpa's

That round Police stand in the Square was so neat

Dad knew all the cops so he'd drive by them and beep

Mom and my sister were cooking the

Of pasta, and ham, and of course stuffed squingeel

Baking cookies from scratch and then

stuffing our face

I can still see the flour all over the place! Ornaments that we kids made in school filled the mantel

Spray painted macaroni wreaths, and a toilet roll candle

We hopped on a trolley that was Park Street bound

And visited the Enchanted Village in Boston, downtown

Christmas meant houses with people and food

Enjoying each other in the holiday mood

Both sides of the family had folks by the

Tons of uncles and aunts and a boatload of cousins

I remember those Christmases when life seemed just right

The snow was much whiter and the bulbs were so bright

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Twenty-seventh Middlesex. - Consisting of precinct 3 of ward 2, all precincts of ward 3, precinct 3 of ward 4, and all precincts of wards 5 and 6, of the city of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Carl Sciortino

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Thirty-fourth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts in wards 4 and 5, precinct 1 of ward 7, and precinct 2 of ward 8, of the city of Medford, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 4, and all precincts of ward 7, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Timothy Toomey

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere,

ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** SECOND MID-DLESEX. - Medford, Somerville, ward 1, precincts 2 and 3, ward 2, precincts 2 and 3, and wards 3 to 7, inclusive, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

#### ELECT PRESIDENT BY POPULAR VOTE

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports on what is perhaps one of the most underreported yet very important political stories in Massachusetts and the nation: The Bay State and eight other states have passed laws that sponsors say would in effect, result in electing the president by popular vote instead of through the Electoral College system. The House 114-35 and the Senate 28-9 approved the measure in July 2010 and it was signed into law in August by Gov. Deval Patrick.

The president and vice president are not actually elected directly by the voters but rather by "electors" who are elected by popular vote from each state. There are 538 electors with each state assigned a number of electoral votes equal to the number of its members of Congress. The District of Columbia has three electoral votes. Electors are chosen by political parties and pledge to vote for the winner of the state's popular vote.

Every four years there is talk about abolishing the Electoral College and electing the president based on the national popular vote. This talk intensified after the 2000 election in which Al Gore (50,999,897 votes) won 543,895 more popular votes than George W. Bush (50,456,002 votes) but was beaten by Bush in the Electoral College by a 271 to 266 margin. Eventually, though, the debate settles down and the system stays the same. One of the key reasons for the reluctance to change is that abolishing the Electoral College would require a constitutional amendment that is either proposed by two-thirds of each house of Congress or by a constitutional convention that would be called if 34 states requested it. In both cases, the proposed amendment would then have to be ratified by 38 states in order to become part of the Constitution. Both of these avenues are difficult, at best.

Along comes Fair Vote, a group with the goal of electing the president by popular vote without actually abolishing the Electoral College. It establishes the Agreement among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. The agreement would require states that join the pact to cast all of their electoral votes for the presidential candidate who wins a majority of the national popular vote in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The pact would become effective when states representing at least 270 electoral votes - a majority of the 538-vote Electoral College - join the pact. It is a clever end run around the Constitution by taking advantage of a part of the document that supporters say gives the states exclusive and complete power to determine how to allocate their electoral votes. The pact

would likely be challenged in the courts if it ever takes effect.

According to Fair Vote's website, the bill has been signed into law in the District of Columbia and eight states possessing 132 electoral votes, 49 percent of the 270 electoral votes needed to activate the legislation. The states include California, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Washington State and Vermont.

Supporters say the Electoral College is an antiquated system that is inherently undemocratic and gives voters in states with a large number of electoral votes more voting power than those in other states. They argue the system was designed by the framers because they did not trust the common citizen to vote correctly. They note that presidential candidates now concentrate on and campaign in a handful of swing states while ignoring most of the states that are already solidly Democratic or Republican. Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover), Senate chair of the Elections Laws Committee, supports the law. He said, "I believe every vote should be as important regardless of what state you are from, and it seems that each presidential election year only those votes in certain states matter in the outcome."

Some opponents said that the Electoral College is a good system that has worked well and should not be changed. They argue it actually gives voters in smaller states power that they would not have if the president was elected strictly by a popular vote system in which candidates would concentrate on states with larger populations. Some argued that electing the president by popular vote would give wealthy fringe and third-party candidates a chance at success by focusing their efforts in a few major urban centers. Others said that the change to a popular vote is a very serious issue that needs more study. Rep. Robert Koczera (D-New Bedford) weighed in, "The compact hijacks [the] existing electoral college system by co-opting electoral votes for the popular vote winner. ... The peril of the compact is the unintended consequences. ... It encourages third party candidates, single issue, regional candidacies and independents. ... Third party candidates fragment the vote." (A "Yes" vote is for the law making Massachusetts a member of the popular vote pact. A "No" vote is against the law.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CONSUMERS MUST PAY 6.25 PERCENT SALES TAX ON AMAZON.COM - Gov. Patrick announced a deal under which Amazon.com will begin collecting the Massachusetts 6.25 percent sales tax for online purchases after November 1, 2013. Under a Supreme Court ruling, online retailers are not required to collect the tax unless they have a substantial physical facility in the state. Amazon developed a physical presence in the state when it recently purchased a robotics company in North Reading and opened a research office in Cambridge. The Internet superstore is reportedly also interested in larger facilities in the Bay State. The Patrick Administration has been negotiating with Amazon for months.

Supporters of the tax said brick-and-mortar retailers in



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the state are losing millions of dollars in annual sales and the state is missing out on millions in tax revenue. They noted consumers often go to brick-and-mortar retail stores to look at items and then buy them on the Internet to get a lower price and also save the sales tax.

Opponents said this is nothing more than a backdoor tax hike that will cost consumers millions of dollars. They noted it would also discourage other online retailers from bringing a facility and jobs to Massachusetts.

#### AUTOMATIC TOLLS ON MASS PIKE - Gov.

Patrick announced plans to implement an electronic tolling system on the state's toll roads within three years. According to Transportation Secretary Richard Davey, the switch would result in the loss of jobs for 80 percent to 90 percent of the more than 400 full- and part-time toll collectors.

Davey said it currently costs the state around \$55 million per year to collect some \$300 million in tolls. He noted it would cost an estimated \$100 million to install the new automatic technology and pointed out that the new system would pay for itself in less than two years.

The Patrick Administration argued this would allow vehicles to travel through the toll plaza without slowing down, which currently causes traffic jams and bottlenecks. They noted it would also eliminate the expense for much-needed renovations to the decaying toll plaza and booths.

NEW CABINET SECRETARIES - As he prepares for his final two years in office, Gov. Patrick today announced the appointment of four new cabinet secretaries to replace four who will be departing. Perhaps the most important is Secretary of Administration and Finance Jay Gonzalez who will be replaced by Glen Shor, the current Executive Director of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority. The secretary is the governor's budget and fiscal chief.

Other changes include Brockton School Superintendent Matt Malone replacing Paul Reville as Secretary of Education; John Polanowicz, CEO of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center taking over for JudyAnn Bigby as Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea Cabral replacing Marybeth Heffernan as Secretary of Public Safety and Security.

OFF TO A STUDY COMMITTEE - Various committees recommended that many proposals be shipped off to "study committees" where measures are never actually studied. The move is an easy way to kill legislation without legislators voting on the bill itself. Here are some of the bills on their way to study committees.

CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT (H 3391) - Gives a tax credit of up to \$2,500 to taxpayers who use child care services.

SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH INSURANCE (H 3195) - Allows self-employed taxpayers to deduct their health insurance premiums on their state taxes.

**INSPECT FIRE ESCAPES (H 3298)** - Requires fire escapes to be examined and certified for structural adequacy and safety every five years.

#### NO CELL PHONES FOR PRISONERS (H 2918)

- Prohibits the possession and use of cell phones by prison inmates.

SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES (H 2387) - Requires that all school buses seating more than 16 and manufactured after January 1, 2013 be equipped with seat belts.

PUNISH SANCTUARY CITIES AND TOWNS (H 1563) - Withholds local aid from any cities or towns that do not enforce federal immigration laws. Also ap-

plies to communities that have established themselves as "sanctuary cities or towns" that offer protection in a variety of ways to illegal immigrants.

# **QUOTABLE QUOTES** - SPECIAL TIM CAHILL TRIAL EDITION

The trial of former State Treasurer Tim Cahill ended with a hung jury. Cahill was accused of violating state ethics laws by using \$1.5 million in Lottery funds for an ad campaign that was designed to aid his unsuccessful 2010 gubernatorial bid. Cahill testified he approved the ad campaign in his capacity as state treasurer to respond to a series of negative ads by the Republican Governors Association attacking the Lottery's management. Attorney General Martha Coakley has not decided whether she will retry the case.

"It's elation. Total elation. I'm relieved and I'm thrilled. ... Life's too short to be angry and I'm too old." – *Tim* Cahill

"I continue to believe in the strength of this case and the strength of our justice system and we are reviewing our options going forward." – Martha Coakley

"It will be interesting to see if Coakley wastes taxpayer dollars for a retrial after she failed to prove what nearly everyone knows to be true: that Cahill defrauded the people of Massachusetts to help his failed political career. For lawmakers, this means all they have to do to

continue abusing their office for political gain is have a shred of plausible deniability and Coakley won't be able to touch them." – Tim Buckley, spokesman for the State Republican Party

"With all the effort and the resources that the state used to prosecute Tim ... and for them not to make their case feels good for us." – *Tina Cahill, wife of Tim Cahill* 

"It felt like the Commonwealth didn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt the required things they had to prove."

– Unidentified juror

"We all shared a regret about not knowing more about this case and therefore being selected. ... I am dying to read the paper and find out what y'all been writing." – *Unidentified juror* 

#### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 10-14, the House met for a total of 37 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 3 minutes.

Mon. December 10 House 11:05 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.

Tues. December 11 No House session

No Senate session

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Wed. December 12 No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. December 13 House 11:04 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:39 a.m.

Fri. December 14 No House session

No Senate session

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### The light in the darkness CONT. FROM PG 9

we can be destroyed, as a community or as a nation, is if we do it to ourselves.

If we give in to despair and cynicism; if we embrace the sad and empty belief that there is no such thing as the public interest; if we believe that the only way to ensure our own safety is to inspire fear in everybody else; if we see our-

selves as victims without hope or the power to change for the better, then we are truly lost in the darkness.

But even now, in their darkest hour, I do not think the people of Newtown feel that way about themselves or their community.

This remains a time of great sorrow. As the President has reminded us, this could have happened anywhere: "These neighborhoods are our neighborhoods, and these children are our children." It is only right that we all share in that sorrow. But that sorrow cannot quench our hope, our determination, our love for one another, and our belief in shared progress.

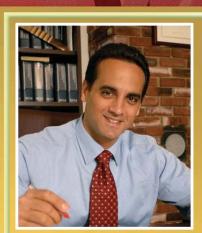
That hope, that love and that

faith in one another is our light in the darkness - our tidings of comfort and joy.

To learn more about Mayors Against Illegal Guns, and to add your voice to their call for a national plan to reduce the incidence of gun violence, visit http://www.demandaplan.org/newtown.

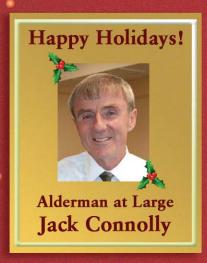


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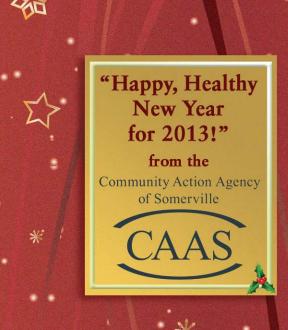
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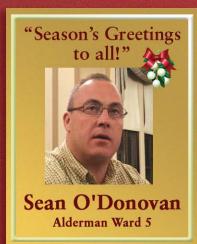
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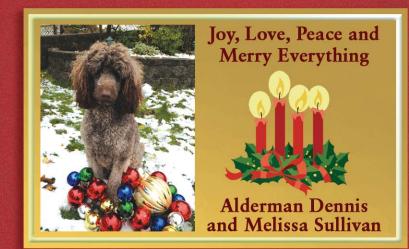
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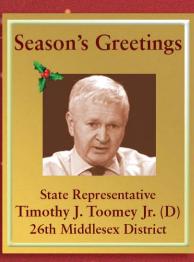




















# Somerville ews

# **SOMERVILLE SPORTS**

# The 6th Annual Somerville Jingle Bell Run 🕍







5000 runners participated in this year's Somerville Jingle Bell Run last Sunday. Festive costumes and spirited competition highlighted the event, a proven favorite among runners and spectators alike.

# Ms. Cam's lio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. Who was the first to record Jingle Bell Rock?
- 2. Who recorded Rocking Around The Christmas *Tree* first?
- 3. In the story *Frosty The* Snowman why was Frosty and the little girl eluding the Magician?
- 4. In the Twelve Days of Christmas Song, what gift was received on the fifth day?
- 5. What is the name of the furry trio that sang the song that contained the lines "Christmas, Christmas, time is here" that topped the charts in 1958?
- 6. What is the origin of candy canes at Christ-

- 7. Other than looking pretty, what was the original purpose of using bows on presents?
- 8. What is the name of the nautical breakfast cereal made by Quaker Oats?
- 9. What 8 letter word means to hold back, pause or waiver?
- 10. What is a phrase that compares two things using "like" or "as"?
- 11. What is the name of the braided, sweet rounded bread served on Jewish Holidays?
- 12. What U.S. President said football would be banned, unless the rules were modified to reduce the number of deaths?

Answers on page 23

#### 6th Somerville Jingle Bell Run Results **Time** City <u>Place</u> Name Race# 15:53 Brendan Prindiville 5324 Boston MA 1 16:15 Keith Drake 1831 Boston MA 4840 Cambridge MA 16:20 Ian Nurse 16:29 C.J. Pierce 5201 Weston MA 16:46 Christopher Klucznik 3416 Somerville MA 17:03 Nick Wendel 6778 Boston MA Brian Murtagh 17:17 4702 Boston MA 17:20 2278 Boston MA 8 Scott Friedlander 17:19 David Sek 5871 North Andover MA 10 17:21 Christopher Richard 5501 Sudbury MA 17:22 Russell Leino 3686 Arlington MA 11 12 17:25 Tomas Bok 533 Somerville MA Medford MA 13 17:30 Ben Smeltzer 6059 17:40 Brookline MA 14 Evan Dana 1520 17:44 Breno Melo Brighton MA 15 4393 17:53 Jon Klein 3405 Medford MA 16 17 17:54 Ross Patterson Boston MA Dover NH 18 17:55 John Smith 19 17:58 Ernst Terhaar 6386 Newton Highlands MA 20 17:59 Ruiz Alejandro Jamaica Plain MA

# Winter sports heating up for Highlanders

# Boys track, hockey off to good starts

#### By Mike Stoller

Two-time Massachusetts and New England champion Andre Rolim, the state record holder in the 600 meter run, is the top returnee to the Somerville High Track and Field team this winter. Rolim is one of three Highlander captains along with Kevin Ma and Marcelo Brociner. Other top returnees include sprinter Anderson Jupiter and Ngawang Tsang.

Numbers are up for the Highlanders, after a subpar turnout last season.

"We have 30 freshman and sophomore athletes and 25 junior and senior athletes following a season in which our numbers were down," Somerville head coach Dave Dickerson said. "So this season should provide an the MSTCA Holiday Challenge opportunity for development."

The following Somerville athletes won their events in a scrimmage against Arlington Catholic and Lowell Catholic last week: Newcomer Francisco Fernandez Neto (1000m), Jupiter (dash and 300m), Brociner (600m), Rolim (mile), Joao Baptista (high jump), and Ma, Tseriing, Brociner, and Rolim of the mile relay team.

Dickerson also said, "We have a nice core group of underclassmen developing in the hurdles and a good group of football bigs competing in the shot put."

The Highlanders will host the five-team Greater League Somerville Invitational on Dec. 26.

Somerville will also compete in

at the Reggie Lewis Center on Dec. 29. The Holiday Challenge will consist of teams from New England and New York.

"[It] should be a good opportunity to see how well our top guys are doing," Dickerson said.

Off to a quick start with goals from Anthony Valleisio, Dan Camera, and Troy Martini, the Somerville High hockey team opened the winter with a solid 3-1 win over Revere last week. The highlanders also got two assists from Joe Desmond.

Somerville fell to Matignon, 6-1, in the following contest, its lone goal coming from CJ Albanese.

The Highlanders (1-1) will host Salem High tonight.



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# Somerville Kiwanis Annual Team-Up with US Marines

#### By William Tauro

The Somerville Kiwanis Club held its Annual Tri-Club Meeting last week with the Somerville Rotary Club and the Somerville Lions Club in attendance at the Mount Vernon Restaurant on Broadway.

Kiwanis President Isaac

Machado, along with past Kiwanis President Jay Lynch and club members, hosted the event that contributed hundreds of unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots that were donated and collected by Kiwanis' efforts to be handed out to children for Christmas.

A special appearance by The Somerville High School Choir,



Lions Club President Gene Brune with the Somerville High School Choir.

displaying an outstanding performance, singing joyful festive melodies that put the crowd in immediate holiday mode was present at the event in full force.

The Somerville High School Choir is also scheduled to attend President Barack Obama's Inauguration, as well as perform at the WorldStrides Heritage Presidential Inauguration Festival in Washington D.C., this coming January.

During the event, Somerville Lions Club President Gene Brune presented the Somerville High School Choir with a check on behalf of the Somerville Lions Club to further assist the choir with the trip expenses to Washington D.C. next month. Also at the event, Somerville Kiwanis Past President Robert A. Nissenbaum was honored



United States Marine Corporal Vin Dolan addresses the crowd at the Kiwanis Annual Tri-Club Meeting.

and presented a citation by Somerville Alderman Jack Connolly for his thirty-eight years of service as a Kiwanian from when he was first inducted into the club in November of 1974 that includes being the club's presi-

dent from 1984-1985 and for being club Secretary Emeritus for twenty-five years, October 1981-1982 (1 year). Then from October 1986-1998 (12 years) and then again from October 2000-present 2012 (12 years).

#### News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

someone or else have a special election to fill her seat. The other members of the school board - never mind the Superintendent - should not select from resumes. What do you think?

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A Christmas Birthday greeting this week to our newly elected Registrar of Deeds Ms. Maria Curtatone, who is going to be celebrating big time. We hear she sent out over a 1000 invitations to her inaugural at the Registry and is closing down her law office at

the same time.

Another well-known and highly regarded person celebrating their birthday this week is Somerville Police Captain Jim Polito, a real nice guy and dedicated to his job. We know he represents the Police Department as one of its best. Also this week, Keith Puopolo is celebrating, and to John Power, Electrical Inspector for the city. Our good friend Zack Wells, who lives here and works at

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Nuance Communications as an analyst, a good guy and sort of new to Somerville as well.

We hear the Mayor is having his annual "Holiday Party" for the department heads here in the city tonight, Wednesday.

DPW Commissioner Stan Koty is doing well and is back to work after his illness. We wish him the best of luck. He

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looks great, doesn't he?

We want to send a big "Hi" to a good friend, Cliff Clark, and to his mother, a great lady, Paula Clark. We wish them both and their family the very best Christmas. They both went through a lot this past year but in the end it all worked out for them. We also want to congratulate Cliff on his huge weight loss. He can certainly be proud of the loss, in spite of a challenging year for them.

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2012-57 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: opposite 120 Middlesex Av

2012-58 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: Rescind 2012-55

2012-59 Article V Section 5-6 "Permit Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: Rescind 2012-56

2012-60 Article V Section 5-6 "Permit Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: seasonal removal (April 1 -Nov 15) of 2 parking spaces on Crocker St

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2012-62 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended as follows: Rescind a portion of 2012-37 (8 Melvin St) and 2012-47 (15 Adrian St) by removing the trial period from both regulations.

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MIDDI FSFX Division Docket No. MI 12D2181DR

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The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the

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The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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your answer, if any on or before 01/16/2013. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court

Date: December 4, 2012

Tara E. Di Cristofaro **Register of Probate** 

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP # 13-54

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Docket No. MI 12P5417EA

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

**Estate of: Anthony Thomas Purrini** 

Date of Death: 06/11/1992

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Sandra M Martini of Saugus

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Sandra M Martini

of Saugus be appointed as Personal Representative (s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on 01/02/2013. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection. If you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection

followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the

return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

This estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expens-

Witness, Hon. Peter C Di Gangi, First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. Di Cristofaro Register of Probate

Date: December 04, 2012

es of administration.

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**MIDDLESEX Division** 

Docket No. MI 12P5416EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: June E Purrini

Date of Death: 05/08/1979

To all interested persons:

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Sandra M Martini MA of Saugus

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#### A dose of Christmas past **CONT. FROM PG 9**

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Our parents were healthy, and vibrant and young

And Christmas was music good food and good fun

As we enjoy the festivities of Christmas

We'll savor those old memories with smile and a tear

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# Giantist shows Kris Kringle how it's done



#### By Sanjeev Selvarajah

The band Giantist has its humanism down to a science. The band that's part Evanescence, with a little bit of Deftones thrown in, and rounded out with rich Radiohead ambivalence performed for a Toys for Tots charity event this past Saturday.

"I chose Giantist for this charity event because in addition to being a great band, they are also champions of giving back to the community. One of my favorite songs from Giantist is Paper Weight. The line 'Can God help us now, Can God save us now?' really speaks to the message of the whole event. My own personal feelings aside, I believe that it is our duty as human beings to help and to save one another," says Mike Gordon, president and CEO of Electric Lighthouse Recordings, who put on the show.

The blended vocals that dawn in March by Giantist gives way

to an incandescent bass and a medley of electronic sounds. Quick-fast the drums race with the tune to give way to pleading vocals from Emily Koo, who had triumphantly sung the prayer that so amazed Gordon with Paper Weight. An adamant Sean O'Meara, the lead singer, demanded all to fall in line with the accusation blatant in March: your relationship is failing again. That's why Sean and Emily have to ask, "Would you be proud?"

Giantist, who has inspirations ranging back from Pink Floyd to Modest Mouse, had fun during the charity event. "It's always a plus when bands support one another, and all of the bands at the show had a great sense of camaraderie. It's getting tougher to find that in the local music scene," says Emily. "You could really feel the Christmas spirit on Saturday night. Donating to Toys for Tots makes people feel great," says Chris Connell, the Giantist drummer. Pat Lydon, saxophonist, basked in the well wishing: "Great event, great bands for a great cause. What more could you ask for? It was a lot of fun to be a part of and it's nice to spread the holiday spirit." "Electric Lighthouse Recordings is becoming one of the best things to happen to the Boston music scene in a while. Mike Gordon truly cares about making a difference and puts together great bills!" says Sean O'Meara.

Well Water best encapsulates their vision of communion, although Mike Gordon and Electric Lighthouse Recordings might signal Paper Weight for its enchanting appeal for good will. The musical talent wasn't solely on the shoulders of Giantist, who picked up the torch and passed it to the rest of the night, which included Milkbread, The One & Only's, Tom's Folly, and Lowman. "We are in the beginning stages of talking with other charities about a canned food



Giantist took a giant leap of generosity, performing at the Toys for Tots benefit

drive for all of our upcoming shows. I always believed that if Electric Lighthouse Recordings ever got put in the position in which we could help our community, we would do so gladly. I have came up with this idea in the past month, and will be working very diligently to get help to as many people as we can," says Gordon.

Paper Weight indeed does the trick in an idealistic fashion. Its guitar is reminiscent of Bowie's

album Space Oddity's lyricism and a combo of vocals that reveal an attention to the tenor of folks like Beck. But this song could just as well fit with Arcade Fire's contribution to the Where the Wild Things Are soundtrack. And that saxophone, that's musician Pat Lydon. The drumming towards the end by Chris Connell filters like flames. Sean O'Meara has a mission for his guitar and pen. Giantist has intent in its bones.

#### Medical cannabis and beyond **CONT. FROM PG 9**

science or medicine, but he per used in his magazines and owned a for-profit school.

Flexner's work was rigorous. It DuPont chemicals. concluded that there were too many doctors, too poorly trained. It advocated specific medical school entrance requirements, training periods, and curricula. It recommended greatly reducing the number of schools. And it was influential.

The Rockefeller foundation began making large grants to favored medical schools, while Abraham Flexner joined the Rockefeller Institute, working with others to lobby regulatory authorities and grant makers to force closure of disfavored schools.

Meanwhile, Andrew Mellon was becoming the third richest man in America. In addition to his family's bank, he owned Gulf Oil, Alcoa, and he invested in DuPont, the corporate giant that was developing petroleumbased products like nylon to replace natural fibers.

He contributed heavily to pass the 18th Amendment. When it was adopted in 1919, it killed the ethanol industry, which was making inroads in the fuel market. The next year he financed DuPont's takeover of General Motors.

Publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst's interests intersected at several points with those of Rockefeller and Mellon. An unabashed racist, he, Rockefeller, and Mellon backed the eugenics movement. His mills, which produced pa28 major newspapers, used

Cannabis produces four times the paper fiber per acre as timber. It makes higher quality paper, but at a fraction of the energy costs and with fewer toxics. But Hearst owned massive timberlands, and wood pulp was adequate for newsprint.

Trading on insider information, his father, a U.S. Senator, had bought the 850,000-acre Babicora ranch in Mexico for 20-to-40 cents per acre, and with the help of dictator Porfirio Diaz, expanded it to a million acres. During the Mexican Revolution, Pancho Villa's men raided the ranch, hid out in its forests, and indulged in their favorite relaxant, cannabis. They called it marijuana, which means 'Mary Jane" in Spanish. Hearst hated Mexicans, hated their Revolution, and hated cannabis.

In 1921, Andrew Mellon began an eleven-year term as U.S. Treasury Secretary. Within his Treasury Department, he created the Federal Bureau of Narcotics in 1931 and appointed Harry Anslinger, his niece's husband, to head it up.

A little later in the decade, the Department of Agriculture developed technology that greatly improved the efficiency and lowered the costs of making hemp-based paper. And with alcohol again legal, Ford built a biofuel plant in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Critics of cannabis history

raise questions regarding the extent to which Mellon invested in DuPont and the extent to which the Hearst empire's vertically integrated timber and mill operations satisfied its newsprint needs. But certain facts are undisputed.

Anslinger worked quietly with Treasury Department officials to develop legislation, disguised as a revenue bill, to outlaw cannabis. And he collaborated with Hearst in an extensive propaganda campaign to demonize "marihuana."

As one of Hearst's biographers wrote, he "routinely invented sensational stories, faked interviews, ran phony pictures and distorted real events." Among them were dozens of lurid articles about marijuana-fueled murders or sexual transgressions against White women and children committed by Black and Latino "marihuana addicts."

Because Anslinger's legislation was a revenue bill-the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937-it did not come to Congressional committees dealing with agriculture, health, or the judiciary. It came to the Ways and Means Committee, where it was pre-wired.

Supporting testimony consisted of Mr. Anslinger reading Hearst newspaper stories, a New Orleans District Attorney's report that a lot of that city's prisoners were "marihuana addicts," and a pharmacologist expressing the opinion that continuous consumption

cannabis disintegrated one in 300 dogs' personalities.

The American Medical Association's Legislative Council, who had helped draft the Uniform Narcotic Drug act, testified against the bill. He pointed out the lack of any credible medical evidence and questioned why the law was developed in secret, excluding the medical community.

The full House of Representative considered the bill at the end of a long day. Most members knew nothing about it, so some asked to delay the vote. House leaders rolled over these objections and passed it without a roll call. Most Congressmen, like most Americans, didn't now that cannabis, hemp, and "marihuana," were the same thing.

That year's DePont Corporation Annual Report crowed, "The revenue raising power of government may be converted into an instrument for forcing acceptance of sudden new ideas of industrial and social reorganization."

The "reorganization" caused hardships for farms and businesses in the agricultural,

paint, paper, textile, and other industries. The nation's growing dependence on petroleum ultimately created intractable geopolitical and environmental problems. Cannabis was removed from the American pharmacopeia in 1942, and over the years, replaced by synthetic drugs with harmful side effects and causing untold suffering.

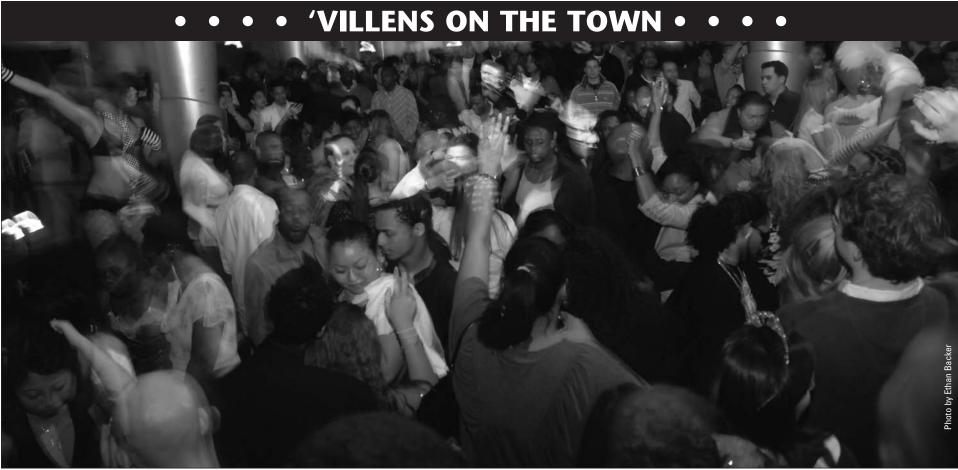
In many ways, the quality of medical education did improve with the implementation of the Flexner recommendations. But osteopathic, eclectic, naturopathic, and homeopathic institutions closed, and we have lost much of their clinical wisdom.

In 1904, there had been 160 American medical schools, graduating 28,000 MDs per year. By 1935, there were only 66, graduating a little over 12,000. The sharp admission pool reduction resulted in a profession with few practitioners who weren't white and male. And healthcare became much more expensive.

The FBI reports that 853,838 Americans were arrested last year for cannabisrelated offenses.







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West Branch Library Preschool: Babygarten 11 a.m.- 11:45 p.m.|40 College Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

#### Friday | December 21

Veteran's Memorial Rink Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

#### Monday | December 24

**Christmas Eve-Libraries Closed** 

#### **Tuesday December 25**

**Christmas Day- Libraries Closed** 

#### Wednesday | December 26

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7 p.m.|Cafe

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#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday December 19

**Central Library** 

Veterans Memorial Skating Rink **Public Information Meeting** David Lutes/617-625-6600 x2106

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**Third Life Studio** 

Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Iamal 7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

#### Thursday | December 20

**Central Library** 

Friends moving boxes James Fox

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#### Sunday | December 23

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Monday | December 24

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#### PLACES TO THINGS

# SENIOR

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Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

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December 21. All are welcome. Navarasa Dance Theater is a contemporary dance theater company founded as 'Navarasa Natyalaya' by renowned dancer and choreographer, Aparna Sindhoor in 1991 in Mysore, India. In 1996, it was reconstituted as Navarasa Dance Theater in Somerville by Aparna Sindhoor and film director S.M.Raju. They have created over fifteen full length dance theater works and presented them at sold out shows to diverse audiences. They have toured extensively in North America, Europe and India, and has been invited to perform at various venues including the Jacob's Pillow and the Edinburgh Festival. Come join us on the 10th and 17th of January for an intergenerational dance event at Holland Street Center. From 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. RSVP is a must as limited space.

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Hanscom Dinner & Bingo - January 9.

Lunch at Culinary Arts - January 22.

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Flexibility & Balance - all three centers.

Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny.

**December 19 Centers Closed** 

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**December 20 Holland Street Center** Current Events 10 a.m.

Indoor Exercise11 a.m. Bingo||12:45 p.m.

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Ralph & Jenny Center Strengthening 10 a.m. Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m. Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

**December 21 Holland Street Center** 

Book Club|10 a.m. Indoor Exercise 11 a.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

165 Broadway 617-625-6600 x 2335

**Cross Street Center** 

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9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223 December 24 through December 28

11:30 Lunch at Holland Street

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# Holiday books are perennial favorites

#### By Kenneth Gloss

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol is the obvious perennial favorite for holiday books. However, many people might not realize that holiday-themed items can be exciting and rewarding choices, simply because there is a plethora of options available. That's not to say 1834 Dickens classic isn't wildly popular, even today. There are people who will come into the store, seeking a first edition and will spend upwards of \$70 - \$1000 for that particular volume. There are people who collect all versions of A Christmas Carol, whether it be all the different illustrated versions or all the different covers. There are literally thousands of unique versions of that Christmas classic, giving a Dickens collector years of hunting.

Another popular one is 'Twas The Night Before Christmas. Neiman Marcus had an original manuscript edition of the poem listed for \$750,000 in its catalog in the late 1990s. Obviously, it was for the serious and wellheeled collector. Many people who collect it also buy a second version that isn't as valuable so they can have one for display and one for an annual Christmas Eve reading with their children. A number of customers prefer reading 'Twas the Night Before Christmas because the language is easier and the story is shorter than Dickens' novels.

Before the 1800s, Christmas was looked upon as solely a religious holiday and any celebrations were frowned upon. However, there are those who like to collect copies of the laws and social tomes of the time that

show this disdain for holiday celebrating. By the time that Dickens came along, attitudes were changing. L. Thomas Nast, the famous illustrator for Harper's Weekly, created the first drawing of Santa Claus as a jolly, large man who slides down a chimney and leaves gifts. That first drawing is a collector's item, as are the subsequent renditions of St. Nick. Collecting simply illustrations of Santa Claus can yield a wide amount of material for any collector.

There are also people who like to collect holiday cookbooks so they can see how culinary traditions have changed over the decades. These changes can often be linked to social shifts and inventions of the times. Another popular collectible area is books on how different cultures and religions celebrate the holidays.

Holiday collections are so popular that virtually any field you choose to focus on - Santa illustrations, Christmas cards or cookbooks - links to a society and/or a shop dedicated to collecting and preserving that niche.

As Christmas grew in popularity, so too did the amount of materials and peripherals available for collectors to choose among. Not everyone who collects holiday memorabilia does it to amass one type of book or illustration; many begin these collections because of the touch of nostalgia they find in hunting for the treasures they remember from their youth.

Other collectors use the materials they gather as decorations for their homes. A set of holiday books or a grouping of Santa illustrations can make a fantastic display during the holidays.



Holiday themed books and prints are a specialty niche of collecting that can bring a new wealth of heartwarming fun to the collector.

Some people look for Santas that aren't in sleighs, but rather in other conveyances such as trains, airplanes and cars. There is so much material available that it is very easy for a collector to carve out one's own niche.

Holidays are also a great time for people who like to buy unique books and give them to collectors. A number of people seek out leather-bound editions of Shakespeare or coffee table books to give as gifts. It's the mark of a true gift because it shows that the buyer had to think about the recipient's likes and interests before making the

purchase. Giving a used or rare book as a holiday gift takes a great deal more effort and thought, a gesture that is appreciated by the recipient.

People who are looking for something specific for the holidays should give their local dealer plenty of time to find what they are seeking. No matter what kind of holiday memorabilia a person is interested in collecting, it is virtually certain that there will be a great deal of material from which to choose. The holiday season has been very popular for the last 140 years and there are millions of books,

prints and lithographs available. It would be impossible to collect everything ever produced that is holiday related, thus leaving enough room for all collectors to find what they want.

Ken Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston, the oldest antiquarian bookstore in the United States. 2011 is the 62nd year of Gloss family ownership. Ken has been seen numerous times on PBS' Antiques Roadshow. His free and open lecture schedule as well as other info is available at: www.brattlebookshop.com or call 800-447-9595.



By Russell Allison

There isn't greater fun in the cycle of life than reaping the benefits of handing down the mythology of Santa Clause to your kids and living vicariously through their excitement and joy and remembering your own when you were their age. There is no generation gap at this time of year, only a different perspective depending on whether you are young or old.

My earliest memory of Christmas dates back to when I was five years old. I think that is the age when a child can fully

ing on the roof while Santa holds the reigns. As the holiday grew near, I could see Santa Claus in my mind's eye emerging from the fireplace with a huge burlap bag full of toys. But this was imagination.

This is when mothers, like mine did, come up with the next best thing to having their children meet Santa Claus in person. She had a ruse to bridge the imagination to reality. With Mom's help, I left out cookies and milk for Santa Clause on a table next to the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

The next morning, I came downstairs full of intrigue with my mother leading the way.

grasp the concept of reindeer When we entered the living go back into a box until the next the world in one night deliverand sleigh coming in for a land-room, she brought me directly holiday cycle the following year. ing presents, Santa Claus could over to the TV dinner tray with half eaten cookies and an empty glass of milk. This was empirical evidence that Santa Claus was a real person who lived, breathed and put his pants on one leg at a time like anyone else.

A Santa story

I am 54 years old now, and at this time of year I am still taken back to that tray of cookie crumbs and traces of milk in an empty glass. That single memory, as clear as a photograph and the excitement to match, is just as vivid today as it was half a century ago. After New Year's Day, the memory is safely tucked away like the Christmas tree lights and ornaments that

When parents attempt to have their five-year-old kids meet Santa in person, it doesn't work. The kids don't stop believing in the real deal, they just know a phony when they see one. In my case, there was a Santa Claus at my parent's church for a holiday function. As I sat on his lap, I could tell his beard was artificial, made of white cotton rather than actual hair. I was nobody's fool. I recognized an imposter when I saw one and proclaimed the Santa as a fake softly under my breath to my parents.

My parents got around this problem by explaining to me that, while he could fly around

not be everywhere at the same time. Only God could do that. The chubby old men that I saw around town were Santa's helpers, like the Elves at the North Pole and were full of Christmas Magic.

On Christmas morning, my father said that I slept through the noise as reindeer hooves clattered, landing on the roof. I wished so much that I could have been awake to hear them and the sound of jingling bells on Santa Clause's sleigh. For good measure, Dad said that he fed carrots to the reindeer. Yes, Santa Clause was real!

Those cookies and milk proved it.



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12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Rooster Tails	2:30pm	The SCATV Holiday show	Noon	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	1:00pm	Ablevision
7:00am	Road to Recovery	9:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	4:00pm	Fluff Festival	1:30pm	Poet to Poet: Marge Piercy
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Tonight's Special	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	10:30pm	Somerville Rocks	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00pm	Creepy Castle	6:30pm	Rooster Tails	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
11:00am	Greater Somerville's Holiday Special	Friday 12/21		7:00pm	Couch's Corner	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	5:00pm	Culture Club
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	6:00am	Road to Recovery	8:00pm	David Parkman	5:30pm	King of the 'Ville
1:30PM	Henry Parker Presents	7:00am	Culture Club	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Abugida Television	7:30am	Physician Focus	10:00pm	Poet to Poet: Marge Piercy	6:30pm	Greater Somerville's Holiday Special
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Critical Focus
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9:00am:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY
3:00pm:	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along
7:00pm:	Congressional Update
7:30pm:	Talking Business
7:50pm:	<b>GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference</b>
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8:35pm:	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
8:45pm:	Congressional Update
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2:25pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest
7:00pm:	Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
8:40pm:	The Mayor's Report
9:10pm:	The Aldermen's Hour
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Saturday, December 22

A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas

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A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas

Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration

Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along

Illuminations Tour

A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas

2:50am:	The Mayor's Report
EDUCATIO	NAL CHANNEL 15
Wednesda	ay, December 19
9:00am	Highlander Forum
12:00pm	Kid Stuff
12:15pm	Middle School Holiday Concert
1:00pm	Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
3:30pm	Brown School Holiday Concert
7:00pm	Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
8:30pm	Highlander Forum
9:00pm	Brown School Holiday Concert
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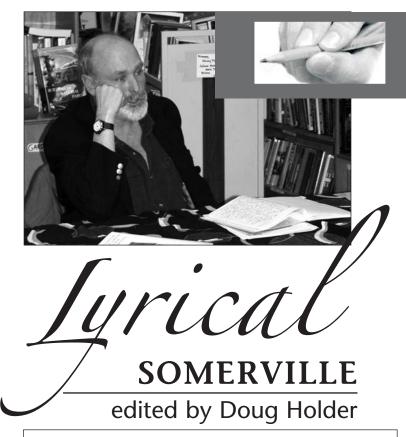
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Poet Meghan Perkins is a poet who kisses and tells. And she tells it in this provocative poem Wash Your Mouth.

#### Wash Your Mouth

Kiss is a dirty word. Just saying it is like swallowing mud, Thick and wrong down my throat. It's like saying fuck or penis. Ever play the penis game? Say it louder and louder Until someone is too scared Of judgingly pointed chins And hauntingly raised eyebrows, So you falter and spit it out, Along with clay and pebbles, Just one whisper softer -Accepting the challenge, But still losing the game. That's me and kissing. It leaves stains on my teeth And I'm afraid to smile. Each kiss is sand stuck in my gums And I need to floss. I'd rather suck on soap Than have that word pass my lips. Kiss. Kissing. Kisses. I feel like I'm swearing. Don't look at me when I say it Because I feel as though I'm only in my underwear, Lacey and ripped, Asking Him what it all means. Only muffled silence answers.

I think His mouth is full, too.

But I think kiss means raw,

It only leaves me with gritty regret,

Naked embarrassment -

And in want of a bath. He makes me feel soiled.

– Meghan Perkins

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# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# **Outside the Lines Studio:**

A place outside the mainstream that fosters outsider art



At a recent meeting of the Somerville Bagel Bards, I met with artist Anne Johnstone and Tufts University student Libby Schrobe. Both Johnstone and Schrobe are involved with the *Outside the Lines Studio* near the Tufts University campus. The studio is a sort of clubhouse serving people from the Somerville and Medford area with mental disabilities. Schrobe, an intern at the studio said they offer classes in art, cooking, and other activities for members. The studio has hosted shows of various students' artwork at local coffeehouses like True Grounds in Ball Square, and others.

Johnstone, a teacher at the studio, is an accomplished artist and she works with clients often using papier-mâché to create puppet characters. She also works with members through painting and creating structures with chicken wire, and other media.

Johnstone studied at Brown University, and U/Mass Boston. She has had her own exhibits at

the Salem Art Association, the Ga Ga Gallery in Swampscott, Mass. and other venues. She has a space at the Mt. Vernon Street Studios in our town, and lives in the Davis Square area.

Schrobe, who has many duties at the studio, told me: "The studio gives folks a place to pass time in an interesting way-rather than just sitting around. It gives them a sense of accomplishment, self-esteem."

Schrobe said she is a clinical psychology major at Tufts, and often helps running the art classes.

Schrobe has many projects on the burner for the studio including an exhibit at the Tufts University Art Gallery, and a subsequent art auction.

Both Schrobe and Johnstone agree that there is a lot of raw talent among the artists they work with. This is yet another layer of talent that adds to our rich milieu in the *Paris of New England*.

http://www.outsidethelinesstudio.org/main.html

#### Answers from page 14 Ms. Cam's Answers 1. Bobby Helms 5. The Chipmunks 8. Cap'n Crunch 2. Brenda Lee 6. It represents the Shep-9. Hesitate herds staff 3. He wanted Frosty's 10. A simile magic hat 7. It symbolizes many things - a true gift, with true 11. Challah 4. Five Golden Rings love, brotherly love, also 12. Theodore Roosevelt unity



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