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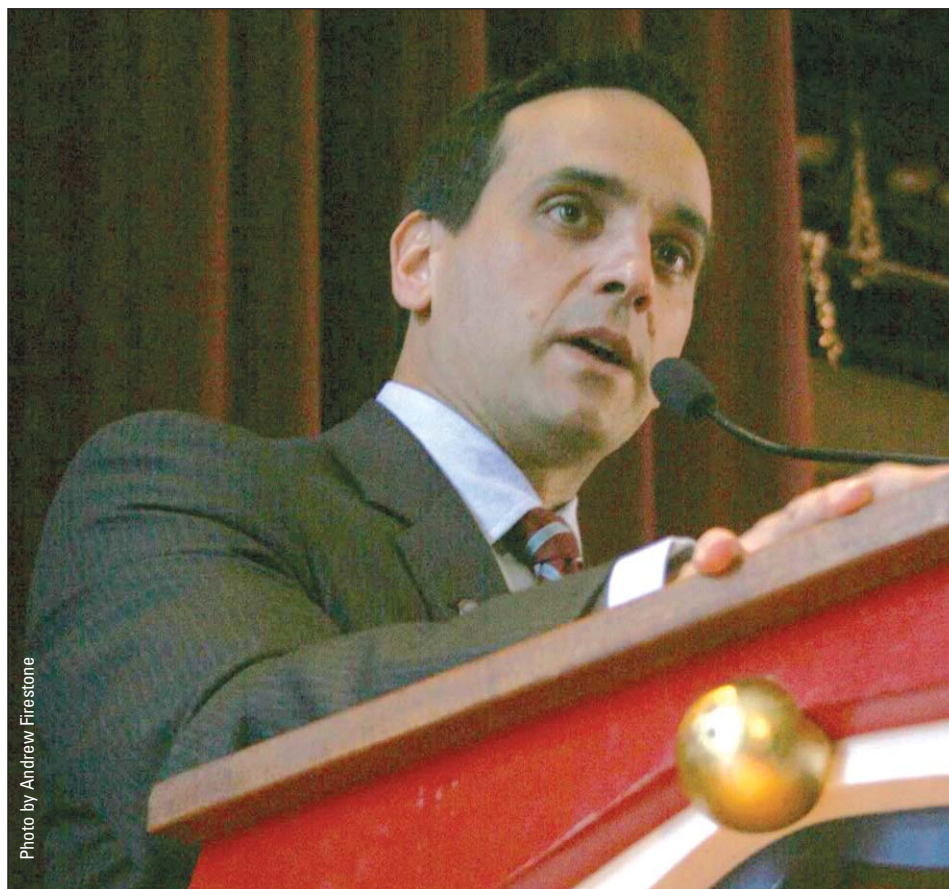


Photo by Andrew Firestone
Mayor Curtatone is looking forward to what he believes will be a great boon to Somerville as the Assembly Square development takes shape.

By Andrew Firestone

Mayor Joseph Curtatone has devoted much of his time during his administration to the many tasks of zoning and preparing the urban wasteland Assembly Square for its makeover. Now, he says, the time has come for the vision of the 45-acre plot to become reality.

"Assembly Square will be a neighborhood for all," he said. "What we do not want are gated communities; gated in terms of who lives there, and gated in terms of who the consumers are. It has to be a neighborhood and district for all. That is what makes Somerville so Somerville."

The Mayor said that Assembly Square, like Union Square and Davis Square, would have its own flavor once fully built out, and it was that Somerville taste that would entice tenants on the road to construction. "I've always viewed Somerville as a city of neighborhoods and squares; this incredible necklace, and its charms are its neighborhoods and squares. And every neighborhood and square is authentic; they embrace a diversity of culture and ethnicity. It's such an ingrained value in how

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In the SPS, arts matter Integration the key to education

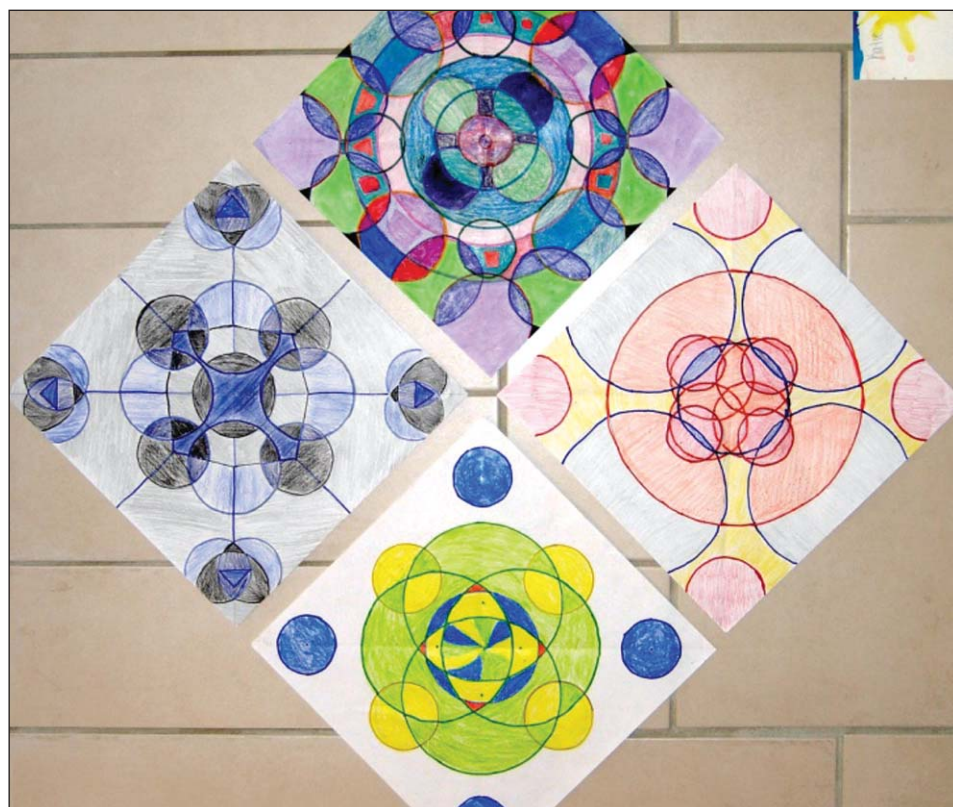
By Andrew Firestone

In the Somerville Public Schools, one often overlooked aspect of education is art. Through art, students can gain a conception of the common staples of any education like art, literature and history, through the understanding of concepts behind human expression. In this way, Somerville arts education is integrated into the curriculum at all grades, utilizing and blend of aesthetic and qualitative lessons to enhance the minds of the classroom.

"We don't have a prescriptive program," said SPS Visual Arts Department Head Luci Prawdzik. "Arts integration is kind of an initiative that we embrace. We do this because we want to give the students another way of learning things that are important to the curriculum."

Prawdzik oversees the 13 faculty members of the SPS, and says she could not be prouder of the effort put out by the whole department. "Somerville supports the arts, embraces the arts and they fund the arts," she

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Somerville Public Schools are effectively integrating art into the general curriculum.

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NEWTALK

First, we hear that Alderman Maryann Heuston is running for Registrar of Deeds then we hear she's not and then we hear that she is definitely in the race for the seat held by Eugene Brune. She will be running along with local attorney and sister to the Mayor, Maria Curtatone. It's for Southern Middlesex County Registrar of Deeds, which, in case you didn't know, Middlesex County is the only county in the U.S. that has two Registrar of Deeds. Eugene Brune has served over 20 years as Registrar and leaves big shoes to fill, being such a popular guy. Either of these two women could do it.

Last week someone posted a remark about a small brawl in Ball Square on New Year's Eve, so we decided to check it out. There was a police call but by the time they got there nothing happened, so it didn't make the crime log. We heard that the owner of the establishment in Ball Square who hosted a private party found himself trying to break up a fight between two patrons, and in the process found himself being the victim of more than a few people hitting him so bad we heard he was whisked away to a nearby hospital. Of course, this is all speculation, but three different sources said it happened and the owner of the establishment hasn't been seen at all in Ball Square, so who knows!

Thursday (this week), January 12, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the local Precinct Bar in Union Square, those rabble rousing Progressives Democrats here in the 'Ville will be meeting to elect new officers and to establish an agenda and, they say, some surprises for the night. We know that the PDS bloggers online wouldn't advertise for us, since we are hardly on any of their web sites. You see, we like to think that we're more progressive and open than

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Meth = Death*

sue says:

For once, I totally agree with your thoughts. But another thing that needs to be done is to bring this and other addictions out of the closet. People with no experience with drugs need to learn the real warning signs (more than the generic 'when your teen becomes sullen' which describes every teen I've ever met), and they need to talk about it with their friends, their families, their neighbors, their colleagues. Addiction remains hidden in the darkness so that when confronted by it, the average person has no idea how to react or what to do, or where to go. For a good take on crystal meth addiction, read 'Tweak' by Nic Sheff.

Bill Shelton says:

And I totally agree with your post, Sue. Your plea that we talk about these matters with friends, family, neighbors and colleagues is an important element in what I mean by weaving a network of relationships so strong that we don't let each other slip away. And the conversation itself can strengthen relationships. I chuckled in response to your comment about all teenagers being sullen. I know that I was worse than sullen.

Hillson says:

Mr. Shelton has done a great service with this article. Look at what the scourge of drugs has done to our society. Lives destroyed, families destroyed, etc..

The great Muhammad Ali always preached to young people about the evils of drugs and the dead end that comes with the use of illegal drugs.

There is no hope with dope. Keep your mind, body, and soul clear of drugs.

Libertarian says:

This is a good essay! Thanks for sharing your experiences. Although we may disagree wildly on most political topics, I am really glad to see someone writing from a first-person view to illustrate exactly how dangerous and foolish this chemical is.

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

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 polls concerned your views on whether or not you are hopeful that the economy will get better in 2012. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Are you hopeful that the economy will get better in 2012?



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Senior Olympics: Promoting healthy living

By Harry Kane

The Olympics are coming to Somerville. The Council on Aging Olympics, that is, providing some incentive to sign up for the exercise classes and partake in the competition. Senior citizens who participate in eighteen separate exercise classes will win a bronze medal. After thirty classes the center will bestow participants with silver medals. With the successful completion of forty exercise classes members will receive gold medals.

Lisa Heyison, the Outreach Director at the Council on Aging, has lofty goals when it comes to senior citizens' health and mental well-being. Heyison encourages seniors to come two or three times a week for exercise.

One of the women who attend many of the programs, Gerry Enos, said, "These programs get me out of the house. I enjoy coming to all their socials." Enos also enjoys the day trips that they take her on. "The last one I went to was to Salem. We went

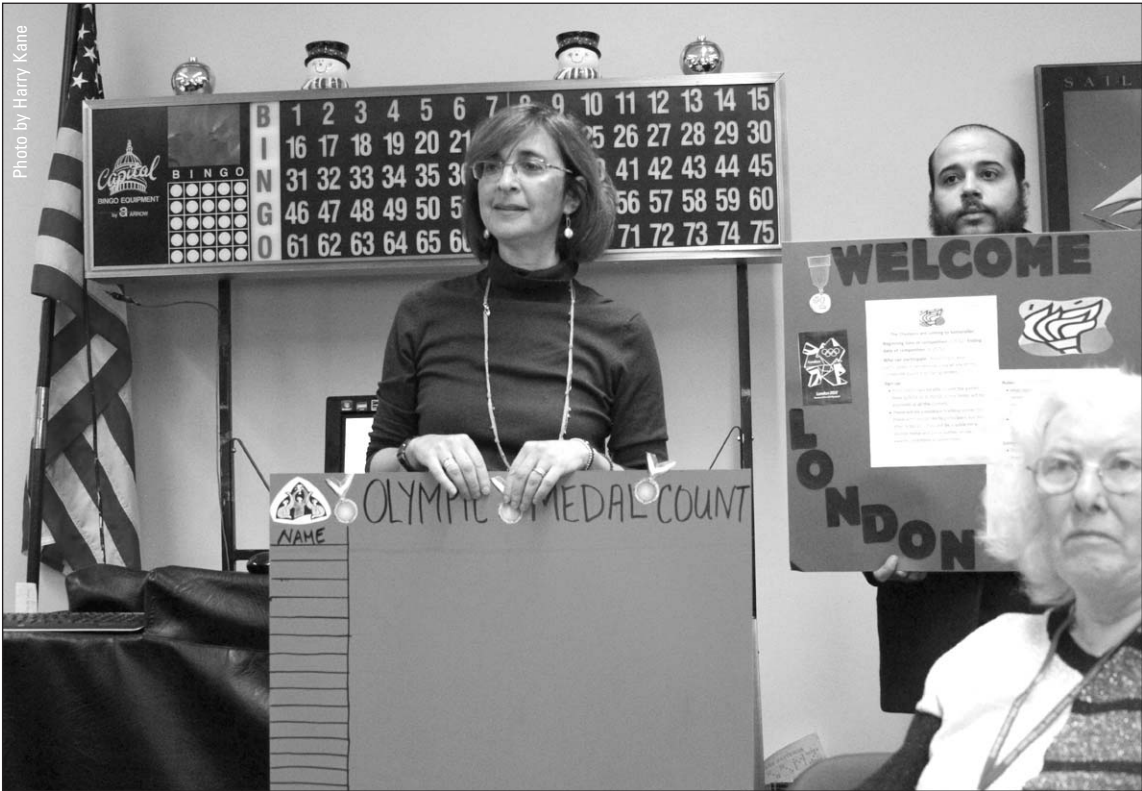
to the witches house and had lunch." Enos recalls the trip to Mt. Washington at the end of last year. "It's nice there, and we go on a two hour boat ride."

Heyison refers to the center as an "adult education cultural enrichment center." The focus at the center is really to check into how the seniors are doing pathologically and mentally. "There is always something going on," says Heyison.

Theresa Connolly frequents all the programs. "We have bingo five nights a week in Somerville. So, if you like bingo...and they have something for everyone."

The new programming along with their Olympics is an effort to bring in more seniors than ever before. It used to be that seniors were considered sixty years and older but now the center has welcomed anyone fifty-five years or older to participate in the exercise classes.

There are two new exercise classes being offered starting in January. Chair Yoga and Zumba Gold are classes promoting



The Council on Aging's Olympics program is intended to motivate seniors to remain active and enjoy a healthier lifestyle.

strength, improving balance and overall well-being.

"Zumba Gold is sweeping the country literally, and so we're part of it," Heyison said.

"We can all lose a few pounds and some inches off the tuchus," said Executive Direc-

tor Cindy L. Hickey. "The cost comes down when you are healthy. When you loose weight you may not have to depend on medication. One woman lost weight and went off her blood medication."

"Our goal and our mission

is to keep people out of nursing homes and in the community, active and supportive," Hickey said.

The Senior Olympics began on January 9 and ends on August 25. The Award ceremony takes place on September 5.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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On December 21, 2011, in response to the Somerville News' story, "Charter school question rages," a reader call "Joe" posted this comment on the newspaper's blog:

"It's interesting that our state delegation has finally had their eyes opened and realized that the laws and regulations they saddle us with often have consequences which they failed to foresee. Perhaps this will color some of their decisions going forward..."

"Joe" seems to assume that the Somerville delegation voted in favor of the 2010 law that allows the state to entertain an application for another Somerville

Charter School. Yet opinions were sharply divided about this controversial bill. The final vote in the House was 97 for, and 47 against it; the bill did not receive unanimous support from Somerville's state representatives.

Not only did I vote against the bill, but I testified and organized against it. That bill - eventually titled "An Act relative to the Achievement Gap" - was filed by Governor Patrick in 2009, in an effort to access federal "Race to the Top" funding, and it was strongly promoted by Mayor Menino of Boston. Yet, reading the bill, it was clear to me that it would have negative repercussions in Somerville and other

communities.

At a public meeting held at Somerville City Hall on December 9, 2009, it was also clear that Somerville citizens and school committee members were similarly concerned about its disruptive potential in our community. Community testimony, and the factual research I did about test scores, student attrition, and school finance all informed my thinking on this issue. I hope that "Joe" will similarly check his facts in the future, when he makes statements about delegation members "saddling" Somerville with specific laws.

Denise Provost
State Representative

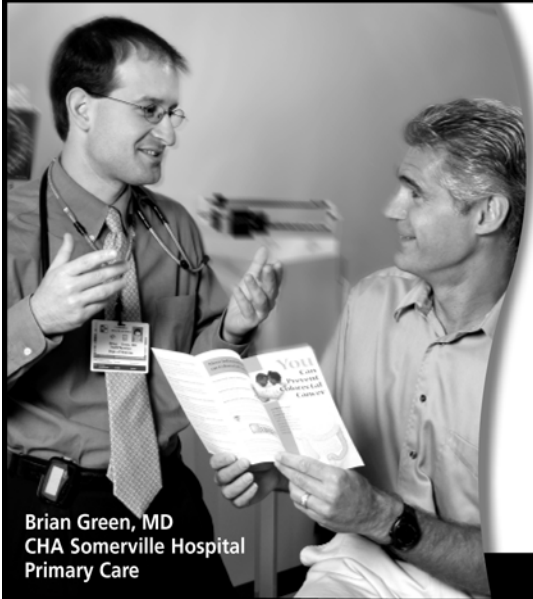
Great start for Somerville Chamber New Year



The Somerville Chamber of Commerce's New Years "Kick off 2012 Business After Hours" event that was held on Thursday, January 5, and the evening was a complete success. Five Horses Tavern, located at 400 Highland Avenue in Somerville's Davis Square, was the place to be that night. With a standing room only crowd and a great time had by all, attendees said it made for a delightful evening. Somerville Chamber's Stephen Mackey had many local business representatives under the same roof exchanging cards and building networking bridges amongst each other. The monthly event was hosted by Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Chair Michelle Mulvena of Moschella & Winston.

- William Tauro

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Irate mother ejects son, assaults cop

Police responded to a series of calls last Saturday evening from a woman who wanted her son removed from her home, according to reports.

Responding officers first visited the woman's home around 10 p.m. and were reportedly advised by her that her son was on the lease, and that she wanted them to order him out of the apartment. The officers advised her that it was a civil matter and that, due to him being on the lease, he was a lawful resident of the apartment, according to reports. The son, who at the time was in the shower, reportedly agreed to leave as soon as he finished washing. Police then cleared the scene.

A short time later police were once again called to the woman's home whereupon she once again requested that they remove her son from the residence, according to reports. The police officers reportedly advised the woman

once again that they were unable to eject her son from the house because he was a lawful resident, whereupon she became aggressive and hostile towards the officers, screaming that they better get him out, police said. The officers on the scene noted that during the entire time they were inside the apartment the woman's son was gathering extra clothing in order to leave. Since the son had volunteered to leave, the police officers once again cleared the scene.

At around midnight that same evening the woman reportedly called police once more, asking for her son to be removed, and officers were again dispatched to her home. Upon arrival, the mother reportedly told officers that her son was no longer there. She was then advised that she did not need any type of restraining orders and the police officers left the scene for the third time, according to reports.

Approximately one hour later yet another call was made to police by the woman who complained about her unwanted son's refusal to leave. Police officers arrived and reportedly observed the son standing outside of the apartment. Upon questioning, the son told officers that his mother ordered him out of the house two times since midnight and that he was exhausted, police said. He reportedly volunteered to sleep in the police station lobby, but then apologized for being in the area and walked away.

At that point, the officers reportedly walked over to the apartment to advise the mother that her son left the area. After ringing the bell, the woman reportedly stormed out of the apartment screaming at the officers to get her son out of the apartment. They advised her that her son was not in the apartment and that he already walked away, according to reports.

The officers then requested her other son to step aside to talk to them, at which time the woman requested one of the officer's badge number, which was given to her. She then asked the officer for his last name, grabbed a hold of his badge, and started to tug on it, police said. The officer reportedly grabbed a hold of her hand and removed it from his uniform shirt. The woman reportedly proceeded to slap the officer. She was immediately taken to the ground and after a brief struggle, placed in handcuffs, according to police reports.

The woman reportedly refused to place her hands behind her back, and the officers had to force them behind her in order to be handcuffed, police said. The woman began screaming, according to police, and demanded to be let go. Her behavior reportedly caused several neighbors to come out of their apartments or look out their windows. Some of the

crowd reportedly became unruly, started screaming, and encouraged others to video the officers, police said.

Fearing that the gathering mob would become violent, a backup unit was reportedly called to the scene. The woman reportedly remained combative the whole time she was handcuffed until the transport wagon arrived on scene, whereupon she was transported to police headquarters. During the booking process, the defendant reportedly remained uncooperative and verbally abusive.

The defendant, Linda George, 49, reportedly gave the false name of Mary Stevens. Police report that it took the cooperation of George's sister, who was at police headquarters to bail George out, for police to learn her true identity.

George was subsequently charged with furnishing a false name, assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

Roommate helps himself to bank funds

A Somerville woman reportedly filed a complaint last week at police headquarters stating that a man to whom she had rented a room had allegedly stolen a check from her and subsequently defrauded her of \$1,000.

The woman stated that while she was not at home on Saturday, December 31, 2011, someone broke into her locked

bedroom and took a check from her checkbook. She then produced a copy of a cancelled check from her account that she obtained from her bank and officers noted that the check had been written out to "Carlos Rigovento Pineda" in the amount of \$1,000, police said.

Later in the day after filing the complaint, the alleged victim

called police and informed them that the man in question, Carlos Pineda, 19, was at her home and that she wanted him to leave, according to police.

Police officers were dispatched to the woman's home to investigate the case. The alleged victim reportedly explained to the officers that she wanted Pineda to leave due to

the fact that he stole from her. The officers explained to her that because she had agreed to sublet a room in her apartment to Pineda that they could not force him to leave, police said.

The woman then produced a copy of the report that she had filled out at the station earlier that afternoon along with a copy of the check and showed these

documents to the officers, according to reports.

Pineda was asked by officers if he cashed the check and he reportedly made an incriminating statement, police said, and he was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250, utter false instrument, and forgery of a document.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Arjan Lalaj, 44, of 14 Folson Ct., Malden, January 3, 6:02 p.m., arrested at 37 Quincy St. on warrant charges of abuse prevention order violation and threat to commit a crime.

Vitor Moraes, 25, of 383 Evereteze Way, Cambridge, January 4, 8:15 p.m., arrested at 151 Washington St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Carlos Pineda, 19, of 171 Walnut St., January 5, 3:07 p.m., arrested at home on charges of larceny over \$250, utter false instrument, and forgery of a document.

Stanley Bernard, 32, of 7 Rush St., January 5, 9:13 p.m., arrested at 105 Middlesex Ave.

on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Kevin Banos, 33, of 47 Hanson St., January 7, 12:47 p.m., arrested at Hanson St. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Linda George, 49, of 10 Canal Ln., January 7, 1:00 p.m., arrested at 20 Canal Ln. on charges of furnishing a false name or Social Security number, assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

Incidents:

Theft:

January 3, 2:53 p.m., police reported a theft at Middlesex Ave.

January 4, 3:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

January 4, 3:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Quincy St.

January 4, 3:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Benton Rd.

January 4, 5:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Summit Ave.

January 5, 12:32 p.m., police reported a theft at 192 Broadway.

January 5, 9:13 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

January 6, 9:54 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

January 6, 10:02 a.m., police reported a theft at Calvin St.

January 7, 12:59 p.m., police reported a theft at Bailey Rd.

Robbery:

January 5, 6:29 p.m., police reported a robbery at 71 Springfield St.

January 6, 8:50 p.m., police reported a robbery at 4 Main St.

Breaking & Entering:

January 4, 6:33 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Canal Ln.

January 5, 6:43 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 1366 Broadway.

January 6, 6:33 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Fremont St.

January 6, 4:16 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

January 6, 7:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Sydney St.

January 7, 5:46 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at River Rd.

Vehicle Theft:

January 7, 8:03 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 133 Middlesex Ave.

Assault:

January 4, 5:02 p.m., police reported an assault at Prospect Hill Ave.

January 6, 9:42 p.m., police reported an assault at Pearl St.

January 7, 6:43 a.m., police reported an assault at Dartmouth St.

January 7, 2:00 p.m., police reported an assault at Canal Ln.

January 8, 8:35 p.m., police reported an assault at 11 Otis St.

Drug Violation:

January 4, 7:00 a.m., police reported a drug violation at 212 Elm St.

2012 MLK celebration set for Jan. 16

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the Somerville Office of Commissions and the Somerville Public Schools announce the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration event, entitled, "A Call to Action." The 2012 event will be held, for the first time, at the Somerville Theatre on Monday, January 16th from 11am - 1pm, and will include a keynote speech by Chief Legal Counsel for Governor Deval Patrick, William "Mo" Cowan, live music by JG & the Megatones, a display of Somerville student essays in response to the 2012 theme "A Call to Action," and an award presentation to community members who exemplify MLK's legacy in the Somerville community. The event is free and open to the public.

"As we begin another new year, we look forward to once again honoring and commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy by honoring individuals in our own community who are dedicated to furthering Dr.

King's dream," said Mayor Curtatone. "Each year, our celebration grows in size and success, and we are honored to be joined this year by Mr. Cowan as our keynote speaker. I look forward to celebrating Dr. King with our community members, and to continuing to advance his goals and values in 2012."

Along with the keynote address, the celebration will include live music and dance performances and refreshments.

William "Mo" Cowan is the Chief Legal Counsel for Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and is a former member of the litigation section at the Boston-based law firm Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glosky & Popeo PC. He has been named a "Top 5% Massachusetts litigator" by Law and Politics magazine and a "40 Under 40" business leader by Boston Business Journal. He is the former president of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association and a current member of the Northeastern Univer-



Somerville celebrates the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. on MLK Day, Monday, January 16.

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The event is organized in cooperation with the City Of Somerville Health Department Human Rights Commission, Community Action Agency of Somerville, The Welcome Project, Somerville Commission for

Women, Fair Housing Commission, Commission for People with Disabilities, Elizabeth Peabody House, VISTA Volunteers, and Centro Presente.

Special thanks are given to local restaurants Yak and Yeti, Sweet Ginger and Instanbu'lu

for their support and sponsorship of the 2012 event.

For more information, please contact Director of the Office of Somerville Commissions Sonja Darai at 617-625-6600 ext 2406, or SDarai@somerville-ma.gov.

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said. "We are proud that we are able to offer a diverse and rich program in all ten of our schools. We have a dark room, we have an art computer lab."

The methods of art teaching are designed to bring out understanding in students of deeper concepts behind art. In Charlotte Huffman's first grade class at the East Somerville Community School, students are taught to use skills of engagement, perception and the elements of observing context by reading and examining the seminal classic *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak.

This continues on into the sixth grade, where concepts of geometry and the mathematical principle of circular symmetry are applied to the

building of compasses in Julie McCarthy's Winter Hill Community School.

"The integration is not prescription," said Prawdzik. "It's not a directive. A math curriculum is very concrete, sequential. Art is more expressive and we don't want to lose the creativity and, also, the aesthetic quality that students just have innately and bring with them. We want to be able to combine those two things together."

The sixth grade class at the Winter Hill school will get their chance to learn a little history up close, when, after learning the significance of hieroglyphics, and constructing ceramic Egyptian decorated cask called "cartouches" or jars that contained the organs of dead pharaohs, they will

visit and tour the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

At the high school level, the choices are even more diverse. Dark room photography, studio art driven around the tessellation of M.C. Escher, and ceramics are available. There is even a course developed around contemporary art, and taught by May Chau, called "What's 'hip' in the twenty-first century." The course is designed around effective creative thought, but also taught to include the conceptions of nuance, ambiguity and historical significance of the postmodern era, while building ornate cardboard sculptures.

Prawdzik said that the department is also built around collaboration of the various teachers, "through designing lessons and



units that we can share."

"We offer professional development amongst all my teachers, K-12. We get together as groups.

We share our units where, if something is really successful in one school, we'll share it with someone else," she said.

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Traffic and Parking to accept credit cards

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Director of Traffic and Parking Matthew Dias announce that major credit cards, Visa, MasterCard and Discover, are now accepted at Traffic and Parking for all transactions in an effort to improve customer service and respond to customer feedback.

"The addition of credit cards has been a long time coming, and I'm extremely happy to report that the City continues to im-

prove upon our goal of providing accurate, courteous, and easy customer service," Mayor Curtatone said. "Residents and visitors have continually requested this particular customer service upgrade, and Matt and his team have worked diligently to implement this improvement with as little added cost as possible. Since the start of the new year, we have already received overwhelmingly positive feedback,

and we're happy to start the year off on such a positive note."

"Everyone recognizes the importance of parking regulations in a city as densely populated and congested as Somerville," said Dias. "But we also realize that people are using credit and debit cards more than ever to make purchases rather than cash. We know we have a lot of work to do; that's why we are constantly looking at improve-

ments. Resident and visitors can visit our new website, www.park-somerville.com, at any time and provide us with their feedback and be confident we are listening. I encourage new residents and old to take advantage of this new website and our efforts to take action on their concerns."

The addition of allowing for credit cards is the latest in a series of recent Traffic and Parking customer service improvements,

which have included a new website, physical improvements to the reception area (information desk, the addition of a fifth customer service window, ticket queuing system, etc), new radar feedback signs along roadways in several areas (such as Broadway at Paulina Street), and the installation of pay-by-space parking kiosks and single space meters that accept credit cards.

Mayor: 'Assembly Square will be a neighborhood for all' CONT. FROM PG 1

we see ourselves, and who we want to be."

"[Our squares] are all diverse, flexible, creative," he said. "They are all hip. They are all funky, and freaky, and Assembly Square will be very Somerville in that fashion as well. What we don't want is what you can get anywhere else."

"We are building the next best new neighborhood on the eastern seaboard," said Mayor Curtatone, "but what we are creating must be so Somerville, that it should have its own uniqueness and authenticity, similar to every square and neighborhood in this city. We don't want to be homogenous."

With the fiscal year 2012 underway, the building of the first phase of Assembly Square has begun. Already residential developer Avalon Bay has begun construction of the planned 420 units with over 1500 on the way, while Federal Realty Investment Trust has unveiled plans for retail outlet stores, possibly as many as 50 stores.

"It's going to have a unique shopping experience in terms of bringing the outlet concept, not boxes and a lot of parking blitzkrieg, shopping to get out, but having that high quality economic value, Main St. experience, where you are walking along main street, enjoying the waterfront, the cafes and the shops, and at the same time being a future center of technology and innovation, the next new great center here in the metro region."

Assembly Square still has a long way to go in terms of its development. While plans for the new Mystic River park are underway, skeptics have pointed out that the water quality of the Mystic is very poor, with a grade of "D-" presented by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2011.

"The long term goal is to make that swimmable and fishable, that should not be beyond the realms of expectation," said Curtatone.

As development spreads out

from Assembly Square, Curtatone said that he hopes to see the new rezoning process take place in Brickbottom and Union Square as well, doubling the stories of Union Square, and opening up Brickbottom to allow for more commercial development.

"In Somerville one of the worst policy decisions and implementations has been in and around transit in a built environment; bringing in so much transportation infrastructure like I-93, expanding [Rt.] 28, bringing in all these commuter lines and none of them stopped or served Somerville and in the case of the Inner Belt [and] Brickbottom, actually land locked that district, about 138 acres of great developable land with rail and highway infrastructure," he said. "We created our own barriers to commercial activity, not to mention the social and health consequences to the city."

The Mayor and his administration have been in negotiation for many tenants, whom he hopes will make Somerville their home

and alleviate the pressure the city places on its residential taxpayers. "Much of what we're doing is not so much talking as listening with our Future Economies commission, which we established to get a gauge, understand, and prepare ourselves for the next generation of the next best thing."

Ideally, the planned 1.75 million sq. ft. of commercial development in Assembly Square will include science and technology industries, including computer science, nanotechnology, biotechnology. "What is that?," asked the Mayor. "What do the research universities think of that? All those startups, what kind of activity are they engaged in?"

What I want to know from CEOs is, as we reach and recognize the strengths of what Somerville is, and who we are, how do we prepare ourselves, and is our framework for economic development, 'does it make sense to you?' And we look for confirmation of that, or un-

derstand how they make their decisions on where to expand."

"When I speak to CEOs, I talk about what is so Somerville," he said. "It's not a hard sell, it's an easy sell, because what they all see, and what they all know, is that all the focus of future residential, commercial activities is coming back to the urban core."

"Workers today want to be in and around the lifestyle centers, near and around the research universities, and the house of commercial and cultural activity, not around some off-ramp in the suburbs."

Assembly Square represents a public investment of almost \$130 million, in terms of state funds, city bonds and federal stimulus money. All told, the development is planned to be a center of entertainment, shopping, commerce and community.

What will differentiate Assembly Square from other developments, such as the Natick Mall area, and Kendall Square, is that "it will be a neighborhood," said Curtatone.

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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

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Best wishes to our newly inaugurated officials!

The View From Prospect Hill



In spite of the vastly divergent range of opinions held by all of us here in Somerville and n our neighboring communities, we can unite in the spirit of hope and bipartisanship as we congratulate and honor those who took their respective oaths of office last week.

It is so easy to sit back and play “armchair quarterback” as our city officials wrestle with the day-to-day and long term issues that impact our lives to greater or lesser degrees. We can question and kibitz and complain until we are blue in the face. At the end of the day, it is those men and women who have taken up the burden of leadership who must deliver on their promise to serve our best interests in the most efficient and productive ways possible.

It is an unenviable task that is always harder to achieve than is clearly imaginable by the average citizen. Before voicing any severe criticisms for policies advanced and propagated by these public servants, we would be well advised to give long and deliberate consideration to the actual challenges confronting them as they do their jobs.

When all is said and done, we will choose sides, argue our personal points of view, and question authority appropriately.

But let us now extend our sincere good wishes for positive results in the term to come for those who have chosen to serve as best they can. Without them where would we be?

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

they are. We wonder how many board members of SCATV and SCC will be present at the meeting? We are hoping, of course, that Marty gets re-elected as the head of the organization. We wish them well!

Happy Birthday to the following here in the 'Ville and from the 'Ville: Popular sign man himself Dominick Silvestri Jr. of Magoun Square; a very nice young and smart lady Theresa Rodriques of Winter Hill; Jim Ribeiro, a great 'Villen who is still around here in Somerville, but experiencing some stress lately; a good painter and self employed Ted Skiba; and a good friend, Michelle Busler, a great real estate agent up in Townsend.

Also big Happy Birthday to Somerville native and lifelong resident Jim Rogers from Winter Hill and also to his son Bill Rogers who both celebrate this week. Great guys and are also around the city. Also Mary Ann and Dennis Sinclair who are both celebrating their birthdays this week as well. We wish them all and to many other 'Villens as well a great week on this their birthdays.

To our very favorite Patrick Tauro son of our own Billy. We wish Patrick the very best this week on his birthday as he turns Eighteen years old.

Congratulations to our good friends Tom Browne and Michelle Mulvena who are expecting a baby this coming April. They are a wonderful couple and we know they will make great parents.

We encourage everyone to stop in and visit Dan Kallis, formerly of the old Dapper Dans at Assembly Square. He's running the nice little coffee shop at the Armory at 191 Highland Avenue. The Armory Café is a nice place to drop in and relax for a few while reading our paper or going online to see The News. Dan runs a nice business and we need to encourage all local businesses like this which add to the city in a positive way. Besides, you never know who you might run into there. Our buddy Bob Publi-cover and David have been spotted there several times.

Condolences to the family of Frank

Zonghetti who passed away this week. Frank was a gentleman and also a brother of our good friend Ray Zongetti. Frank will be sadly missed by all those that knew him.

Was that Demo man spotted yelling at one of our Newstalkers recently at an event this past week? Seems he is still upset with us. We can't figure out why he would be upset with us if we report something that happens? Well, it's a new year and maybe he will be a lot less frustrated this year. Who knows?

Save the date of February 14 for the Council on Aging's Annual Valentine's Day Party that is being held this year at the Winter Hill Yacht Club located at 78 Foley Street behind the Assembly Square Mall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's event has a special treat as Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian and his Deputies will be cooking up a delicious home cooked recipe pasta dinner for the special occasion! So don't miss out and call the Somerville Council on Aging for your reservations at 617 625-6600 x2300 and, of course, some of us here at New-

stalk will be there serving the food and taking pictures as well! Oh yea, and the cost is FREE!

The Marine's picture that someone left on the counter at the Winter Hill Post office is still there. They wish someone would recongnize who it is and return it to the owner. It's on the counter at the post office.

Join The Bull and Bear, a “financial folk” band for a night of relevant and original music played live from the band's most-recent album, Recession Sessions. The record highlights the major events of the current global financial crisis. Recently featured on National Public Radio's “Morning Edition” segment, the band has continued to perform to bring light to effects of the recession on society. The show begins Thursday, January 12 at 7:30pm at popular Davis Square music venue and restaurant, Johnny D's. Tickets are \$15 at the door. All proceeds from the benefit including album sales will be donated in support of local non-profit, Somerville Homeless Coalition.

COMMENTARY

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Winter commences



By Joseph A. Curtatone

When it comes to the current snow season, we've been very lucky - so far. January 11 was the first morning since October 31 that we woke up to enough snow that we had to scrape off our windshields. And even then, it was only dusting. Still, it's only a matter of time. Like every other New England community, we need to be to face the elements as safely and efficiently as possible. Aside from reviewing our typical snow emergency pro-

cedures and winter parking policies, which you can find on the City's website at www.somervillema.gov/snow, ensuring safe walking routes throughout the winter months is an important goal of this administration. Clear sidewalks both enable safe traveling, particularly for those with mobility issues or families or individuals with baby strollers attempting to navigate the already treacherous snow- and ice-laden streets, and encourage local shopping.

Like the neighboring communities of Cambridge and Boston, the City of Somerville requires property owners to clear a path for pedestrians when it snows; Somerville's ordinance requires a path of at least 42 inches wide, consistent with ADA standards. To help encourage shoveling, the City partnered last year with Go Green Streets and the US Postal Service to host a "Best Shoveled

Block" contest, with streets being nominated by US Postal workers who travel these streets each and ever day. We'll be announcing the 2012 contest shortly, so stay tuned.

In addition to sidewalks, though, we've got to work together to find a solution to bus stop clearance. The City of Somerville is responsible for clearing the streets, public schools and buildings, and then key squares and major sidewalks, and where possible, our DPW crews will work to clear bus stops in the City, though most are owned and operated by the MBTA or privately-owned local companies, like Cemusa USA. Many of the other 200-plus stops never get cleared. This leaves bus stops covered in mounds of snow, which, among other things, makes it difficult for transit users to visit local businesses.

That's why the City of Somerville and WalkBoston, a

pedestrian advocacy organization aimed at helping to make Massachusetts' communities more walkable, working together this winter to encourage business owners to clear snow and ice from their nearest bus stop that their own customers use, particularly as some of the most heavily used bus stops are in Somerville's neighborhood business districts. For example, about 250 people use the bus stops at the intersection at Broadway and Cross Street in the heart of East Somerville each day, while the stop at Broadway and Holland Street in Teele Square has more than 300 daily users, and 300 more across the street at Broadway opposite Curtis Street. The stop at Somerville Avenue and Central Street has 440 daily users, and more than 500 people board or alight at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Central Street each day. I appreciate the ef-

forts of WalkBoston to organize this campaign here and in surrounding communities, and I look forward to continuing our partnership on this front as the winter months stretch before us.

We encourage business owners with public sidewalks in front or around their business to shovel every time it snows. Clearing a path for bus riders through the snowbank and a small waiting area doesn't require much more effort--especially if a few neighboring businesses take the job in turns. A business whose customers arrive by car (think Assembly Square) wouldn't tolerate an unplowed parking lot, so why should a local business whose customers arrive on a bus or on foot tolerate an unshoveled bus stop?

Let's clear those sidewalks and bus stops this winter to increase local business and shopping. We're in it together, Somerville. Happy Winter!

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Somerville Trade High School



Somerville opened a Boys' Vocational High School in 1910, offering a two-year program in metalwork and woodwork, and a Girls' Vocational High School in 1911, offering programs in millinery and dressmaking. In 1913, they enrolled 103 students, and in 1920 they had 112 students. In 1983 it was decided to merge Somerville Technical Trade High School with Somerville High School. This info was found on the Somerville City website.

The Somerville Trade High School building stands on Bonair, Otis, and Cross Streets. It is still used by the city as the Edgerly Education Center.

Some of the programs offered at Trade were, automobile repairing, technical, carpentry shop, drafting, electrical wiring, electronics, machine shop, metal fabrication, painting and decorating, and printing.

Trade also had sports teams such as track, baseball, and basketball.

My cousin Fred learned how to work with sheet metal at Somerville's Trade

High School. He graduated in 1971 and went right to work in the business. He is now retired after enjoying a rewarding career in the sheet metal field. He was taught by Thomas Levine and 40 years later Freddie is sitting pretty collecting a nice pension check from Local 17.

In 1971, the director or headmaster of Trade was Walter E. Struble. The vice principal was Dante A. Muzzoli, or "Muzzy," as he was affectionately known. He was also senior advisor for the class of 1971 as well as the drivers' education instructor. Some of his famous phrases were, "Boys, boys, boys!" and, "Sit down or I'll give you a backhand." He never gave anyone a backhand and everyone has great memories of this dedicated educator and friend with the gravelly voice.

Growing up in Somerville in the 60's and 70's there was a well-known fact that was attached to Trade High students. You didn't mess with them. Somehow, when we found out that a kid went to trade, they had an aura about them. They were tougher than most High School students. I can think of at least five former students

that were pretty serious characters. Thankfully they were my friends.

When I was a substitute teacher in the early 1980's I was assigned to take over the electrical shop at Trade High School. Next thing I knew, the kids were sticking lengths of pipe out the windows and shooting wire nuts at cars. They used the pipes as blowguns. Well, some guy got so mad he stormed right into the school, past the front desk and came right into the classroom where the shooters were. Shortly after the peeved man came into the room Mr. Muzzoli followed. Needless to say that was the last time they called me to substitute at Trade.

Somerville High School's Center for Career and Technical Education offers many programs for students. There are 15 categories of vocational training available ranging from auto collision and repair, graphic communications, cosmetology, culinary arts, carpentry and child development. All of the programs are available to check out on the City of Somerville website. A lot of the departments do work for the city and the community. The Cul-

inary Arts department operates a restaurant in the High School called the Highlander Café. The Graphic Communications Department prints just about every important program and poster needed by the city. The greatest thing about the vocational education program is the hands-on experience the students receive. The enthusiastic and dedicated instructors are key to the success of these programs. Watch for interviews of some of these talented instructors in upcoming columns.

If you are a graduate of Somerville's old Trade High, you are part of a historic group of 'Villens. If you have a chance to sit down and talk to someone about their Trade High School memories, I'm sure you will find it very interesting.

Jimmy is available to host your event, play music, or just spice up any party or function. Call 617-623-0554 or jimmydel@rcn.com

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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

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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 MIDDLESEX. - 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.

With today's edition, The Somerville News begins coverage of the 2012 Massachusetts legislative session with our weekly *Beacon Hill Roll Call* report. This feature is a clear and concise compilation of the voting records of local state representatives and senators on Beacon Hill.

Beacon Hill Roll Call provides an unbiased summary of bills and amendments, arguments from floor debate on both sides of the issue and each legislator's vote or lack of vote on the matter. This information gives readers an opportunity to monitor their elected officials' actions on Beacon Hill. Many bills are reported on in their early stages and readers often have the opportunity to contact their legislators and express an opinion prior to the measure being brought up for final action.

The feature "Also Up on Beacon Hill" informs readers of other important matters at the Statehouse.

Beacon Hill Roll Call is provided by Bob Katzen who has covered the Legislature for 36 years. He has been providing this feature to hundreds of newspapers across the state since 1975.

The Legislature convened the 2012 session on Wednesday and most of the activity was ceremonial.

Beacon Hill Roll Call has obtained the official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature's 39 state senators from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. The list reveals that senators have collected a total of \$63,918.

Under state law, per diems are paid by the state to senators "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse." These reimbursements are given to senators above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a senator resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The Legislature in 2000 approved a law doubling these per diems to the current amounts. The payments range from \$10 per day for senators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 per day for those in Nantucket. Senators who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They note many legislators spend a lot of money on traveling

to Boston and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions.

Some opponents argue most other private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. Others say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes, the state is in the midst of a recession, and funding for important programs has been cut.

The 2011 statistics indicate that 19 senators, a little less than half of the 39 members, have received reimbursements ranging from \$558 to \$9,360, while 20 senators have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that senators must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The senator who has received the most per diem money in 2011 is Sen. Benjamin Downing (D-Pittsfield) with \$9,360. The other senators rounding out the top five with the highest amounts in order of the amount of money received include Sens. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst), \$7,380; Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport), \$6,930; Michael Knapik (R-Westfield), \$6,732; and Daniel Wolf (D-Harwich), \$6,240;

LOCAL SENATORS' PER DIEMS FOR 2011

The dollar figure next to the senator's name represents the total amount of per diem money the state has paid him or her for 2011. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the senator certified that he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period.

A total of 20 of the state's senators did not list any days and did not request any per diems. This should not be construed to mean these senators were never at the Statehouse in 2011. It simply means they chose not to list the number of days and not to request their per diems.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	\$0	(0 days)
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	\$1,210	(121 days)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

RESTORE \$41 MILLION FOR QUINN BILL (H 3633) - The Public Service Committee will hold a hearing at 1 p.m. on January 17 on a proposal to restore \$41 million in funding for the Quinn Bill, which provides police officers with increased salaries for furthering their education. In 2009, the Legislature cut the funding for the program from an estimated \$51 million to \$10 million. The cost of the program is usually split 50-50 between the state and the participating city or town.

Supporters say it was unfair to cut this funding when many police unions gave up increased health benefits and pay raises based on the assumption that the Quinn Bill would remain in effect.

Opponents say the state just cannot afford the money anymore.

NO ROBOCALLS TO CELL PHONES (H 3858) - A late-filed bill before the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee would prohibit robo-calls to cell phones and other mobile electronic devices. The measure exempts messages from school districts to students, parents or employees; from companies advising employees of work schedules; from correctional facilities advising victims; and from municipalities and state gov

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



ernment. It also would fine companies up to \$10,000 if they make a robocall except as defined by the law and allow an individual who is called to sue a company for \$10,000 in damages.

FOUR POSSIBLE BALLOT QUESTIONS GO TO HOUSE - Four initiative petitions for laws have been officially transmitted to the House for possible action. Groups promoting each law gathered more than the minimum 68,911 signatures needed to bring the proposal to the Legislature. The four questions would allow medical use of marijuana; allow terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide; require auto manufacturers to sell to non-dealer repair shops complete repair information and diagnostic tools; and require that teachers’ effectiveness rather than seniority, be the prime consideration in the hiring and firing process. If the Legislature does not approve a proposal by May 2012, proponents must gather another 11,485 signatures by July 2012 in order for the question to appear on the November 2012 ballot.

BALLOT POSITION OF GOP PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS - The order in which the Republican candidates for president will appear on the ballot in the March 6 Massachusetts primary was determined by a random drawing held by Secretary of State William Galvin. The order is as follows: Congressman Ron Paul, former Gov. Mitt Romney, Gov. Rick Perry, former Sen. Rick Santorum, former Gov. Jon Huntsman, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (even though she has dropped out of the race) and former Congressman Newt Gingrich.

The random drawing eliminates any order benefit some candidates would get from a listing in alphabetical order. Political experts are split on whether ballot position actually has any effect on the outcome of an election.

AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY SAVED CONSUMERS \$20.98 MILLION - The Department of Revenue (DOR) announced that consumers saved \$20.98 million during the two-day August sales tax holiday last summer. The holiday allowed the purchase of most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15, without paying the state’s 6.25 percent sales tax. The DOR estimated the state also gained \$2 million in increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on

those two days.

COURT RULES ON LEGAL IMMIGRANTS’ HEALTH CARE - A 2009 vote by the Legislature to save money by prohibiting thousands of legal immigrants from signing up for Commonwealth Care, the state’s subsidized health care program, was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Judicial Court. The Patrick Administration estimates reinstating these benefits will cost the state some \$150 million per year.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I hit a patch of ice in (the town of) Sterling ... Fortunately I was wearing my seat belt ... I believe that I was probably around the speed limit. I don’t know for sure.” – *Lt. Gov. Tim Murray on November 2, 2011, following his early morning accident in which his state car suffered extensive damage. Murray only suffered minor cuts.*

“The Massachusetts State Police released the data from the black box in the car, which I accept as accurate.” – *Murray on January 2, 2012. The data from the black box indicates Murray likely fell asleep at the wheel, did not hit a patch of ice, was traveling at 108 miles per hour and was not wearing a seat belt.*

“The Lt. Governor has taken responsibility for the accident and is counting his blessings. As his colleague and his friend, so am I.” – *Gov. Deval Patrick.*

“From day one it was clear that Lt. Gov. Tim Murray was hiding information from his mysterious midnight ride.” – *Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Bob Maginn.*

“I am announcing today my intention to explore a candidacy for the United States Congress in the Fourth District of Massachusetts.” – *Joseph Kennedy III, the son of former Congressman Joseph Kennedy and the grandson of the late Robert F. Kennedy. He is leaving his job as a Middlesex County assistant district attorney.*

“With this group I need it.” – *House Speaker Robert DeLeo thanked Rev. Charles Bourke for his prayers and special blessing of representatives as the 2011 House*

session got underway.

“If someone in my family had told me at dinner on Thanksgiving that Mitt Romney was going to win the Iowa caucuses and Rick Santorum would finish second, I would have taken away their glass of wine and made someone else drive them home.” – *Former GOP gubernatorial candidate Charles Baker on the eight-vote margin that separated the top two vote getters in the Iowa presidential primary.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say 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 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 January 2-6, the House met for a total of one hour and 33 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 52 minutes.

Mon. January 2	No House session No Senate session
Tues. January 3	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Wed. January 4	House 12:01 p.m. to 12:38 p.m. Senate 12:03 p.m. to 1:03 p.m.
Thurs. January 5	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.
Fri. January 6	No House session No Senate session

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Michelle Fiorenza sells mostly 1920's, 1930's and 1940's collectibles. "It's my own personal collection. I have a fetish for the stuff and then I just collect to many things and then eventually put it back for sale again. It's not really a business, but more of a passion but I recycle it," says Fiorenza.



Alli Thresher - Vintage clothing and accessories and pulp novels. She's calling Allix's Closet.



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Jen Devine - secondhand and vintage clothes.



Elanor Howe Miss Howe's Curiosities "Vintage Wares for the Modern Eccentric" e@misshowescuriosities.com twitter@misshowescurios www.misshowescuriosities.com.



Courtney Chelo - Mixed Media and assemblage collage mostly featuring anatomical images from old anatomy textbooks.



Cathy De Los Santos.



Emily Griffin - Ponies and Pasties

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

St Clement Sports update

Boys Basketball

The St Clement Anchormen, improve their Catholic Central League (CCL) record to 2-1 with a stunning 63- 52 win over Maimonides Academy on Sunday, January 8. The Anchormen were led by freshman Emaru Pena and junior Kevin Foley (Medford). Head Coach Leo Boucher enters his 10th year at the helm. Pena led the team with 21 point and 6 assists. Junior Kevin Foley nearly captured a triple double with 18 points, 11 rebounds and 6 assists. Junior John Posada (Charlestown) and Jesus Gambaro (Charlestown) both provided solid defense.

The team looks to improving its CCL league record to this

week as they face CCL rivals Cristo Rey of Boston and Pope John of Everett.

Girls Basketball

St Clement Girls basketball team won their first game with a convincing win over Cristo Rey 51-10 on Saturday, January 7.

St. Clement Lady Anchors came out with great defensive intensity holding Cristo Rey to just 2 points in the first quarter. Katie Monestime (Somerville) and Jess Popken (Medford) led the way with 14 and 13 points respectively.

Elva Martinez (Somerville) was great defensively and came up with numerous steals. It was a tremendous overall effort from the Lady Anchors with 9 players



Junior Kevin Foley (Medford) excelled with 18 points, 11 rebounds and 6 assists in the win over Maimonides Academy.

scoring. St. Clement looks for win number two at home on Monday at 5:15 versus Mount Saint Joseph Academy and then plays Pope John of Everett on Friday.

With the win, the Lady Anchors are now 1-3 in the Catholic Central League (CCL) and are off to a slow start after capturing the CCL title last year. The team lost 3 of their 5 starters, including the 2011 CCL MVP Christy November, who left a large gap to fill.

The team also was plagued by an ACL injury to Beatrice Boisvert (Everett) who would have provided some experience as she was the only returning

post player. The team looks to regain its footing in the CCL starting two freshmen and an eighth grader under head coach Alyssa Jann a native of Westford, MA. Jann played Division 1 basketball for Quinnipiac University where she was the senior captain and starting shooting guard.

She was named the 2011 Female Student Athlete of the Year for Quinnipiac while graduating 3rd in her class earning a Pre- Med and Marketing degree. She returns to Massachusetts after a stellar high school career at Westford Academy where she scored over 1500 points and was named Player of

the Year in 2006 and 2007 from multiple publications. Under her direction, the young team looks forward to developing their skills, confidence and improving their record. "With such a young and inexperienced team, this December was a big learning month for us.

Just understanding the basics while gaining some confidence in ourselves, I have already seen such a big difference in each of their games. The good thing about a young team is how much they will continue to develop. It is a great group of girls and we are going to start seeing their hard work pay off in January!"

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#300

1. What American bread contains a blend of wheat, rye, and corn flour, and is named for a state on the east coast?
2. What is the name of the state capitol that is the highest city in the U.S.?
3. What is the name of the French artist that is well known for his paintings of ballet dancers?
4. Which continent has the largest population of these three – a) Europe, b) Africa, c) Asia?
5. What is the name for a chest of drawers that is divided into two sections?
6. What is the name of King Arthur's mythical sword?
7. What comic team of the 60's and 70's had the
8. What are whorl, arch, and loop the three patterns for?
9. What World War II battle was the famous photo of the Marines raising the U.S. Flag taken at?
10. What state in the U.S. is second to Wisconsin in its cheese production?
11. What was Lady Bird Johnson's plan for planting flowers along the nation's highways and byways called?
12. What is the name of the "hexed" area in the Atlantic Ocean where allegedly 1,700 ships or planes have lost their crew or disappeared?

running gag "Mom always liked you best?"

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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

SHS girls track finishes first

Although there was no "official" scoring, the girls track team finished first at the GBL Freshman-Sophomore Meet held last Thursday in the field house.

Scoring for the Highlanders were: Taija Clark-1st place High Jump; Delmi Hernandez-1st place -1000; Natisha Lewis-2nd place-shot put; Bianca Desert-3rd place -shot put; Catherine Nakato-3rd place-300; Laxmi Spearing-3rd place 600; Shianne Harrington-4th-Dash; Emily-Kate

Obrien-4th-1000; Nichole Lewis-4th-shot put; Cheyanna Grant-Jackson-5th-dash; Celia Conte-5th- 1000; Emily Mei-6th-600; Jennifer Leone-6th-shot put; and the 2nd place relay team of Miranda Desaulniers, Catherine Nakatao, Delmi Hernandez and Shianne Harrington.

Also competing but not scoring were; Dash-Casey Delaney,Kamilla Silva, Jasmine Nunez, Palwinder Kaur. 600-Catie MacDonald Mile-Andreas Valladares

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Upcoming Somerville High School Sports Events

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Boys Varsity

Wednesday| 01/11/12 |Cambridge Public Schools| Home| 7 p.m.

Wednesday| 01/18/12 |Lynn Classical High School| Home| 8 p.m.

Boys Junior Varsity

Wednesday| 01/11/12| Medford High School| Away| 7p.m.

Tuesday| 01/17/12| Matignon High School| Home| 4 p.m.

Girls Varsity

Friday| 01/14/12| Masconomet|Home |4:15 p.m.

Saturday| 01/15/12| Coop with CRLS - Martha's Vineyard Tournament| Away|TBA

Sunday 01/16/12| Coop with CRLS - Martha's Vineyard Tournament| Away |TBA

Monday 01/17/12| Coop with CRLS - Martha's Vineyard Tournament |Away |TBA

Basketball

Girls Varsity

Friday| 01/13/12| Medford High School| Away| 7 p.m.

Tuesday| 01/17/12| Malden High School| Home |7 p.m.

Girls Junior Varsity

Friday| 01/13/12| Medford High School| Away| 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday| 01/17/12 |Malden High School |Home |5:30 p.m.

Girls Freshman

Friday| 01/13/12 |Medford High School |Away |3:45 p.m.

Tuesday| 01/17/12| Malden High School |Home| 3:45 p.m.

Track

Boys Varsity

Wednesday| 01/11/12 |Medford High School|Home| 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday| 01/18/12|Everett High School |Home| 6:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity

Wednesday| 01/11/12| Medford High School |Home |6:30 p.m.

Wednesday| 01/18/12| Everett High School| Home |6:30 p.m.

Swim

Coed Varsity

Wednesday| 01/11/12 |Cambridge Public Schools |Away |3:30 p.m.

Wednesday |01/18/12|Medford High School| Home| 3:30 p.m.

February Swim Lesson's

Monday & Wednesday

FEBRUARY 1-27, 2012

5:15-5:45pm for levels 1

AND

5:15-6pm for

Levels 1½, 2, 3 & 4



Registration begins at 3:00pm on the following dates...

Tuesday & Thursday

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March Swim Lesson's

Monday & Wednesday

MARCH 5-26, 2012

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5:15-6pm for

Levels 1½, 2, 3 & 4



Registration begin at 3:00pm on the following dates...

Tuesday & Thursday

MARCH 1-22, 2012

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MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012**, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:


15 Park Pl: (Case #ZBA 2011-96) Applicants and Owners, Vladimir and Aleksandra Pezel, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 in order to convert a garage into a 2½ story single-family dwelling. RB zone. Ward 2.

248 Elm St: (Case #ZBA 2011-97) Applicant, MDD Operations, LLC / Matt D'Alessio & Owner, Sitt Realty, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a to establish a fast order food establishment. CBD zone. Ward 6.

Copies of these petitions are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases may not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **January 19, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

61 Medford St: (Case #PB 2011-21) Applicant Biogen Idec and Owner Atlantic Management, seek a special permit under SZO §6.5.D.5.a to add awnings over the loading docks and existing liquid nitrogen tank at the property. TOD 100 zone. Ward 2.

335 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2011-22) Applicant, Liam Mannion & Owner, Carlo Hansen, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5 to install signage/awning for an existing restaurant. CCD 55 zone. Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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397 OF THE ACTS ON 1978
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ORDINANCES THE FOLLOWING
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

2011-48 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: Medical Pick-up-Drop-off Mon-Sat 10am-6pm 53 Franklin St

2011-49 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: 15 Minute Parking spaces
1 Space 329 Somerville Av
1 Space 497 Somerville Av
1 Space 511 Broadway
1 Space 532 Medford St (Magoun Sq Parking Lot)

2011-50 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows Four Hour Parking expect by permit only, from 8am to 2:30am; Permit Parking Only 2:30am to 8:00am east side of Cedar St from Franey Rd to Broadway


PROMULGATED:
December 15, 2011

ADVERTISED:
December 28, 2011
January 4, 2012
January 11, 2012

EFFECTIVE:
January 18, 2012

MATTHEW DIAS, ACTING DIRECTOR

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Upton Café, Inc. d/b/a Johnny D's Uptown Lounge, 17-27 Holland St. to transfer 100% of stock from Tina DeLellis to Tina DeLellis Revocable Trust and from Tina DeLellis Revocable Trust to Carla DeLellis.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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MIDDLESEX Division **Docket No. MI 11P6192EA**

In the Estate of: Maria C Gouveia

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02145

Date of Death: 11/08/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that

Rosa M. Lima of Somerville, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court
Date: January 3, 2012

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

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Greek American Social Construction Club, Inc., 79 Bow St., Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
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Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
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MIDDLESEX Division **Docket No. MI 11P6056EA**

In the Estate of: Wayne A. Jefferson

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02145

Date of Death: 08/08/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that

Linda J Smith of New Bedford, MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve.

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 11P6192EA

In the Estate of: Maria C Gouveia

Date of Death: November 8, 2011

MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.

Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code Inventory and Accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties 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 expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to Petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of the appointed Personal Representative.

Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

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| 2. Sante Fe, New Mexico | 6. Excalibur | 10. California |
| 3. Edgar Degas | 7. The Smothers Brothers | 11. Beautification of America |
| 4. c) Asia (3.9 billion people) | 8. Fingerprints | 12. The Bermuda Triangle |



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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers! Everyone 55+ are encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. Check out our calendar and give a call with any questions or to make a reservation! 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. Stay for lunch and receive free transportation.

The Olympics are coming to Somerville! Go for the gold by participating in 45 exercise classes between now and August 25th. You have lots of time to meet this goal and lots of exercise classes at all three of our centers. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be having a grand medals luncheon in September to give out the gold, silver and bronze medals. To participate, just come to a class and our center directors will sign you up! Check out our classes below listed with an (*).

New exercise classes:

Chair Yoga - Tuesdays at the Ralph & Jenny Center from 9:30 - 10:30. \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

Zumba Gold - Join the craze and dance your way to fitness. Ralph & Jenny Center from 10:30 - 10:45 \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

January 11

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance with Janine*|9:30 a.m.
SHINE hours (by appt.)|10 a.m.
Women's Group|10:30 a.m.
Qigong*|1:15 p.m.

Cross Street Center

Bowling*|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercise*|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 12

Holland Street Center

Walking with Judy*|9:30 a.m.
Senior discussion|10 a.m.
Special Lunch & Bingo at Cross Street
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercise*|10:30 a.m.
Special Lunch & Bingo at Cross Street
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Closed
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 13

Holland Street Center

Indoor Exercise*|9 a.m.
Start the Year Off Right
Control Your Diabetes in 2012
A nutrition presentation with Alyssa Koomas, Dietetic Intern from Simmons College. |11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Group will discuss breakfast options for diabetics and will look provide participants who bring a personal breakfast recipe with simple tips and ways to alter the recipe to become more diabetic-friendly.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Flexibility and Balance with Didi*|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny

Center Closed

January 16

All Centers closed Martin Luther King Day

January 17

Holland Street Center

Strengthening with Geoff*|9:15 a.m.
Memory Screening (sign up)|10 a.m.
Afternoon at the Movies "Up"|12:30 p.m.
Caregiver Support (open to all new caregivers)|6:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Center Closed
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Chair Yoga*|9:30 a.m.
SHINE hours (by appt.)|9:30 a.m.
Flexibility and Balance *|10:30 a.m.

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

January 18

Holland Street Center

Flexibility and Balance with Janine*|9:30 a.m.
SHINE hours - by appt. 617-625-6600 ext. 2300|10 a.m.
Computers are easy|10:30 a.m.
Women's Support Group|10:30 a.m.
QiGong*|1:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Bowling*|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.
Zumba Gold*|10:30 a.m.
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Upcoming Events in January

1/19 & 1/30 Posture Screening? Are you having back pain? Do you feel like you slouch? Have our Chiropractor Dr. Molly Ouellette check it out for you! 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. 1/19 Cross Street (10:00 am) 1/31 Holland Street (9:30 am)

1/19 Chair Massage is coming to the Ralph & Jenny Center! \$15 for 15 minutes for the ultimate relaxation. Call 617-666-5223 to book your appointment. 11:45 - 1:15.

1/20 Book club "The Help" all new members welcome. Call Janine to sign up. 617-625-6600 ext. 2321

1/23 Monthly Dance at the Holiday Inn - Put those dancing shoes on and join us for some great music and food. RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

1/26 Bereavement Support Group begins. Have you lost someone close to you? Maybe it has been a few months or several years but you still feel like it is yesterday. A bereavement support group can help you to express, understand and cope with difficult emotions associated with grief and loss and aid your healing journey. Pre-registration is required. 857-294-0052.

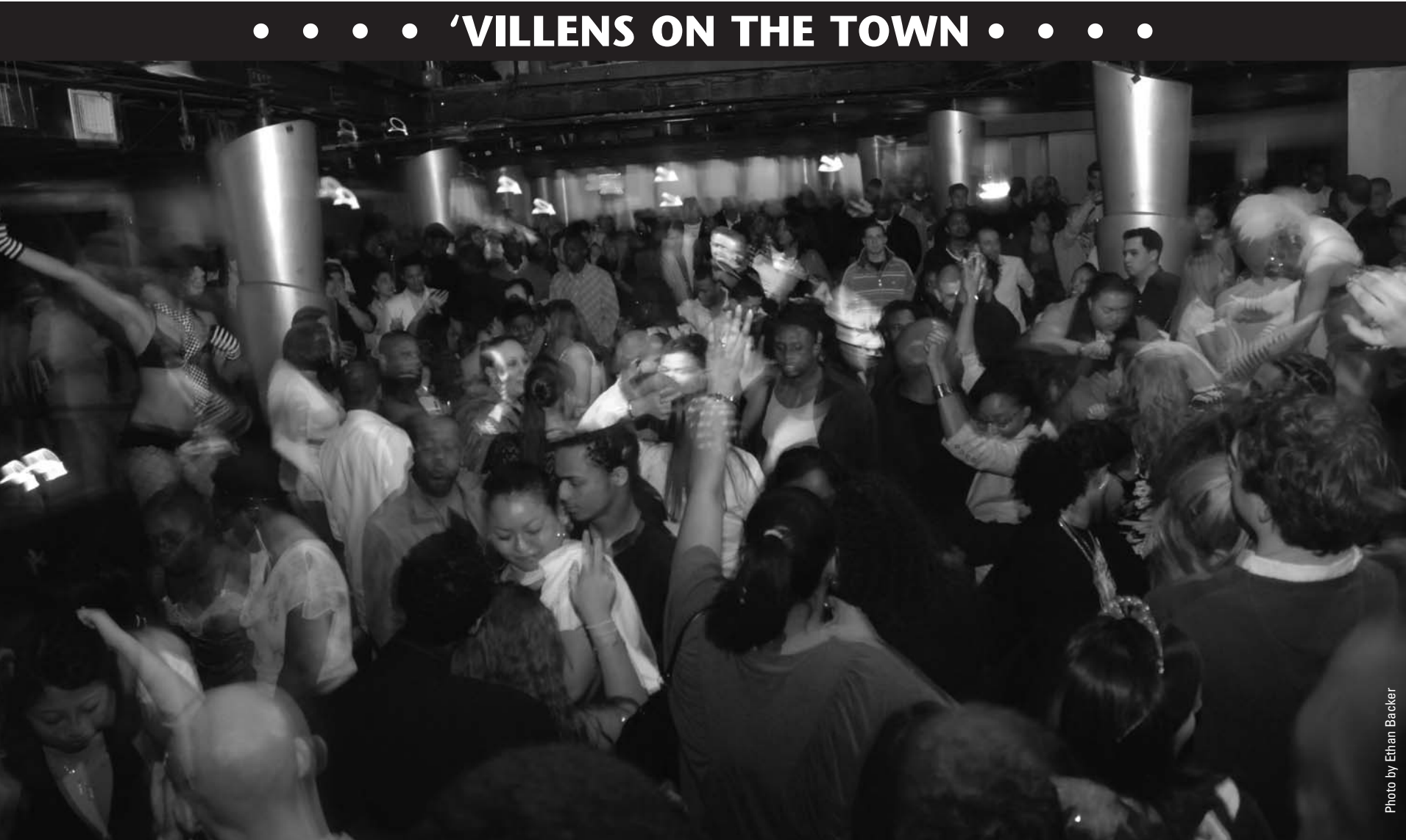


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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|January 11

East Branch Library
Preschool: Storytime
11a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Half Day Wednesday Movie: King Kong
1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|January 12

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday|January 13

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|January 16

Libraries closed Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday|January 17

West Branch Library
Preschool:Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday|January 18

East Branch Library
Preschool: Storytime
11a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

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Wednesday|January 11

Johnny D's

Pedro Moraes
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
This is a Movement|Scalene|The Broadcasters|Black Tea Project
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
Sports Trivia
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Trivia
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Kong
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Nick Palms Comedy Showcase
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Thursday|January 12

Johnny D's
Recession Sessions|benefit for SHC|Racky Thomas
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Flatt Rabbit |6 p.m.
Levy/Stubbs/Rivelli Trio|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Scattershot 80's Night
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
The Dejas|Brief Awakening|The Grass Gypsies|The Grooves Moons
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live music starting at 8:00pm from Maxi
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
Banditas|Bunnys A Swine|Mail the Horse|The FAT Creeps
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

PJ Ryan's
Live Music
239 Holland St|617-625-8200

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Kelli Eagan in Concert
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square|617-625-5700

Friday|January 13

Johnny D's
Pressure Cooker|The Agents
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Julie Dougherty Band |6 p.m.

Guns of Navarone | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Cover Up
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live Acoustic Music
8 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
The Crushing Low|They will hate us|Petrina Foley
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge
The Ash Gray Proclamation and Clicky Clicky Music Present|Apple Betty|The Sour Doo-Dahs|Fax Holiday|The Radium Girls
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live music starting at 8:00pm. Featuring Dave Scott and friends
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's
Jess Tardy Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Michael's Bar
Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Yankee Power 11:45- end of set
JVD & the Backporch
Smokers|Lowman|The Scatter Gang|
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Casey's
Entertainment every Friday

173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory
Richard Cambridge's Poet Theatre
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|January 14

Johnny D's
Milo Z
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Patsy Hamel Band|5:30 p.m.
Voodoo Fix|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Spitting Vinnies
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Danny's Birthday
Bash|OC45|Burning Streets|Dave Wells|The Scars
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ every Saturday
9p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Hallelujah The Hills|Ted Billings (Age Rings)|Richard Davies|The Blue Dress
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Michael's Bar
97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Lite House|Tall Enough|Milkbread
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

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Casey's
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Sunday|January 15

Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.
Paul Ahlstrand Quartet |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Grunge Brunch
Sunday Night Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Tin Thistles|Wolfie
Burns|Welter|Old Hat|3TV's
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
Polk Records and Elephant Music
Group Present:Streight
Angular|Nicole d'Amico|Mr.
Butlertron
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
Lisa
381 Summer St

Monday|January 16

Johnny D's
Team Trivia|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open
mike|7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with the Duppy
Conquerors|9:30 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Big Night Out
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge
28 degrees
taurus|Incinerator|Lady
bust|Seamstress
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Tuesday|January 17

Johnny D's
Claudia Schmidt|Sally Rogers
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Kristen Ford Band with guests
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Open Mic w/ Hugh
McGowan|6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt,
Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by
Tony Amaral
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
David Johnston Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

6045
Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday
of the month
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
"Beer and Mussels" Night
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Arts at the Armory
The First and Last Word Poetry
Series
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|January 18

Johnny D's
Mali Yaro
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Traces of Empire|Moga|Snidely &
Whiplash|A OK
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
Sports Trivia
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Trivia
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Kong

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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TJ The DJ Presents The People's
Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Nick Palms Comedy Showcase
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Arts at the Armory
The Somerville Arts Council
Salon: Artists Inspired by Film
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|January 11

Third Life Studio
Beyond Beginners Belly Dancing
with Nadira Jamal
7:30p.m.| Level 2|33 Union
Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday|January 12

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library
Session 1 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.)
Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.)
40 College Ave

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Union Sq|
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

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problems with money and debt.
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave
(Upstairs Parlor).
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Saturday|January 14

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Winter Farmer's
Market
9:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

Bagel Bards
Somerville Writers and Poets
meet weekly to discuss their work
9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-
48 Holland St

Sunday|January 15

Unity Church of God
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon
Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Enter upstairs, meeting is in
basement.

Monday|January 16

**Libraries closed for Martin
Luther King**

Third Life Studio
Beginning Hawaiian Hula
6 p.m.| 781-729-2252

Tuesday|January 17

Central Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-
7884

Third Life Studio
The Art of Singing Group
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union
Sq|617-628-0916
srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|January 18

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



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Feast your eyes on Ron Brunelle's paintings

By Cathleen Twardzik

Ron Brunelle, a long time Somerville resident, will show his recent paintings at the Arts at the Armory Gallery. The exhibit, which is entitled *Ron Brunelle - Recent Paintings*, will run from January 2 to January 29 at the Armory, located at 191 Highland Ave in Somerville.

Brunelle's use of vivid color, in combination with textured surfaces, metallic paint and translucent washes create powerful abstract paintings, which play with intent, as well as the element of chance.

"A common thread throughout the show is my love of color. I often will build up many layers in a painting, obliterating early layers of paint with new ones, [and] then, scraping or sanding to expose portions beneath," said Brunelle.

The Arts at the Armory Gallery was selected as the exhibit's location because Michelle Fiorenza, whom Brunelle knew previously, contacted him to inquire if he was interested in having a show at the Arts at the Armory Gallery in time to coincide with the mayor's inaugural reception on the eve of January 2.

"I know Michelle from her involvement with the Nave Gallery, where I've shown my paintings several times in recent years, and she felt I had a quality body of work that would pro-

duce a compelling show to kick off the Gallery's 2012 schedule of exhibits," said Brunelle.

Brunelle is a recipient of a Somerville Arts Council 2011 Visual Arts Fellowship Grant in Painting. He studied at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and he has exhibited widely in the Boston area, including galleries such as Bromfield Gallery, 13 Forest Gallery, Nave Gallery and Tufts University Art Gallery. Because there are copious artists in the Boston area, it proves challenging to receive ample exposure.

How long have has Brunelle been an artist? "I like to say since third grade. When I was eight years old and in the third grade, we had a class assignment for each kid to draw a winter scene in colored chalk. When we finished, the teacher looked at our work and singled mine out as the most accomplished. At that moment my path was set. I wanted to be an artist."

Prior to entering college, "I spent every moment I could in the art department. The teacher, Tom Hanley, was an alum of the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts, and I had visited the school on a class trip. When I graduated [from] high school, I applied there and was accepted. Going to art school was when I started to take making art seriously," he said.

Brunelle considers the most satisfying aspect of painting to



Brunelle's *In A Silent Way* is one of many paintings currently on exhibition at The Arts at the Armory Gallery.

be, "The act of painting, being in the studio working is the most rewarding part. Getting into shows, getting praise and

selling my paintings is also rewarding, but what feeds my soul is the creative process, which is independent of exter-

nal rewards."

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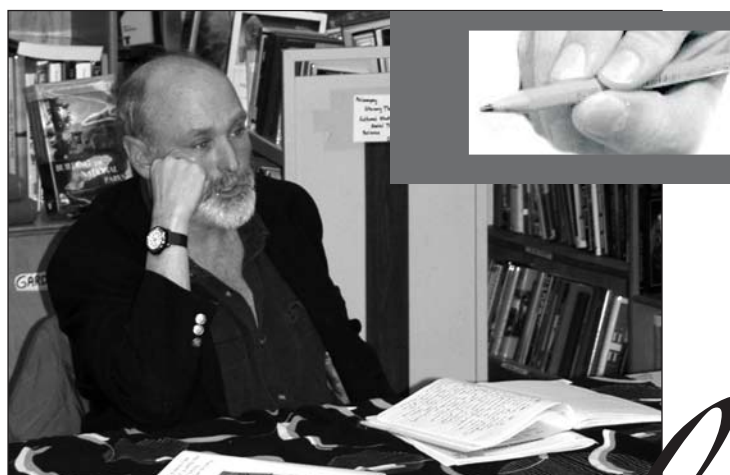
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6:00am	Flip Side	5:00pm	Ablevision	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville
6:30am	The Struggle	5:30pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place
7:00am	Drug Awareness	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	4:30pm	Coal. For a responsible Walmart
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	6:00pm	Tele Magazine
10:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	7:00pm	Recovery Roundtable
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	9:30pm	Physician Focus	8:00pm	Blunt Truth
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	10:30pm	Sonic Lobotomy	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
1:00pm	Back in The Day	11:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk
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2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	12:00am	Free Speech TV	12:00mid	Bongoman
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	6:00am	Live Response	Sunday, January 15	
3:30pm	Interesting Places	7:00am	Road to Recovery	12:00am	Free Speech TV
4:00pm	Life Matters	8:00am	Democracy Now!	6:00am	Show de Fe
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs	7:00am	Vida Na TV
5:00pm	CommonSense	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season
5:30pm	Let's Talk About Hearing	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:30am	Healer in Every Home
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	11:30am	Back In The Day	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Christian Assemble Tabernacle
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	1:00pm	The Expert Series	11:00am	International Church of God
8:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program	11:30am	The Commonwealth Report
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	3:00pm	Cooking W/ Georgie & Dez	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	12:30pm	Nepali Festival
10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	4:30pm	Money On Your Mind	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.
10:30pm	South of the Mystic	5:00pm	SCATV and Free Speech	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
11:00pm	The Garage	5:30am	Your Money Your Life	3:30pm	Talk About Somerville
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Thursday, January 12			Right Here, Right Now	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satelite TV
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Working With Java	6:00pm	Abugida TV
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9:00am	Parent Factor	11:00pm	Jeff TV	10:00pm	Portait of Somerville
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3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	9:00am	Recovery Roundtable
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		12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00noon	Democracy Now!

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, January 11					
9:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business	12:00am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	12:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford
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11:30am: (15)	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett	12:30am: (13/16)	Shoveled Sidewalks: Winter Launch	1:45am: (15)	SHS Football Highlights 2011
12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 1/9/12	12:30am: (15)	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge	2:15am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
1:15pm: (15)	SHS Winter Concert	1:00am: (13/16)	Chamber of Commerce Dinner	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Poet James Caroline: Plays Hard on the Page and the Stage

James Caroline started out mainly as a Slam poet getting his feet wet at the famed Cantab Lounge in Cambridge, Mass. when it was under the reign of Michael Brown. Since then he has become as respected on the stage as the page. And in fact the poetry is much more important to him than the performance.

From Somerville Poet/Performer James Caroline's Website:

"Over the past years, the award winning poet and performer James Caroline has made a name for himself nationally through slams, chapbooks, theatre, and touring. His work is a rare mix of literary craft and vulnerability, and the intensity of his performances has garnered comparisons to Patti Smith. James was voted Best Local Author in the 2006 Boston Phoenix poll. He is a multiple winner of Cambridge Poetry Awards for Best Erotic Performance Poet and Best Slam Poet. James has guest-lectured and performed on three continents. He's been published in some brightly lit rags & others that exist in seedy basements. As Tom Daley, a well-respected poet in the Boston area said of him: " 'He is the poet of complicit honesty, of untethered jubilation, of laminating adherence to what is profane and derelict because he is well acquainted with the outrages of the world. Ranging along the hinterlands of taboos, he boldly corrals their fearsome warnings into words of elegant defiance and terrifying affection ' ".

I spoke with this mercurial man of meter on my show: " Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer" on Somerville Community Access TV.

Doug Holder: You started out as a Slam poet--right?

James Caroline: It was a good tool. I met a lot of good people. I met Regie Gibson, Patricia Smith, Tom Daley--all incredibly accomplished. They pulled me aside and brought me in their exclusive workshop. The workshop consisted of Tom Daley, Nicole Perez, Regie Gibson and myself. I started to take more seriously the writing as opposed to the performing. I didn't want to be "ghettoized" as a Slam poet. The chapbook I put out after the workshop was a lot closer to what I wanted to be doing. I realized then my writing should come first.

DH: You live in the Union Square section of Somerville. How did you wind up here?

JC: I was born in Indiana and left my small town as quickly as I could. I went to college, graduated and did a film internship in London. I loved it--at times I was virtually homeless. I came back home and visited a friend of mine who was in graduate school at Boston College. I fell in love with the area, made friends, and started going to readings at the Lizard Lounge and other places. It is a good place for me.

DH: You won the best " Erotic Male Performer" at the now defunct Cambridge Poetry Awards founded by Jeff Robinson.

JC: I won that award once. To be honest what I was doing was being a gay male in a white suit, in a somewhat homophobic atmosphere. What I was trying to do was to push people's buttons. But I also used sex and the body to challenge the crowd.

DH: I occasionally teach Bob Dylan's work in my poetry classes at Endicott College. After all he was included in the Norton's Anthology of Poetry. Some would say his lyrics, or poetry, would not



stand up as great poetry without his performance of his work. Do you feel your poetry now stand alone--on it's own?

JC: I have poems that I perform, and I have poems that are meant for the stage. But I put out books of poetry that did incredibly well. Seven years ago it might have been a different story. Do I think Bob Dylan holds up on the page as a great poet? No. He is a great lyricist. He is a better poet than Jim Morrison. I don't think you can call someone who uses obvious rhyme a great poet. A lot of his stuff is very cliché.

DH: Talk about the up and coming poets on the scene.

JC: Well I will mention Jade Sylvan although she is already "up" and has been for a while. You have to have some hype to hand out to get known and Jade is good at promoting herself and has a lot of talent. Jade is a great poet and even a better fiction writer. The college kids at the Cantab Lounge in Cambridge, where I work as one of the hosts have a lot of talent. Off hand I can think of Derek Williams and Sylvia Holtz. A lot of great stuff is coming from Manchester, New Hampshire. I am also impressed with the Emerson College students who come to the Cantab. These people are more interested in the poetry than the fame. They want to be good writers.

DH: In your poem inspired by the artist Francis Bacon titled "The 1st Time I Saw Francis Bacon's Work" you write in reaction to this man's body of art:

"... Distorted body frozen
in the throes of some climax outro
that thin line between smile and terror.
Rabid mirror has you climbing incisor
begging.

You were born perfect
and look
at what you've let them do..."

DH: What attracts you to his often grotesque portraits of people?

JC: I knew of Bacon. I was in London and I kept going back to the Tate Gallery to see his work. I saw one of his paintings--which had a really vivid orange background, and in it two people appeared to be wrestling or having sex. I was fascinated. Yes--he paints grotesques. And I thought not all art has to deal with the beautiful. Most things aren't really beautiful if you dig even remotely below the surface. Bacon's work said to me that you can pose, you can airbrush, you can use mascara--but it's all vanity. What really matters is what you put out in the world. Something as simple as being kind or not being a bitch.

Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Ah! Ain't love grand? Without the flame of love and its inevitable ash--what would life be like? Poet Jesse Morgan asks: "What is this thing called loved...?" The answer my friend is in the stars...

Jesse Morgan is a literary enthusiast and amateur poet. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from Brown University in 2010. He currently lives in Stow, Massachusetts.

Winter Solstice Visitation

In the fiery throat of a fading star
(Which dies in silence, on the deaf ears of
The dead...) the beloved cling. They hang in
A skeletons' embrace, aflame. The tongues
all 'round them sing.

On such starry days and nights he is full
Of glory. She (not less, not more) is full....

And so: the bones exhumed burn together,
Aglow, in the heart of a dying star.

The beloved blush is rebirth. (Language
Overflowing fails this love-flush.)
Hot hearts, bone, and flesh
burn as one.

And how are we, the less full, any more?
I too possess a full set of burning
Bones. I too will die by white tongues in the
Immaculate flash of beginnings and
pure ends.

I too am pure energy,
Energy poured
In and out of bones;
Energy born
Within and without
Your burning skeleton.

— Jesse Morgan

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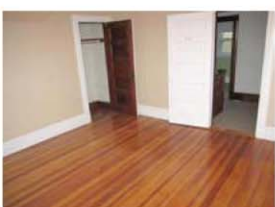


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