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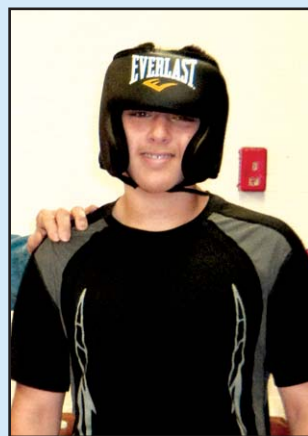
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Bob Publicover passes



Photo by Andrew Firestone

A much beloved Somerville resident, Bob Publicover, passed away on Monday. The full obituary on p.3.

2012: The year in review

By The News Staff

As we usher in the new year, it is always worthwhile to look back and survey the events of the year gone by. Through the reportage of *The Somerville News* staff, we can assemble an overview of the notable events of 2012.

In retrospect, it can certainly be said that the past year was packed with plenty of noteworthy events and happenings in and around Somerville. Major development projects rising, and sometimes falling. An election cycle that brings in new faces, as we say farewell to others. Natural disasters, and a few brought on by ourselves or those outside the community.

2012 was a year that saw much in the way of making progress in achieving certain goals, as well as facing limitations in what was possible, given the state of the economy and the challenge of living within our means financially. Other issues concerned how best to deal with problems confronting residents' daily lives, and the qualities that make living in Somerville worthwhile.

The following stories topped our list of noteworthy events:

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Anne everlasting

By Nick Moorhead

This past week, Anne Glennon celebrated her 105th birthday with her friends at Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville. Anne has lived there since she was 85. "By now, I should own half of it," she quips.

Anne was born in Boston on Christmas in 1907, which makes her a little over a hundred and five years old. Given that the average life expectancy of a human living in the United States is in the mid-70s, this degree of longevity is totally astounding. If you want directions to the fountain of eternal life, however, Anne doesn't have them. What she has are bits and pieces of practical advice for how to take care of yourself. She walks every morning. She has never smoked in her life, but enjoys a glass of wine with dinner. This is all well and good, but what's the secret? How has she survived so long? "Spaghetti and meatballs," Anne teases.

Anne's parents came over from Italy in the early 1900's and settled in Boston. She grew up in the North End in a family of eight siblings, four sisters and four brothers.

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Photo by Nick Moorhead

105-year-old Anne Glennon (right) says she owes her longevity to "clean living."

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NEWTALK

Happy New Year everyone, all our friends both here in the 'Ville and outside the 'Ville. Hopefully, 2013 will be a great year for all of us. A prosperous and healthy New Year to all.

The 237th annual “Grand Union” flag-raising ceremonies at Prospect Hill Park was held yesterday on the 1st and, as in the recent past, there were many dignitaries and residents that packed the ceremony this very cold day here in Somerville.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., is “Open Mic” night at The Armory Café. It's the first Wednesday of every month. This month's featured performer at 8:00 p.m. is Linnea Herzog.

It's with much sadness that we report the news that the former Publisher of the Somerville News and great guy who has done a lot here in Somerville, Mr. Robert James Lamb Publicover, passed away early morning December 31. Pub, as he is known by many here in the 'Ville, will be waked on Friday January 4 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Masonic service (to be performed by members of King Solomon's Lodge) 7 p.m., at Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway, Somerville. Internment: Saturday January 5, Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. We here at the paper will miss Bob's wit and humorous ways he had about him. He leaves his partner David as well as his sister Marilyn and many other family members who, along with his many friends here in Somerville, mourn his passing.

Please join the Somerville Chamber of Commerce to kick off the New Year at the Chamber's Business After Hours at Foundry on Elm, 255 Elm Street, Davis Square. Sponsorship available. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 3, 2013. Free appetizers and excellent networking. Bring your business cards for the drawing. RSVP with

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Our Dear Friend Bob Publicover, 1949-2012*

Thank you so much Bob. says:
Thanks so much Bob for all you did. Somerville is lesser without you in it.

Jennifer Lynch says:
RIP.
By the way, does the King Solomon's Lodge admit women?

Somervillian says:
Bob will be missed.

Billy Tauro says:
Bob, rest in peace my friend, rest in peace!

Bill Shelton says:
Bob's first foray into journalism was a column that he wrote, beginning in his teen years, called "Youth tells it like it is." His views were conservative.
He was always prepared to respectfully and cordially engage those with opposing views. So much so that he should serve as an example to those who today call themselves "conservative."
He was good company as well. I am saddened to learn that he will no longer be with us.

ELIO LORUSSO says:
Bob you will never be forgotten for all you have done in and around Somerville. You will be missed.

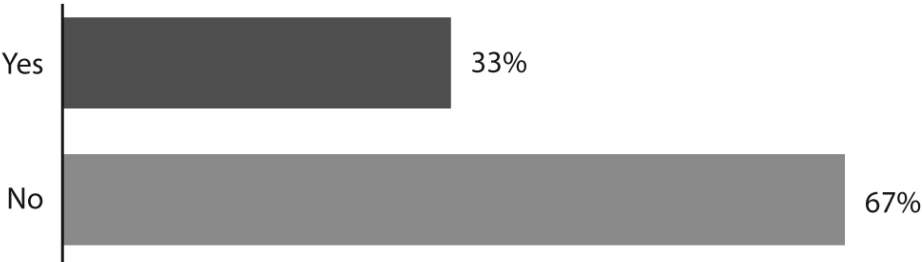
Courtney O'Keefe says:
My most heartfelt sympathies to Bob's husband, family, friends, and the entire staff at the Somerville News. This is a sad day for Somerville.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

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 kept your last year's New Year's Resolution. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Did you keep your last year's New Year's Resolution?



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OBITUARY

Our Dear Friend Bob Publicover, 1949-2012

Bob (Pub) Publicover passed peacefully at home surrounded by the love of family and friends on December, 31, 2012. Bob, a lifelong resident of Somerville was the former owner/editor of and worked hard to make Somerville "The greatest place to live!" He was a co-founder of the Somerville High Scholarship Fund, was instrumental in remaking Davis Square into what it is today, a member of the Somerville Home Board of Trustees, and was both prominent and respected in local politics. He was a proud member of the Masons (King Solomon's Lodge) and a much adored Dad Advisor with the Boston Chapter of DeMolay.

Bob may have worn many hats in his lifetime but was proudest of his AIDS work. Having written two books on living with, and educating about AIDS, he was also known as the coun-

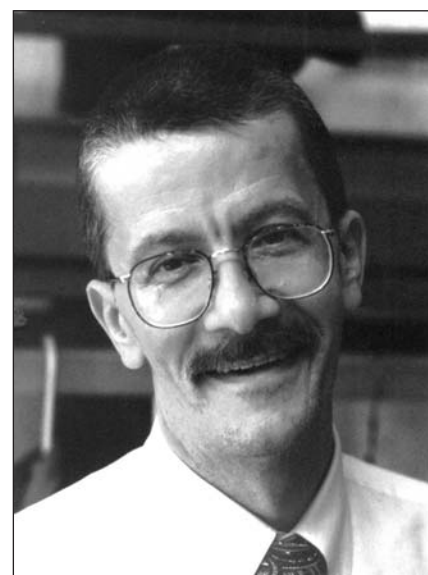
try's longest living AIDS survivor (over 30 years positive). His aptly named column, "Bluntly Speaking," garnered him many accolades and awards. In 1984 he founded The Committee For A Response To AIDS, a non-profit charity that still helps those both living with, and those affected by, the illness. It was through his charity work that he was able to form the Somerville Dinner Program and the AIDS Push Cart which brought food and care to those too ill to care for themselves. He never stopped working to educate people about the disease and was often found quietly giving guidance to those who were newly diagnosed or looking for a gentle word and an open ear.

Bob is survived by his husband David Le Bahn; sister Marilyn Publicover; her children Al Jr., Bill and Mike Schleppe and daughter Dar-

lane Crow; brother Ken Publicover; wife Mary, and their sons Kenny and Tony; sister-in-law Margo Grace; husband Charles and their sons CJ, James and Elliott; sister-in-law Ruth Howell; husband Brian and their daughter Abigail; and father-in law David LeBahn Sr. He is also survived by his very special and dear "2nd family" John and Grace Carabineras and their daughter Nancy Lewis; husband Steve and their children Sharyn and Shawn; and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Partner John H. Carabineras and Nephew Steve Schleppe.

Bob was truly an inspiration to all those around him and will be greatly missed by many.

Visitors will be seen on Friday, January 4 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., with Masonic service, to be performed by members of King Solomon's Lodge, at



Robert J.L. Publicover

7 p.m., at Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway, Somerville.

Internment: Saturday, January 5, Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

2012: The year in review CONT. FROM PG 1

Union Square Revitalization/GLX

In the July 18, 2012, edition of *The Somerville News*, Elizabeth Sheeran reported on the controversy surrounding a proposed five-story, 40-unit apartment complex that the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) hoped to build at 181 Washington Street, the former Boys and Girls Club site:

SCC Director Danny Leblanc said the project supports the non-profit's mission to increase affordable housing options in Somerville. "We're trying to maintain the economic diversity that we enjoy in the community today," said Leblanc. "We're trying to do everything we can to enable moderate and low income residents to stay here, to sustain a Somerville that can be for everyone."

Opponents said the planned development would take the neighborhood in the wrong direction. "It's too dense. It's out of

character for that end of the Square. It's the wrong development as the new gateway into Union Square," said Zac Zaslloff, founder of Union Square Rising, a residents' group that counters the SCC's "Everyone's Somerville" motto with the slogan, "There's room for everyone. But let's be smart about it."

In the August 22, edition of *The News*, writer Cathleen Twardzik covered the Board of Aldermen special meeting, which examined the pros and cons of the Union Square Revitalization Plan, a draft of which was submitted to the Board by Mayor Curtatone:

The plan, which spans 117 acres in the Union Square area, includes seven development blocks that are slated for acquisition by the city after a period of several years. It would implement the development vision.

"I look forward to the public process that's going to accompany the discussion of the revital-

ization plan," said Maryann Heuston, Alderman of Ward 2. She considers this plan as a "comprehensive approach."

In the October 10 edition of *The News*, Jim Clark reported that the Union Square Redevelopment Plan was approved by the Board of Aldermen:

The program, outlined in the 150-page document that the Board approved, calls for acquisition of certain properties in the D2 sector that will further facilitate the Green Line Extension effort.

Alderman Lafuente, in addressing the Board, said, "This is another opportunity to grow our tax base, which will allow us to maintain our public safety, city services, and keep our tax rate low. As a small business owner, I am mindful of what we do here today, and how it will impact other small business owners in Union Square."

Assembly Square/IKEA

The trials and travails of the As-



An architect's rendering of the building planned for 181 Washington Street.

sembly Square redevelopment effort has been followed closely by *The News* this past year.

Andrew Firestone filed an early report on January 11, relating Mayor Curtatone's enthusiasm for the project:

"Assembly Square will be a neighborhood for all," he said.

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

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

City closes Night Games Lounge following fracas

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Superintendent of Inspectional Services, Eddie Nuzzo, announced Tuesday morning that, following additional review and investigation into Friday's incident at the Holiday Inn Somerville's Night Games Lounge, several "life and safety" violations related to the building's emergency backup systems were cited in the Lounge, leading to the indefinite suspension of its operating permit and immediate cancellation of events until further notice.

On the morning of Friday, December 28, 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.

On Friday afternoon, city inspectors and fire marshals conducted a site review and revoked the Certificate of Occupancy for the Lounge due to problems with the night club's emergency lighting system. The Somerville Licensing Commission is expected to hold a hearing to review whether the alcohol and entertainment licenses should be modified, suspended, revoked for potential violations of the Somerville Licensing Rules and Regulations. The hearing will take place at the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting in January.

"We take incidents like these very seriously, and intend to take every action necessary both to address this particular issue, and to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future," said Mayor Curtatone. "Somerville has gained a very positive reputation for our arts, music and restaurant scene in recent years, and we continue to expand upon those opportunities. Negative events like the incident at the Holiday Inn last week will not be taken lightly, both as they relate to public safety and as for what our community stands for as a whole. We will continue to work with ISD and the Somerville Police Department to address any ongoing code or safety violations at Night Games, and other similar establishments."

"Ward 1 has made great strides in recent months and years, and with great new business development potential on the near horizon, incidents like these tarnish both our reputation and our residents' quality of life, and I commend the city staff working to ensure this doesn't continue in our ward, or anywhere else in the City of Somerville," said Ward 1 Alderman Maureen Bastardi. "Our residents are known for our neighborhood pride, and I know we will continue to prove that Somerville is an innovative, safe, and fun city to live, work, play and raise a family."

The city's Neighborhood Impact Team will continue to monitor violations at Night Games, which will remain indefinitely closed. The Licensing Board will deliberate on its liquor license next month.

2012: The year in review – Crime

'You'll shoot your eye out'

Originally published in the January 25, 2012, edition of The Somerville News.

At the behest of the Somerville Police Gang/Anti-Crime Unit, officers engaged two males last week who were walking in the area of Franklin Street near Broadway.

The individuals were reportedly asked to stop for questioning, but continued walking away.

The officers caught up with them and reportedly heard a clanking metallic sound on the ground near them.

One of the individuals, a 17-year-old, repeatedly refused to comply with the officer's commands to show his hands, police said, and struggled when officers attempted to handcuff him.

A BB gun pistol was reportedly found on the ground at the scene. The juvenile suspect stated that he carried it for his own protection, police said.

He was subsequently charged with resisting arrest and being a minor in possession of a BB gun.

Kmart employee a little too sympathetic

Originally published in the April 11, 2012, edition of The Somerville News.

Police were called to the Kmart store on Middlesex Ave. last Saturday to investigate a reported larceny.

Upon arrival, officers were briefed by the store's loss prevention personnel, whereupon they were informed that one of the store's cashier's had been allegedly involved in a scheme to allow certain customers to leave the store with goods that were unpaid for.

Reportedly, Phillip Rogers, 53, of Boston, and Laurie Ann Garrett, 41, of Malden had taken various items to the checkout stand operated by Maria Crooker, 47, of Everett, and while a few of the items were scanned for sale, others would be placed in a bag by Crooker without being scanned, police said.

Store loss prevention personnel had taken notice of this activity prior to Rogers and Garrett leaving the store and all three parties were detained until police arrived.

It was noted by loss prevention personnel that another individual was involved in the activity but the person fled after being confronted.

Upon questioning by police, Crooker reportedly told them that she felt bad for the customers involved so she scanned some items and placed others in bags without scanning them.

All three parties were placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250 and conspiracy.

Burglars sit it out

Originally published in the October 3, 2012, edition of The Somerville News.

Police responded to a reported auto burglary in progress on Bartlett St. last week.

Responding officers were reportedly told that the back window of the vehicle had been smashed out by two men and that they were in the process of burglarizing the car.

Upon arrival, officers did not see anyone near the car, but radioed reports indicated that a witness had phoned police and told them that the intruders were inside the car.

As officers approached the vehicle they found the two men in the front seats of the car, fully reclined back in order to hide from police, according to reports.

Sergio Aparicio-Jimenez, 18, and Jonathan Machado, 18, were each placed under arrest and charged with felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat and possession of a burglarious instrument.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Eugene Silva, 52, December 22, 11:24 a.m., arrested on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime and abuse prevention order violation.

Daniel Cunha, 32, of 9 Pinckney Pl., December 23, 2:45 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on charges of possession of a class A drug, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and possession of a class E drug.

Daphne Evans, 21, of 69 Bird St., Dorchester, December 28, 12:04 a.m., arrested at 30 Washington St. on a charge of

affray common law.

Shaneze Franklin, 20, of 28 Gayland St., Dorchester, December 28, 12:04 a.m., arrested at 30 Washington St. on a charge of affray common law.

John Juppe, 32, of 24 Winter St., Arlington, December 28, 10:01 a.m., arrested at 530 Somerville Ave. on charges of utter false prescription, conspiracy, and forgery of a document.

Micheal Splaine, 24, December 28, 10:01 a.m., arrested at 530 Somerville Ave. on charges of utter false prescription, con-

spiracy, and forgery of a document.

Stephania Lugin, 32, of 5 Briarcliff Rd., Hopedale, December 29, 2:17 a.m., arrested at 890 Broadway on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Incidents:

Theft:

December 26, 2:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Munroe St.

December 26, 3:57 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

December 26, 4:15 p.m., po-

lice reported a theft at Maple Ave.

December 27, 9:55 a.m., police reported a theft at Austin St.

December 27, 11:13 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

December 27, 12:37 p.m., police reported a theft at High St.

Robbery:

December 27, 2:40 a.m., police reported a robbery at School St.

Breaking & Entering:

December 26, 12:52 p.m., po-

lice reported a breaking & entering at River Rd.

December 26, 4:57 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

December 27, 1:18 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

Vehicle Theft:

December 28, 7:45 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Gilman St.

Assault:

December 28, 12:04 a.m., police reported an assault at 30 Washington St.

Police cruiser windows smashed on Christmas morning



Somerville Police Department cruiser #789 fell victim to a big rock that someone used to smash its front windshield and rear window while it was parked across the street from 1109 Broadway, where the West District Neighborhood Police Sub Station is located. The incident occurred sometime between midnight Christmas Eve and 8:30 a.m. Christmas Day. Somerville Police are reviewing camera footage in an attempt to identify a suspect.

- William Tauro

Anne everlasting CONT. FROM PG 1

One of her favorite aspects of living in the North End was her proximity to the Kennedy's. They lived just a couple of blocks away from Anne's childhood home on Hanover Street. Her worst memory of that time was The Great Molasses Flood of 1919. A huge molasses tank exploded, killing 21 people and injuring over 150. There were also numerous animals hurt. Anne is clearly an animal lover, as she seems almost as distraught about the deaths of the horses as she is about the people when recalling the molasses explosion.

Anne's Italian heritage is a source of pride that she returns to throughout the conversation with emphasis. She says she doesn't eat as much Italian dishes as you would expect, given her heritage, but that she loves *caffè corretto*, coffee with liquor. "I don't eat eggplant, though," Anne says.

Anne divulges that she's lasted this long by living a quiet life, not going out on the town much, staying in most nights. These days, she prefers relaxing in her room in front of a Red Sox game to coming down to the auditorium, which serves as the common

room at Little Sisters of the Poor. Despite her reticence about socializing, she has many friends and fans among the community.

One friend of hers suggests that Anne is a "bingo nut", and Anne confirms this. "I play with six cards," Anne says, which is a lot for someone her age - not that there are many people in that bracket for points of comparison - but Anne is very much with it. "I pay a dollar fifty to play, but a win is only fifty cents." Though Anne sounds slightly perturbed about this incongruent issue, you get the feeling she's playing for a love of the game, as opposed to some half-baked, late in life get rich quick scheme. "We like to buy clothes here, but I didn't buy anything this year," she says. Her Christmas are simple, but she likes it like that.

Anne has to like the quiet holidays, as she's the only surviving sibling in her family. Longevity is a recurrent theme in the Glennon clan, however. Her brother, a science professor she recalls fondly, lived until 102. "He was a smart egg," she says. "To live this long, you have to be really smart, or really stupid." A friend



who was listening to our interview asked how Anne had made it this far, and Anne said she was part of the stupid group. Once the prying acquaintance walked over to the bar for a soda, Anne's tune changed. "I'm like you," she said. "I have a good head. Some of these people here, they're almost as old as me, and they don't know anything. It's pitiful."

After awhile, Anne gives away the secret to her longevity, one that shouldn't surprise any smart eggs. "Clean living," she says. Also integral to Anne's life are her religious beliefs. "God is my boss," she says. "I talk to God every day." If I had to make a wager about God's role in her life, knowing that she has survived well over a century on Earth, during a tumultuous era including The Great Depression and two World Wars? I'd bet that God is talking back to Anne, big time.

THE Somerville News Person of the Year 2012



Retiring Middlesex County Registrar of Deeds, former Mayor of Somerville, former Alderman Ward 6 and former Board of Health member, Eugene C. Brune, is a man who has many friends both here in Somerville and elsewhere. What a great guy and what a great guy he has been for Somerville. A family man, public figure, who is generous with both his time and energy to many causes here in Somerville. You won't find many, if any, former mayors that have been as involved as he has since he left City Hall in the late 1980s. He has kept himself busy full time with various worthwhile charitable causes that have affected and benefited Somerville as a whole. When he was mayor he brought a breath of fresh air to City Hall, embarking on many things that helped to make our city what it is today. The Red Line in Davis was one of many things he worked on to get started and completed. When he left City Hall it was a much different place than when he arrived and city government was better managed than before, leaving those that came afterwards pretty big shoes to fill. He was founder and co-founder of many charities here, including the Somerville High Scholarship Foundation and many others. Every time you turn around there was some agency or non-profit needing his expertise and, more importantly, his name and what it means to many here in Somerville. He's retiring from politics now as the new Registrar of Deeds is installed on January 2. Eugene C. Brune will now head off to the private sector, but don't expect him to retire from loving his city of Somerville. He's going to be involved in a lot of charities still and we are all grateful for his giving of himself. We salute Eugene C. Brune as our pick as The Somerville News Person of the Year 2012. We wish him health, a long life and much happiness in his transformation from politician to private citizen, even though a special private citizen here in Somerville. Say "Hi" to Gene, as he likes to be called, and engage him in a conversation about his favorite subject, Somerville. Thank you, Gene, for all your hard work and dedication.

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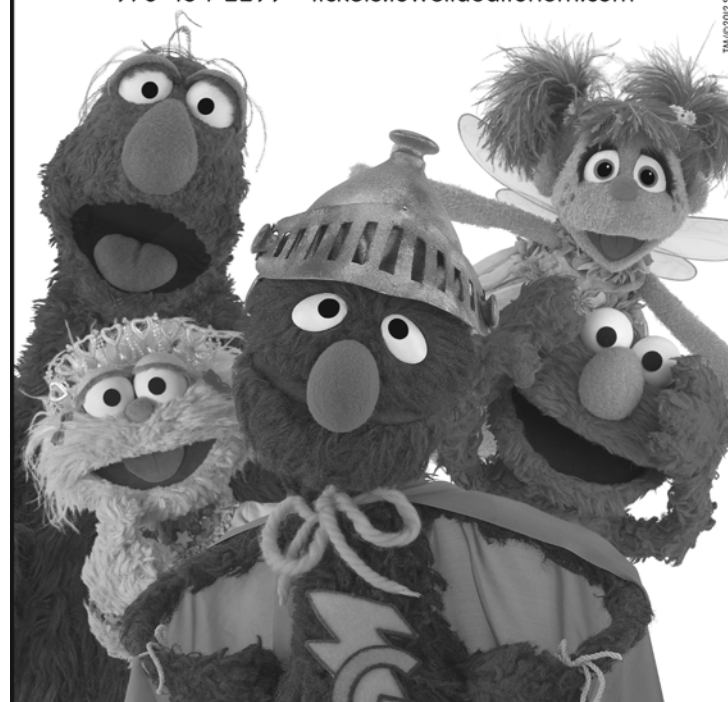
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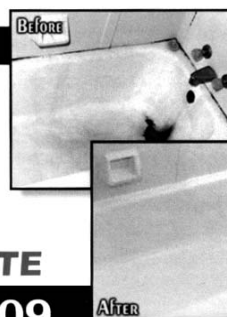
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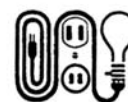
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2012: The year in review CONT. FROM PG 3

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

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

The development took a blow, however, when it was announced that IKEA would be pulling out of the project, leaving the huge parcel it would have occupied empty.

In the December 12 edition of *The News*, Jim Clark wrote of Federal Realty's bid to purchase the land:

In a statement issued by Federal Realty, Senior Vice President for Development Don Briggs said. "The 12 acres being sold by IKEA is extremely well located real estate, less than two miles from downtown Boston and serviced by transit. Assembly Square is closer to downtown Boston than most of Boston and sits in the heart of the innovation talent pool. The vision for the 12 acre parcel would include mixed use buildings including office, medical office, residential, and a regional grocer as a major element in the overall design plan."

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone commented on the matter saying, "Federal Realty has already demonstrated that it shares the city's vision for the Assembly Square district as a true urban neighborhood. I think their preliminary development approach for the IKEA parcel will enhance the future of the entire district as a thriving community and a multimodal destination for shopping, dining and entertainment. No other developer in the country has more experience with projects based squarely on smart-growth, sustainable, mixed-use, transit-oriented development. The speed at which Assembly Row project is already moving confirms that the development model embraced by the city and Federal Realty has already begun to maximize the project's value as a source of private sector growth, jobs, and long-term revenues for investors, tenants, the city and its residents. I could not be more delighted about this announcement, including the grocery store component. We were sorry to lose IKEA, which has been a responsible development partner, but Federal's plan will be even better for our city."

Gene Brune retires; Maria Curtatone elected new Register of Deeds

Former Somerville mayor Gene Brune decided to retire from his current position as Register of Deeds for Middlesex County.

In a close race, the present mayor's sister, Maria Curtatone, edged out her closest competitor, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, to win election to the post.

Food trucks approved for Somerville

The Board of Aldermen and its Committee on Legislative Matters debated and ultimately approved the Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance at its October 23 meeting, as reported in the October 24 edition of *The News* by Harry Kane:

As defined by the City of Somerville, the Mobile Food Vender is "any mobile operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, sells, or otherwise provides for human consumption any prepared or packaged food or beverages from a truck or cart, including ice cream and non-ice cream food and beverage products."

The criteria for issuance of vendor licenses, under the Boards' ordinance, are based on the "general welfare and convenience of the community."

For a new mobile vendor applicant the issuance of a license is in the ballpark of \$750 dollars. There are additional fees associated with the license if the operator decides to work after-hours. All new applicants are required to have a public hearing before being granted the license.

Normal operating hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. If the vendor decides to operate his food truck after the designated hours



Retailer giant IKEA said, "thanks but no thanks" to an Assembly Square location.

there is an additional \$500 dollar fee.

Those vendors who are renewing their licenses in the new-year will pay \$390 dollars, according to the Board of Aldermen.

Angle-in Parking given a try

The July 4 edition of *The News* reported that "angle-in parking" had commenced on a trial basis on Bow St.:

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Acting Traffic and Parking Director Matthew Dias announced that initial data suggests that the pilot program to calm traffic, promote pedestrian and bicycle safety, and increase the parking supply in Union Square is working as intended. Traffic radar data indicates that traffic along Bow Street has slowed by an average of ten percent and bicyclists report that the new bike lane makes the area safer. By nearly doubling the supply of parking, the new configuration also helps support additional customer visits, which

results in added revenue for local businesses.

"We're going to continue to monitor the experiment, but so far, so good," said Dias. "Radar data shows a modest drop in average speeds, which is something we were hoping for: area residents and residents from Properzi Manor on Warren Ave had repeatedly expressed concerns about high-speeds and cut-through traffic. We've slowed things down slightly by reducing travel to a single lane, but the reality is that the pace of traffic is more consistent with what you'd experience in a mixed-use neighborhood with heavy foot traffic."

City declares war on rats

The ever-present problem of rodent infestation was taken on in earnest by city officials last year. Elizabeth Sheeran reported on the issue in the July 25 edition of *The News*:

The local rat population has exploded this year, and the Board of Aldermen has declared war on the advancing army of rodents, enlisting the health department, city inspectors and even the city's lawyers to formulate a battle plan.

"We've been asking for things to be stepped up a notch, because it's been a real problem this summer," *Continued on page 16*



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“Remember kids, marijuana is a dangerous drug.”

The View From Prospect Hill



Looking back to the year just passed is an interesting thing to do. Sometimes sobering, at other times amusing, yet always somewhat inspiring if one considers what has been accomplished and what else is left to be done.

A lot has been accomplished in the city. Many ongoing and new initiatives have been pushed forward and continue into the new year. The advance of progress and renewal marches on as we in turn

continue the pursuit of our individual hope and dreams.

Observing and participating in the machinations of municipal goings on, even at the lowest level, is something of a civic duty that we all should share a sense of responsibility for. It's what makes democracy great, that every man and woman makes a difference in what transpires, mainly when they express their viewpoints at the polls.

Looking ahead to what may come in 2013, we can't help but feel optimistic about the days ahead. It will take some hard work and serious planning, but an improving economy is within sight, as is better civic infrastructure, community resources, and a plethora of other important quality of life issues.

As always, it's up to us to push things in the right direction. To send the proper signals to our city officials. To back them

up when they get it right, and to call them on it when they go astray. They have their duties and we have ours. Let each one carry on in the best fashion possible.

It is the way of our community. We enjoy a uniquely favorable reputation as those who can.

We wish each and every one of our readers the best in the year to come. May peace, prosperity, and good health bless you and yours.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

name(s) and affiliation(s) of you and your guests to smackey@somervillechamber.org

Last week we forgot to say Happy Birthday to Jeaneen Barletta, who celebrated her birthday in the 'Ville this past Friday.

Happy Birthday to many good 'Villens and fans out there: Paul Peddle is celebrating this week, as well as Christopher Kenny and our good friend Pam Gee. Also this week is well-known Arts at the Armory Café guy Danny Kallis. Stop in to the Café and say “Hi” and HB to him, as well as former 'Villen Lisa Ludwick, Christine Angiulo McCollem and Eddie Coyle. Also, Happy Birthday to Leo DeSimone, who works for the school department. One guy we should point out who developed that

favorite, Fluff, Archibald Query, celebrated his birthday this week.

City planners and their consultants will show proposals for the future of neighborhood squares, based upon the forthcoming Green Line stations. This meeting will summarize the work and community participation activities from the October vision session and November 2-day workshop event. Please join them at the Somerville Armory on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm for the presentation of the neighborhood plans for Ball Square, Magoun Square / Lowell Street, and Gilman Square. Based upon this presentation and feedback at this meeting, the staff at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development will work to complete neighborhood plans for each station that can help the city make fu-

ture decisions about street and sidewalk design, land use regulations and development proposals. For a complete background on this program, visit www.somervillebydesign.com.

Glide, jump, spin and have fun in the New Year. The season for ice-skating is here. Learn to skate or improve your Recreational, Figure or Hockey Skating Skills. Classes are held at the Cambridge Simoni Rink on Gore St., with lessons starting on Saturday January 5 at 2:00 p.m. for a 7-week series. Also, at the Somerville Veterans Memorial Rink located on Somerville Ave., with lessons starting on January 13 for a 6-week series. The Learn-to-Skate Classes, as featured on Chronicle, are for children ages 4 and up and adults wearing either figure or hockey skates. Professional Instructors teach begin-

ner, intermediate and advanced levels. Join the fun and advance your skills at the Cambridge and Somerville Rinks, or at any of 10 other rink locations. To register for classes or to get additional information, please call the Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480, or visit us online at <http://www.baystateskatingschool.org> /. Gift Certificates available. Ice skate and feel great!

Don't forget The Somerville Winter Farmers' Market is 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. Mark your calendars: every Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hope to see you there.

COMMENTARY

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Influencing communities through music



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Music is an incredibly important part of the fabric of this city. It's more than just entertainment; it's part of our culture and our way of life here in Somerville. In recent years, we've increased

music education in our public schools, allocating more resources to what we view as an important tool for boosting academic success from a young age. And that's just one reason why we've supported the international El Sistema program and why we're piloting it in our own East Somerville Community School.

Founded by Venezuelan musician, Jose Antonio Abreu, in 1975, El Sistema is an intensive music education program taught Monday through Friday after school at the ESCS. Open to all students in grades 3 and 4, El Sistema Somerville currently gives 42 students the opportunity to be in a real orchestra, and learn real music. By next year,

we hope that we'll have 70 instruments, a full orchestra.

Music promotes teamwork, helps develop language skills, and practices the academic skills of discipline and responsibility. To my mind, it is an essential part of the education curriculum of Somerville.

This year's holiday concert for the East Somerville School, at which the El Sistema Somerville student orchestra played a concert entitled "A Community in Harmony," reinforced what I already knew to be true, that music enriches and enhances the lives not only of our young students, but of our entire community. Somerville's Program Director, Diane Cline, has made

tremendous progress in getting this program up and running here in Somerville, and I thank our colleagues at the El Sistema Charter School in Boston for helping to bring this innovative program into our city.

El Sistema currently allows students access to 20 violins, 8 violas, 9 cellos and 2 bass cellos, with more than a dozen volunteers, mostly young people, devoted to bringing classical music skills into the lives of these students. The program offers a sliding scale of needs-based enrollment cost, and is open to all families who wish to give their kids the gift of music. Its intensive schedule and training allow for advanced musical edu-

cation, but also provides other important support services to underserved young people in this and any other community served by El Sistema.

Walking into Diane's classroom, it is immediately evident how much this program means to its 42 participants. Chord charts for string instruments are displayed proudly on chalkboards, and dozens of kids sit, excited and organized, ready to play their next song. It's poetry in motion and good in vibration: a perfect introduction to the world of music. And most importantly, these kids are allowed to grow the way they need to in order to get ahead, and learn valuable social skills.

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Medical cannabis and beyond Part 2: Political history



By William C. Shelton

Cannabis politics extend back to Europeans' arrival in the Americas. Cannabis was indispensable to the imposition of their will by sea power. Eighty tons of hemp sales and rope drove Columbus's three ships.

In 1524, the explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano discovered cannabis growing wild in what is now Virginia. In 1619, King

James I decreed that each adult colonist must grow 100 cannabis plants per year.

From 1621, when Oxford scholar Robert Burton recommended cannabis for the treatment of depression, through the next three centuries, medical journals prescribed it for a wide array of ailments.

In 1839, British East India Company Surgeon William B. O'Shaughnessy published the first comprehensive study of medical cannabis in the West. Because of their remarkable efficacy, cannabis therapies quickly spread and entered the U.S. pharmacopeia in 1854.

But in the early 1890s some British colonial administrators

in India expressed concerns about the widespread use of "ganja" as an intoxicant. A Temperance League MP persuaded Lord Kimberly, Secretary of State for India, to convene the Indian Hemp Drugs Commission. Formed in 1893, it interviewed 1,193 witnesses and produced a 3,281-page report.

It concluded that "moderate use of hemp drugs appears to cause no appreciable physical injury of any kind...no injurious effects on the mind...no moral injury whatever."

In the late 19th and early 20th Centuries, Mexican agricultural workers brought the recreational smoking of cannabis to the U.S. It spread among jazz

musicians and African-Americans. The mainstream population's ignorance and fear of these socially marginal groups made possible William Randolph Hearst's and Harry Anslinger's fraudulent crusade against cannabis, as described in my last column.

Despite that crusade, before the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937 outlawed cannabis, fear of violent marijuana addicts was not widespread, significant, or in most cases, genuine. But few in Congress knew that. Nor, for that matter, did many legislators know that marijuana was cannabis.

New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia was skeptical. He

asked the New York Academy of Medicine to comprehensively study the subject. The Academy put together a team of physicians, pharmacologists, psychologists, and sociologists.

They studied the use and effects of cannabis in "tea pads"-over 500 venues in New York City where people could purchase and smoke cannabis in a social setting. They also conducted extensive clinical experiments and administered a battery of tests to cannabis smokers.

After five years of study, they published The LaGuardia Committee Report in 1944. It contradicted every allegation that Anslinger

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

New Years Eve...sure has changed!



Did you wake up with a splitting headache Tuesday, January 1, 2013? I didn't, but that's not the way it used to be.

How has the whole New Year's Eve celebration thing changed? Well I can only speak for myself and some of my Somerville friends. I can remember playing in the band at the Dilboy Post in Davis Square and going home with a ton of leftover Chinese food including gallon jugs full of duck sauce. I recall a certain New Year's Eve at The Embassy Lounge on Somerville Ave. that ended with the Police Department's van escorting some

patrons to jail. But that was the old days when we were younger.

We had that party instinct and we had more energy than we knew what to do with. We planned and waited anxiously for what was known as "amateur night." We weren't as careful as we should have been back then and a lot of us were lucky to have made it home safely.

We had some odd New Year's traditions when we were younger. Sometimes we would rent a hotel room and fill the tub with ice and beverages. Some would actually do midnight laps around Trum Field to celebrate. There was always a package deal at the now defunct Faces disco on route 2. You could ring in the

New Year with hi-balls and disco balls. Getting a room at the "crappy hotel" next door was part of the Faces experience.

The Willow, Decos and O'Brien's in Ball Square were hot party spots too. The Powder House Pub had action as well. For about 6 bucks you could join in the all you can eat New Year's Eve festivities at Bo Bo's Chinese restaurant in Ball Square. At the other end of the city on lower Broadway, Khoury's State always had a smoking New Years Eve shindig. A pal recalls one New Year's Eve at the old Duffy's (then Choices), which was Jasper's at the time. A brawl started in the joint and spilled out onto Bow Street. After a few minutes the

boisterous party people ended up fighting back at the club. It was sort of a walking tour of the Union Square area! Talk about your noisemakers.

Once I went into Boston for First Night. It was the "first night" I actually thought I was going to freeze to death. No thanks. Many times we would just stay home and order Chinese food from Yee's Village or Golden Delight on College Ave. I almost forgot to mention that we watched The Three Stooges Marathon. That was a tradition. Lots of Somerville families would just sit around the TV watching the ball drop in Times Square. Those times were fun and simple.

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

Both branches were busy as the 2012 session neared its end. The House and Senate, with only a handful of legislators in attendance, approved dozens of bills. Many were local measures affecting only one city or town but several were important pieces of legislation that if signed into law will have an effect statewide.

REDUCE FREE 411 CALLS (H 4228) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill reducing from ten per month to five per month the number of free directory assistance calls that phone companies must provide to each business and residential customer on their landline phones. The measure leaves intact the current law providing unlimited 411 calls for the disabled, seniors over 65 and state and local governments.

Supporters said that as more and more consumers move away from traditional landline phones to cell phones and Internet phones, it becomes harder for traditional phone companies to pay for the existing infrastructure, including free 411 calls. They noted that even with the reduction to five, Massachusetts will still be requiring companies to provide one of the highest number of free directory assistance calls of any state in the nation.

SABBATICALS (H 4295) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill reducing from seven years to six years the period of time a faculty member must work at a state university before being eligible for a sabbatical.

Supporters said this would make faculty sabbatical qualifications at state universities consistent with those used by private colleges.

NEW SYMBOL AND FEWER NUMBERS AND LETTERS ON LICENSE PLATES (H 4369) - The House and Senate have approved slightly different versions of legislation that would require all Massachusetts license plates to feature a symbol, like a star, diamond or heart, along with numbers and letters. This system would replace the current system, which has six random letters and numbers.

Supporters said the new plates would make it easier for adults and children to remember license plate registrations and report them to law enforcement officials to track down vehicles used in child kidnappings and other crimes. They cited studies showing both children and adults have trouble recalling the current plates that have six letters. Current specialty, low number or vanity

plates would be exempt from the new requirement because they are already easily recognizable.

VIRTUAL SCHOOLS (S 2467) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill regulating “virtual schools” in Massachusetts. Virtual schools allow students to “attend” an online-only public school. All teaching and assignments are done online through a variety of communication and study methods including e-mail, web conferencing, Skype, Facebook, texting and telephone. These virtual schools are aimed at creating an alternative education option with an individualized approach for students in unique situations including those who are physical disabled, seriously ill, gifted and talented or bullied. Massachusetts currently has only one virtual school, the Massachusetts Virtual Academy in Greenfield. It has 450 students and includes kindergarten through eighth grade.

Students in these schools would be required to meet the same performance standards and testing requirements as those in other public schools. Other provisions cap the per-pupil tuition paid by a school district to send a student to a virtual school at \$5,000, limits to ten the number of these schools that may operate at any one time and caps the total number of virtual school students at 2 percent of the state’s public school population, or approximately 19,000 students.

MAKE ANTIFREEZE TASTE BITTER (S 88) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a proposal expanding 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 bill would expand the requirement to include the large 55-gallon drums that service stations use when servicing a vehicle.

Supporters said 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.

FLU SHOTS (H 3948) - The House and Senate approved a bill requiring 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 aged 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. Only final approval is needed in each branch prior to the measure going to the governor.

STUDENTS AND EPINEPHRINE (H 3959) - The House and Senate approved a bill allowing 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. Only final Senate approval is needed before the bill goes to the governor.

NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK ON

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TEACHERS (H 4307) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would require 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 who have direct contact with children. The measure would also apply to family child care, center-based child care and after-school programs. Currently the state is only required to conduct a statewide background check that covers crimes committed in Massachusetts. The measure would also require current teachers and other employees to be fingerprinted prior to the 2016-2017 school year.

INCREASE POWER OF TREE WARDENS (H 1839) - The House gave initial approval to a measure expanding the powers of local tree wardens to enforce state and local laws prohibiting cutting or otherwise damaging public trees. A key provision raises the fines that can be imposed for damaging or destroying trees. Another provision establishes new education requirements a potential tree warden is required to fulfill prior to being appointed.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

“THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW”- Friday, January 18 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for legislation to be filed for consideration during the 2013-2014 legislative session. Many late-filed bills are admitted to the Legislature following the deadline but vast majority of proposals are filed by January 18.

Massachusetts is one of a handful of states that give 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 that are interested in filing legislation should contact their own or any other representative or senator.

Perhaps one of the most famous bills filed “by request” goes all the way back to 1969 when a constituent opposed to the Vietnam War asked Newton Democratic

Rep. James Shea to file a bill prohibiting Massachusetts citizens from being forced to fight in an “undeclared war.” The bill challenged the constitutionality of sending Bay State men to fight without a Congressional declaration of war. It was approved by the House and Senate and signed by then-Gov. Francis Sargent. The new law made national headlines.

To comply with the new law, Massachusetts initially filed a complaint in the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court declined to hear the case, which was later refiled in the U. S. District Court federal court and dismissed - rejecting the state’s argument that President Richard Nixon had usurped the war-making powers of Congress. In a tragic footnote, Rep. Shea committed suicide in the fall of the year the legislation passed.

QUOTABLE QUOTES – *Special “Check Your Website” edition*

On December 26, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* looked at the home pages of the non-state-funded, private campaign websites of the state’s five constitutional officers. Treasurer Steve Grossman’s site was the only one that seemed up to date. The others featured very old stories. The oldest was on Attorney General Martha Coakley’s website featuring a June 11, 2011 story under the heading “Latest News.”

Undated: “Please share a story of how you or someone you know has made a difference in their community or our country.” – *From Gov. Deval Patrick’s website (www.devalpatrick.com) soliciting stories for his book “Faith in the Dream,” which was released on May 8, 2012.*

Undated: “Celebrate Tim Murray’s 15 Years of Public Service. December 13 at 6 p.m. Beechwood Hotel, 363 Plantation Street., Worcester. Suggested Contributions: \$125, \$250, \$500.” – *From Lt. Governor Timothy Murray’s website (www.timmurray.org)*

September 5, 2011: “Galvin Warns of Radicalized Debate in GOP (Presidential) Primary.” – *From Secretary of State William Galvin’s website (www.billgalvin.org) under the headline “Latest News.”*

June 11, 2011: “The Berkshire County Consumer Ad-

vocates Inc. office will close on July 1, (2011) but it will continue under the umbrella of the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority.” – *From Attorney General Martha Coakley’s website (www.marthacoakley.com) under the headline “Latest News.”*

December 26, 2012: “Officials wise to review state pension fund’s gun investments. Boston Globe editorial, December 26, 2012.” – *From Treasurer Steve Grossman’s website (www.stevegrossman.com). His was the only site that seemed up-to-date.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?

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

During the week of December 24-29, the House met for a total of eight hours and 31 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and 52 minutes.

Mon. December 24	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:32 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Tues. December 25	No House session No Senate session
Wed. December 26	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. December 27	House 11:04 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 4:22 p.m.
Fri. December 28	House 11:03 a.m. to 2:43 p.m. No Senate session

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Prospect Hill Tower flag-raising

By Harry Kane

General George Washington rode in on horseback, followed by his colonial cronies, reenacting the flag-raising ceremony traditionally celebrated annually every New Year's Day in Somerville's Prospect Hill Park.

Revolutionary war era characters traveling from Somerville's City Hall to the Prospect Hill Tower commemorated the traditional raising of the 13-stripped Union Jack flag this Jan. 1, 2013.

This year marks the 237th year since revolutionaries raised the nation's first flag in 1776. A ceremony honoring the "Grand Union" flag invigorated the spectators this brisk day, giving way to enthusiasm for the upcoming New Year.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone had positive thoughts for 2013 and beyond. "I'm excited and proud that we are in a city

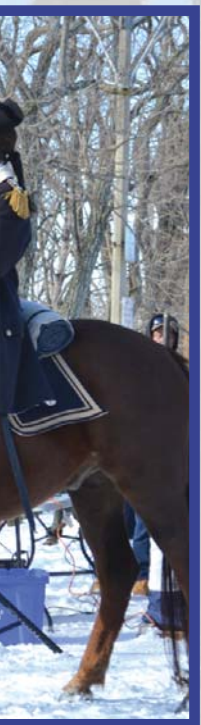
that overwhelmingly re-elected our president," said the Mayor.

Mayor Curtatone noted the passing of a beloved friend of the Somerville News. "We lost another great Somervilian, Robert Publicover, former publisher and editor of The Somerville News," said the Mayor Curtatone, "who spoke so positively and broadly about Somerville as a community. Our diversity - our multicultural strength - our place in history and the values and virtues we all embrace."

Marty Parks of Somerville Public Works has assisted the flag-raising reenactment for the past 15 years. "We usually let everyone in after the event," she said.

Sadly, Prospect Tower has fallen into disrepair. For the first time in a while the tower was deemed unsafe and residents were not allowed their yearly visit to the top of the monument.





Photos by Harry Kane

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Boys basketball rolls to 3-0 start

By Mike Stoller

It's too early in the season to even predict the possible finish, but the Somerville High boys basketball team can only hope to have the same results with its Greater Boston League schedule as it's had with its non-league games.

Somerville defeated Malden Catholic, 59-47, last week, to improve its record to 3-0. The Highlanders play their first GBL tilt tonight at Arlington.

"They're working hard, they're drinking the Kool-Aid right now," Highlanders head coach

Mark Antonelli said of his troops, who halted the Lancers after a somewhat subpar first quarter.

Somerville led, 20-18, after one frame, but Antonelli thought his team's defense in that quarter was a bit weak.

"We hang our hat on our defense," the coach said. "We have a very athletic team this season, and we think we can play man-to-man defense. To give up 18 points is a lot for us in one quarter. But we buckled down on defense. We dug down in after that."

Richard Guerrier continued his terrific defensive play. An-

tonelli said Guerrier always guards the other team's point guard because of his strong "on-the-ball defense," adding, "he's very solid and wears the other team down."

The coach also noted the solid defense turned in by Rayoni Matos. "He played a great game defensively," Antonelli said.

Meanwhile, offensively, the Highlanders got a pair of explosive performances from senior forward John Lubin and senior guard Gustavo DeMoura.

Lubin poured in 30 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

"He's on a roll right now," An-

tonelli said of Lubin, who's led the team in scoring in all three outings.

DeMoura continued his stellar campaign with 20 points and nine boards.

"Both of them accounted for most of our offense, but the rest of the guys played very good defense and attacked the offensive glass," Antonelli said.

Antonelli, meanwhile, praised the opponents for playing excellent zone defense.

"I give them credit. They made us take long shots," Antonelli said of the Lancers. "They weren't high percentage shots,

and we had a lot of turnovers."

But Antonelli is still very impressed with his squad's resilience and overall performance. While the coach knows it will be tough to finish first in the competitive five-team GBL, he's confident the Highlanders can stay in the battle with the league's other four foes: archrival Cambridge Rindge and Latin, Arlington, Everett, and Medford.

"It's a short league schedule, so every game is going to be tooth and nail," Antonelli said. "It's going well right now. Our goal is to get the league title. We'd love to have it."

2012: The year in review – Sports

Alibrandis YBL champs again

By Benjamin Klein

Originally published in the September 9, 2012, edition of *The Somerville News*.

After a long summer, the Somerville Alibrandis are once again the champions of the Yawkey Baseball League, the 13th time in the franchise's history. Somerville was the best team during the regular season and had little trouble through three playoff series. The Alibrandis defeated the Malden Bulldogs four games to one in the championship series.

Going into the best-of-seven series against Malden, Somerville was coming off of big wins against the South Boston Saints in the quarterfinals and then the Stoneham Sabers in the semifinals.

Somerville took the series opener 4-2 behind a great pitching performance by Jon Morse, only allowing two earned runs over six innings of work. Somerville scored four times in the bottom half of the fourth inning to take a 4-0 lead that Morse, along with Brian Tanguy wouldn't relinquish. Four Alibrandis batters had four hits on the day, with Mark Annese driving in two runs.

The second game of the series was a little bit of a wakeup call for Somerville. They had been cruising through the playoffs until Malden tied the series 1-1 with a 14-3 beat-down. Malden scored four runs in the first, three in the second, five in the third and another in the fourth to take an extremely large lead. The Somerville bats fell cold throughout the game and could-



The Somerville Alibrandis are Yawkey Baseball League for the 13th time.

n't get much going.

The Alibrandis would answer the next night, though. Tanguy took the mound and threw a complete game three-hitter to give Somerville a two games to one lead over the Bulldogs. Somerville held a 3-1 lead going into the seventh before Marc DesRoches hit a three-run bomb to give Tanguy some more insurance runs. A five-run lead would be more than enough as Somerville now only needed two more victories.

Anthony Del Prete came into Game 4 looking to push the Bulldogs up against the wall. He did just that, going into the sixth inning without allowing a hit. His no-hitter would eventually be broken up, but he still picked up the victory, in a 5-2 ballgame.

Mike Maguire, Ted Dziuba and DesRoches each had two hits for Somerville.

Somerville held a 3-1 advantage in the series and was definitely in the driver's seat, but wouldn't allow Malden to make a comeback. Somerville took an early lead in the first, but Malden would battle back and hold a 3-1 lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning. That's when things started to get interesting. The Alibrandis had the bases loaded when Maguire hit a bomb that just stayed in the park, but one run did come in to score. Somerville would tie the game after an RBI groundout and then a sacrifice fly by Bobby Barrett brought home Sal Mendonca to win the game and the league title.



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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

2012: The year in review – Sports

Somerville Boxing Club aims to knock out youth crime and substance abuse

By Terence Clarey

Originally published in the October 10, 2012, edition of The Somerville News. Tucked away behind the Edgerly School at 11 Otis Ave. a large banner welcomes visitors to the "Somerville Boxing Club" an organization that celebrates its one year anniversary at this location later this month. The club teaches kids to box but has a more important mission.

"We want to keep kids on the straight and narrow and want to get kids off the streets," said Bruce Desmond, Somerville Alderman-at-Large and one of the eight members of the Board of Directors of the Somerville Boxing Club.

Normally the gym, with two sparring rings, speed bag, heavy bags and a wide array of exercise equipment, would be buzzing with activity, but on this particular Friday afternoon the gym is largely empty, but for five volunteers and two young boxing trainees.

This is because a team from the club was traveling to a tournament in Ohio and, later this month, a team will travel to the Rocky Marciano tournament in Brockton, MA. For the five volunteers it's not just tournament success that drives them.

"We are trying to accomplish a couple of things," said Desmond. "We want kids to come in and be able to box, the ones that want to, but we also want kids that don't want to box that might want to work out to have a place to come after school."

Dan Johnson, construction laborer and boxing club volunteer, exemplifies how the volunteers hope the club can benefit young people.

The original Somerville Boxing Club was started in 1978 and over the years it came and went in different locations around the city, including the historic Paper and Provisions Warehouse on Somerville Avenue. When it was not in operation Johnson said he found he really needed it.

"When the Somerville clubs were started, I was involved and then I got away from it," he said, and as a result, "I was led astray for many years," saying that he got on the wrong side of the law. As an adult he realized the club was very important to keeping him from getting into trouble.

"It gave me something to do. It filled a void."

Now Johnson has a steady job and volunteers with the kids using his own experience to help them. He also benefits from the work.

"The (return of) club has been a God send for me" he says about turning his life around and being able to help kids not repeat his mistakes.

Also, in the office trading good-natured barbs with the others was Norman Stone, a trainer with 45 years of experience. If his name sounds familiar that's because he was the trainer for John "The Quiet Man" Ruiz, two-time WBA heavyweight boxing champion.

In addition, Ed Fitzgerald, who has 50 years under his belt as a boxing referee and once officiated a local charity exhibition match between Muhammad Ali and local fighter Ronnie Drinkwater while Ali was under suspension for opposing his army draft notice in the early seventies, sat in.

City Youth Department worker Nancy Bacci, who manages the Somerville Boxing Club, and also sits on the Board with Desmond, wanted to emphasize the selfless efforts that many people have put forth to make the club a success.

"We have over 400 members (and we are) entirely a volunteer organization," Bacci said.

Two of the types of kids the organizations hope to reach are Anthony Rego, 13, and Steven Detar, 12.

"One kid comes in here, with his head down," observed Stone. "He wouldn't talk to anybody, wouldn't look at anybody. Now he's here all the time helping out. He's really come out of himself." That kid was Rego.

"It gives me somewhere to go after school," said Rego, who has won two fights and recently won a Junior Olympic fight at Dilboy Stadium on August 24.

"My friends told me about it. At first, I really didn't know much about it. I never really watched it," he added. Once he started doing it he became hooked.

His personality has also grown from his participation. "Now he's more friendly with everyone. He helps out everyday," said Stone.



Steve Detar (left), 12, and Anthony Rego (right), 13, are making the most of the opportunities provided to them by the Somerville Boxing Club. Veteran referee Ed Fitzgerald (center) lends a hand at the club.

Steven Detar, whose father was a light heavyweight boxer, says, "I just think it's a great place. I just like to come down to work out," he said.

In addition to boxing and workouts, Desmond said they offer academic tutoring and drug and alcohol counseling.

"A lot of people who have experience with drug and alcohol related problems have conquered these problems," said Desmond of many of the volunteers. "A

lot of good people come down here who make themselves available for pretty much any problem a kid might have. I've never been around a better group of people in my life."

"We're like a family" Stone added.

The Somerville Boxing Club is open 3-8 PM Monday through Friday and 10 AM-2 PM on Saturdays. There is no charge to box or work out for Somerville residents.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, January 9, 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:

77-83 North St: (Case #ZBA 2012-68) Applicant and Owner Peter Stefanou seeks a special permit to greatly alter a nonconforming commercial structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct two, three-story, semi-detached townhouses and associated parking. RB zone. Ward 7.

111-123 Heath St/34 Edgar Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-81) Applicant and Owner Esmaeil Mahdavi seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 to have more than one principle structure on a lot and §7.3 to have more than three dwelling units on a lot in order to construct four residential units in two semi-detached townhouses for a total of sixteen residential units on the site. Two of the sixteen units will be affordable as defined in §2.2.4. Four existing residential structures that will remain and the existing commercial structure on the site will be removed. The Applicant/Owner also seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter windows, doors and construct a dormer on 34 Edgar Ave which is a nonconforming single-family dwelling. RB zone. Ward 4.

1-3 Benton Rd: (Case #ZBA 2012-101) Applicant and Owner MLM Realty Trust seeks a Special Permit under SZO §9.9.a, §9.13.b and §9.13.c to have two shared driveways and 3 sets of 2 tandem parking spaces in a garage for a by-right three-family dwelling. RB zone. Ward 3.

514A Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2012-102) Applicant, King of Wings, and Owner, Giuseppe Bologna LAB Trust, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.A in order to establish a fast order food establishment with no seats and a special permit under §9.13.e to modify the parking requirements for a nonconforming lot. NB zone. Ward 5.


167-169 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2012-105) Applicant Rudi Pizzi, Director of Project Admin Tufts University and Owner Trustees of Tufts University seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to replace the roof of the Tufts data center, increasing the height of the roof by two feet for a portion of the building that is not visible from surrounding area. RA zone. Ward 7.


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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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall (93 Highland Avenue) regarding a proposal by Applicant Gwen Simpkins to demolish the two-family dwelling at 82 Dover Street.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant". Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved". For further information, please contact Commission Staff Kristi Chase at (617) 625-6600 x 2525 (kcchase@somervillema.gov), or Amie Hayes at (617) 625-6600 x 2534 (ahayes@somervillema.gov).

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Probate and Family Court Department

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12D4554DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Vastoria Elaine Grant Massey vs. Raymond Scott Massey

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a **divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B**

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your answer, if any on or before **01/24/2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

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2012: The year in review CONT. FROM PG 7

said Ward Two Alderman Maryann Heuston. “There are people in the Lincoln Park area who cannot enjoy their backyards at all.”

Alderman Heuston said absentee landlords are a big issue in Ward Two, where there's a lot of rental housing, and tenants are often new to the city and not even aware of the tough trash guidelines put in place a few years ago to combat the problem.

She said she has constituents whose homes and yards are

“pristine,” but who are at the mercy of a handful of neighborhood properties that have been serving up a veritable all-you-can-eat buffet for local rats, with debris-filled yards, overgrown plants, untended fruit trees, and overflowing bird feeders.

Armory under assault, wins a victory

The financially challenged Arts at the Armory saw some highs and lows last year as reported in *The News*:

After taking some heat for not providing adequate wheelchair

access earlier in the year, Armory representatives later went before the Zoning Board of Appeals to ask for easement of restrictions on hours of operation and alcohol consumption limitations, which the Board eventually approved, in spite of some complaints by area residents.

And so it goes...

Many events from last year are noteworthy.

The MBTA took heat from angered citizens for announcing fare hikes and simultaneous service cuts.

The mayor got a pay raise, and asked for the same for non-union city workers.

Alderman Bill Roche stepped down from the Board, nominating Maureen Bastardi as his successor.

Ground was broken for the Orange Line extension, and the Green Line Extension effort made headway as well.

Somerville High welcomed a new headmaster.

Hurricane Sandy breezed by to give us a taste of nature's mighty force.

And, although not strictly a local story, we can say with confidence that the encouraging news that the loudly heralded end of the world by misguided interpreters of the Mayan calendar were more than a little exaggerated comes as a welcome sign to all of us that we will indeed be here for awhile longer anyway.

And as long as we are here, *The Somerville News* will continue to investigate and report on everything that matters to us as residents of the greatest little city in the world.

Influencing communities through music CONT. FROM PG 9

This is more than just an education initiative. Imagine a city where instead of turning on the TV, our youth are encouraged at an early age to practice to music of Handel, Mozart and Tchaikovsky. Rather than classical music being a distant, stilted thing as it so often is to so many youth, it can become something more inviting, more powerful and

more fun.

As this fledgling orchestra grows, I'm positive that we will make a real difference in the lives of these students. The only way for the kids to know about the highest level of achievement in music is to learn the real power of a traditional orchestra. Orchestra is a powerful metaphor for a harmonious society. Even now

these kids are learning that when they are one among many, the music makes them more powerful than the sum of their parts.

Music is a valued part of our heritage and culture in Somerville. Walk through any square on any given night and you'll hear artists young and old expressing themselves through their music. It has helped bind

together the musicians in our community for decades and given Somerville a sound and style all its own.

El Sistema is a new and powerful tool in our schools to foster musicianship in its most fundamental form in our youth. It not only gives our kids an alternative to other afterschool programs, it grants them the chance to learn, at an

early age, the value of working with others towards a common goal, teaching lessons of empathy, self-confidence and above all, it gives them the chance to experience the beauty and elation of performing the music of some of the world's most adept composers. I can't wait to see how this program unfolds, and I think they're doing a great job.

Medical cannabis and beyond CONT. FROM PG 9

had made. Among its findings were that

- ♦ Smoking marijuana does not lead to addiction or to morphine, heroin, or cocaine use;
- ♦ Aggression, violence and belligerence are not common consequences of smoking marijuana; and
- ♦ Publicity concerning catastrophic effects of smoking marijuana is unfounded.

Anslinger was furious. All the more so when the American Medical Association published an editorial affirming the Commission's work. He ultimately mobilized a successful intimidation campaign against the AMA.

States increasingly adopted harsh marijuana laws. In Georgia, for example, a second marijuana offense was punishable by the death penalty.

Widespread marijuana smoking by White middle-class youth in the 1960s began to crack the political consensus. And in 1969, the Supreme Court ruled that the Marihuana Tax Act was unconstitutional.

Richard Nixon's election campaign had successfully exploited the Southern anti-civil-rights backlash and sensationalized drug use. His administration

wrote the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, which classified cannabis as a "Schedule 1" drug. This most restrictive category is for drugs that have *no therapeutic value* and a high potential for abuse. Not even cocaine and meth are Schedule 1 drugs.

Nixon sought to prove marijuana's "pandemic virulence" by creating the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, headed by Pennsylvania's former Republican Governor Ray Shafer. After exhaustive study, the Commission concluded, "The actual and potential harm of use of the drug is not great enough to justify intrusion by the criminal law into private behavior."

It questioned the law's constitutionality and recommended decriminalization. The findings and recommendation were consistent with Britain's 1969 Baroness Wootten Report and Canada's 1970 LeDain Commission Report.

Marijuana's Schedule 1 status usurped the FDA's authority to determine its medical potential. In 1972, the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws legally petitioned the Drug Enforcement

Administration's predecessor to reschedule cannabis, in order to permit medical research. The agency refused to even file the petition.

On appeal, the D.C. Circuit Court ordered the DEA to file it. So DEA denied the petition without holding the legally required hearings. Similar judicial rulings and DEA noncompliance continued through fourteen years and three appeals.

Finally, in the summer of 1986, rescheduling hearings began before Judge Francis Young. Two years later he ruled that "marijuana in its natural form is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man." He characterized its classification as "unreasonable, arbitrary, and capricious." But the DEA Administrator refused to implement his ruling.

A two-year study by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine, published in 1999, reached the same conclusions that Judge Young and his predecessors had. But the DEA denied new rescheduling petitions filed in 1995 and 2002. It has not yet acted on a 2011 petition by the Governors of Rhode Island and Washington state.

Throughout this period, the DEA worked to obstruct and suppress medical research of cannabis, except for that which proposes to study its ill effects. Of course, such studies are all either inconclusive or end up demonstrating the opposite.

For example, Medical College of Virginia researchers were funded to produce evidence that marijuana damages the immune system. Instead, in 1974 they discovered that cannabinoids inhibited the growth of breast cancer, lung cancer, and leukemia in mice. They were ordered to shut down their research. Subsequent studies in Spain, Italy, and Florida have confirmed their findings.

While the federal government has remained intransigent, state governments have gradually relaxed penalties on marijuana possession. And a 1996 ballot measure made California the first state to legalize medical cannabis. Last month, Washington and Colorado fully legalized marijuana. Seventeen states and the District of Columbia now allow its medical use. This sets up a fascinating constitutional conflict between states' and federal rights.

Attitudes about cannabis seem to be less driven by political orientation than by how deeply one has examined the evidence. Pot smoking is often associated with the goofy Left. But in 1981, House Speaker Newt Gingrich introduced (unsuccessful) legislation to legalize medical cannabis.

And conservative icon William F. Buckley wrote, "The anti-marijuana campaign is a cancerous tissue of lies, undermining law enforcement, aggravating the drug problem, depriving the sick of needed help, and suckering well meaning conservatives and countless frightened parents."

I sincerely don't understand the vehement political opposition to cannabis. Perhaps it's just a rear-guard campaign in the culture wars. Perhaps there are plenty of public officials who know the truth, but lack the courage to act on it.

Perhaps Upton Sinclair captured the essence of it. The journalist and novelist, whose work is credited with motivating passage of the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act, wrote "It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his job depends on not understanding it."

New Years Eve...sure has changed! CONT. FROM PG 9

These days I was lucky to have stayed awake until midnight. I actually nodded out a few times! There was no more booze and no more having to try to quit smoking. Most of all there were no more hangovers. We watched some Stooges, some Dick Clark (RIP) and ate bacon wrapped scallops.

I have learned that resolutions don't always work out. When you hit a cer-

tain age, you are what you are so just get used to it. Sure I'd like to resolve to stop getting angry in traffic. I'd like to try to be more patient when joggers hog the sidewalk. I wish I could clean my house more and toss out some clutter. I know I'll never learn to manage money so forget about that. Here's one for you. Let's all resolve to try to enjoy life while we are still here and keep this

in mind. Stop worrying about everything and hug your loved ones more. Have fun and relax. Stop and smell the flowers. (Get that scowl off your face tough guy!) Congratulations, you made it to another year. I hope it's the best one yet.

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Wednesday| January 2

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

Thursday|January 3

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

Friday| January 4

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

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

Monday |January 7

East Branch Library
Read to Bead Winter Reading
Program
10 a.m.- 6 p.m.|115 Broadway

Tuesday|January 8

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

Wednesday |January 9

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

Central Library
Book Group for Kids
Cathyx2950
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

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

MUSIC
Wednesday|January 2

Johnny D's
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
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
379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana
Salsa Dance Night
7 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|January 3

Johnny D's
Joe Fletcher & The Wrong
Reasons|Nikki Lane
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Spring Hill Rounders grassy
Thursdays |7:30 p.m.
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Scattershot 80's Night
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
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
Neoteric Empire|ZeroNegative
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana
247 Washington St.

Friday|January 4

Johnny D's
Amy Black Band|The Get Backs
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Les Sampou Band |6 p.m.
Chris Paradise Group, Cloud
Factory Band | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents:Só
Sol|Jalopy|Paperback|Lo Fi
Shaman|Ali Maltacea
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
28 degrees taurus|Empty
Phrases|Kid Tested|Crooked
Mirror
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
The Egos|Trashawk
381Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
TBA
247 Washington St.

Radio Bar
UP: Cult 45|Chelsea On
Fire|White Dynamite|Slim Lizzy
Down: Freak Flag first Friday\$5
379 Summer St

Saturday|January 5

Johnny D's
Kids music - 4pm|Ethan Rossitier
& The Jamberries
Luther “GUITAR JUNIOR”
Johnson & The Magic
Rockers|Eric French|7:30 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Family Jewels |6 p.m.
Jeremy Lyons Trio |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents:Monkey
Knife Fight|Evil Animals|The Off
Chance|Preamble|Planeside
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Drama / Leah V Presents!
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

Bull McCabe's
TBA

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
1941|Citizen Kane
381 Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
TBA
247 Washington St.

Radio Bar
UP: Joe Zippo Fundraiser|The
Skels|Pop Gun|Joe Riot & Old
Ghost|The McGunks|Craig Bona
& Matt

Buchanan|Gretchen(Profits go to
the Joe Keley Memorial
Scholarship)
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Somerville Songwriter Sessions
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|January 6

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Mark Brine & Friends |5 p.m.
Amber Casares Band |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 4p-6:30p FREE.
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
The New Babushkas
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|January 7

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
Slow Mover|Blind Tigers
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub
NYE Bash|Music TBA
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-
440-6045

Rosebud Bar
Sci-Fi Meet up
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Knucklebones: For the Love of
Play!
9 a.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 8

JohnnyD's
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Kevin Byrne|8 p.m.
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
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
Closed
381 Summer St

PJ Ryan's
Pub Quiz
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-
625-8200

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Somerville by Design
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
Canis Major Herbal Workshop
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|January 9

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

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Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589	3penny Open Mic (No Cover) 70 Union Sq 617-623-9211	Cantina la Mexicana Salsa Dance Night 7 p.m. 247 Washington St.	Saturday January 5 Arts at the Armory Winter Farmers' Market 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Performance Hall 191 Highland Ave	Central Library Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue
The Burren Pub Quiz 8 p.m. Comedy 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896	Bull McCabe's Pub 366A Somerville Ave 617-440-6045	CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday January 2 Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 7:30 p.m. Level 2 33 Union Sq www.nadirajamal.com	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	Tuesday January 8 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
PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave 617-776-1557	Highland Kitchen TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke 10 p.m. 150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131	Thursday January 3 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	Sunday January 6 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.	Wednesday January 9 Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 7:30 p.m. Level 2 33 Union Sq www.nadirajamal.com
On The Hill Tavern Sports Trivia 499 Broadway 617-629-5302	Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177		Monday January 7	
Orleans Restaurant and Bar Trivia 65 Holland St 617-591-2100	Rosebud Bar Free Pool Game Night 381 Summer St			
Precinct Bar	Radio Bar 379 Summer St			

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers! Everyone 55+ is 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:

Belly Dancing is changing times. Beginning January 15, it will be 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.

NEW PROGRAM! Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes with certified instructors. Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting January 15. \$10 a month with scholarships available. Call Lisa for more info at ext. 2316

Fit-4-Life General Group continues on Wednesday and Friday mornings. This is a great fitness/nutrition program. There are a few spots open. Call Lisa if you are interested.

LGBT Game Night - There's nothing better than hanging out with friends both old and new playing cards, apples to apples, dominoes, musical chairs, connect 4. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Holland Street Center. RSVP.

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

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

We are heading to Greece on January 24 from 11:00 am - 1:00 p.m. 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.

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.

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.

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 15th - \$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 p.m. - 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 am 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.

Trip Corner:

Hanscom Dinner & Bingo - January 9.

Lunch at Culinary Arts - January 22.

Hanscom Dinner & Bingo - February 13.

Fuller Craft Museum - February 15.

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers.

Strength with Geoff - Tuesdays at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny.

January 2

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

January 3
Holland Street Center
Current Events|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercise|11 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

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 4

Holland Street
Fit-4-Life Groups A & B
Indoor Exercise|11 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

January 7

Holland Street Center
Monthly Breakfast|9:30 a.m.
Moonlighters Singing Group|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|12:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny
Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
10:30 Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
12:45 Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 8

Holland Street Center
Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.
SHINE by appt|10 a.m.
Low Vision Support Group|10:30 a.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.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.

January 9

Hanscom AFB - Bingo and Dinner
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.

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2012: The year in review – Entertainment

Music legend brings history to life

‘Peter Asher: A Musical Memoir of the 60s and Beyond’ comes to town

By Jim Clark

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Pop music royalty includes many in its numbers, but few can match the gravitas embodied in the person of Peter Asher. A bona fide superstar of the great musical British Invasion of the 60s as one half of the wildly popular duo Peter & Gordon, he was also a friend of and collaborator with such luminaries as The Beatles (he later went on to head the group's Apple Records A&R division), The Rolling Stones, and practically every other major player on the scene at the time. Asher would later become one of the most success-

former, starting out as an actor in British film and television at the age of eight. A few years later he teamed up with schoolmate Gordon Waller to make music together as Peter & Gordon.

Asher's sister Jane had become the girlfriend of The Beatles' Paul McCartney in the early to late 60s, and through that association several Lennon-McCartney songs that were not recorded by The Beatles were given to Peter & Gordon. These included *Nobody I know, I Don't Want To See You Again, Woman*, and perhaps their biggest hit *A World Without Love*.

More hits followed, such as *Lady Godiva, True Love Ways* and *I Go To Pieces*. By the mid-60s Peter & Gordon enjoyed world-

had run its course, giving way to psychedelia and the new social and political awareness that would sweep the world's cultural core. At this time Peter & Gordon ceased their partnership and Asher took on new challenges as head of A&R at The Beatles' Apple Records. There he helped to develop new talent and lent a hand in producing recordings coming out of the fledgling label.

Asher further extended his interests by founding the legendary Indica bookshop and art gallery, the place where John Lennon met Yoko Ono.

While working at Apple, Asher signed and worked closely with a fresh up-and-coming singer/songwriter, James Taylor. Taylor's debut solo release on the Apple label was not considered a success, but Asher persisted in supporting his work, resigning from Apple and moving to the U.S., forming his own production and management company.

Asher produced Taylor's next several albums, *Sweet Baby James, Mud Slide Slim and the Blue Horizon, JT and Flag*, and the singer soon achieved his own superstar status.

Asher continued by producing many of the great classic rock and pop albums of the 70s by artists such as Linda Ronstadt, JD Souther, Andrew Gold and Bonnie Raitt. In the 80s he worked with Cher and 10,000 Maniacs, among others.

His career as producer continues to this day, and he is a highly respected and sought after industry heavyweight. Other notable artists he has worked with include Diana Ross, Randy Newman, Neil Diamond, Sarah Brightman, and Morrissey.

He has received two Grammys for Producer of the Year



Photo by Michael Weintraub

Peter Asher sings and tells his tales at Johnny D's.

and one for Best Spoken Comedy Album. He has recently been active in creating music for films, notably *Pirates of the Caribbean 4, Sherlock Holmes 2*, and *Madagascar 3*.

Asher and Waller reformed as Peter & Gordon for occasional appearances together through the years, often at Beatle-Fests and various charitable events. Their last concert together took place at the Santa Monica Pier in 2008. Sadly, Waller passed away in 2009, having succumbed to a heart attack.

"I began wondering if I would ever have the opportunity to sing those wonderful songs again," Asher has said. This was part of the impetus that led him to develop *Peter Asher: A Musical Memoir of the 60s and Beyond*.

The show evolved gradually, says Asher. "I was doing lectures, and invariably some visuals would be displayed along with the talk." That, along with his performing some of the well-known songs from the past, sowed the seeds that would eventually yield the core concept of *Memoirs*.

"The show has evolved over time. Each performance is a bit different from the one before,"

says Asher. Rather than performing a rigidly controlled repertoire, he enjoys interaction with the audience, often answering questions and taking song requests.

The show is loaded with priceless anecdotes, stunning visuals, and memorable songs. Baby boomers can bask in the warm nostalgic glow of past glories, alongside younger audience members who would be astonished at the rich grandeur of what has preceded the current cultural climate.

Asher remains firmly at the helm to this day, bringing up new talent and adding to the quality of work by many top acts in the music business. And *Memoirs* stands as a priceless gift to audiences fortunate enough to catch its performance.

As memories of the Golden Age of 60s pop gradually become fixed in the historical record, one man continues to breathe life into those legendary times. We are privileged to have the opportunity to take part in the observance the remarkable events he has been a part of.

I don't care what they say, I won't stay in a world without Peter Asher.



Peter & Gordon circa 1964.

ful record producers and talent managers in the business.

After decades of living a life that most can only dream of, Asher has come forward once again into the spotlight, offering to the public his personal remembrances and impressions in a live show entitled *Peter Asher: A Musical Memoir of the 60s and Beyond*, to be presented at Johnny D's on Wednesday, August 8.

The event showcases Asher as storyteller, musician, and participant in some of the most significant moments in the popular culture of the 60s and, yes, beyond. Backed by a four piece band and aided by video imagery, Asher sings his songs and tells his tales, weaving a rich tapestry of insights into the music, politics, and social trends of those turbulent times.

Asher offers reminiscences about his beginnings as a per-

wide fame and the adoration of their fans. As much as The Beatles set trends that spawned many copycat groups, Peter & Gordon too had their imitators. Chad & Jeremy, also out of England, were almost cookie-cutter duplicates of Peter & Gordon. Other duos would come up through the 60s, following the law that the archetypal pair had laid down.

Asher's somewhat "nerdie" look contrasted with Waller's rugged handsome features, but both were heartthrob favorites of teenage girls of the day. Actor/Comedian Mike Meyers has said that he patterned his Austin Powers character's look after Asher, complete with trademark Buddy Holly style horn-rimmed glasses.

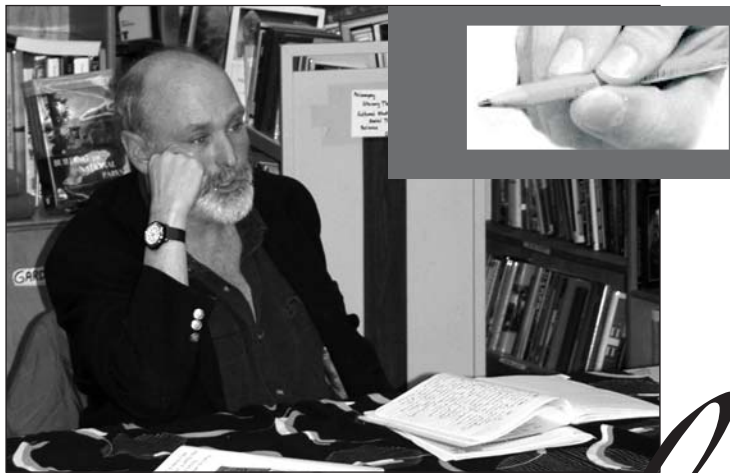
Toward the end of the 60s attitudes and tastes had changed, and the "lovable mop-top" craze



Peter Asher with The Beatles and their producer George Martin.

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6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30pm	Somerville Arts Matters	12:30pm	Grasping Nature	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
7:00am	Road to Recovery	7:00pm	The Literati Show	1:00pm	Bongoman (LIVE)	Noon	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Reeling the Movie Show	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:00pm	Ablevision
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	2:30pm	Esoteric Science	1:30pm	What the Fluff?
10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	9:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	2:00pm	King of the 'Ville
11:00am	Abugida TV	10:00pm	Tonight's Special	4:00pm	Boston Tango Festival	2:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	Somerville Rocks	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	11:00pm	Creepy Castle	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
1:30PM	Henry Parker Presents	Friday, January 4		6:30pm	Rooster Tails	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Culture Club	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Couch's Corner	5:00pm	Culture Club
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	6:00am	Road to Recovery	7:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	5:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	7:00am	Culture Club	8:00pm	David Parkman	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
3:30pm	Inside Talk	7:30am	Physician Focus	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Show
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Contemporary Science Issues & Innovations	7:00pm	Critical Focus
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	9:00am	Energy Theater	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Grill Dog presents
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Sunday, January 6		8:30pm	Play by Play
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Somerville Back in the Day	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
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8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	7:30am	Discovering Justice	Tuesday, January 8	
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	12:00am	Free Speech TV
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00am	Road to Recovery
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	10:00am	International Church of God	7:00am	Outdoor Adventures (SCATV Special)
10:00pm	Play by Play	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:30am	Basic Buddha	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00pm	The Garage	5:00pm	Couch's Corner	11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
11:30pm	The Literary Scene	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	Noon	The Entertainer's Show	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
Thursday, January 3		6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	The Garage	11:00am	Somerville Most Interesting Places
12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Reeling Movie Reel	1:00pm	Critical Focus	11:30am	Ablevision
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	7:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	2:00pm	Energy Theater	Noon	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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7:00am	Physician Focus	8:00pm	Visual Radio	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	2:00pm	Healthy Hypnosis
7:30am	Grasping Nature	9:00pm	The Garage	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	2:30pm	Somerville Arts Festival
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Play by Play	6:00pm	Abugida TV	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	7:00pm	African Television Network	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Active Aging	10:30pm	What the Fluff?	8:00pm	Telemagazine	5:00pm	Poet to Poet
10:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	11:30pm	'Villeside Connections	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
11:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	Saturday, January 5		10:00pm	Nepali SCAT Studio Show	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
Noon	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:30pm	Somerville Rocks!	6:30pm	Contemporary Science Issues & Innovations
1:00pm	African Television Network	6:00am	Arabic Hour	Monday, January 7		7:30pm	Greater Somerville (LIVE)
2:30pm	Somerville Arts Festival	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
3:30pm	Art @ SCATV	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	9:00pm	Literary Scene
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	8:30am	King of the 'Ville	6:30am	Physician Focus	9:30pm	Watch This
5:00pm	Ablevision	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	10:00pm	Somerville Back in the Day
5:30pm	Culture Club	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	Tonight's Special
		11:00am	Dead Air Live	9:00am	Rooster Tails	11:00pm	Creepy Castle
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Wednesday, January 2							
9:00am:	The Mayor's Report	2:15am:	Chamber of Commerce Dinner	12:30pm:	Senior Housing Symposium	2:50am	Argenziano School Winter Concert
12:00pm:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	9:00am:	The Aldermen's Hour	2:00pm:	Illuminations Tour	3:45am	W. Somerville Neighborhood School Concert
12:35pm:	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	12:00pm:	Line Dancing at Capen Court	2:30pm:	Clean 'Ville of Health	12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Acton Boxborough
12:45pm:	The Mayor's Report	12:35pm:	Congressional Update	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	1:20pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Fontbonne Academy
1:15pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	1:05pm:	Somerville By Design #2	7:30pm:	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	2:50pm	Argenziano School Winter Concert
1:40pm:	Highlander Forum	2:10pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	8:30pm:	City Hall Mid-Term Ceremonies	3:45pm	W. Somerville Neighborhood School Concert
2:10pm:	Somerville Gives Back	2:35pm:	Chamber of Commerce Dinner	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Acton Boxborough
7:00pm:	Congressional Update	7:00pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	12:30am:	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	8:20pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Fontbonne Academy
7:30pm:	The Mayor's Report	7:25pm:	Congressional Update	1:30am:	City Hall Mid-Term Ceremonies	9:50pm	Argenziano School Winter Concert
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Thursday, January 3		12:00am:	The Aldermen's Hour	1:40pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Acton Boxborough	1:20am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Fontbonne Academy
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9:00pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	8:00pm:	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	2:10pm	SHS Hockey vs Matignon	12:00pm	Brown School Winter Concert
Friday, January 4		9:00pm:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	3:30pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Acton Boxborough	12:20pm	ESCS Construction Tour
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OFF THE SHELF
by Doug Holder

English Poets Sue Guiney
and Ruth O'Callaghan:
Popping Over the Pond to Somerville, Mass.

Recently on my show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer* on Somerville Community Access TV I had the opportunity to interview two accomplished poets who were visiting from London: Sue Guiney and Ruth O'Callaghan.

Guiney, a native of New York City, has lived in England for over 20 years. She has two poetry collections published, and recently a novel titled *A Clash of Innocents* that was published by Blue Chrome Publishing in 2006.

Ruth O'Callaghan, a native of London, holds the prestigious Hawthornden Fellowship and is a prize-winner in international competitions. She is an international competition adjudicator, and hosts two poetry venues in London. She is currently compiling a book of interviews with prominent women poets from around the globe.

Doug Holder: Ruth, how did you receive this American poet on the English scene?

Ruth O'Callaghan: Well, Sue has a different voice and background. She is such a nice and outgoing person. She is not totally brash as some might expect being that she is from the States, and New York City. Perhaps she has been tempered by the English weather. (*Laugh*) I've known other American poets who have been brash.

DH: Both you and Sue have embraced poetry and writing and aligned it with charitable efforts.

RO: In my case I was at church and I happened to be sitting next to a minister. She told me a group of seven churches were banding together to read at homeless shelters. I became involved. I know extremely well-known poets who could read for free. They attracted an audience to the shelters. We took in money for the shelters and it has been a very successful effort. It is good for the hosting churches and publishers who get a free venue for their poets. A London venue costs up to 600 pounds. We have ordinary poets read with famous ones and some really good things have come from this. Publishers have found some very good poets at my venues and asked me to send them more.

Sue Guiney: Charitable work has not only come from my poetry but from my fiction. I have a novel that has come out of that is the first in a trilogy, *Clash of Innocents* and it takes place in modern day Cambodia. Cambodia is a country that I have grown to love over the past 5 or 6 years. Through the work I do in writing I have been able to connect with an educational shelter for street kids in the city of Siem Reap. I have set up a writing workshop in English for teenage kids in the shelter. The English program is being taught on-line and on-site, and I spend at least one month a year in Cambodia. When I teach online I give students editorial comments. I use the sales of my books to support the work that I do there. I am now the Writer-In-Residence to the SE Asia Department of the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies.

DH: Ruth you told me you were fearful about writing poetry at first?

RC: I just didn't have any confidence. I always wanted to be a poet. I had been teaching Special Education students for years. But I felt I was wasting my time because I wasn't fully committed. I then decided to commit myself to poetry. It was a turning point for me.

First Time

I didn't stay with you forever,
although forever started that first night
when you lifted me into your arms
cradling me, not like a baby
but like a swan,
my long neck curling over
the muscles of your crooked arm.

Softly you settled me onto the quilt
your grandmother had wrapped around her treasures
as she said goodbye to home.
I remember the tired strength of the thread between
the panels, the softness of the fading cotton.

The skin around your chest was even softer,
and the tiny hairs that marched straight down,
down,
down to where I'd never been before.

You were not heavy above me.
I don't recall an unyielding force inside.
Instead, your body and mine,
your face, our lips,
the coverlet on top, the wrinkled sheets,
all were soft, safe, soft,
and stayed with me forever.

– Sue Guiney

Notes on a Journey

The Friends' Cafe closes shortly.

Later:

The vending machine needs 50p's.
Its cups need care, they disintegrate at touch.

But what is whole?

The crisp-clean touch and turn

of medics

inserting a catheter - an addition
to your molecular composition?

Half a mile of corridor

from here

a man

slides

a body

carefully

onto

the slab

another - green capped, scrubbed -
takes a knife
to discover what lies behind death.

He will be particular
in this particular death

distinct

from any other
- o, the wound may be the same
but was, is, the journey?

– Ruth O'Callaghan

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Love Is Never Simple

No one loved you like you wanted to be loved

– Lucie Brock-Broido

No one ever loved you like you wanted
to be loved because you never loved
anyone the way they wanted to be loved

Sounds that simple but love is never
simple, like when you want an apple
but have no teeth

Or chopping wood with an ax that has
no blade Neither is logical or easy despite
what someone tells you

They might also say sky diving is not easy
neither is opening a can of beans with your
teeth and which is more rewarding

Is the question as you stare at the night
sky and watch the moon
laugh at you

– Zvi A. Sesling

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| 3. Kansas | 9. Boston and Detroit |
| 4. Eucalyptus | 10. The Dead Sea |
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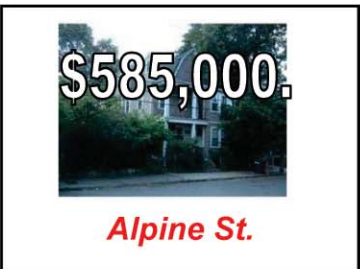
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