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Got Vaccine? City fights to contain spread of flu



Flu shots are suddenly the "in thing" here in Somerville and just about everywhere else these days.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

It's been a great year for sales of ibuprofen, tissues and chicken soup.

The national Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported that flu season got off to an earlier-than-usual start this year, and is now widespread across the country. By New Years, the proportion of Massachusetts emergency room patients with flu-like symptoms was three times what it was at the same time the year before. Nearly 9,000 cases of influenza have already been confirmed in the state, and many more may be unreported.

And this year's tough flu season means more than just sick days for thousands of people. The CDC said influenza has killed 20 American children this year. By last Wednesday, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino had declared a public health emergency and urged residents to take advantage of free flu shot clinics over the weekend. That news came shortly after the city of Somerville said it had run out of vaccine for its own free flu shot clinics.

But Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone said that's actually good news, because flu vaccine doesn't do anyone any

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BOA incensed over 'Night Games' incident

By Jim Clark

There was no lack of outrage expressed by the Somerville Board of Aldermen during their regular meeting last Thursday evening. The object of their ire was the extent to which the ruckus that took place at the Night Games lounge, located at the Holiday Inn on Washington St., last December disturbed local residents and gave the entire city a proverbial black eye.

The incident in question took place on the morning of Friday, December 28, 2012, when Somerville Police were called to the hotel in response to a fight between approximately 10-12 females, which quickly escalated. State Police and Medford Police were called in to assist in closing down the event at the Night Games lounge. Additionally, a shooting reportedly took place at a nearby service station, which has been linked to the incident. Several residents of the area made complaints to police about noise and general rowdiness by attendees of the event.

Ward 7 Alderman Robert C. Trane led the charge by saying, "I think it behooves this Board to prepare a resolution to

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The Board of Aldermen resolved to seek sanctions against Holiday Inn after reviewing complaints by area residents and law enforcement officials regarding disturbing incidents taking place there.

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The Somerville Community Game Show is this coming Thursday, January 18, 5-7p.m., at 165 Broadway in Winter Hill. Enjoy the Game Show opportunity of a lifetime! Be part of a fun and interactive experience learning about the results of the 2012 Youth Risk Behavior Survey taken by Somerville High Students. Light refreshments and a prize drawing will be offered.

We hear that Ross Richmond, a “legislative aide” to current state Representative Tom Sannicandro of Framingham, is going to be running for the Ward 5 School Committee open seat. Looking him up, we see that he is from Brookline and that he does volunteer tutoring here at the Kennedy School, although we could not verify this through our sources at the Kennedy School. Maybe over the next few months we will see his profile card. We did hear that Rep. Carl Sciortino has talked him into running for the open seat. Carl is such a funny guy when it comes to other races, isn't he? We're interested in knowing what a “volunteer tutor” is, though. It sounds like a great way to give back to the community if your background is education or you just want to get involved, doesn't it?

The other candidate for School Committee in Ward 5 is Caroline Shea-Rosas, who is a PTA member at the Kennedy School, with one child attending and another on his way. She has lived here for the past nine years and is very involved in the community. Now, we heard this name

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to City of Somerville’s remaining flu clinics for Winter 2012-13 have been cancelled

Courtney O'Keefe says:

The Mayor held a press conference this morning, stating that the City has requested more doses. In the meantime, there are plenty available for the public at drug stores. Certainly a step in the right direction.

mememe says:

See, free health care works. Everyone gets a shot, no shortages!

Courtney O'Keefe says:

Also, Cambridge Health Alliance just donated 100 more that will be available in the Annex tonight.

A Moore says:

Not everyone wants one. Looking at this the person giving you the shot maybe is giving you the flu. Scary.

According to the most recent federal data, about 63 percent of U.S. health care workers had flu shots as of November. That's up from previous years, but the government wants 90 percent coverage of health care workers by 2020.

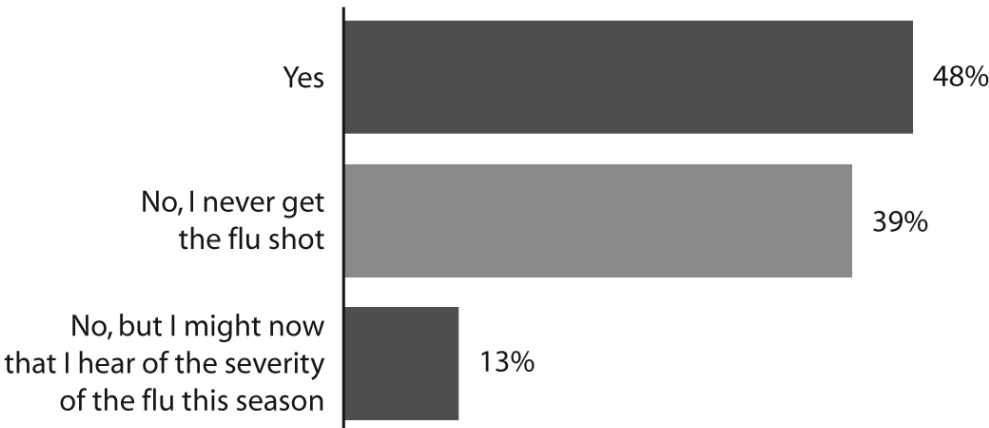
The highest rate, about 88 percent, was among pharmacists, followed by doctors at 84 percent, and nurses, 82 percent. Fewer than half of nursing assistants and aides are vaccinated, Bridges said.

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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 poll concerned your views on whether or not you got a flu shot. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Did you get a flu shot?



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Tom Champion to resign as Communications chief

By Cathleen Twardzik

Tom Champion, Executive Director of Communications and Cable for the City of Somerville, will be resigning. That will become effective on February 28, 2013.

Champion has been in the role of Executive Director of Communications and Cable from December 2005 to January of 2010, and upon Mayor Curtatone's request, he assumed that role again in November 2011.

Champion chose to fill that capacity because, "Mayor Curtatone approached me on both occasions, and I was honored to take on the role each time. Before joining the Curtatone Administration, I had already worked for over twenty-five years in strategic communications and general management in the public, private and academic sectors, including more than 12 years at Massport and four years in the president's office at MIT. Getting back into government was something I was happy to do."

Along with his family in 1999, Champion moved to Somerville. Then, in 2003, Champion was introduced to Curtatone during his mayoral campaign.

"One of my Prospect Hill neighbors, the late and much-missed Joe Thompson, knocked on my door and said, 'You've got to meet this guy. He's going to be the next mayor.'"

"I liked Joe and what he stood for and ended up volunteering for the campaign. Two years later, when he was looking for a new communications director, he remembered my professional background and gave me a call," he said.

Champion is resigning because, "It was a thrill to come back to being part of the mayor's team in 2011, but I need to explore my career horizons before I'm too old to take on new chal-

lenges and new opportunities. This city has accomplished so much over the past year under Joe's leadership that this seemed like a good time to make a transition on a very high note."

In the near future, Mayor Curtatone will decide which individual will become the Executive Director of Communications and Cable, as well as the date at which he or she will start.

Some of the most important issues with which Champion has dealt as Executive Director of Communications and Cable prove diverse.

"When Joe campaigned in 2003, he said he was going to break the development logjam at Assembly Square. This past spring, construction finally began on the first big piece of the most important smart growth, transit-oriented, mixed-use development on the eastern seaboard. Getting to that historic moment has required a tremendous amount of complex advocacy, negotiating, legal and financial work, planning and coordination," said Champion.

Another issue with which Champion was involved in that role included the Green Line Extension. Curtatone was at the forefront of the fight to ensure that the Green Line Extension became a reality. "It's an extraordinary achievement - and one in which I felt fortunate to play a small supporting role."

Simultaneously, Champion has enjoyed supporting the mayor's efforts to strengthen accountability, efficiency and transparency in government via 311 and SomerStat. Those programs, as well as Shape Up Somerville, have earned the city a "national reputation" for best practices and innovation.

"When you're in communications, all you can hope for is that you get a good story to tell. Fortunately, this administration and this city are full of truly



Photo courtesy of the City of Somerville

Current Executive Director of Communications and Cable for the City of Somerville, Tom Champion, will be stepping down from his post, effective February 28, 2013.

great stories."

Champion considers the best part of the position to be, "When Somerville acquired a mass notification system in the spring of 2006, I was lucky enough to get the assignment to make phone announcements on behalf of the city. People were amused to get snow emergency calls from someone named Champion, and I think many residents who had never met me started to feel as if they knew me. People would stop me in the street to talk, or call to ask questions about government."

While he was growing up, Champion's family moved copious times, and so he did not live in the same house for the amount of time that he's resided in Somerville. "By the time I graduated from high school, I'd lived eight houses in five cities on both coasts and in the Midwest."

He has encountered numerous individuals by working for the

city and countless people know his name because of the robocalls. Therefore he considers Somerville to be a "hometown," unlike any other city, in which he has ever lived.

Champion's professional experience has included various types of positions.

"I worked for a political consulting firm in Washington, D.C. from 1980 to 1983 and then came back to Massachusetts to work for Governor Dukakis," he said.

He has worked the Massachusetts Port Authority on communications side, as well as the management side and as a freelance writer and consultant for companies such as Lotus Corporation and non-profits such as the Kaiser Family Foundation, and as Senior Writer in the president's office at MIT.

Alex d'Arbeloff, Chairman of the MIT Corporation and one of the co-founders of Teradyne, asked Champion to conduct

communications and marketing work for a new tech company, which he started.

Champion's hobbies include his being able to partake in the Post Meridian Radio Players and Theatre@First, which are part of the local community theater scene. He asserts that his participation in that area has "been huge fun."

After his resignation, what will Champion do? "I love living in Somerville, and have no special plans other than continuing to work hard and enjoy being a Somerville resident and homeowner. I'm looking forward to the day that I can ride the Green Line from Union Square to downtown Boston and can walk to the movies at the new AMC complex in Assembly Row."

Additionally, Champion has "some exciting possibilities." However, at present, it is too early to elaborate about them on a public level.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Would-be burglar leaves a calling card

Police responded to a reported break-in and assault at a College Ave. residence last Thursday.

The alleged victim told police that as he returned home to his third floor apartment, he heard a commotion and shuffling of feet as he approached from the second floor stairwell.

He reportedly began yelling, "Hey, hey, who's up there?"

The alleged victim reportedly told police that he didn't expect anyone to be in his apartment since his roommates were away,

so he was startled by the sound. He further stated that a man appeared at the top of the stairs and attempted to brush by him down the stairwell.

The alleged victim said that he attempted to keep the man from leaving but he was pushed several times as the intruder tried to get past him. The man reportedly yelled that he was "going down to my dorm room" and managed to shove his way by and fled out of the second floor exit.

Police located a steel combina-

tion nail puller and claw bar on the coffee table inside the apartment. The hollow core wooden door to this room was completely destroyed, apparently with the claw bar.

A backpack was also found in the apartment that did not belong to the alleged victim. Inside were several items, some of which were the property of the alleged victim. Among these were a set of stereo headphones and a Blackberry device.

Also found in the backpack

was a waybill for a DHL shipment that included the suspect's name, Otto Mejicanos, and his address, police said.

Officers were dispatched to the suspect's residence, where they were met by the man's wife, who reportedly told them that Mejicanos was not at home. The man stepped outside shortly thereafter, however, and reportedly said to police, "I know why you're here," and placed his hands on the hood of the police cruiser. He then re-

portedly said, "I guess you guys found my back pack."

Mejicanos asked the officers why they were there, and he was then shown the DHL waybill and was asked if he knew the residents of the apartment that had been burglarized. He denied knowledge of the incident, but based on the evidence found and the alleged victim's testimony he was placed under arrest and charged with armed burglary and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Intimidating man removed from school

Police received reports from several female students of Healey School that a man had been making threatening remarks to them on school property.

The girls reportedly told police that a man, believed to be in his 30's, had verbally accosted them, saying such things as, "I'll beat you. I'll kill you if you come to the projects. I'll rob you. I'll hit you in front of your friends."

Believing that the students were facing a serious threat, the police decided to set up a

surveillance unit in an attempt to put a stop to the unwarranted bullying.

On the afternoon of Friday, January 11, police said that they witnessed the man in question, later identified as Victor Espada, 44, walking easterly on Meacham St., toward the stairs that lead to the Somerville Housing Development. He reversed his direction, however, and entered the property of the Healey School.

Espada reportedly walked to

the side entrance of the school and placed his jacket and backpack next to several students who were sitting on the bench located immediately to the right of the school entrance.

The police officers on duty immediately approached Espada and asked him to step away from the students, according to reports. The officers reported that Espada then became very agitated and boisterous, attracting a crowd of students and school staff, in spite of their ef-

forts to have him calm down. It was reported that vehicular traffic had come to a standstill as passers-by became curious about the disturbance.

With each attempt to order Espada to calm down he reportedly became more agitated and violent in his demeanor, according to police.

School staff came to usher students inside, getting them away from the disturbing scene, police said.

Espada reportedly resisted po-

lice efforts to restrain him, but he was finally subdued and handcuffed.

A search of Espada's backpack yielded a prescription bottle labeled as Diazepam, and reportedly labeled to another person. The bottle contained four round yellow pills. Espada explained, "A guy from the gym gave me those for my back."

Espada was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct and possession of a class C drug.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jose Fuentes, 27, of 20 Otis St., January 7, 10:33 a.m., arrested at 85 Glen St. on charges of drug possession to distribute, drug violation near a school or park, failure to stop or yield, and revoked license.

Alexis Gonzalez, 20, of 33 Carney Ct., Charlestown, January 7, 9:08 p.m., arrested at 74 Gilman St. on charges of discharging a firearm within 500 yards of a building, carrying a firearm without a license, and possession of ammunition without a FID card.

A juvenile, 20, January 7, 9:08 p.m., arrested at 74 Gilman St. on charges of discharging a firearm within 500 yards of a building, carrying a firearm without a license, and possession of ammunition without a FID card.

Avis Medrano, 23, of 9 Carney Ct., Charlestown, January

7, 9:08 p.m., arrested at 74 Gilman St. on charges of discharging a firearm within 500 yards of a building, carrying a firearm without a license, and possession of ammunition without a FID card.

Moises Mejia, 22, of 34A North St., January 8, 10:09 p.m., arrested at North St. on warrant charges of distribution of a class D drug, drug possession to distribute, and distribution of a class E drug.

George Silva, 53, of 32 Creighton, Cambridge, January 9, 1:13 p.m., arrested at 273 Summer St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jonathan Norena, 21, of 124 Washington Ave., Chelsea, January 9, 1:13 p.m., arrested at 34 Sydney St. on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Patrick Farris, 21, of 10 Mead St., Charlestown, Janu-

ary 10, 10:53 a.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on warrant charges of discharging a firearm within 500 yards of a building, carrying a firearm without a license, and possession of ammunition without a FID card.

Otto Mejicanos, 33, of 16 Kenwood St., January 10, 10:17 p.m., arrested at home on charges of armed burglary and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Victor Espada, 44, January 11, 2:02 p.m., arrested at 5 Meacham St. on charges of disorderly conduct and possession of a class C drug.

Joao Batista-Casimiro, 39, of 29 Derby St., January 11, 6:31 p.m., arrested at 5 Meacham St. on multiple charges of assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

January 8, 1:10 p.m., police reported a theft at Granite St.

January 8, 12:15 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

January 8, 12:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Merriam St.

January 9, 4:02 p.m., police reported a theft at 141 Broadway.

January 9, 7:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Hancock St.

January 11, 8:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Conwell Ave.

January 12, 10:49 a.m., police reported a theft at Oak St.

January 14, 9:17 a.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

January 14, 9:54 a.m., police reported a theft at Greenville St.

January 14, 11:42 a.m., police reported a theft at Main St.

Breaking & Entering:

January 9, 10:03 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 284 Broadway.

January 10, 2:29 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering

at College Ave.

January 10, 9:14 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at College Ave.

January 12, 8:54 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Radcliffe Rd.

January 14, 9:52 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Joy St.

January 14, 9:15 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Snow Terr.

Vehicle Theft:

January 9, 4:04 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Tenneyson St.

January 14, 8:10 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Grant St.

Assault:

January 11, 6:31 p.m., police reported an assault at Derby St.

Drug Violation:

January 11, 2:02 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Meacham St.

Gilman St. shooting suspects arraigned

Avis Medrano, 23, of Charlestown, was arraigned in Somerville District Court on charges of carrying a loaded firearm without a license, possession of ammunition and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building. Alexis Gonzalez, 20, of Charlestown was also arraigned on the same charges. Somerville District Court Judge Maurice Flynn released the defendants on personal recognizance with conditions that they stay away and have no contact with witnesses, stay one-quarter mile away from Gilman Street in Somerville and possess no dangerous weapons or firearms. A juvenile was also arraigned in the matter in Cambridge Juvenile Court.

A fourth suspect in Monday night's police pursuit has also been arrested. Patrick Farris, age 21, of Charlestown, was arrested yesterday. He turned himself in at Somerville District Court. He is charged with the same offenses as the other three suspects.

The defendants' next court date is February 20 for a pretrial hearing. The juvenile's next

court date is February 27 for a pretrial hearing.

According to authorities, on January 7, at approximately 9:05 p.m., they responded to a report of shots fired on Gilman Street, a residential area in Somerville. Officers learned that there was a white Subaru allegedly leaving the scene.

It is alleged that as officers approached the area, a cruiser on patrol observed a car matching the description driving away with no headlights on. As the cruiser pulled in behind the vehicle, the car took off at a high rate of speed. There was a brief pursuit of the car before the occupants bailed out and fled on foot. Somerville Police, with the assistance of Medford Police and State Police, established a perimeter and three suspects were located within a short time hiding in nearby neighborhood yards. A loaded firearm was recovered from a back yard in close proximity to where the suspects were found and a magazine with ammunition was found in the Subaru.

Somerville man arraigned on robbery

On Friday, Andrea Florence Koutis, age 30 of Arlington and Erick Guy Stout, age 35 of Somerville were arraigned in the Third District Court of Middlesex County for their involvement in the January 8, 2013 robbery of the East Cambridge Savings Bank in Arlington, Ma.

After an investigation conducted by the Arlington Police Department's Criminal Investigation Bureau and the FBI Bank Robbery Task Force, Andrea Koutis was charged with one count of

Armed Robbery (G.L.c. 265, s17/A) and Erick Stout was charged with one count Armed and Masked Robbery (G.L.c.265, s.17/B).

Both suspects are currently being held at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Jail at Nashua Street. Bail was set in the amount of \$100,000 for Koutis and \$250,000 for Stout. The case was continued to January 29, 2013 for a probable cause hearing, pending a review by the Middlesex Superior Court for indictment.

School Committee begins selection process

Candidates submit resumes for vacant Ward 1 seat

By Donald Norton

The School Committee met Tuesday night to start the interview process for the successor to Ward One School Committee-women, now Ward One Alderman, Maureen Bastardi.

The full Board met at the Capuano School, and although ten resumes were submitted only eight candidates were interviewed by the Committee.

The process was simple and direct. Each person was permitted ten minutes to make a statement and answer specific questions that were pre-determined.

One candidate who didn't show up wrote and submitted a letter of her intentions, while another candidate apparently withdrew at the last moment.

The following residents of Ward One submitted resumes: Emily Ackman, Melanie Brown, Bonny Carroll, Ben Echevarria, Susan Fontano, Steven Roix (Mr. Roix was the recommendation of outgoing School Committee-person Ward One Maureen Bastardi), Daisy Vasquez, Yvette Verdieu, and Eva Winson.

At the end of the process the board voted by majority to select Bonny Carroll, Ben Echevarria, Steven Roix and Yvette Verdieu to come back on January 22 to the Capuano School, unless otherwise notified.

The January 22 process will be a public hearing where the public will have a chance to ask questions, either at the hearing itself or by submitting the questions



beforehand to the Chairperson, Mary Jo Rossetti, through the school department.

About 18 residents and interested persons attended the meeting, including several from the Capuano PTA.

The school committee members thanked all for applying. The candidates generally impressed each member of the school board with the quality of candidates that did apply.

Bonair Street fire

Somerville firefighters responded to a fire at 62 Bonair Street at 2:33 p.m. on January 10, 2013.

The fire was confined to a first floor bedroom, however, smoke damage resulted throughout the home and water damage to the first floor and basement.

Off-duty Firefighter Eric Saulnier and a co-worker, Steve Conway, who were working on a roof on Otis Street, spotted the fire and alerted occupants of the second floor to evacuate the burning home.

No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation by the Somerville Fire Department's Fire Investigation Unit.

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A new resident in Winter Hill



An owl was spotted in a tree on Thurston Street in Somerville's Winter Hill area on Sunday.

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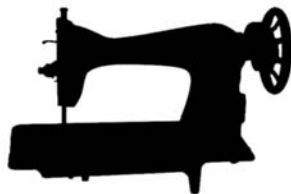
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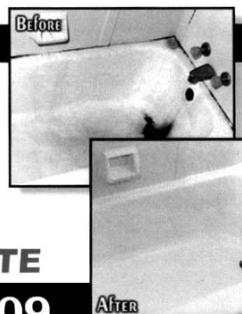
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Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration and Service Activity

"Equality thru Access" is the theme of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, January 21, 2013. The celebration begins at 11:00 am and concludes at 1:00 pm at the Somerville Theatre, located at 55 Davis Square.

Lorraine Cordeiro, Assistant Professor and Family Research Scholar at UMass/Amherst will offer the keynote address. The event includes live music and dance, awards,

and refreshments.

Service Activities for the event include a Red Cross blood drive on Holland Avenue in Davis Square outside the Somerville Theatre from 10am to 2pm, as well as a non-perishable food and can drive at the Theatre from 11am to 2pm. Donations to the Food Pantry can be non-perishable food items such as beans, rice, canned products, crackers, cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce, or noodles.



Somerville High School Chorus to perform at Music Festival



The Somerville High School Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Beverly Mosby, will be performing at the WorldStrides Heritage Inaugural Music Festival on Saturday, January 19 in Washington D.C. A group of 29 students will perform three selections that include a song in French, an a cappella Spiritual piece, and a contemporary choral selection. The group will attend the Inauguration of President Barack Obama, and is scheduled to visit numerous historic and cultural sites. They will also be participating in an awards dinner/dance as part of the Inaugural Music Festival activities that weekend.

"Our students are extremely excited to be representing the City of Somerville and the Somerville Public Schools during this important weekend in our nation's capital," stated Somerville Public Schools Music Director, Rick Saunders, who

oversees all of the music programs throughout the District.

Somerville High School boasts the same cultural richness as the City of Somerville. That diversity is reflected in the High School Chorus. Students whose heritage comes from India, Greece, Nepal, Ghana, China, Nigeria, Mexico, Brazil and Haiti are all part of the Somerville High School Chorus.

"Our students are amazing ambassadors of our Schools and the City of Somerville, and we are so proud of the level of commitment they have shown in preparation for this event," added Superintendent of Schools, Tony Pierantozzi. "Those of us who have the pleasure of working with our students on a daily basis know that our students are talented, dedicated, compassionate, and incredibly hard-working, in everything they do. This group of students is a wonderful repre-

sentation of the talent and rich diversity of our students and our community. We are eager to share with the rest of the nation some of the passion that drives our students and the beauty of our diverse community."

The following SHS students make up the group representing Somerville at the WorldStrides Inaugural Music Festival: Tara Amaral, Theodora Babilye, Sophina Clough, Lin Collins, Alexis DeMattia, Blessing Duche, Nickolas Eliadis, Judcine Felix, Caroline Form, Nicole Gouveia, Edward Grandmont, John Iacovino, Tara Jean-Baptiste, Aminata Keita, Ila Lama, Giliade Lehnert, Kayla Liberato, Brigid Long, Tahisha Louis, Tanisha Louis, Nickolas Menezes, Catherine Nakato, Emily Kate O'Brien, Joshua Ojo, Reuben Philemond, Lipasha Pradhan, Talya Sogoba, Karisha Sukhu, and Jordan Young.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What two tiny countries are entirely surrounded by Italy?
2. Who was the first baseman for the Dodgers that dropped baseball to take up acting?
3. What star actor is nicknamed "Muscles from Brussels"?
4. How are peanuts salted in the shells?
5. What is the diameter of a golf hole?
6. What Shakespearean play is "Puck" a character in?
7. Whose autobiography is titled *Yes, I Can*?
8. What is the name of the town that Lady Godiva rode through naked?
9. Who is the person that won two elections for Vice President, and two as President?
10. In craps, what three rolls on the opening roll loses?
11. In football, what does "LB" stand for?
12. What state is called The Volunteer State?

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



What, no 2-for-1 sale?

The View From Prospect Hill



The currently proposed sale of two substantially valuable properties by the city seems be a good step forward in stimulating the local economy and improving how these parcels are being used.

The present parking area in Davis Square generates a fair amount of income for the city's operating budget, but it is hoped that taxes and fees generated from the presence of a new hotel will more than make up for it. Such an en-

terprise would also boost the local economy by creating more jobs and commerce in the area.

In the case of the property currently occupied by the outdated Powder House School, we sincerely hope that the right kinds of choices are made in terms of what development goes there. Sweetheart deals with non-profit (i.e., non-tax paying) organizations should be avoided. This land is

too valuable to waste in a time when economic development - not political expediency - should be foremost in city planners' minds.

Also, it would be shame if an opportunity to create new housing for middle-income folks is missed, should the property be chosen for residential development. Both lower and upper echelon groups have been accommodated lavishly, but we are gradually losing our core

middle-class base as families move out of the city due to high rents and a general lack of appropriate housing for them. We urge all concerned to take this into consideration and act appropriately when making their final decisions.

With these actions, Somerville has a huge opportunity before it for taking a great step forward in its development as a forward-thinking, thriving municipality. Let's see to it they we do it right.

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two years ago. She was thinking about running then. We're very glad someone like her is interested. Our sources tell us she's a very likeable person and we hear she has a very energetic organization so far, and that her campaign manager is Diana Mathews. Maybe this Ward 5 race, both for Alderman and School Committee, will be exciting. There's a lot more to come over the next several months. We wish all the candidates well and lets also hope that it spreads to the other wards and, in particular, the Alderman At Large race

Our condolences to the family of Carmel T. Slattery who sadly passed away on Sunday. Formerly of Somerville for 30 years, Carmel was born and raised in Ireland and after moving to England came to the U.S, with her husband in 1960. She was also grandmother to our good friend Carmel Rogers here in the 'Ville. She will be sadly missed.

We suffered a big shock last week. We were very saddened to hear that well-known resident from East Somerville,

Anthony (Tony) Ferrara, who sang at many a weddings and church services at St. Ann's for many years, passed away. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife of 50 years, Janice, and the family. Tony was a great guy. He had a big heart and was always willing and able to help anyone who needed it. He will be sadly missed.

Congratulations to the Carli family on the birth of their new addition to the family. Alexis Mae Carli, a beautiful baby girl 8 pounds 5 oz. 21.5" long, was born this past Monday. We wish them all the best and much happiness.

We heard that the Health Department must have had a disagreement in understanding the law with the popular Italian restaurant superette on lower Broadway. They made them do away with their very well-known and popular self-serve buffet table of Italian specialty food items that everybody that goes in there for and simply loves, just because the display table that it was on was supposedly not up to code. We hope that they settle their differences soon and return the buffet with

a new and improved up to code table so the residents of Somerville and beyond can continue to enjoy their awesome buffet selection.

We heard through the grapevine that a not too recent episode of bullying happened, and that the person who was being bullied was told by Superintendent Pierantozzi "to get a thicker skin." Both the child and parents were stunned by the remark, we hear. We're stunned as well. With all the crap going on in the schools, the head of the School Department is saying this to a student?

Speaking of the School Department, we hear that ten applications were reviewed and presented Monday night to the School Committee for candidates for Ward One's vacant seat. The Superintendent's office must have been busy reviewing all the applications. It's an outrage, the elitist attitudes of some members of the School Board. In particular, we hear that School Committeeman Mark Niedergang from Ward 5 is leading this charge. For publicity, probably, since he has announced he's

running for Alderman. And the Superintendent's office is to select who will represent Ward One. We hope that all the residents of Ward One tune in and watch the meeting and see how elected officials from other wards are going to tell you who will represent you on the school board. Won't that be exciting? Or is it that the elitist School Board members know what's best for Ward One?

Here's another mystery in the 'Ville that people are talking about on the streets. It seems that last Wednesday there was supposedly a huge explosion like sound that we were told 911 operators got around a thousand calls about from concerned citizens. Does anyone know what or where it was?

Here's one for the book of idiots at its worst! We heard that some idiot called the Fire Department to report a person in the Mystic River under the Route 28 Bridge between Somerville and Medford. We heard that when rescue crews arrived they immediately sprang into action, put a

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A 21st century transportation system



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Over the past several months, I have been very vocal during speaking engagements throughout the region about the need for a 21st century transportation plan, one that includes multi-modal transit options to support

a 21st century. Along with my colleagues in the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, I've lobbied state leaders to allocate necessary funding not only to repair and maintain aging infrastructure, but also to extend our current transportation system with additional road, rail, transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

On Monday, Governor Patrick and Secretary of Transportation Rich Davey introduced MassDOT's new, long-range transportation plan. For some, the announcement will be the start of a debate over whether and how to fund our transportation system. But for me, there is no question. It's

time to make the financial commitment necessary to build a 21st century transportation system for the Commonwealth - one that will bring jobs and economic opportunity to every corner of the state.

It's true that the plan is good news for Somerville. It would ensure the extension of the Green Line that we have fought so long and hard for. But MassDOT's proposal is more than just a collection of transportation projects that dot the state. It marks a fundamental shift in how we view transportation. Rather than ignoring our crumbling bridges, ailing highways, and underfunded mass transit, this plan accepts and addresses a basic truth. If we want a thriving

economy, we need to invest in - and maintain - our transportation network. The Governor, the Board of MassDOT, Secretary Davey, and their staff all deserve praise for the bold vision they have put forward to solve our transportation funding crisis.

It's straightforward: They call for "an additional investment in our transportation assets of \$5.2 billion over ten years." These funds would go to road and highway repair. They would allow us to reduce the growing number of structurally deficient bridges. Needed funding to combat congestion on roadways across the state would finally be available. Existing public transit services would see an investment

of \$3.8 billion, and needed Registry and airport maintenance would be funded as well.

Later this week, Gov. Patrick will detail in his State of the State address to fund this investment. Undoubtedly, his financial plan will spark some interesting and challenging debates in the coming weeks. The choices will not be easy, but they will unlock more conversation that will be critical to securing the additional funding necessary to jump start the Governor's plans, and gain some momentum. To those who deride these proposals as being too costly, I'd say that the time has come to listen to the Governor, and to your fellow citizens. To deny this measure

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Medical cannabis and beyond Conclusion: Legalize, tax and regulate it



By William C. Shelton

Make the most of the Indian hemp seed, and sow it everywhere.
- George Washington

Cannabis is probably the most beneficial plant known to humankind. It can feed, clothe, house, transport, and heal us, all in ways that are environ-

mentally sustainable.

Its long, strong, and supple fibers are more absorbent and insulate better than cotton. Hemp clothing keeps us cooler in summer and warmer in winter, while providing protection from ultraviolet rays.

Hemp paper is finer and more durable than wood-pulp paper. It needs less acid and bleaching to manufacture, substantially reducing water pollution. And it requires only a fraction of the energy needed to make wood-pulp paper.

Cannabis seed provides the richest and most balanced source of essential oils that hu-

man health requires, along with B vitamins and dietary fiber. It contains all 21 known amino acids, and in proportions that are more balanced than in eggs, meat, milk and soy. But it is more digestible than soy.

Cannabis-seed oil's mix of fatty acids makes it a superior base for lotions and other body-care products. And paint and lacquer manufacturers who now seek environmentally friendly binders and solvents need look no further than what they used before the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937.

In construction, cannabis can be made into almost any build-

ing material, including roofing, flooring, wallboard, caulking, cement, paint, plaster, plywood, reinforced concrete, insulation, and bricks. Washington State University researchers found that hemp fiberboard was twice as strong as the wood-based fiberboard, but was lighter and required no additional resins. Cannabis can make biodegradable plastics for every use, from cellophane to injection-molded products.

Hydrocarbons in cannabis biomass can be processed into fuel pellets, methanol, ethanol, and gas, all with less carbon emissions and higher octane than pe-

troleum. Henry Ford operated a biomass pyrolytic plant at Iron Mountain, Michigan. He bragged that his experimental hemp car bodies were ten times stronger than steel. And he questioned why we should cut down forests and exhaust mineral deposits when we can simply grow cannabis.

Indeed, the U.S. Department of Agriculture says that 100 acres of cannabis will provide as much paper and building materials as 410 acres of forest. And it requires few or no pesticides or herbicides. Moreover, it can be used as a "mop crop" to remediate

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

The Somerville Twinkie connection



Growing up and living in Somerville has been a blast. There was always something to do and always someplace fun to go close to home. We could walk or ride our bikes to a number of exciting destinations.

Last week I wrote about The Bingham School that used to be on Lowell Street. Well, this week we revisit Lowell Street to reminisce about The Hostess Bakery that was located at number 259. You read it correctly! They actually used to make Twinkies, Sno-Balls, cupcakes and Wonder Bread in Somerville! Now tell me growing up in

Somerville wasn't the best!

We could walk to what they called the thrift store, attached to the factory, and buy all the snacks we could carry. Until the 1970's The Hostess Bakery Company occupied the 51,500 square foot building at 259 Lowell Street. I have chronicled statements from people who were there, including me.

My first hand memory of this magical factory being in our area was that my friend's father worked there. I remember the trunk of his car occasionally containing a variety of Hostess treats. Sort of like junk (food) in the trunk. The Twinkie as we know it may be gone (for now) but these delicious memories

will last forever.

"My parents drove there every other Saturday (from Burlington) to stock up," says a friend of mine. A Somerville kid recalls, "Some of the workers would give us damaged packages from the loading dock while friends that had money were inside buying day old stuff...Sometimes it tasted week old." (Twinkies didn't fall into that category because Twinkies were forever!)

Another seasoned 'Villen shares this: "My mother would give me a quarter...yes, a whole 25 cents...and I could practically fill up my bike basket with Hostess Cupcakes, Twinkies, and Snowballs from the day-old store that

was out in front of the factory on Lowell Street. I also toured the factory with my Girl Scout troop and saw how everything was made. My favorite memory was seeing how they put that white frosting squiggle on top of the chocolate cupcakes. Must've been early 1960's."

KC says, "Ah, the memories. Such a glorious factory right smack dab in the middle of our neighborhood. I'll never forget its delicious ways, and the creamy filling - LOL."

CV remembers buying a package of Sno-Balls for a nickel! "My grandmother lived on Alpine Street and we'd walk up the street to Lowell St. and get a treat! If you walked in

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. While the 2013 legislative session begins to gear up, Gov. Deval Patrick was very busy on Beacon Hill last week as he signed several bills that were approved by the Legislature in the final days of the 2012 session.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville,

ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: SECOND 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.

The new laws include the following:

FLU SHOTS (H 3948) - Requires that in August and September all public schools and early education providers distribute to parents information about the benefits of a flu shot for children age six to 18. This information would include the causes and symptoms of the disease, how it is spread, how to obtain additional information and the effectiveness and risks of the shots.

EPINEPHRINE USE IN SCHOOLS (H 3959) - Allows students with life-threatening allergies to possess and self-administer epinephrine on school grounds. The measure would add epinephrine to the current list of medicines allowed to be carried and self-administered by students including prescription inhalers for asthma sufferers, enzyme supplements for students with cystic fibrosis and insulin for diabetics.

LICENSE AND REGULATE BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS (S 2379) - Establishes a state board to test, license and regulate the state's growing number of mental health professionals known as behavior analysts. The measure also sets educational requirements that an applicant must fulfill in order to qualify for a license. Behavior analysis ranges from treatment of individuals with autism and developmental disabilities to behavioral coaching and behavioral psychotherapy. According to the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, behavior analysts "help build the skills and achievements of children in school settings; enhance the development, abilities and choices of children and adults with different kinds of disabilities; and augment the performance and satisfaction of employees in organizations and businesses."

RIGHTS OF CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES RESIDENTS (S 2139) - Establishes the rights of residents of Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) to establish a residents' association and have the power to elect its officers. A CCRC, also known as a life-care community, is a facility that offers a number of options, including independent living, assisted living and a nursing home within one community. The resident can move to increased levels of care as his or her needs change. The measure re-

quires the facility to provide information to residents including explaining any adjustments in monthly and other fees paid by residents as well as informing them of all matters that affect their health and welfare.

CHANGING DEFINITION OF DISABILITY (H 4252) - Changes the state's definition of intellectual disability to the national standard definition developed by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD). Prior law left the definition up to the State Department of Developmental Services, which used just one criterion - strictly measuring IQ as of age 18 and automatically denying services to anyone who scores above a 70.

AAIDD defines intellectual disability as one that originates before the age of 18 and is "characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills." According to its website, in defining and assessing intellectual disability, AAIDD takes into account the IQ score but notes that a person with an intellectual disability can score as high as 75 on the test. It also considers other factors including "the community environment typical of the individual's peers and culture, and linguistic diversity and cultural differences in the way people communicate, move and behave."

Supporters say the old system reflected views about intellectual disability from a past era. They noted the new system will allow the state to provide services and tailor plans to help people with severe disabilities who are falling through the cracks in the system.

MAKE ANTIFREEZE TASTE BITTER (S 88) - Expands the current law requiring that any antifreeze in small retail containers that contains sweet-tasting ethylene glycol also include denatonium benzoate, a substance that makes the antifreeze taste bitter. The measure would expand the requirement to include the large wholesale 55-gallon drums that service stations use when servicing a vehicle.

Supporters say the sweet taste of antifreeze is a major reason for its fatal ingestion by young children, pets and wildlife. They noted that sweet-tasting antifreeze often leaks from consumers' cars after they get the fluid changed at a service station.

DAM SAFETY (H 4557) - Establishes a Revolving Loan Fund to provide low-interest, long-term loans to private dam owners and cities and towns to inspect, repair and remove some of the 3,000 plus dams in the Bay State. Other provisions require an inspection schedule that includes inspecting high-hazard dams every two years and an increase from \$500 to \$5,000 in the fines imposed on dam owners who violate state safety regulations.

TAMPERING WITH WATER SYSTEMS (S 2371) - Increases the fine and imprisonment imposed on anyone convicted of tampering with water systems in Massachusetts. The current punishment is a \$300 fine and/or up to one year in jail. The new law raises the fine to \$5,000 and hikes the prison sentence to up to five years.

Supporters say the current fines and jail time are small and out of date. They argue the hikes are needed in order to get serious about this crime in a post 9/11 world

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where terrorists are capable of destroying and/or poisoning water systems.

FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECKS ON TEACHERS (H 4307) - Requires that national fingerprint-based background checks be part of a background check on all applicants for teaching positions and any other public or private school jobs that have direct contact with children. The measure would also apply to family child care, center-based child care and after-school programs. Prior law only required a statewide background check that covers crimes committed in Massachusetts. The measure requires current teachers and other employees to be fingerprinted prior to the 2016-2017 school year.

PARKING METER REVENUE (H 901) - Allows cities and towns to use revenue from their parking meters for the purchase or lease of any commuter shuttle or shuttle services between a municipal parking lot and public transportation. Prior law allows the revenue to be used only for the acquisition and maintenance of parking lots and for traffic control and safety. Supporters say the bill would expand the use of commuter shuttles, which will in turn increase the use of public transportation.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LICENSE AND REGULATE NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS (H 4368) - Gov. Patrick “pocket vetoed” a bill that would create a state board to license and regulate naturopathic doctors. A bill is considered pocket vetoed if the Legislature has finished its two-year session and the governor does not sign it after ten days. The measure requires that these doctors have extensive training in a naturopathic program at an approved naturopathic medical college. The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians defines naturopathic doctors as “primary care and specialty doctors who address the underlying cause of disease through effective, individualized natural therapies that integrate the healing powers of body, mind and spirit.”

The Massachusetts Society of Naturopathic Doctors supported the bill and noted on its website, “Licensing would allow ND’s to provide the depth of health care that they are trained to give, providing ... better service and more treatment options. Most importantly, it would protect the health care consumer by preventing untrained people from calling themselves naturopathic doctors.”

The Massachusetts Medical Society opposed the bill and testified against it at a hearing. It said in a written statement, “Naturopathy is not a branch of medicine. It is a hodge podge of nutritional advice, home remedies and discredited treatments ... Licensure is interpreted by the public as an endorsement of the field. Unsuspecting parents who lack sophistication in science or medicine couldn’t be faulted for having their sick children treated by a practitioner who is licensed and purports to use safe and natural healing.”

Some supporters of the bill argue the Massachusetts Medical Society lobbied heavily against the bill because it is afraid of legitimate competition from naturopathic doctors.

Jason Lefferts, Director of Communications for the Governor's Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, issued a statement on behalf of the governor. He said, “The legislation proposing a Board of Naturopathy called for the Board to be created in the

Division of Professional Licensure. However, the make-up of the proposed Board and its functions as outlined, including the composition of the board to include the Chairman of the Board of Medicine, the Commissioner of Public Health and other professionals under the Department of Public Health, would be a better fit for the Department of Public Health.”

Under state law, the governor could not amend the bill to reflect his changes and send it back to the Legislature for action because the 2012 legislative session had already ended.

“WRITE YOUR OWN LAW” - The clock is running out as the Friday, January 18 at 5 p.m. deadline looms for anyone who wants to file legislation for consideration during the 2013-2014 legislative session. Many late-filed bills are admitted to the Legislature following the deadline but the vast majority of proposals are filed by January 18.

Massachusetts offers citizens the “right of free petition” - the power to propose their own legislation. A citizen's proposal must be filed in conjunction with his or her representative or senator or any other representative or senator. Sometimes a legislator will support the legislation and sponsor it along with the constituent. Other times, a legislator might disagree with the bill but will file it anyway as a courtesy. In those cases, the bill is listed as being filed “by request” -- indicating that he or she is doing so at the request of the constituent and does not necessarily support it. Citizens who are interested in filing legislation should contact their own or any other representative or senator.

GOP HOUSE LEADERS REMAIN THE SAME - House Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) announced that his leadership team for the 2013-2014 legislative session will be the same as it was for the 2011-2012 session. The representatives on his team include Assistant Minority Leader George Peterson (R-Grafton), Second Assistant Minority Leader Bradford Hill (R-Ipswich), Third Assistant Minority Leader Elizabeth Poirier (R-North Attleboro) and Vinny deMacedo (R-Plymouth), the ranking minority member on the House Committee on Ways and Means. Jones is entering his eleventh year as the House GOP leader and will be leading a delegation of Republicans that has decreased from 33 to 29 members following the November election.

PAY CUT FOR GOVERNOR AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS - Gov. Patrick's salary has been cut by \$2,517, from \$139,832 to \$137,315. Other constitutional officers' pay has also been cut including Lt. Governor Timothy Murray by \$2,406, from \$133,644 to \$131,238; Sec. of State William Galvin by \$2,357, from \$130,916 to \$128,559; Attorney General Martha Coakley by \$2,345, from \$130,262 to \$127,917; Treasurer Steven Grossman by \$2,238, from \$124,295 to \$122,057; and Auditor Suzanne Bump by \$2,474, from \$137,426 to \$134,952.

Patrick was required under the state constitution to determine the amount of a pay raise or cut that he and the other five statewide officeholders and 200 legislators would receive for the 2013-2014 session. All Massachusetts governors are obligated to increase or decrease legislative salaries biennially under the terms of a constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1998. The amendment, approved by a better than two-to-one margin, requires these salaries to be “increased or decreased at the same rate as increases or decreases in the median household income for the Commonwealth for

the preceding two-year period, as ascertained by the governor.” The governor says the median household income has dropped by 1.8 percent.

Under the same law, legislators' base pay was reduced by \$1,100 - from the current \$61,132 to \$60,032.

REX TRAILER (S 1704) - Boston television legend Rex Trailer passed away last week. Trailer hosted the local children's show “Boomtown” from 1956 to 1974 and was involved with many charitable causes. Last year the Tourism Arts and Cultural Development Committee recommended approval of a bill that would make Trailer the official state cowboy. The measure was then sent to the Senate Ethics and Rules and no further action was taken on it. Former Sen. Susan Fargo filed the bill last year and Rep. Dan Winslow (R-Norfolk) has filed it again this year.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I am proud to join the members of the Massachusetts Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Youth to celebrate the progress we have made in improving conditions for LGBT youth and to look ahead at the work that needs to be done. We do what we do as a matter of conscience - all young people should have a chance to thrive.” – Gov. Patrick

“83 percent.” – *The percentage of people who in a recent Campaign for Our Communities poll oppose a 15-cent increase in the gas tax to help pay for transportation projects.*

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

During the week of January 7-11, the House met for a total of nine minutes while the Senate met for a total of 16 minutes.

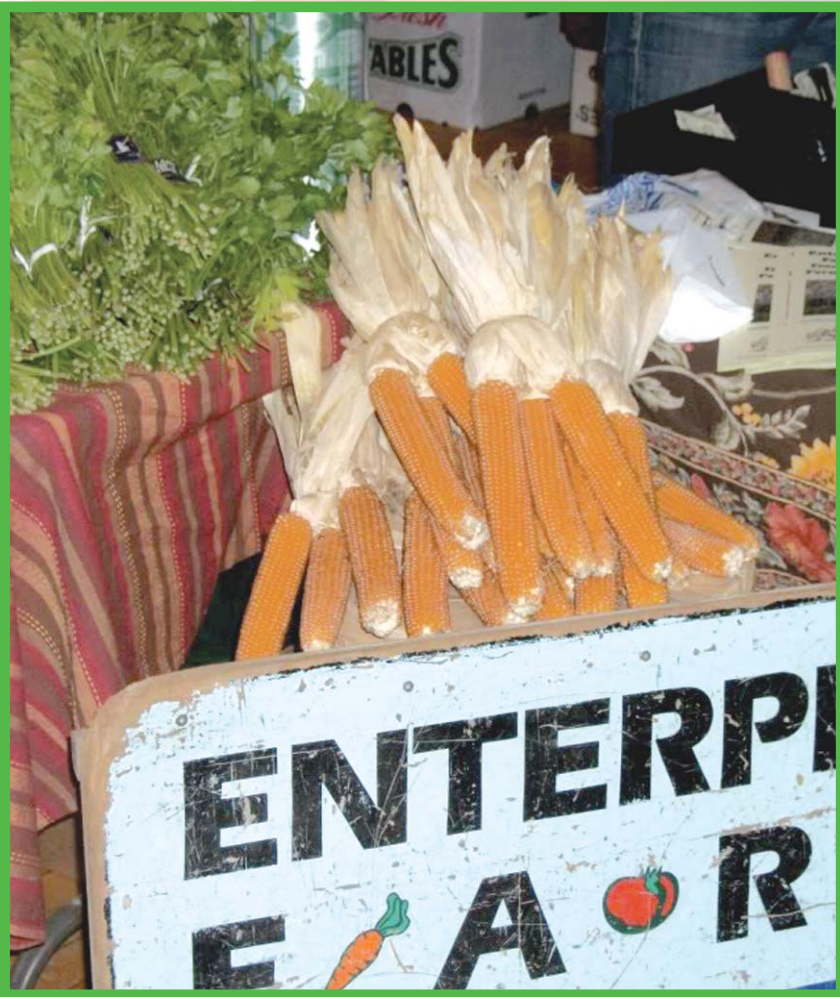
Mon. January 7	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.
Tues. January 8	No House session No Senate session
Wed. January 9	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. January 10	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Fri. January 11	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

The Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

Don't forget, The Somerville Winter Farmers' Market has returned to the Armory for the 2012-13 season. Local vendors provide great fresh fruit, vegetables, poultry, seafood, and more. There's a fantastic range of local products and produce.

The season runs through April 13, 2013. Every Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check out their Facebook page for a complete list of vendors and weekly guests. <https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleWinterFarmersMarket>.





Photos by Bobbie Toner

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Hockey goes to 2-0 in Greater Boston League

By Mike Stoller

So far it's been a graceful two steps forward and none back for the Somerville High hockey team. The Highlanders improved their Greater Boston League record to 2-0, defeating archrival host Cambridge Rindge and Latin, 5-2, last week. Somerville also upped its overall record to 4-2-2.

The bottom line: "We have 10 points and need 10 more to qualify for the [state] tournament," Highlanders' head coach Chuck Allen said.

Surely, Allen was glad to see his squad win the much hyped rivalry game, but he wasn't so

thrilled with how the whole game went.

"We have to get more consistent, put teams away, and not let them hang around," the coach said.

Somerville surged to a quick 2-0 lead early in the first period. But, by the end of two periods, the Highlanders didn't do much else but let the Falcons cut the deficit in half.

"We had a decent first period, and I think our team kind of thought we'd walk away with the win," Allen said, noting his group's letdown in the second stanza. "But we had a good third period."

Seniors Dan Camara and Troy

Martini starred for Somerville. Camara had a goal and three assists, while Martini tallied twice.

Forty seconds into the game, Camara went high glove side on a perfectly placed slap shot to give the Highlanders a 1-0 lead. It was Camara's fourth strike of the season. He also has a team-leading 10 assists.

Somerville struck again four minutes later, when Martini scored on a feed from Camara to make it 2-0. C.J. Albanese also got an assist, his fourth of the campaign to go along with six goals. Martini, meanwhile, has five goals and a helper on the season.

Cambridge standout Jeff

Keller scored unassisted early in the second stanza to make it 2-1.

That's how it stayed until the third period, when the Highlanders lit it up for three more strikes to put the game away. The Falcons could only salvage a late goal, after they trailed, 5-1.

"We took it to them in the third period," Allen said.

Junior Colin Hogan scored his first goal of the campaign on a pass from Camara to give Somerville a 3-1 advantage.

Then, Martini followed with his second goal as Camara picked up his third helper.

The Highlanders sealed the win when sophomore Ryan Mercier struck for his first tally

of the season on a play set up by Hogan and Devon Alves.

Somerville also got some solid goaltending from Sergey Markorov, who made 13 saves, including a beauty in the third period on a rebound shot from about seven feet out.

"It was a beautiful save," Allen said of Markorov's effort. "They were coming in on a rebound and went top shelf, point blank, and Sergei grabbed it with the glove."

Markorov has a stunning 2.24 goals against average, playing in every game for Highlanders this winter.

Somerville will host Revere in a non-league tilt tonight.

A 21st century transportation system CONT. FROM PG 9

would be to gamble on our future.

The problems that the Governor is trying to solve have been decades in the making, and he deserves tremendous credit for recognizing that they have to be solved now, once and for all.

Governor Patrick inherited a heavily indebted transportation system: the average annual unfunded operational need is approximately \$684 million. He inherited a system that was the victim of decades of short-sighted planning

and fiscal mismanagement. Despite these challenges, however, he has lived up to his promise to push for modernization and improvement of that system.

If we've proven anything here in Somerville over the last ten years, it is that government can play a crucial role in economic development, and that nowhere is this role more important than in our transportation system. And, without a healthy economy, all other governmental spending -

education, healthcare, aid to cities and towns, parks and open space - suffers. In that sense, transportation funding is one of the most important things that government can do. And this Governor gets it.

Over the past six years, the Governor's team has invested significantly in transportation and managed to improve its delivery throughout the Commonwealth. They launched the \$3 billion Accelerated Bridge Pro-

gram, increased the amount of Chapter 90 funds that go to local governments to assist in roads and other infrastructure, avoided transit service cuts with state assistance and tripled capital investment - from \$515M in 2007 to \$1.4B in 2013.

Governor Patrick has achieved an astonishing amount already in his six years in office, but if he succeeds with this transportation funding plan, it will be his crowning achievement and his

enduring legacy. But it's not just his fight, it's ours too.

What will follow in the next few months is a vigorous debate over what we value as a people here in Massachusetts. But I think the buck stops here. I urge our legislators in the State House to pass this reform as quickly as possible. We need to do this because otherwise we will be left with a 20th century transportation system for a 21st century commonwealth.

Ms. Cam's

Answers from page 7

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Answers

1. San Marino and Vatican City

2. Chuck Connors

3. Jean-Claude Van Damme

4. Simply by boiling them in heavy salted solution and allowing them to dry

5. 4 1/2 inches

6. A Midsummer Night's Dream

7. Sammy Davis Jr.

8. Coventry, England

9. Richard Nixon

10. 2, 3, 12

11. Linebacker

12. Tennessee

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News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

Our condolences to the family of Helen Chrisis who recently passed away. Helen was a wonderful woman. She did a lot for the Greek Church and spent many years taking part in activities with the community. She was very dedicated and also sister to our good friend Charlie Goumas here in the 'Ville!

Happy 19th Birthday to Patrick Tauro, who is celebrating in the 'Ville this week! Another Happy Birthday to little Matthew DiDomenico, who just turned seven years old. Also, big time Happy Birthday to our good friend Bill Rogers down at the Yacht Club. Also, Phil Forsyth, who was born and went to school here and now lives in Texas. And Happy Birthday to our good friend and a great guy, Ken Kotch, who owns his own Photography Company here. His work is known all over.

Congratulations to our good

friends Birdie and Ron Glejzer on their 58th wedding anniversary! They are both fantastic people and we here at The News wish them both 58 more happy years together!

Congratulations are in order. Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz recently got engaged to be married to her long time boyfriend Andrew Kuller. We wish them both the best of luck.

Congressman Mike Capuano announced on Facebook that he chooses not to run for Senator Kerry's seat. He's happy to serve the district as our congressman and wishes to stay there.

Our condolences to the family and friends of William (Bill) Philpot of Winter Hill who recently passed away. Bill was very involved with St. Ann's and a very popular guy in his neighborhood. Another nice guy who loved Somerville.

Got Vaccine? CONT. FROM PG 1

good if it sits around unused. He said the goal all along was to run through all 720 doses Somerville had received from the state. "We wanted to exhaust the supply and vaccinate as many people as possible, to lower the risk in our neighborhoods and our schools," said the Mayor.

He credits a citywide campaign to encourage people to get flu shots this year. "We had a really proactive approach, doing a lot of outreach to the most vulnerable populations," he said. "We started aggressively in October and pushed that through all the way until we exhausted the supply."

If public officials were hoping to see even more people lining up for flu shots, they certainly got their wish last week when the barrage of news coverage sparked a sudden uptick in demand for the vaccine.

The Somerville Health Department flu

clinic was back in business by last Thursday evening, with 100 new doses received from the Cambridge Health Alliance. But over half of those were out the door again within just two hours, since 55 people showed up to get vaccinated, despite the relatively short notice.

And primary care doctors, where most people get their flu shots, also saw a surge in demand last week. Dr. Ben Kruskal at the Davis Square office of Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates said requests for the vaccine went up "dramatically" after news broke about Boston's emergency declaration. "Both our internal medicine and our pediatric departments were kept very, very busy answering calls and scheduling appointments for flu shots," said Kruskal. "It was a little bit of a surprise, the degree to which demand went up, but it was absolutely welcome."

Like other health professionals, Kruskal cautions that a flu shot isn't a

100 percent guarantee that you won't get sick. It can take around two weeks for the vaccine to take full effect. You can catch a strain of the flu that's not directly targeted by this year's vaccine. And some people have weakened immune systems that make them more vulnerable to the virus.

Said CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden, "Vaccination is far from perfect, but it's by far the best tool we have to prevent influenza." Frieden said the CDC has found that patients who got vaccinated this year are 60 percent less likely to get sick enough with the flu to have to see their doctor. He said other common-sense habits like hand washing and covering coughs can also prevent the spread of flu. And it's important that people see a doctor if they have flu-like symptoms, like a fever and cough.

Mayor Curtatone said the city will keep monitoring the demand for flu shots, and

will work to keep the public informed about where they can get vaccinated. As of Tuesday morning, January 15, local Walgreens pharmacies still had flu shots available to the general public, but CVS, and Rite-Aid locations in Somerville had run out of the vaccine and were awaiting new shipments. The next city-run flu shot clinic for adults will be held on Thursday, January 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Somerville Health Department, 50 Evergreen Avenue.

The Mayor said residents looking for more information about flu prevention, including vaccinations, should contact their primary care doctor, or call City Hall at 311.

And he had one additional request, for anyone who's unlucky enough to already be suffering from symptoms of the flu: Stay home. "If you're sick, don't bring it to work or to school," said Mayor Curtatone.

Aldermen incensed over 'Night Games' incident CONT. FROM PG 1

be sent to the Licensing Board urging them to use everything within their power to send a message to this organization, to this group of people who are running this place, that this is not going to be tolerated."

Additionally, Trane said, "Somerville has changed dramatically. We are a destination for people to come here and dine and enjoy themselves. Let's send a message, loud and clear, that this is not going to be tolerated."

Alderman Maureen Cuff-Bastardi, of Ward 1, reported that "within a two year period, between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2012, the Somerville Police responded to calls for service at the Holiday Inn on Washington St.

223 times." She went on to say, "It is my hope that by having the Chief of Police and the City Solicitor appear before the Board's Public Health and Safety Committee to discuss this event and make recommendations, it will hopefully prevent anything like this from happening again."

Alderman At Large Dennis M. Sullivan offered his take on the situation as well. "As the Chair of Licenses and Permits, I understand that Somerville is a great city. We need a hotel like the Holiday Inn. In certain areas they do a great job. But this new management team just does not get it. I hope they get the message loud and clear."

John M. Connolly, Alderman At

Large and Board Vice-President, was even more withering in his assessment of the hotel's management team: "They're lousy concert promoters. Essentially, they were trying to make a lot of money in an afternoon. The real hero that night was Lt. Mulcahey, who had the common sense to shut down that event." Connolly elaborated that the event was advertised all over Boston, including Internet postings that the Alderman found highly objectionable. "It's up to us now to speak to the License Commission about the remedies that they have in their hands to send a message to other places about what types of

events they're going to contract to be used on their premises."

Alderman At Large Bruce M. Desmond echoed fellow Board members' concerns, saying, "This place has been nothing but problems since day one."

The Board unanimously approved a resolution requesting that the Licensing Commission take all appropriate measures to implement appropriate sanctions based on the findings of its investigation.

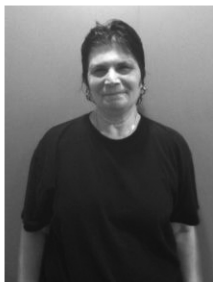
A public hearing on the matter will be held on January 23, 6:00 p.m., at the Tufts Administration Building building, 240 Holland St. The public is invited to attend and contribute their views.



Gold Award Member of the Year

Angela Pace

Angela Pace has been selected as Member of the Year because she makes health and fitness part of her everyday life. She devotes one hour and ten minutes every solitary day to combine cardio and weight lifting. Angela has been an active member for almost three years and has lost much weight by doing so. As she prepares to turn 59 in January, she plans on sticking to her fitness regimen and combining that with Weight Watchers for continued success. When asked how she feels about fitness, Angela stated, "This is the best I have ever felt in at least 20 years. Coming everyday and eating the right food gives me energy. I have no more pain in my legs or anywhere else in my body." Without a doubt, Angela is a great inspiration to other members and the staff at Gold's Gym Somerville.



John Foley

John Foley is the Member of The Year because he makes health and fitness a priority in his everyday life. He is an active member at Gold's Gym Somerville and works out regularly. When asked how his days are when he does not exercise, John stated, "My day is not complete. I need to come here in order to feel right. I just want to be healthy."

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, January 23, 2013**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

4 Cameron Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-103) Applicant, Roland Muise, and Owner, V & R Development, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 which includes expanding an existing dormer on the right side elevation, modifying windows and removing exterior staircases at an existing three-family residence. RC Zone. Ward 7.

120 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2012-104) Applicant and Owner, 120 Beacon Street Limited, seeks a Special Permit (SZO §4.4.1) to make exterior changes to a nonconforming building. NB zone. Ward 2.

86 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-106) Applicant, Leo Souza, and Owner, Frank Privitera, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to modify the front entrance of an existing multi-family dwelling, which includes the installation of double doors, columns and balustrade. RC Zone. Ward 3.

9 Kingman Rd: (Case #ZBA 2012-107) Applicant, Susan Boyle, and Owner, Susan Boyle Revocable Trust, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to add a dormer to the left side of the roof and to reconstruct a deck above the second story of the rear façade at an existing two-family dwelling. RB Zone. Ward 2.

22 Fairfax St: (Case #ZBA 2012-108) Applicant and Owner, Brian Aldrich, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to expand the porch on the rear façade of an existing two-family residence. RA Zone. Ward 7.



425 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2012-109) Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd., d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, The Summit, LLC, seeks Special Permit Approval (§5.1) under SZO §7.11.15.3 and §14 for the installation of a wireless communications facility consisting of antennas and related equipment and cables, §4.4.1 for the alteration of an existing nonconforming structure to relocate antennas and related equipment, and a Variance (§5.5) from setback requirements §14.3. RC zone. Ward. 5.

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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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 6.4.8.D(2)(b) TO PERMIT A GROUND FLOOR SUPERMARKET THAT EXCEEDS THE GROUND LEVEL RETAIL SIZE CAP IN THE ASSEMBLY SQUARE MIXED-USE DISTRICT.

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, January 24, 2013** at 6:30 p.m. at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Third Floor, Conference Room, Somerville, MA.

56 & 61 Clyde St: (Case #PB 2010-21-R1-12/2012) Applicant Davis Square Partners and Owner VIF II \ Maxpac Square Owner, LLC, seek a revision to an approved Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §5.3.8 to construct an amenity space in Building A. RB Zone/Planned Unit Development-B (PUD-B1) Overlay Zone/Ward 5


70 Prospect St: (Case #PB 2012-21) Applicant Douglas Beaudet and Owner Emily Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §6.1.22.D.1 to construct a new five story building and a Special Permit to establish 14 residential units in the building under SZO §7.13.E. The building would also include approx. 1,500 square feet of retail and 14 at-grade parking spaces. The Applicant and Owner are also seeking a Variance from the side yard setback requirements under SZO §8.5.H, SZO §6.1.22.G.5, and SZO §5.5.3 and a Special Permit under SZO §9.17.2.B for the modification of parking space dimensions and for shared parking between the required residential and commercial parking spaces. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP # 13-57

POWDER HOUSE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROPERTY DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT

The City of Somerville invites proposals from qualified applicants for the redevelopment of the former Powder House Community School. The sale of city-owned land is subject to certain conditions set forth in the Request for Proposal (RFP). It is the City's intention, through the actions of the Board of Aldermen, to formally declare the property available for disposition in accordance with G.L.c. 30B, sec. 16, to set a minimum price, and to identify restrictions, (if any) on the future use of the property prior to the deadline for the submission of proposals.

Proposals from qualified applicants must be submitted to the City of Somerville Purchasing Department, City Hall, 1st floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 by 11:00 a.m. on **Friday, February 28, 2013**.

As of **Wednesday, December 26, 2012**, the RFP may be obtained at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or by contacting the Purchasing Department. There will be a Pre-bidder's Conference on **Wednesday, January 16, 2013, time and location will be posted at the above website link**. Attendance is not mandatory but highly encouraged.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to extend the deadline for the submission of Proposals, to request supplementary information, and to reject any or all RFP submissions if determined to be in the City of Somerville's best interests.

For further information contact Angela M. Allen, Purchasing Director by telephone at (617) 625-6600 ext. 3400 by fax at (617) 625-1344; or by e-mail at amallen@somervillema.gov.


Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 ext. 3400

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The Annual Meeting of the Somerville Home will be held at the Home, 117 Summer Street, Somerville, Massachusetts on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year and to act on any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Edwin J. Smith
President

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-59

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Electrical Generators Maintenance & Repairs.

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, January 16, 2013**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed proposals will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The Contract will be for a period of 1 year, from 2/01/2013 through 1/31/2014, with two one-year options to renew.

Please contact Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager, x3407, or email odeluca@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-60

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Scheduled and On-Call Tree Removal

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, January 16, 2013**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 11:30 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year, February 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014, with two (2), one-year options to renew. The City reserves sole discretion to exercise renewal options. A 5% bid deposit is required. This contract is subject to the prevailing wage law.

For Bid Packages, or information, please email Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager at: odeluca@somervillema.gov, or visit the City of Somerville website: www.somervillema.gov

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP # 13-53

DAVIS SQUARE HOTEL PROJECT
REAL DISPOSITION SUBJECT TO G.L. c. 30B: 16

The City of Somerville invites qualified development teams to submit a proposal for the development of a hotel in Davis Square, Somerville, MA. The sale of city-owned land is subject to certain conditions set forth in the Request for Proposal (RFP). The City of Somerville Board of Aldermen has authorized the disposition of city-owned property by Order #193586 dated October 11, 2012.

Proposals from qualified applicants must be submitted to the City of Somerville Purchasing Department, City Hall, 1st floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 by 11:00 a.m. on **Monday, February 4, 2013**.

As of **Wednesday, December 19, 2012**, the RFP may be obtained at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or by contacting the Purchasing Department. There will be a Pre-bidder's Conference on site at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the northeast corner of the 44 Day Street parking lot**. Attendance is highly encouraged.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to extend the deadline for the submission of Proposals, to request supplementary information, and to reject any or all RFP submissions if determined to be in the City of Somerville's best interests.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA. 02114

Docket No. SU07P2039G11

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

☒ TERMINATION OF A
☒ GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

In the Interest of: **Emily Garcia** **RESPONDENT**
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

Of: **JAMAICA PLAIN, MA**

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☒ Terminate the ☒ Guardianship

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day of **02/21/2013**. This day is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file a written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file an affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs of both. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness: Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 11, 2013

Patricia Campatelli
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2012-65 - Article VII Section 7-10 "Prohibited Turning Movements" is amended as follows: No Right Turn onto Ivaloo St from Park St and No Left Turn onto Ivaloo St from Beacon St 7am-9am and 4pm-7pm

2012-66 Article VII Section 7-10 "Prohibited Turning Movements" is amended as follows: Glenwood Rd from Medford St 4pm-6pm for a 90 day trial period

2012-67 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: No Parking Anytime on Hall Av at College Av (both sides) for a distance of 30ft

2012-68 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: Loading Zone Mon-Sat 9am-6pm on Willow Av at Elm St, east side

2012-69 Article VII Section 7-19 "Stop Signs, Yield Signs, and Through Ways" is amended as follows: Stop Sign on Windsor Place at elbow in roadway

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polluted sites by clearing out waste-water impurities and certain toxic chemicals.

Although researchers have published over 20,000 studies and reviews worldwide, we are only beginning to fully appreciate cannabinoids' broad medical efficacy. They can inhibit cancers, strengthen the immune system, manage pain, prevent seizures, reduce heart-attack and stroke severity, prevent nausea, slow MS, strengthen bones, reduce incontinence, treat skin diseases, relieve gastrointestinal disorders, and much more.

Most modern prescription drug compounds are less well researched than cannabis. Listen to television commercials and you'll learn that they bring risks of fainting, stroke, liver disease, tooth decay, reduced immunity, allergic reactions, and giving birth to a child with the head of a Chihuahua. But as Judge Francis Young wrote in his 1988 ruling, "marijuana in its natural form is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man."

Economic opportunities for cannabis research, development, production and processing abound. China produces 79% of the world's crop, France, 15%, and Chile, 4%,

while in the United States we arrest people who grow or possess it at the rate of 87 per hour. We pay for this foolishness by ruining nonviolent individuals' lives, breaking up their families, feeding a voracious prison-industrial complex, and bearing an unnecessary fiscal burden.

Harvard economist Jeffrey Miron estimates that legalizing marijuana would save governments in the U.S. \$8.7 billion per year, exclusive of saved "drug war" costs. Taxing it at rates similar to those on tobacco and alcohol would raise another \$8.7 billion.

While using cannabis as an intoxicant involves real risks, they are trivial in comparison to those associated with tobacco and alcohol use. And we've known since the 1944 LaGuardia Report that the notion of cannabis as a "gateway drug" is a myth.

Inevitably, America will evolve a rational cannabis policy: legalize industrial production; legalize recreational use for adults; carefully regulate and tax it; and support medical research and drug-use prevention.

In *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* the great science historian Thomas Kuhn coined the term "paradigm shift." A community of scien-

tists in a particular field shares a paradigm regarding basic assumptions, appropriate questions to ask, how to formulate experiments, and how to interpret outcomes.

As results pile up that the old paradigm cannot interpret, revolutionary scientists articulate a new paradigm, which more accurately accounts for all the results. Examples are the germ theory of disease, Kepler's laws of planetary motion, or Einstein's theory of relativity.

We are at a moment of paradigm shift regarding our understanding of cannabis. But the paradigm is not scientific. Science has known the virtues of cannabis for 5,000 years. The paradigm is political.

What makes the new paradigm so revolutionary? George Orwell said it: "During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act."

Kuhn concluded that a scientific community does not change paradigms because the mounting evidence persuades those who embraced the old paradigm. It changes because they die off.

I pray that, as a nation, we will not have to wait for the Pharisees to all die before we can accept this gift of God to humanity.

A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday January 23, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application PLPBDDBG LLC d/b/a Deco Restaurant, 425 Washington St., Somerville MA to transfer the All Forms Alcohol beverages 7-day restaurant license to Off Larsen Lane, LLC d/b/a The Kirkland and for an Entertainment license consisting of Entertainment by devices.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday January 23, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application Amelia's Kitchen, 1137 Broadway, Somerville, MA for alterations to the premises to add a bar.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
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Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday January 23, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of 381 Summer St. Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Rosebud to transfer the All Forms Alcohol beverages 7-day restaurant license to 381 Jumbo LLC and for an Entertainment license consisting of Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|January 16
East Branch Library
Preschool: Storytime
11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway
West Branch Library
Preschool: Babygarten
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue
Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave
Thursday|January 17
Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave
Friday|January 18
Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds
10:30 a.m.- 11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave
Central Library
Teen Game Day
Ron Castile|617-623-5000-2936
3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue
Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave
Tuesday|January 22
West Branch Library
Jeff Jam
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue
Central Library
ABC Spanish in Motion
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue
Wednesday|January 23
East Branch Library
Preschool: Storytime
11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway
West Branch Library
Preschool: Babygarten
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue
Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

MUSIC
Wednesday|January 16
Johnny D's
Gracie Curran & The High Falutin Band
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Pub Quiz 8 p.m.
Comedy 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
PA'S Lounge
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
3penny Open Mic (No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Bull McCabe's Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
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
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Warp Speed Wednesdays featuring The Last Starfighter and more
379 Summer St
Arts at the Armory
Somerville Climate Action Film Series
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave
Thursday|January 17
Johnny D's
Harmontown Live w/Dan Harmon & Jeff Davis
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's
Frank Drake Bluegrass Night grassy Thursdays |7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Scattershot 80's Night
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
65 Holland St|617-591-2100
Precinct Bar
Blak Skab|A Wish For Fire|Tastful Nudes
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Bull McCabe's
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910
Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St.
Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square
Radio Bar
Today Junior|Bookkeeper
379 Summer St
Friday|January 18
Johnny D's
Denney & The Jets|Derek Hoke|Hear Now Live Presents:DJ ABD|Biscuits & Gravy|Afro DzAk All Starz
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m.
Super Ska|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Cooper's Escape
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St
Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live
Presents:Peachpit|Brightnight|Seth Wonkka|Hip Anonymous|Jon Berman
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
PA'S Lounge
California X |Dig Safe|Sneeze|No Fun
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway |617-629-5302
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ starting at 10 p.m.
65 Holland St|617-591-2100
Bull McCabe's
Jess Tardy Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910
Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
Van Burens
381Summer St
Casey's
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar
Upstairs: Lifestyle, Parlour Bells, The Milling Gowns
Downstairs: Boston Bloghead Showcase featuring The Pants, In The Meantime, Mike Woo's Raging Bone, Streets of Laredo \$7
379 Summer St
Arts at the Armory
Helios Opera
7 p.m.|Performance Hall
Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave
Saturday|January 19
Johnny D's
Beatlejuice
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's
Bucky & Jimmy Show |6 p.m.
One Thin Dime|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Scattershot
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
Precinct Bar
Oh Snap! 80's 90's DJ Dance Party!
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St
PA'S Lounge
Childbite|Gondoliers|Leagues|True Cross
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302
Bull McCabe's
Don DeLeon's Quincinera
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910
Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
Fortran|Our Frienda Animals|Swymers|Taken
381 Summer St
Casey's
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195
Radio Bar
Upstairs: Indie Rocker Ranger Presents: Doom Lover| Vegans| Nervous| Ex Magicians
Downstairs: Pity Whores| Angry Bears|Seven Year Plan
379 Summer St
Arts at The Armory
Helios Opera
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave
Sunday|January 20
Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.
For The Sake Of The Song:Tribute To Hank Williams featuring Sam Otis Hill& Co.|Susan Cattaneo|The Grownup Noise
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.
Natalie Flanagan Band, Trusty Sidekick, Fireking|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131
Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Game Night
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Radio Bar
Roy Sludge Trio 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Night Time Bill|On Man Alive|Fantastic Liars|Peachpit PLUS: Art, Air Hockey and Foosball \$8
379 Summer St
Arts at The Armory
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra - Family Concert
4 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave
Monday|January 21
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 |7:30 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Bur-Run|6:30 p.m.
Set Dancing|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway|617-629-5302
PA'S Lounge
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
Rosebud Bar
Closed Mondays
Movie Night
381 Summer St
Radio Bar
379 Summer St
Arts at The Armory
Knucklebones: For the Love of Play!
4 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave
Tuesday|January 22
JohnnyD's
Sandy's Old Time Music
Night|Dreaded Banjo Orchestra
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Creek River String Band with Amy Kucherik
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
Ninjavitis
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Bull McCabe's Pub
Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131
Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St
PJ Ryan's
Pub Quiz
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200
Radio Bar
379 Summer St
Wednesday|January 23
Johnny D's
Murali Coryell|The Spytones
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren

Pub Quiz 8 p.m.
Comedy 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
PA'S Lounge
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
3penny Open Mic (No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Bull McCabe's Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St
Radio Bar
Warp Speed Wednesdays featuring The Terminator and more
379 Summer St

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|January 16
Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com
Thursday|January 17
West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-7 p.m.|Session 1
7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|Session 2
40 College Ave
First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629
Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq| www.libana.com
Saturday|January 19
Arts at the Armory
Winter Farmers' Market
9:30 a.m. - 2 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 20
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.
Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com
Tuesday|January 22
Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Session 1
79 Highland Ave
Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins,www.libana.com
7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq
Wednesday|January 23
Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

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.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

January 17 - **"Pasta and Puccini"** with a dash of Verdi and other Italian Music - The latest "Musical Conversation" with Alan and a wonderful pasta and meatballs and salad from Vinnie's. \$6. RSVP a must.

Culinary Arts Luncheon has been changed to January 29. Limited space. Sign up early.

Lunchtime exercise class for all in the community.

Belly Dancing has changed times. It is during the day from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. This is a fun class with great arm and core exercises. Take a chance and join us. Open to men and women.

LBT Community - NEW PROGRAM. Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes with certified instructors. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available. Call Lisa for more info at ext. 2316.

Looking to get and stay fit this year? We have the program for you. **Fit-4-Life General Group** is a fitness/nutrition program on Wednesday and Friday mornings. This is a great fitness/nutrition program. There are a few spots open. Call Lisa if you are interested.

After the holidays we all need to relax and stretch. Join this great **Yoga/Meditation** 4-week session coming January 22. \$20 for the four weeks. Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. Holland Street Center. RSVP.

Book Club - "It's All Too Much" at Holland Street Center - January 18. All are welcome.

We are heading to Greece on January 24 from 11 am - 1 pm. Join us for a wonderful talk by Tufts Professor Professor Ioannis (Yannis) Evrigenis. Sue Leach, our amazing belly dance instructor will be performing and we will also learn some Greek dancing. An event not to be missed.

Got a new camera for the holidays? We would like to start a Photo Club. Any interest? Let us know.

Support Groups Meetings in January - all welcome. Low Vision - 1/8 at 10:30 a.m. Caregivers - 1/15 at 6:30 p.m.

Pasta and Puccino - Join us for a delightful lunch and "Musical Conversation" with Alan. January 17 at noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch from Vinnie's. \$6. RSVP required.

We heard you singing in the shower - now join us in person. The Moonlighters meet every Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Holland Street. All levels welcome. No experience needed.

Cultural Outings - Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton. February 15 - \$25 fee includes transportation and

customized museum tour. Lunch at the Stoneforge Grill in Easton is additional cost. Fuller Craft Museum is a dynamic environment where craft is experienced through exhibitions, education, outreach, and collaboration. We explore the materials, techniques, and artistic expression that challenge the perception of craft, while honoring the achievements of the past.

Men's Club - Recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our Men's Group and connect with your old friends or come make some new friends. Wednesdays at Holland Street Center. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All 55+ are welcome. Beginning February 6.

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

Do you crochet or would you like to learn? Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

Lunch at Culinary Arts - January 29.

Hanscom Dinner & Bingo - February 13.

Fuller Craft Museum - February 15.

Foxwoods - March 11.

Washington D.C. - April 11 - 14.

Wildwood, N.J. - May 13 - 17.

STAY ACTIVE:

QiGong - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. \$3.

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers Strength with Geoff - Tuesdays at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny. \$3.

Belly Dancing - Tuesdays at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

January 16

Bowling at Flatbreads - 1 p.m.

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Qi gong|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 17

"Pasta & Puccini"

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance - NEW DATE!|9:15 a.m.

Current Events|10 a.m.

"Pasta & Puccini"|12 p.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Braodway

Ralph & Jenny Center

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 18

Holland Street

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B

Book Club - all welcome|10 a.m.

Indoor Exercise|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

January 21

Martin Luther King Day

All Centers Closed

January 22

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt|10 a.m.

Low Vision Support Group|10:30 a.m.

Bellydancing|12:30 p.m.

Knitting with Sandy|2:30 p.m.

Caregiver Support Group|6:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life Program|6 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Braodway

January 23

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

Qi gong|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Computer Tutorial - Retired computer teacher Barbara Marshall will be volunteering on select Thursdays from 11 - 12 at the Holland Street Center to provide individualized computer training. To schedule an appointment, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Check out our Facebook site for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

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the other direction to Cedar, you could get a treat at Dairy Queen!" How great was that for a kid? Twinkies one-way and ice cream the other.

JBF tells us that, "The workers would sometimes throw us packages of cupcakes from the window."

Cuz tells us, "The workers used to leave racks of Sno-Balls near the dock to cool." And I know this is hard for some

of you to believe, but some kids actually would "borrow" the Sno-Balls off the cooling rack. We would have Sno-Ball fights in July."

What a great time to be growing up in Somerville. The Somerville Visiting Nurses facility now stands on the site of the old Hostess bakery. We had The Apollo Cake Bakery in East Somerville (see *The Somerville News*, On The Silly

Side, November 9, 2011) and The Hostess Bakery in West Somerville.

You thought that Somerville was cool with trendy bars that boasts of 250 different ales and brews, and fancy shmancey cupcake stores, and burrito joints? Well, nothing comes close to having the Twinkie factory in your own back yard!

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Small delights: Selecting and collecting children's books

By Amy Whorf

Children are often the recipients of new books, at least new to them. Adults who purchase them enjoy picking titles that they recall fondly from their own childhood. In some cases it's to re-read themselves or for the first time while reading aloud to the next generation. The post-holidays are a good time to encourage their habits of reading the time-tested tomes from many genres.

The Secret Garden, The Tale of Peter Rabbit, The Wizard of Oz, Tales from Grimm, Anne of Green Gables, The Wind in the Willows: treasured stories that have endured through the generations. Children's books today now represent one of the fastest growing segments of the publishing market. The record-breaking *Harry Potter* phenomenon in recent years made young people and books more inseparable than ever. It is not only enthusiastic readers who welcome the plethora of offerings, but collectors also have discovered the charms of children's books.

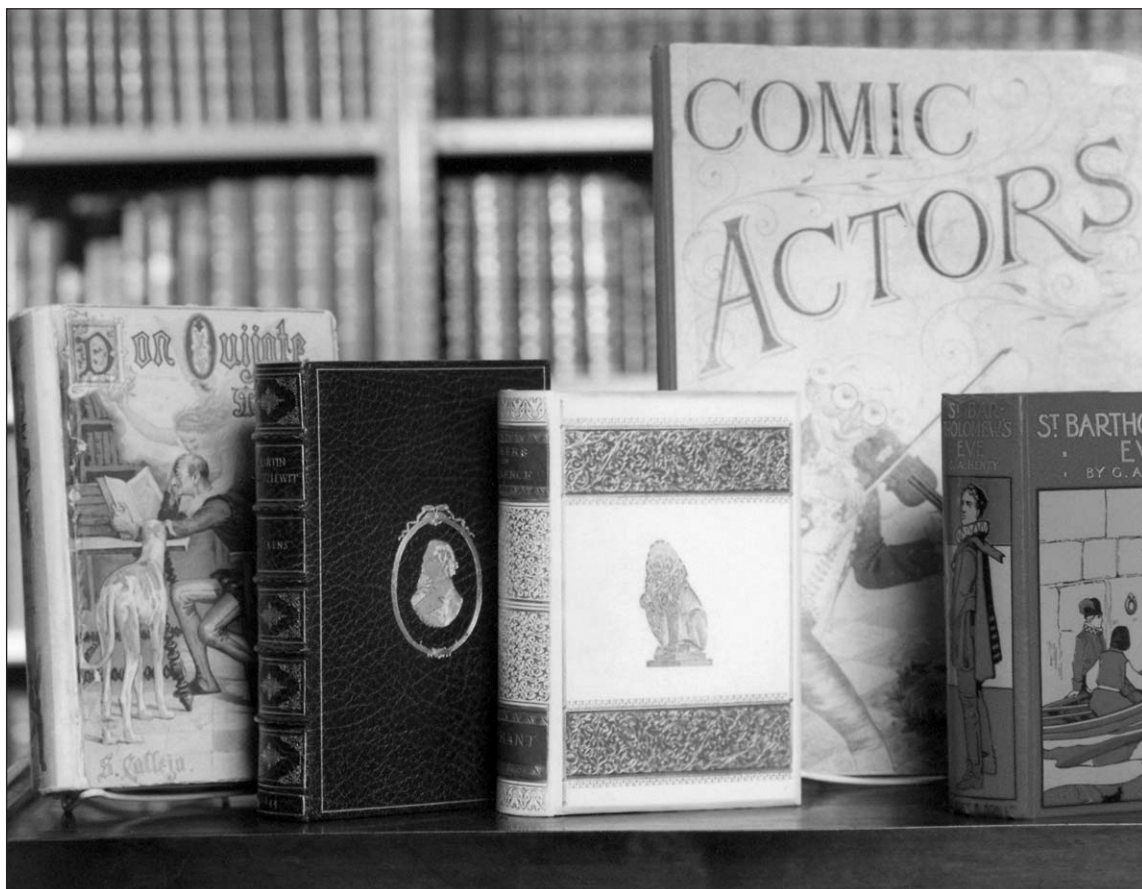
"Collecting," says Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of Boston's Brattle Book Shop, one of the oldest continuously operated antiquarian book shops in America, "is a personal choice, so there is no right or wrong way to collect, especially in the broad and diverse field of children's books."

Among the less obvious collectibles that Gloss includes as "children's books" are old Horn Books, New England primers, old readers and Tract Society publications. He notes a renewed interest by collectors in the boys' series such as *Horatio Alger, Tom Swift* and *The Hardy Boys*. Some collectors, adds

Gloss, "acquire many versions of a particular story, like *Robin Hood* or *A Christmas Carol*, which has been retold and re-illustrated over the years. Others collect only Caldecott and Newbery winners. My advice to anyone beginning a collection for themselves or for youngsters is to specialize; give a focus to the collection."

One way in which collectors give focus to their collection, says Gloss, is by collecting first editions, limited editions, or signed editions. Renewed appreciation for the classics has spawned a flurry of reprints that in turn have piqued interest in the original edition. "First edition is a key term that people hear. I point out that most books that came out in a first edition never came out in a second and probably should not have had a first edition to begin with! First edition really means something if the book is distinguished by its author, its subject, or its illustrations. In other words, there must be some appeal to collectors that puts the book in demand. Ultimately, it comes down to supply and demand. First editions of children's books can be quite rare and valuable because children's books were generally not published in large numbers.

"Condition can also be very important in assessing the collectibility of a book," says Gloss, "but a less than perfect condition can be overlooked if the book is a rarity. The slightest mar in the dust jacket of a modern book can reduce the value of that book to a fraction of what it might be worth if the jacket were in mint condition. Other intrinsic characteristics that make a book collectible are beautiful illustrations or high quality leather bindings.



Children's books make a fun and informative specialty choice for collectors.

I have to stress that each book must be appraised on its own merits, as an individual item. Every collector or gift-buyer must determine his or her own reason for collecting or for purchasing for another. Not everyone cares about investment value. Many people collect or give for aesthetic, sentimental or historical reasons."

For whom one will be collecting, be it a toddler, pre-teen, young adult, or oneself, is another consideration. "The sentimental journey made by many new parents in searching for their own favorites," says Gloss, "is a good way to begin to give a child's library a focus." The pleasures in recollecting one's own childhood reading memories is a positive way to impart to a child the excitement and joys of reading.

Gloss believes that the correct introduction to books can make all the difference. He tells the

story of a five-year old in East Boston who was read adventure stories by his teachers. So entranced was the child by tales of heroic deeds, mischief, and travel that after school each day he retold the stories to his young friends. This five-year old was Gloss' late father, George Gloss, who made books and the Brattle Book Shop his life's passion.

Familiarize yourself with the field of children's books by going to book shows and browsing the children's section of a good bookstore including second-hand book shops or a library. There's a vast range of general fiction, fairy tales, mystery, folk tales, adventure, poetry, humor and animal stories appropriate for young and young-at-heart readers.

Local libraries and their librarians are amazing resources as is the constantly growing accessibility of information on the In-

ternet. Don't forget other parents who can share their own children's experience with specific titles or content.

Now, if you happen to run across one of the first editions of *Harry Potter* books, please call Ken. He says that today they sell for \$20,000 and up! Remember his guideline about rarity? Not many were printed, as the publisher had no idea it would be such a runaway bestseller.

The Brattle Book Shop is located at 9 West Street in Boston's Downtown Crossing section and open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. More information is at www.brattlebookshop.com or call 800-447-9595. Ken has often been seen as a guest book appraiser on PBS' "Antiques Roadshow."

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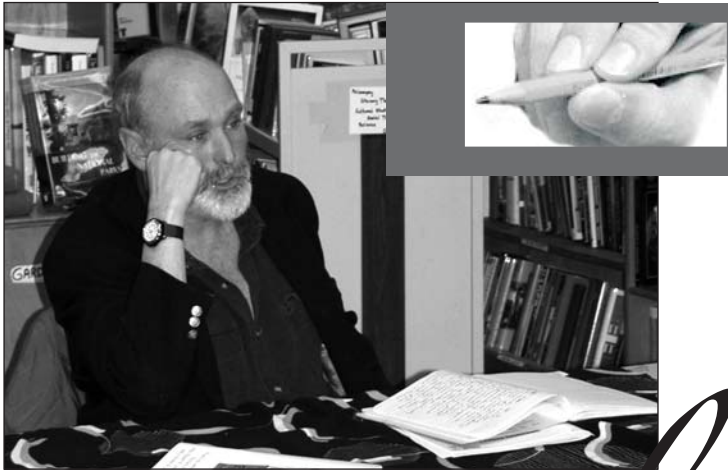
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7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	1:00pm	Talking about Somerville
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Talking about Somerville	4:00pm	Boston Tango Festival	2:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	10:00pm	Energy Theater	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00pm	Creepy Castle	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
11:00am	Abugida TV	Friday, January 18					
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Rooster Tails	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	6:00am	Road to Recovery	7:00pm	Couch's Corner	5:00pm	Culture Club
1:30PM	Henry Parker Presents	7:00am	Culture Club	7:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	5:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day
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3:00pm	Medical Tutor	9:00am	Energy Theater	10:00pm	Contemporary Science Issues & Innovations	7:00pm	Critical Focus
3:30pm	Talking about Somerville	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Grill Dog presents
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Somerville Back in the Day	Sunday, January 20			
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking.	Noon	Talking about Somerville	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Play by Play
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	12:30	Ablevision	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	7:00am	Flipside	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
7:00pm	Tonight's Special	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	7:30am	The Struggle	11:00pm	Energy Theater
7:30pm	Basic Buddha	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	Tuesday, January 23	
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	10:00am	International Church of God	6:00am	Road to Recovery
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:30am	Basic Buddha	7:00am	Outdoor Adventures (SCATV Special)
9:30pm	Couch's Corner	5:00pm	Couch's	11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00pm	Play by Play	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	Noon	Gerry Leone Show	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
11:00pm	The Garage	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	The Garage	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
11:30pm	The Literary Scene	6:30pm	Reeling Movie Reel	1:00pm	Critical Focus	11:00am	Somerville Most Interesting Places
Thursday, January 17		6:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	2:00pm	Energy Theater	11:30am	Ablevision
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Inside Talk	3:00pm	Rompendo en Fe	Noon	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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7:00am	Physician Focus	9:00pm	The Garage	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:30pm	Somerville Arts Festival
7:30am	Ablevision	9:30pm	Play by Play	7:00pm	African Television Network	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
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10:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	Saturday, January 19		11:30pm	Somerville Rocks!	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	Monday, January 21			
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2:30pm	Somerville Arts Festival	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	6:30am	Physician Focus	7:30pm	Greater Somerville (LIVE)
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		8:40pm:	Senior Housing Symposium	Wednesday, January 16			
		10:15pm:	Somerville Gives Back	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City	8:10pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere
Sunday, January 20				12:00pm	Girls Basketball vs Cambridge	9:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford
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7:45pm:	Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison	9:00am:	The Gerry Leone Show	6:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden	3:30am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford
8:40pm:	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:30pm	Our Schools, Our City	12:00pm	Our Schools, Our City
9:35pm:	Three Paths to Italy	12:30pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	8:00pm	Girls Basketball vs Cambridge	12:30pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Cambridge
Thursday, January 17				10:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere	1:00pm	Learning About the Somerville Public Schools
12:00am:	The Gerry Leone Show	1:00pm:	Somerville By Design #3	Thursday, January 17			
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8:10pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	1:40am:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	4:00am	Middle School Winter Concert	3:15am	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Malden Catholic
8:40pm:	Senior Housing Symposium	2:10am:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	9:00am	Argenziano Instrumental Concert: Grades 4-8	4:30am	SHS Hockey vs Revere
10:15pm:	Somerville Gives Back	9:00am:	Hard Target	12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Cambridge	9:00am	Learning About Somerville Public Schools
Saturday, January 19				2:10pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere	12:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere
12:00am:	2013 City Hall Midterm Ceremonies	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford	12:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford
1:10am:	The Gerry Leone Show	12:30pm:	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	5:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden	2:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop
1:40am:	Senior Housing Symposium	2:00pm:	Clean 'Ville of Health	7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett - LIVE	3:30pm	Our Schools, Our City
3:15am:	Somerville Gives Back	3:00pm:	Senior Circuit	10:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett	6:00pm	Registering For Kindergarten at the PIC
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Bagel Bard releases a new book of poetry with Somerville's Ibbetson Street Press



Well, for 15 years now the Ibbetson Street Press has been putting out a quality literary magazine Ibbetson Street as well as a number of poetry collections, memoirs, and anthologies. Our latest release is from Bagel Bard Philip Burnham, Jr. I included this review by Boston Area Small Press and Poetry Scene (<http://dougholder.blogspot.com>) writer Dennis Daly.

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Philip Burnham murmurs his subdued poems to us as if they were delicate miracles of nature or intricate tidal secrets. And many of them are. His poetic techniques, although traditional, are never overbearing and Burnham's rhymes, off-rhymes, and near rhymes flow easily and unforced. The poet's persona captures you with his likeability and does a masterful job conveying love, loss, and mortality through images of the natural world and an extraordinary perception of the ordinary and touchable implements of time and place.

The sonnet, *Fog at Round Pond, Maine*, fittingly introduces this collection. Boats become personified vessels of dreams, which either strain at life's moorings or lay low in hibernation. Burnham begins this way,

See how the boats are compass to the wind,
Bows pointed east toward Muscongus Bay,
Taut on their moorings, slipped against the play
Of tides, their line as of a single mind...

A bit of color can change everything. So the poet seems to suggest in his poem, *Waiting for the Red-winged Blackbirds*. We leave the dark and passive monotony of winter and enter into the staccato of rebirth. And with this rebirth comes a subtle intimation of danger. Burnham describes the commotion,

...returning birds flashing their
Red shoulders in the cane, staccato cries
Of greeting and of warning cross the air
When dark arrival, ritual mating
Signify an end to winter waiting.

The blood of imagination and romance can infuse the most remote and windswept geography with passion and mystery. The poem *Nohaval Cove, County Cork* does exactly that, not with full blown stories, but with pointed suggestions—a neat artifice that Burnham accomplishes with great effect. Following an unmarked and overgrown path down a precarious cliff, the poet discovers his singular metaphor. He describes it thusly,

... a narrow
Cove slid under brae and bluff, a shallow
Treacherous peat black water's waves to wear
Round sharp-shinned shards of blunt Irish coast sheared
Off into a secret landfall for boats
Of rebels, smugglers, lovers, come about
Conspiracy, so willing to risk all
To be ashore, or gone...

Burnham uses the technique of suggestion in his anti-war poem entitled *On Pemaquid Beach: The Lost Soldier*. He demands that his readers conjure up the battles of Anzio and Normandy and the emotion and drama of those two debarkations. I go him one further and think of Gallipoli. Then he changes the context of this unknown soldier, or does he. Here is the last stanza,

Then as the dunes were cleared, the armies' heated joust
Come to an end, brave talk of battles went among
His comrades when he unnoticeably fell, lost
In the gathering of toys children carried home.

War does at a distance seem to be little more than a gather-

ing of God's children and their curious toys.

Many of Burnham's nature poems emit an impressionistic, almost a Monet-like shimmer of light. In *A Dream of Fishes* the surface sparkles with treasure emanating from a deeper place. The poet says it is,

...as if someone had ploughed
Dark fields and turned up diamonds or a horde
Of hidden coins, a miser treasury
From some forgotten king whose wealth was stored
Too deep for public generosity.

Obviously a royal member of the 1%!

The poem *Beach Stones* also uses this impressionistic angle to observe nature and then adds a bit of alchemy to the mix. The piece begins this way,

Like jewels in an ancient kingdom's crown
Half-buried under sand small smooth stones lie
Sea-washed brilliant to catch a wander eye
At the retreat of tides lovers come down
To walk along the silvered water's edge
In broken repetitions whispering
"Again," "again," imagining a ring...

Burnham's love poems in this collection are well done on multiple levels. In the poem *1960 Wedding Photograph* the poet describes a momentary Eden of happiness, almost a childhood game of pretend that was, of course, not pretend, but very real and very lovely. The poet meditates on this moment of light and shadow decades later with updated information and an exposed sadness. He laments,

... the bride
Two of her bridesmaids and a groomsman die,
Two maids and two men are divorced, the groom,
His best man widowed...

The Companion piece of the previous poem is *Anniversary 1961*. It interests me for a couple of reasons. First of all it is beautifully done with an affecting metaphor of two doves and two ways of seeing things. The second thing is the technique. If this regularly metered poem had been perfectly rhymed it would not have worked. So Burnham seems to have disguised his rhymes ever so slightly; and, just like that, the tone rings true. Listen,

A twelve-month passage from our wedding day
We sailed aboard a queen to England bound,
A gift of doves for anniversary,
One looked to sea, the other back to land.

Gold-eyed, sienna figures smooth as love
For two score years and more they were displayed
On mantles in the houses where we lived,
One saw the hearth, the other looked away.

A poem Burnham wrote for his daughter entitled *Departure's Space* has at its heart almost a metaphysical section recalling the mental constructions of 16th century Jesuit Matteo Ricci—his memory palaces. Burnham explains,

Our Pacific to Atlantic Oceans'
Continental separation distance

Enough to raise over the weathered face
Of earth a memory palace from times
Of meeting, conversation, embrace,
A breeze-borne architecture, love's design

Where we may turn to return to repose
At days' end...

These and the other well-wrought poems of Burnham's are best read on a wild and deserted spur of stone separated from shore by the tidal powers. Recite them aloud; then savor their elegance for years to come.

Dennis Daly is the author of *The Custom House*.

A colleague of mine on the English faculty at Bunker Hill Community College, Gila Rachel has written a very "contained" poem. Hopefully it will help you break out of your winter doldrums.

the container store

everything's a container, dad said, except for the universe.

when we pulled into the hot parking lot, sandwiched between
the movie theater and the travel agency, dad said, do you mind
if I kneel and kiss the ground?

inside he pressed his forehead against a stack of snapware and
exhaled.

he smiled at rows of plastic containers, glass containers with
plastic lids, sandwich-shaped containers that snapped shut
along the edges, rectangular containers for butter, egg con-
tainers with bubbled bottoms, a stainless steel garbage can to
keep under the sink.

people pushed shopping carts with squeaking wheels over
white linoleum flooring. people purchased white plastic hang-
ers, clear under-the-bed boxes to store sweaters in summer,
plastic shoe racks, chrome salt shakers, silicon ice cube trays,
and tincture bottles of brown glass.

in high school i read a thurber essay called the container and
the thing contained.

in it, one man asks another, why are you so black and blue?
the man replied, my wife threw a tomato at me.
the man asked why that should make such bruises.
the tomato was in can, he said.

everything's a thing contained, i said to my dad, except for
us.

- Gila Rachel

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