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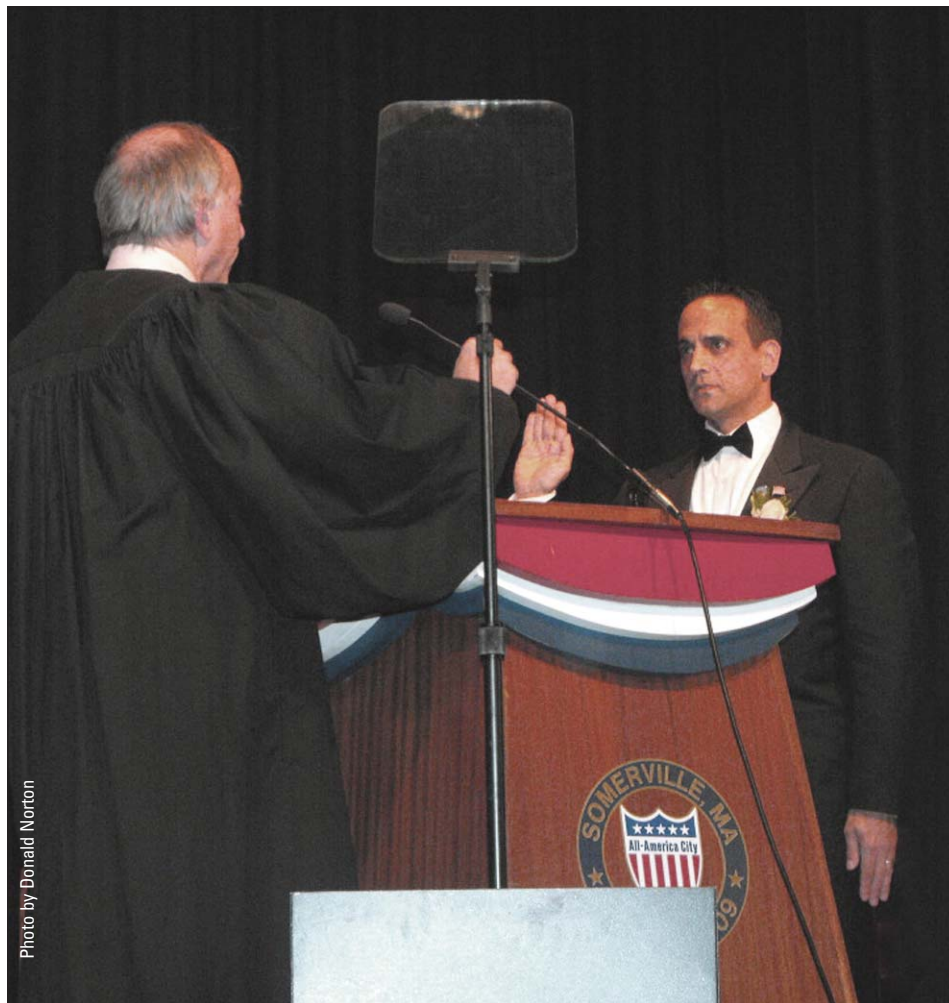


Photo by Donald Norton

Joseph A. Curtatone took the oath of office as Mayor of Somerville for the fifth time on Monday night.

By Andrew Firestone

In his fifth inauguration, Mayor Joseph Curtatone gave his "State of the City" address, with a feel both optimistic but acknowledging of the challenges ahead. Above all, said Curtatone, was the need to understand Somerville's place as a highly desirable urban community, and the need to move forward.

Among other milestones, Curtatone said that the city should feel gratitude to the Board of Aldermen who have acted as "steadfast guardians of our fiduciary future." The BOA voted in May to approve a \$25.7 million bond for Assembly Square.

"Here in Somerville, we stand ready to make such an investment precisely because we have worked together to forge a consensus on our shared values and priorities, and because we understand that the private sector simply cannot put a project like this together on its own."

"Assembly Square's most valuable and defining feature is that it will be a Somerville neighborhood," he said, adding that it "will succeed not because it is a clone of other smart-growth projects around the country, but because it will become another one of the dynamic, engaging, diverse and magnificent

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Aimee Mann to perform in Somerville

By Max Sullivan

Aimee Mann is coming to Somerville Theatre on January 19. She's spent several months in the studio working on a new album, and is just a few tweaks away from its completion.

"It's not totally finished," said Mann. "There were a couple of songs that I think I'm going to go back in the studio and either re-record or add to."

Mann said that the new album, most likely to be named *Charmer*, will be much more "pop" than her previous releases.

"I found myself writing these pop songs," said Mann, "Not pop songs like Katy Perry pop, but pop songs more like you'd hear on the radio in the mid-to-late '70's." The Cars and ABBA came to mind when asked for examples.

"There's a bunch of different influences, but, to me, it all sounds poppier than I usually write, and more up tempo."

Mann's music has always featured well-crafted arrangements. For her, a creative arrangement is key to a song's quality.

"It's pretty important," said

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Photo by Sheryl Nields

Aimee Mann will be debuting several new songs from her upcoming new album at The Somerville Theatre on January 19.

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NEWTALK

Happy New Year from all of us at The News and especially from those of us at Newstalk. Hopefully, 2012 will be the year we see on the road to economic recovery in all fields. Starting off the New Year here in Somerville was, of course, the First Flag raising ceremony on Prospect Hill this past Sunday. On Monday night the new city government was sworn into office at the High School Auditorium. Let's hope the city is moving forward in all aspects for us here.

At the Inaugural ceremony speeches are normally given by the new President of the Board of Alderman, the New School Committee Chairman as well as the Mayor. Alderman Tom Taylor from Ward 3 was voted president of the board this year, but he was home recovering from his illness. His lovely wife Celica Taylor gave his speech, which was very emotional and well received by all present. Celica is a former School Board member herself and was not new to the podium. We hope Tom will be back on his feet real soon, and look forward to his leadership role as the new President of the Board. Mayor Joe gave a great speech on all the positive things that were happening in the city and was well received by all present.

On the stage with Mayor Joe was former Mayor Eugene Brune, as well as newly elected Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente. We wish Tony a lot of luck in representing Ward 4 and the city. Let's hope his leadership in Ward 4 leads to something positive happening at the Winter Hill Start sight this year.

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce monthly After Hours Business meeting will be held this

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to A Grand Union

Winter Hill Barney says:

This seems a reasonable place to mention: Temple Street looks amazing with the new street lamps and pavement. (And at the moment with the Chr..., uh, holiday decorations, too.) I don't know how many times in the past couple of years I called to make a 311 pothole report--"Temple Street, all of it". It took them long enough to get to it, but they did a great job. Now, please don't let NSTAR dig it up and leave it all ***** again.

Bob S. says:

hey Winter Hill Barney, I agree....Temple St looks good. Too bad the sewer and utility covers are not level with the street ! Talk about digging up new street....The mayors new skating rink has them digging up Somerville Ave....we waited DECADES for the street to be done over and it hasnt even been a year. The new rink is already way over budget so his new russian buddy can collect hockey skills checks. !! Happy New Year !!

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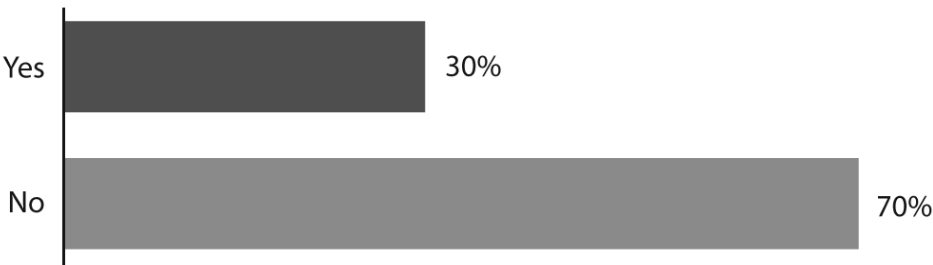
TheSomervilleNews.com polls of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's polls concerned your views on whether or not you would be celebrating New Year's Eve at home or if you would be going out and whether or not you kept your 2011 New Year resolution. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Will you be celebrating New Year's Eve at home or will you be going out?



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Walter Pero's legacy of service

By Andrew Firestone

For 15 years, Ward 4 Alderman Walter Pero has served as a voice on the Board of Aldermen. Through this time he battled leukemia, and retook his Ward 4 seat after beating Alderman Jim McCallum in 2003.

Pero steps down as Ward 4 Alderman now, after he announced he would not seek re-election last March. An alderman from 1996 to 2000, Pero resigned to take a position as the City of Somerville's Director of Veteran Services, a position he would also hold in Winthrop, eventually elevated to the Deputy Commissioner of the State Department of Veteran Services. He was again elected as Ward 4 Alderman in 2004, serving until December 31, 2011.

Pero called his finest vote in the chamber the one he took against the rezoning legislation for the Gravestar/Taurus Investment partnership, Assembly Square Limited Partnership proposal back in 2003. While the vote passed, the ASLP would later sell their permits to the current developer, Federal Realty Investment Trust. "I didn't feel that the developer that was selected would be able to carry-through on the project, and I think I was proven right a few years later."

"They just didn't have deep enough pockets to build Assembly Square," he said.

He said that his proudest achievement was pushing through an ordinance establishing a commission for Memorials and Monuments. The commission considers and votes on the naming of squares and streets, often in commemoration of veterans and their service, taking a power once held solely by the mayor and bringing it to a board. Pero said he was happy because it "takes a lot of the politics out of it."

Pero said that he worked for the betterment of veterans because he had witnessed the disrespect that many were



Walter Pero steps into a new role as Director of Veteran Services in Somerville.

given after the Vietnam War. Pero himself served during the Vietnam era in the United States Army, but never went to the conflict itself. He said he was pleased with the change in public sentiment towards veterans in the current age of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"There's been a veteran in elected office for many, many years. In fact, it used to be that, if you were a World War II veteran, that was one of your qualifications for becoming a politician in the city," he said.

Pero was President of the BOA in 1999 and again in 2009.

He said that he had tried to administer his duties with a flavor of "responsiveness." "People don't call anymore, but they certainly call or e-mail or they text. You have to be responsive to every issue, because if you're not responsive one time, they will always remember that. So if someone calls about a street light, or a parking problem, zoning issue, landlord issues, those are the things that an alderman needs to follow up on."

Now entering retirement, Pero says he looks forward to golfing, reading books from the Somerville Library, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Lafuente strides into chamber

Ward 4 Alderman talks Winter Hill

By Andrew Firestone

There was one new initiation for the Somerville BOA this last Monday, January 2: Tony Lafuente is now Ward 4 Alderman. A Portuguese immigrant, Lafuente is the local business owner of Flagraphics, which he has operated since moving to Somerville in 1987. After running for mayor against Joseph Curtatone in 2003, and Alderman At Large in 2007, Lafuente finally enters the chamber during a crucial juncture for his neighborhood.

"There's a lot to do in Ward 4," said Lafuente. "Frankly, my predecessor had been not doing very much in the past few years. There's a lot of things that need to be done from sidewalks, trees, to cleanliness of the ward. We now have some issue with the break-ins in Ten Hills. I've already been approached by some of my neighbors, that they'd like to have a neighborhood meeting about that."

Most important, said Lafuente, was the continuing revamping and development of Broadway, which he says is where his business acumen can come into play. "When I came into Somerville, there was only four people [at Flagraphics], now we're 11." He said. "Over the years, I've hired people from Somerville, because that's what you want to do, that's what you're supposed to do."

"We have to allow the free market process to happen, and encourage, so that business will come to the city and grow in the city, and allow the residents of the city to be participants in those businesses."

"The people of Ward 4 elected me because they know that my experience in business and development will lend itself to whatever happens on Broadway and Winter Hill," he said. "I've got my plans for it, and again people are going to have a certain amount of input."

As for Broadway, the current home of the long-abandoned Star Market, Lafuente said, "I'd love to see a lot more professional businesses," such as insurance companies, architects, graphic designers



Tony Lafuente is bullish on business.

and other small businesses. "Everything is retail right now. I think the new zoning, having mix-used buildings and the four-story limit, I think it allows for that."

"We're going to try to get working with the whole revamping of Broadway, which is a long-term plan," he said. "The whole rezoning of Winter Hill has gone through and now it's time to seeing what kind of developments we can bring in."

As for his intent in his upcoming trials and tribulations, Lafuente was secure in his feelings that Somerville needs to be more open to bringing different people into the city, and should open their doors, while still showing discretion. "People already know so much about me because I ran before. They know I'm very pro-business. I'd like to see the city be a lot more business friendly in terms of permitting process, which a lot of folks complain a lot about, to make it easier, so that we make it easier for when a business wants to move into the city, allow them to go through the whole building permit process and planning and zoning, to allow them to come in to create the jobs that folks are talking about."

"We need jobs. We can't specify the jobs that we want or need in the city. We have to allow companies to come in and grow here and allow we here, the residents of the city, to grow with those businesses, because that's how people are going to get hired," he said.

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MBTA to offer ad discount to Somerville businesses

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with Mayor Joseph Curtatone and the Somerville Board of Aldermen, led by Rebekah Gerwitz and Bruce Desmond, has announced that the MBTA will be offering an exclusive ad discount for Somerville businesses to aid in the economic recovery due to the impact of weekend T station closures.

The MBTA, through its ad contractor Titan 360, is offering discounted 12, 24 and 40 week ad packages. The program will kick off with a workshop on January 13th at Saloon in Davis Square. The Chamber and the city are now working with the MBTA to aid in economic recovery of lost business activity during the shut down and to promote Somerville as a destination.

WHAT: MBTA Ad Discount Workshop

WHEN: Friday, January 13, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

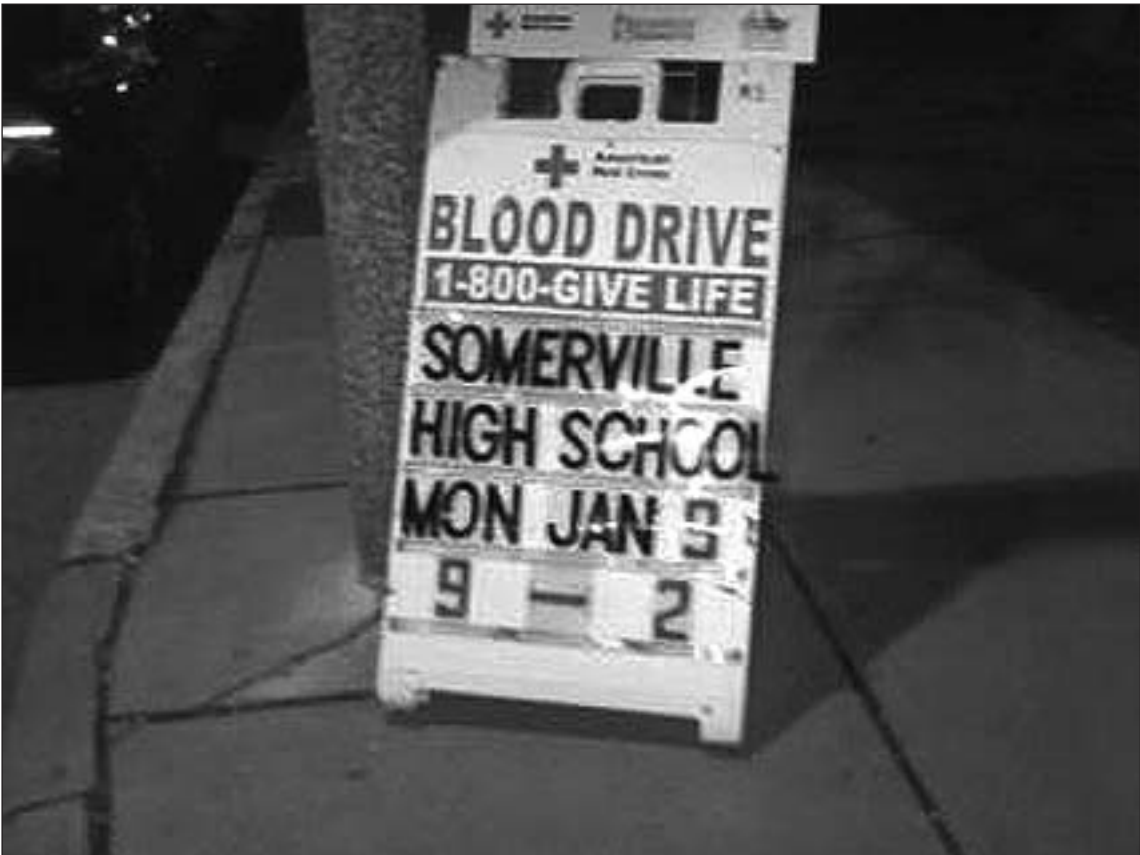
WHERE: Saloon, 255 Elm Street, Davis Square

WHO: Attendees will hear from the Somerville Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the City. The MBTA's ad contractor, Titan 360, will also be presenting details on the discount and advice on developing ads for local businesses.

WHY: The Red Line is shut down between Harvard Square and Alewife on weekends through early March. The MBTA is offering this discount at the behest of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, and the Somerville Board of Alderman, in order to aid in recovering lost customers due to weekend T closures.

Register for this workshop by emailing Stephen Mackey at smackey@somervillechamber.org. Use the subject line "Discount Workshop" and include your name(s) and affiliation(s) and contact information.

Blood Drive in Somerville



The American Red Cross Blood Drive is taking place at the Somerville High School on Monday, January 9, from 9 a.m. -2 p.m.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Thomas Harron, 30, of 7 Webster Ave., Woburn, December 27, 1:19 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of unregistered motor vehicle, number plate violation, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jerome Turner, 35, of 15 Fenwood Rd., Boston, December 28, 7:43 p.m., arrested at 282 Somerville Ave. on charges of defacing property, threat to commit crime, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Djalma Paixo, 43, of 87 Temple, December 28, 8:33 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of marked lanes violation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Levi Dias, 33, of 64 Derby St., December 29, 9:26 p.m., arrested at 273 Broadway on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Jose Umanzor, 22, of 30 Summer St., December 29, 9:37 p.m., arrested at 70 Union Sq. on charges of furnishing a false name or Social Security number and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Hale Hack, 36, of 161 Lowell St., December 30, 12:36 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and assault and battery on a person over 60.

Benjamin Lynch, 25, of 386 Washington St., December 30, 1:15 a.m., arrested at 200 Washington St. on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Robert Quinn, 49, of 75 East Meadow Ln., Carlyle, December 31, 12:53 p.m., arrested at 223 Washington St. on charges of resisting arrest, destruction of property over \$250, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Daniel McLean, 54, of 268 Washington St., December 31, 4:06 p.m., arrested at home on charges of abuse prevention order violation and trespassing.

Josmar Ferriera, 51, of 82 Grant St., December 31, 5:20 p.m., arrested at 368 McGrath Hwy. on charges of miscellaneous equipment violation and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and unlicensed operation of a motor

vehicle.

Rudy Rodriguez, 38, of 305 Medford St., December 31, 10:50 p.m., arrested at Derby St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Ruben Julce, 24, of 20 Melvin St., January 2, 8:55 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and number plate violation.

Incidents:

Theft:

December 27, 9:15 a.m., police reported a theft at Winthrop Rd.

December 27, 11:16 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

December 27, 11:37 a.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

December 27, 12:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Austin St.

December 27, 2:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Everett Ave.

December 28, 9:48 a.m., police reported a theft at MacArthur St.

December 28, 1:13 p.m., police reported a theft at 366 Broadway.

December 28, 3:37 p.m., police reported a theft at Marshall St.

December 28, 9:08 p.m., police reported a theft at Willow Ave.

December 29, 4:34 p.m., police reported a theft at Woods Ave.

December 29, 5:59 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

December 30, 4:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

January 1, 12:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Tremont Pl.

Breaking & Entering:

December 27, 3:01 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Houghton St.

December 28, 11:04 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Kenneson Rd.

December 28, 4:35 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at College Ave.

December 28, 6:34 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Kenwood St.

December 30, 3:07 p.m., po-

lice reported a breaking & entering at Austin St.

January 2, 2:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Putnam Rd.

Vehicle Theft:

December 30, 7:32 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Heath St.

January 1, 10:59 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 141 Broadway.

Assault:

December 30, 12:36 a.m., police reported an assault at Lowell St.

December 30, 11:04 a.m., police reported an assault at Sycamore St.

December 30, 5:19 p.m., police reported an assault at Alewife Brook Pky.

December 30, 9:37 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

January 1, 12:39 a.m., police reported an assault at Puritan Rd.

January 1, 4:39 p.m., police reported an assault at Mystic Ave.

January 1, 11:43 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

Veterans' Services' Frank Senesi retires

By Cathleen Twardzik

Frank Senesi, Director of Veterans' Services of Somerville since 2004, has retired from his service to the city as of December 30, 2011.

"My job is to ensure that all local veterans receive the monetary compensation they're entitled to, under Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws. I also assist veterans in receiving their federal benefits from the Veterans Administration, including their education, disability and medical benefits," said Senesi.

He has been essential in the development of "a Memorial Day Parade that's not just the biggest and best Memorial Day parade in the region, but the biggest annual parade of any kind."

"One of the last things I've taken care of before leaving is to book the 52-piece U.S. Air

Force Orchestra for next year's Independence Day fireworks celebrations. Each year, our Memorial Day Parade and our Independence Day celebrations get a little bigger and a little better. These events help remind the public of the sacrifices and contributions that veterans make to our community, and I've really enjoyed working on them. In fact, I'll still plan to take part, even in retirement," said Senesi.

Previously, he served as a manager of the Massachusetts Highway Department for 12 years, as well as having worked working with the MBTA for 23 years.

"I'm proud to be a veteran myself, and it's helped me relate to the veterans I've worked with over the years," said Senesi, who was a corporal in the 1st Battalion of the 1st Marine Division.



Frank Senesi, Director of Veterans' Services of Somerville since 2004, retired from his service to the city on December 30.

His "military decorations include two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star."

"Frank is a great friend and colleague, and perhaps, [is] the best Veterans' Services Director in the city's history. We'll miss having him on the team, but I know I speak for the entire city in offering heartfelt thanks to Frank for his advocacy, dedication and service over the last eight years," said

Mayor Curtatone.

However, Senesi wishes to stay "active in the community."

Senesi's advice to individuals who are embarking on their careers will surely benefit them. "Don't worry too much about how you're going to get ahead. Focus on the job you've got, and do it right. People will notice you."

What are Senesi's future goals or project plans during his re-

tirement? "I'm looking forward to traveling more, and we already have trips booked next year to Florida, Aruba and Nassau in the Bahamas. But, the most important thing for me is that I get to spend more time with my grandchildren. My son's family is in Kentucky. He's been in the Army for 18 years, and he's based at Fort Knox, where he helps [to] train armored units for the National Guard," he said.

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Curtatone: 'Somerville is the place to be' CONT. FROM PG 1

neighborhoods that are the strength and pride of our special city."

Curtatone noted that recent and ongoing fiscal responsibility saw the ratings agency raise their rating of Somerville from 'A+' to 'AA-' in 2011.

While the enhancement may have been because of sound proactive votes, "[S & P] are also recognizing us for the things we haven't done. "We haven't over-leveraged our resources with ill-considered borrowing, and we haven't squandered our financial reserves to pay for current operating expenses, nor will we."

Curtatone also addressed the recent controversy the erupted due to the application by a local

parents group for a new charter school. He reiterated his devotion to the education of Somerville's youth in the public school system, where he has four of his own children. "Our children are our future skilled workers, our future leaders and managers, our future customers and our future neighbors," he said.

"Their success touches every aspect of our lives, from economic growth to property values to residential quality of life."

He also voiced his support for the school system itself. "Our teachers, our School Committee, our Superintendent and his administrative team can take pride in our rising MCAS scores, in Standard and Poor's rating of

Somerville as a top-performing urban school district, and in the improved English skills of our ELL students, whose performance is significantly better than the state average," he said, referencing recent studies which revealed Somerville's ELL population, and their progress in terms of state tests for their subgroup.

"But we can do much, much more."

"And one of the best ways to accelerate our school's performance is for all of us - schools, city government, parents, business leadership, residents of all backgrounds - to form a united front in tackling the challenges our children face," he said, noting that the emergence of the par-

ents group Progress Together for Somerville had seemingly come to pick up that slack in the school's moment of need.

"Although this group was developed in part to oppose the current charter proposal, I know that many of the Progress Together parents are prepared to roll up their sleeves and use their energy and expertise to help the Schools make more exponential leaps in achievement," he said, pointing to the work of community leaders "like Ruth Ronen, Meghan Bouchard, and Michael Chiu have shown us the energy and passion that exists in the city."

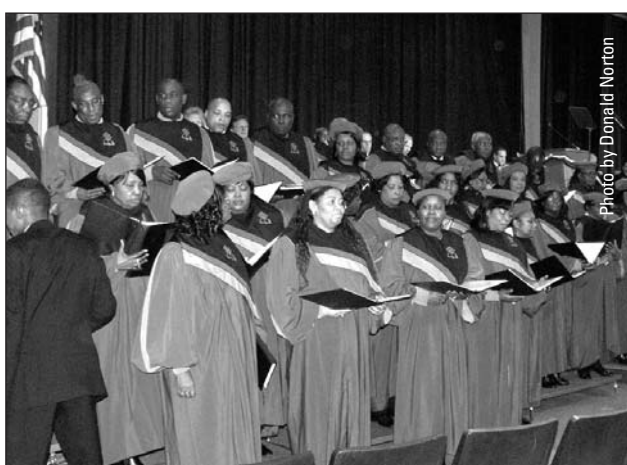
"We need to tap into their energy and creativity in order to

move beyond the steady, incremental success of the past decade, and to embark upon a far more ambitious and aggressive education agenda."

So my message to every resident and business owner, every advocate and community leader is a simple one: if you don't think you have a direct personal stake in the quality of our schools and the life outcomes of our young people, then think again."

We are all accountable on this issue."

"And, above all, let us continue to work together, in mutual recognition and support, to build a prosperous, healthy and sustainable future based on shared values."



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The View From Prospect Hill



The region we are blessed to live in is steeped in historical heritage, and the City of Somerville specifically enjoys a special distinction in the saga of the American Revolution as we take part in the annual observance of the raising of the Grand Union Flag at Prospect Hill.

This year marks the 236th anniversary of the event that many came together to celebrate with a heady mixture of patriotism and pride in community. Politicos and the general public rubbed shoulders and marked the occasion by sharing their collective sense of awe and gratitude for the sacrifices made and the victories achieved so many generations ago.

General Washington and the formidable volunteers of the Continental Army weathered many tribulations on their noble quest for independence for our nation. Unspeakable hardships confronted them, yet they held steady until ultimate victory was assured.

Let us be inspired by their example as we face the challenges ahead of us in the year to come. Whether it is economic, political, or social issues to be dealt with, we will persevere.

This is a country that knows how. The way may not be perfectly clear at this given moment, but we do know how to find our way even in the darkest of hours. And remember, Somerville, in the face of the greatest adversity one can always look to The Hill for inspiration.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Thursday on the 5th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Five Horses Tavern located right in Davis Square at 400 Highland Avenue. It's always a great time to network and get to know a lot of the Chamber's active members. The event is sponsored by Moschella & Winston and is hosted by Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Chairperson Michelle Mulvena of Moschella & Winston.

We heard from reliable sources that Middlesex County District Attorney Jerry Leone would not be seeking reelection this coming year. He is said to be going into private practice. DA Leone has been a good District Attorney for Middlesex County.

Don't forget the American Red Cross Blood Drive that's happening at the Somerville High School on Monday, January 9, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Well, it's here! Our Somerville News/Boston News Group's newest publications have launched in thirty-seven cities and towns across the state and still growing! Visit us on-

line at www.BostonNewsGroup.com. Watch us grow, check us out, and remember that good things begin right here in the 'Ville!

Don't forget the PDS is meeting on the 10th at the Precinct to possibly elect new officers, we hear. We, of course, wish them well. Maybe Dennis or Bill will show up and support them, since that was just about the only success story they had this past election.

Congratulations to Frank Senesi of the Veterans Services Department at City Hall for a successful eight-year run as the director. He accomplished a lot and did much for us here in the 'Ville for both veterans and non-veterans alike. Frank is actually credited for organizing the successful parades on Memorial Day. In the old days if you blinked you missed them, but Frank worked hard and has made them a can't-wait-to-see types of events. Frank retired on December 30. His co-workers threw him a retirement party this past Tuesday and all of his friends showed up to say so long, but not goodbye, because

he and his lovely wife Kathy will still be around the 'Ville. His very capable assistant, popular Kathleen Carey, remains on the job and will hopefully be there straight through until a replacement is picked by the city. His wife Kathy will have to be creative now that he is retired. Maybe they will join others down at the Elderly Drop In center on New Washington Street and go on some of those nice trips?

Starting off the New Year with Happy Birthdays to a few great 'Villens both here in the city and all around. First to local attorney Ed Fitzgerald, who is a great guy. To Janene Snow, who just turned 24 this week, we wish her well. A good friend Pam Gee, who works for RLS2000. Popular school teacher up at the West Somerville School (also night school principal) Sophia Carafotes. Man about town and popular city Democratic Party member John Caruso, who is very active in political campaigns and, of course, is a nice guy.

Congratulations to Thomas and Barbara Carli on the recent birth of their

second child, Joseph Anthony. They're a nice family with Somerville roots.

Ariana Roche, another 'Villen, recently made the Dean's List for the first semester as a freshman at Westfield State University.

The city announced the new opening of the West Somerville Sub Police station, which is set to open within the next few weeks. It will be in the Administration Building at Clarendon Hill Towers located at 1372 Broadway. This will replace the one in Teele Square, which was burnt down this past Halloween.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Elaine M. Shaughnessy who sadly passed away last week. Elaine was a wonderful lady and will be sadly missed.

Well, lots of rumors are flying around the city this past week, including one that has to do with a local bar here in the city. We heard that Diva Restaurant in Davis Square over-sold admission tickets for a party

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Meth = Death



By William C. Shelton

In November, Somerville Police and DEA officers executed a search warrant in a quiet residence just down the street from the home that former Police Chief Tony Holloway still owns. They found equipment used to produce methamphetamine hydrochloride and ten 35-gallon drums of chemicals.

Up on a scaffold at the time, I wondered why helicopters were circling nearby. When I found out, my heart sank beneath a dark wave of memory.

I did not grow up casually. There was a time in my youth during which I experimented with every psychoactive drug available. I spent much of my time with people who were doing the same. And I came to think of methamphetamine as ingestible evil.

At the beginning of the meth high, you feel omnipotent. You can do anything, know anything, and you enjoy limitless and everlasting energy, or so it seems. In point of fact, you could be highly productive if you remained focused. Gifted author Phillip K.

Dick said that he could write 68 completed pages per day when he was running on crank.

But the crash comes 6-to-12 hours later. Your impulse is to do anything that you can to avoid the complete exhaustion, black depression, and bleak despair that it brings. So you get high again.

You run for days. The absence of REM sleep and the overproduction of dopamine eventually produce hallucinations. Because the drug is generating the physical responses associated with anxiety-elevated heartbeat, muscle tension, heightened blood pressure, rapid breathing-the hallucinations are usually paranoid in content. Sometimes you engage in obsessive-compulsive behaviors.

I've seen meth addicts wash their hands until they bleed, or scratch off their skin, trying to remove unseen insects. I've seen them disassemble TVs because they believed that they were being watched. Or not disassemble TVs because they believed that news announcers were sending them secret messages. I came across a meth addict who kept her infant daughter in a cardboard box, in a cabinet under the kitchen sink.

By God's grace, meth never got a strangle hold on me. Its high could never compensate for its crash, and I preferred other highs.

By the mid 1970s, widespread meth addiction seemed to be a thing of the past. But in the 1990s a new kind of methamphetamine entered the market. Rather than being shot up or swallowed, it could be sniffed or smoked. Triple crystallized to remove impurities, it delivers the dopamine of a half-dozen or gasms-in the beginning.

Cocaine and heroin are candy by comparison. Crystal meth takes only a few uses to induce addiction, and only a few weeks to inflict permanent brain damage. It gouges out the neurons that produce and transmit dopamine. It sears one's capacity for sexual arousal. When not on a run, the user enters a bottomless depression that can be suicidal or homicidal.

Only six percent of meth freaks permanently get off it, the lowest proportion by far for any drug. Then, what feels like eternal hell begins. Much of recovering addicts' higher functioning won't come back. They can't understand words, or think abstractly, or remember what they did this morning. The slightest sensation of light, sound, or touch can be excruciating. One recovering addict said that she felt as if her skin had been peeled off.

Crystal meth fuels a plague that reverses the pattern of previous drug epidemics. Cocaine and heroin came from far-off lands. They devastated inner-

city communities and then moved into the suburbs.

The made-in-America crystal-meth epidemic began in California's central valley in the 1990s. It spread through rural communities, travelling into the Pacific Northwest, and then across the Midwest and Southern states. It's moved from rural communities to cities, and from middle-class White users to Latinos and Blacks.

Dozens of websites provide instructions on how to cook it. The product is cheaper than cocaine or heroin. DEA officials say that meth-lab incidents in the U.S. now number over 11,000 per year.

The crystal meth plague has devastated rural towns, driving up violent crime, domestic violence, foster home placements, emergency room admissions, and jail populations. It has warped towns' and counties' budgets. And it would seem that now, it has reached New England.

Because of crystal meth's addictive power, relatively low cost, and ubiquity, enforcement and treatment are feeble plague-fighting weapons. Prevention can be a little more effective, but we need to think about it differently.

A majority of prevention programs focus on education. They describe the threats of meth use, much as I have. But those for

whom this is effective were less likely to do drugs in the first place. And those who have smoked cannabis and discovered that it's less impairing than alcohol tend to dismiss facts about meth as more scare tactics.

People who become addicts already know that the substance they are putting in their mouths, or up their noses, or into their arms will probably harm them and possibly kill them. But they also know that they will feel euphoric for the next few hours. Nothing else in their lives offers that kind of certainty.

Real prevention involves two things. We must weave a tight network of caring relationships so strong that we don't let each other slip away. And we must create opportunities for young people to learn that they have power to change their lives and their world.

As I consider how to end this column, my thoughts turn again to Phillip Dick, author of 44 novels and 121 short stories. His novel, *A Scanner Darkly*, drew heavily on his experience with meth. The novel and the movie conclude with the following:

This has been a story about people who were punished entirely too much for what they did. I loved them all. Here is a list, to whom I dedicate my love:
To Gaylene, deceased
To Ray, deceased
To Franci, *Continued on page 17*

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Happy 100th Mrs. Chiulli!



On March 11, 2011, I wrote a story about The Brown School in Somerville. In that article, I mentioned my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Chiulli (back then, in the late 50's, I thought her name was Miss Julie!). She read the article and told her daughter about it. Not only was Mrs. Chiulli my kindergarten teacher, but I also worked with her daughter Mary Ann at Woolworths in Davis Square back in the early 70's. Mary Ann contacted me and told me that she was planning her mother's 100th birthday party on December 17 and would I help with the music, etc. I was honored to be able to be a part of such a special day and such a remarkable milestone. Here are some interesting facts about Mary Chiulli's illustrious life:

Mary Chiulli was born on December 17, 1911. She graduated from Somerville High School in 1928. William Howard Taft was President when Mary was born. She has lived to see Presidents Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Regan, Bush, Clinton, Bush and Obama. Mary went to Salem State College. She taught in the Somerville school system for over 35 years. She has many, many students in the city that have fond memories of Mrs. Chiulli who was known for her patience and kindness. She was married for 56 years and has two grown children, grandkids and great grandkids. One was born in 2011, and they are 100 years apart.

Mary is a dedicated Red Sox fan who has been alive for every World Series they won starting in 1912. She was also alive when the Titanic had its fateful voyage.

So much history occurred in Mary's lifetime. She was born one year before Fenway Park opened. Mary prepared her lesson plan for class every night, right up until the day she retired.

The party was spectacular. Family, friends, Congressman Michael Capuano and his lovely wife Barbara were there along with many others who have known Mary through the years.

One of the highlights of the party was when the firemen came in. There was no fire emergency. Three of Somerville's bravest came in to light the 100 candles on Mary's cake. Captain Charlie Breen, and firefighters Bobby Galvin and Josue Velney entered in "full turnout gear" to professionally and safely ignite all the candles. I was playing the music for the party and felt that *Disco Inferno* was an appropriate background for the mass igniting. Mary's daughter Mary Ann put togeth-

er an elaborate "time line" that showed photos of Mary and her family and friends, and the world events that spanned the 100 years that she has been on this earth. One thing was very evident at the party. Mary Chiulli had touched many lives as a mother, wife, teacher and friend. I would like to say one more time from all who know her, happy birthday Mrs. Chiulli.

Mary lives in a VNA in Somerville where she has new friends. She still enjoys doing crossword puzzles and watching *Wheel of Fortune* and *Jeopardy*.

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

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: SECOND 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.

Beacon Hill Roll Call this week looks at six bills from the 2011 session that have been unanimously approved by the Senate without any opposition and sent to the House for action. All six bills are still languishing in the House Ways and Means Committee and have not yet reached the House floor.

OVERHAUL SYSTEM OF HANDLING RUN-AWAY AND TRUANT CHILDREN (S 1963)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that makes major changes in the current Children in Need of Services system of handling children who are runaways and truants. The proposal has been in the House Ways and Means Committee since July 18.

The measure basically abolishes the current system, which brings most of these juveniles to court, and replaces it with a statewide community-based intervention network that would provide community services for these children and their families. Children would be diverted from the juvenile legal process and instead be given behavioral, medical and mental health treatment; special education evaluations; mentoring, family and parent support; after-school and out-of-school opportunities; and crisis management.

Other provisions allow requests for assistance to be filed by parents or guardians, police officers and schools; require schools to establish truancy prevention programs; and prohibit children requiring assistance from being placed in Department of Youth Services custody or shackled.

Supporters say many of these children have mental health problems and need comprehensive services rather than repeatedly being dragged into court. They argue troubled children who are regularly exposed to the juvenile courts are more likely to commit crimes and end up in adult court later in life. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

DAM SAFETY (S 1985)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would establish a Revolving Loan Fund, funded by the Water Pollution Abatement Trust, to provide low-interest, long-term loans to private dam owners and cities and towns to inspect, repair and remove some of the 3,000-plus dams in the Bay State. The proposal has been in the House Ways and Means Committee since July 29.

Other provisions require the development of emergency action plans for all hazardous dams and an inspection schedule that includes inspecting high-hazard dams every two years; and an increase in the fine imposed on dam owners who violate state safety regulations from \$500 to \$5,000.

Supporters say the dam repairs would be funded by some \$14.5 million in Water Pollution Abatement Trust money that is not currently being used. They said the bill would help improve the safety of cities and towns with neglected and vulnerable dams. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

DNA EVIDENCE (S 1987)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would allow individuals who have been convicted of a crime to request access to DNA evidence for forensic testing that could grant a new trial. The proposal has been in the House Ways and Means Committee since August 1.

Supporters say 48 other states have similar laws, and it is time for Massachusetts to join them in making it easier for wrongfully convicted individuals to prove their innocence. They argue it would also lead to law enforcement pursuing the real offenders and saving the state the cost of incarcerating citizens who are wrongly convicted. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ORGAN DONATION (S 2067)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill requiring the state to adopt the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. The measure establishes revised rules and regulations for organ donations for transplantation or study. The proposal has been in the House Ways and Means Committee since November 16.

Supporters say the bill would bring the state law into compliance with the changes in a federal law that has been adopted in 45 other states. They note this would clarify the process of making or revoking an anatomical gift and streamline the entire donation process. They argue the bill would save lives and reduce health care costs at no cost to the state. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

LIFE JACKETS FOR KIDS (S 2075)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill requiring all children’s camps’ lakes and other swimming areas, except swimming and wading pools to have one life jacket for each child. It also prohibits camps from refusing to allow a child to bring and use his or her own life jacket. The measure is called “Christian’s Law” after 4-year-old Christian Frechette, who was not wearing a life jacket when he drowned in 2007 at a town-run camp. The proposal has been in the House Ways and Means Committee since November 17

Supporters say one child dies from drowning every minute across the world, and these requirements would save many lives. They argued 86 percent of children are found within 10 minutes and would likely be alive if they

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were wearing life jackets. (A “Yes” vote is for the requirements.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

CHANGES TO STATE GOVERNMENT (S 1905)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a lengthy bill designed to make major changes in the way state government operates. The measure requires state government to regularly evaluate the worthiness, successes and failures of all agencies and programs. It would also establish a special commission to decide the fate of existing state agencies and boards based on their core missions and performance. The proposal has been in the House Ways and Means Committee since November 17.

Another key provision would require the governor to file a zero-based budget every four years -- one that starts from scratch and is not based on the prior year's funding.

The measure also requires unrestricted local aid to be distributed monthly rather than quarterly and caps the state’s debt limit at \$17.07 billion.

Supporters say this would modernize and reform the way state government operates. They argue it would get rid of the mentality that each department's budget should almost always be funded at the prior year's level, at minimum. They note it would finally improve efficiency, transparency and accountability by implementing performance measurement requirements for all government agencies and programs. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

The Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing and invite testimony from the public on January 24 at 1 p.m. on the following bills:

PROHIBIT DIFFERENT RATES BASED ON GENDER (S 414, H 1172) - Prohibits insurance companies from charging different rates or providing different benefits or terms on any policies on the basis of gender. The measure is aimed at expanding a 2008 law that prohibits the use of gender as a factor in the sale and payout of an annuity policy.

INSURANCE RECORDS FROM HOLOCAUST (S 416) - Requires all insurance companies to provide the state with their records on all policies that were issued and in effect in Europe between 1920 and 1945. Supporters say many victims of the Nazi regime and their families were never paid insurance claims for various policies they owned because the owners were killed and the families did not have proof of the policy. They note in many cases only the insurance companies still have records of these policies and they should be forced to release the records and either prove payment was already made or be required to pay now.

DISABILITY INSURANCE (S 445) - Prohibits insurance companies from reducing the benefit amount paid under a private disability policy by the amount of benefit the person receive from federal Social Security disability benefits.

ELECT THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER (H 1208) - Provides that the state's insurance commission-

er be elected rather than appointed. One of the commissioner's duties is to set auto insurance rates following a series of public hearings. Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that gives the commissioner this power while other states set their rates by law or by a competitive free market.

The Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing and invite testimony from the public on February 7 at 1 p.m. on the following bills:

CAP INTEREST RATE ON CREDIT CARDS (H 271) - Caps the maximum annual percentage rate on credit cards at 18 percent.

STUDY SAFETY OF STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS (H 312) - Creates a 13-member special commission to study and report on the safety and security of deposits made by public entities, including the state, cities, towns and counties, in any financial institution or investment fund.

RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS FOR PRIVATE EMPLOYEES (H 1194) - Allows employees of private companies to establish retirement accounts under a Massachusetts Voluntary Retirement Accounts Program, to be implemented and run by State Treasurer Steve Grossman's office. Supporters say many small and mid-size companies cannot afford to establish individual retirement plans for their employees. They note this bill would allow these companies' private employees a simple and inexpensive way to save for retirement.

PUT STATE RETIREMENT FUNDS IN LOCAL BANKS (H2036) - Provides that not less than \$250 million of the state-administered Pension Reserves Investment Trust (PRIT) funds be invested in local banks that are incorporated in or have their headquarters located in Massachusetts. The PRIT Fund is a pooled investment fund that invests the assets of the Massachusetts teachers’ and state employees’ retirement systems and the assets of county, authority, district and municipal retirement systems that choose to invest in the fund.

BANKS MUST CASH STATE AND MUNICIPAL CHECKS (H3601) - Requires all banks and credit unions to cash checks issued by the state, cities and towns even if the customer does not have an account at that institution.

TELEMEDICINE (S 438) - Requires health insurance companies to cover the cost of telemedicine, the practice of physicians using telecommunication and information technologies to provide health care remotely.

NOTICE OF INSURANCE CANCELLATION (H 2067) - Allows a policyholder age 65 or older to designate someone to be notified 60 days prior to the date of cancellation of his or her policy.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“We don’t expect Congress to do much more at this point. They’ve left many seniors in a ‘heat or eat’ situation as we head into the New Year.” – *Al Norman, Executive Director of Mass. Home Care on the \$52 million reduction in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funding*

from the federal government.

“A total of 714 foreclosure deeds were recorded in November, a near 71 percent increase from 418 deeds in the same month last year.” – *The Warren Group, publisher of Banker & Tradesman.*

“Rather than warehousing families in hotels, let's provide the services that will help shorten their stays.” – *Diane Sullivan, the policy director of Homes for Families, on urging Gov. Deval Patrick to increase funding for rental assistance and public housing.*

“Expanded gambling becomes the law. 2. Former Speaker DiMasi goes to jail. 3. Mother Nature wallops Massachusetts and power companies' performance during the cleanup.” – *According to the State House News Service, the top three political stories of 2011 as voted on by reporters who cover Massachusetts state government.*

“Please don’t turn America into Massachusetts.” – *Republican presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich.*

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

During the week of December 26-30, the House met for a total of one hour and 29 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 44 minutes.

Mon. December 26	No House session
	No Senate session
Tues. December 27	House 11:01 a.m. to 12:17 p.m.
	Senate 11:00 a.m. to 12:21 p.m.
Wed. December 28	No House session
	No Senate session
Thurs. December 29	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.
	Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.
Fri. December 30	No House session
	No Senate session

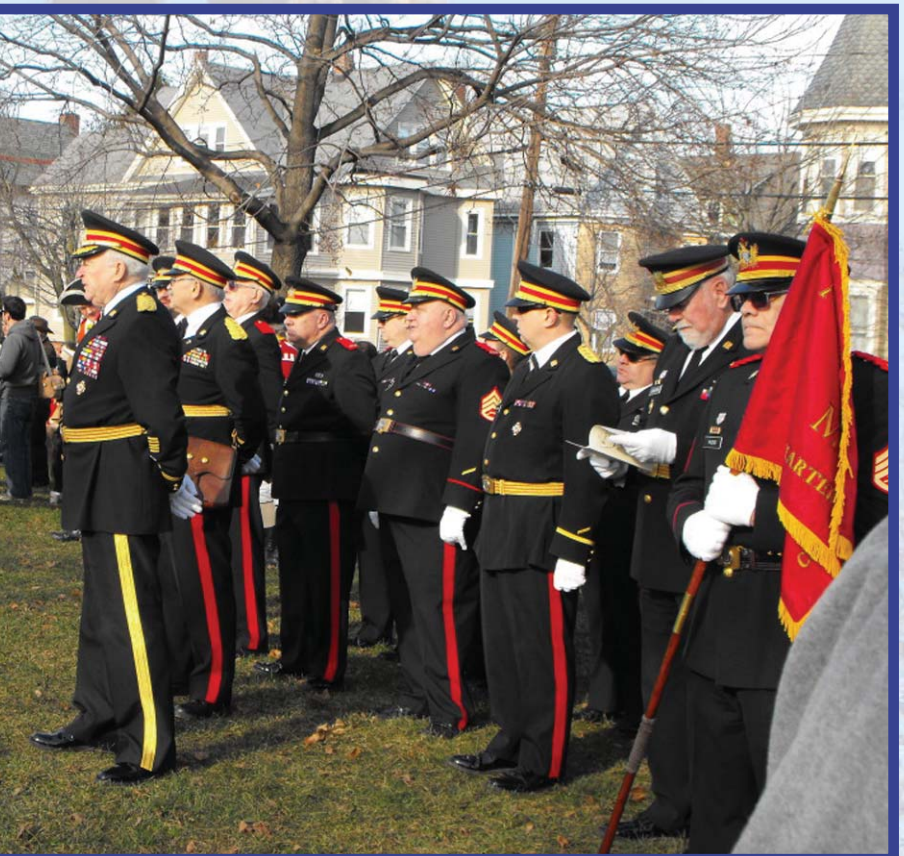
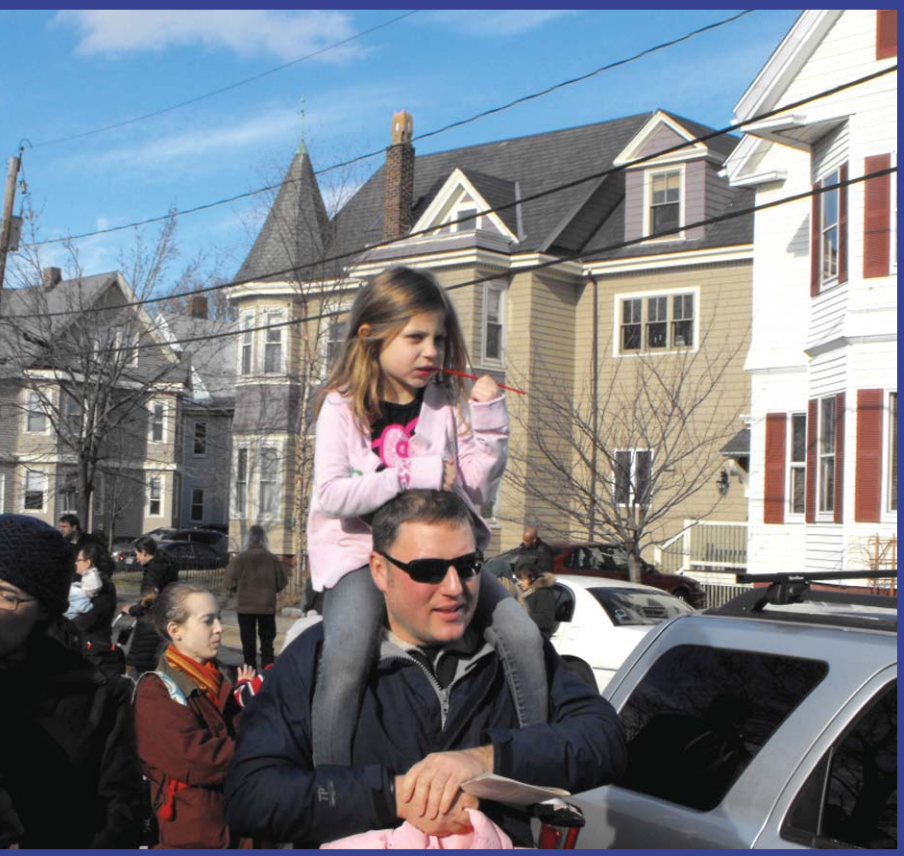
Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Grand Union Flag raising ceremony

The 236th annual “Grand Union” flag-raising ceremony at Prospect Hill Park was held on Sunday, January 1, 2012. The annual ceremony commemorates the raising of the nation’s first official flag, featuring thirteen red and white horizontal stripes, atop Prospect Hill on New Year’s Day, 1776. At the time, Prospect Hill was a key site in a string of fortifications created by Washington and the Continental Army in their siege of British troops in Boston during the first year of the American Revolution.

This year’s celebrations featured a new addition, participating for the first time was His Majesty’s 10th Regiment of Foot, who represented the British Army and brought a message from King George III. The American Legion Post 19 Honor Guard led a military salute as a commemorative flag was raised atop the Prospect Hill Tower.





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Somerville High School Sports events

Hockey**Boys Varsity**

Wednesday 01/04/12 Everett High School Home 8 p.m.

Saturday 01/07/12 Medford High School Away 7 p.m.

Monday 01/09/12 King Philip Home 8 p.m.

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

Boys Junior Varsity

Friday 12/16/11 Latin Academy Home 4 p.m.

Monday 12/19/11 Medford High School Away 4 p.m.

Wednesday 12/21/11 Arlington High School Away 4 p.m.

Thursday 12/29/11 Everett High School Home 4 p.m.

Wednesday 01/04/12 Everett High School Away 3:15 p.m.

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

Girls Varsity

Saturday 01/08/11 Everett High School Home 11 a.m.

Basketball**Girls Varsity**

Wednesday 01/04/12 Notre Dame Academy--Hingham Away 7 p.m.

Friday 01/06/12 Cambridge Public Schools Home 7 p.m.

Tuesday 01/10/12 Everett

High School Away 7 p.m.

Girls Junior Varsity

Wednesday 01/04/12 Notre Dame Academy--Hingham Away 5:30 p.m.

Friday 01/06/12 Cambridge Public Schools Home 5:30 p.m.

Girls Freshman

Wednesday 01/04/12 Notre Dame Academy--Hingham Away 3:45 p.m.

Friday 01/06/12 Cambridge Public Schools Home 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday 01/10/12 Everett High School Away 3:45 p.m.

Track**Boys Varsity**

Saturday 01/07/12 Auerbach F/S Meet

Medford High School Away TBA

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

Boys Junior Varsity

Wednesday 01/04/12 GBL F/S Meet Home 3:30 p.m.

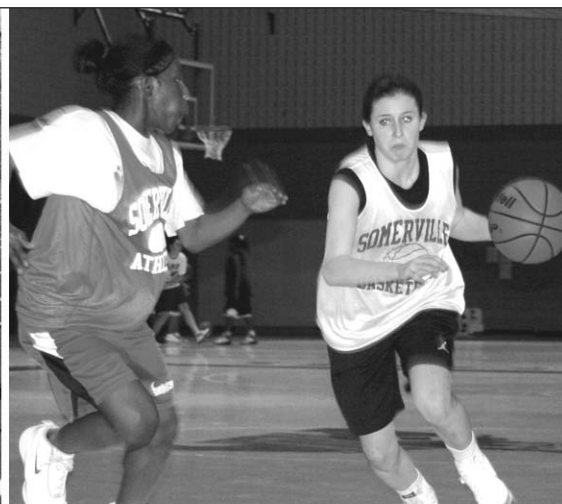
Girls Varsity

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

Girls Junior Varsity Wednesday 01/04/12 GBL F/S Meet Home 3:30 p.m.

Saturday 01/07/12 Aurebach F/S Meet

OPEN DATE Away TBA

**Swim****Coed Varsity**

Friday 01/06/12 East Boston

Away 3:30 p.m.

Monday 01/09/12 Malden Catholic Home 3:30 p.m.

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

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#299

1. Whose ghost has been said to be spotted in the White House?

2. What U.S. president said "The White House is the finest prison in America"?

3. What Hitchcock movie used chocolate syrup flowing for fake blood?

4. What is the top selling weekly news magazine in America?

5. Massachusetts' sole gambling "Horizon Edge" is what kind of a Casino?

6. What automobile magazine has the highest circulation in America?

7. What body part is used when you want to give someone the brush off?

8. What is the narrow part of a guitar called that the strings connect to the pegs?

9. What is the mechanical animal used as a lure in dog racing?

10. What is the largest of these three oceans: Atlantic, Pacific, or Indian Ocean?

11. What was the first national park established in 1872?

12. What does the "T" stand for in "SWAT"?

Answers on page 17

February Swim Lesson's

Monday & Wednesday

FEBRUARY 1-27, 2012

5:15-5:45pm for levels 1

AND

5:15-6pm for
Levels 1½, 2, 3 & 4



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

**Non Somerville Residents:
January 10**

Tuesday & Thursday

FEBRUARY 2-23, 2012

4:30-5pm OR

5:15-5:45pm for levels 1

AND 5:15-6pm for
Levels 1½, 2, 3 & 4

**Somerville resident:
January 3**

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March Swim Lesson's

Monday & Wednesday

MARCH 5-26, 2012

5:15-5:45pm for levels 1

AND

5:15-6pm for
Levels 1½, 2, 3 & 4



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

**Non Somerville Resident:
February 7**

Tuesday & Thursday

MARCH 1-22, 2012

4:30-5pm OR

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AND 5:15-6pm for
Levels 1½, 2, 3 & 4

**Somerville Residents:
February 1**

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Aimee Mann to perform in Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

Mann. "You want to feel like you start at one place in a song and end up in another place, that it's not just the same road that you're walking down for three minutes. You want to have some interesting new things to look at by the time the third chorus comes along."

Mann will be playing songs from her new album at the performance, along with plenty of material from her previous releases. She said she enjoys playing new songs live.

"It's always fun, because [The new songs are] fresh, and you're completely connected with them," said Mann, "There's no feeling of like, 'Okay, I've played this 100 times, how can I make it interesting for myself?'"

While Mann enjoys playing new songs live, she is not one to risk boring her fans.

"I think my fans are very nice about hearing new songs," said Mann, "But, having said that, I wouldn't play five in a row. I

think that's asking too much."

"I think [artists who play too much new material at shows] risk having people get a little bored," continued Mann, "For a limited period, it's exciting to hear something that's brand new, but then you lose people because music often connects with people in repetition."

Mann is known for her history in Boston. She spent 15 years living there and attended Berklee College of Music in the early 1980's before leaving school to pursue a career on the Boston music scene. While known for her work with the Boston-based band Til Tuesday, Mann's first group was the Young Snakes, a garage band that played around town and served as her introduction to songwriting, as well as her outlet for her love of punk rock.

"I was really into punk/new wave/art noise," said Mann, "And so the Young Snakes were



Photo by Sheryl Nields

almost designed to be as grating musically as possible, which was super fun."

Mann used the band as a sandbox to explore the "do's" and "don'ts" of writing songs.

"The whole writing process, I really didn't know what I was

doing," said Mann. "I think it's just, you learn by doing and writing a bunch of songs and, you know, the first 20 or 30 songs you write are going to be pretty random."

Since then, Mann's song construction has become far less

random. See her with her band at the Somerville Theatre on January 19. Check out her website at www.aimeemann.com or follow her on twitter at @aimeemann, recently ranked 77th on the top 100 twitter accounts to follow by Paste Magazine.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

on New Year's Eve! The overflow crowd of between 60 to 80 people were denied access and turned away by the fire department who refused them entry to the building. Rumor is that the restaurant allegedly sold the admission tickets that also offered an open bar. The patrons that got turned away said that they ordered the tickets on-line for the New Year eve party. They also complained that management took no responsibility to rectify the problem, especially since the crowd that was turned away had to stand outside the restaurant in the cold. Management, when asked, had no reply when paid patrons ask for a refund. Somerville Police and Fire Department officers were on the scene to keep the peace and control the angry crowd of people.

To all those who don't know or pre-

tend they don't know, Newstalk has been around for about 41 years now. It's a rumor column. A gossip column which has some factual information and some not so factual rumors that are whispered around the city. Sort of like Speak Out - you call, they publish it, but nowhere near as bad as the old Somerville Community Newspaper (which ended publishing early 2000 we believe) which had as its rumor column "The Somerville Snoop." We have some not so fond memories of those columns here to remind us that no matter what, however vicious and vindictive the hallmark of the Somerville Snoop, it can never be Newstalk. But again, don't mistake it, we are a gossip column. Hell, we know other media outlets read this column as well as thousands of Villens every week. So get a grip, to all those out there in the 'Ville who don't understand. We are here, and if you're a political figure or a well-known person

and you do something or we hear about it from the many sources out there, we will print it. It doesn't matter who you are or who you're a related to, we will print it. Because that is our job, to let you, the public, know what's going on. At least we are fair, not like some of the local blogs who refuse to list the Somerville News!

Last week we made reference to Rep. Carl Sciortino being challenged this year by some locals either over here in Somerville or where he lives over in Medford. We heard he got on the defensive and called a few people to complain that he never went back on his word. We know that he has since more than one has said it. He specifically told one person running for local office he would stay out of the race and then he went endorsed the individual's opponent publicly at the opponents fundraiser. No one has a

problem with his actual endorsement but to say one thing and do another - sounds like Mitt Romney doesn't it?

We still think and hear that a few locals are going to be testing the waters over the next couple of months for some races. Some for State Senator Jehlen's seat, and some for Rep. Provost and Rep. Sciortino's seats. We even heard that Senator Jehlen might just decide to retire after almost 40 years as an elected official. If that happens we understand the field could be big. That would make it interesting year overall won't it? Especially with the Presidential and Congressional elections coming up this year. One rumor we keep hearing from reliable sources is that our own Mayor Joe Curtatone is going to be running for Governor, but that won't be for another 3 years. He's going to make a formidable candidate for the job.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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


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

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
Published in Somerville News on 1/4/12 & 1/11/12.

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OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

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

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

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

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

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
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Dante Club, 5 Dante Terrace, Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices.

Portuguese American Civic League, 26 Springfield St., Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices.

Somerville City Club, 20 Innerbelt Rd. Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices.

American Legion Post 19, 124 Highland Ave., Entertainment by Performers, Patrons and Devices.

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

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Tufts University employees give grants to 10 Somerville organizations

The Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund (TNSF) committee recently awarded grants to 10 organizations in Somerville. TNSF collects donations from university employees throughout the year and then awards grants to community-based, charitable organizations that serve Tufts host communities (Somerville, Medford, Grafton, and Boston's Chinatown) and that actively engage Tufts volunteers in their work.

A committee comprised of Tufts faculty and administrators meet annually to review proposals and select grant recipients. In 2011 there was a total of \$19,500 available to distribute through TNSF. The committee received 49 proposals, representing more than \$75,000 in requests, and selected 29 programs and projects for awards. Members of the TNSF committee base their decisions on a desire to address the most pressing needs in the communities and to encourage expanded involvement of Tufts volunteers.

The Somerville grant recipients for 2011 are:

- Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc. (CAAS) - \$750 towards supplies and cab

vouchers for emergency transportation for low-income Somerville residents

- Eagle Eye Institute, Inc. - \$450 to enhance youth leadership program at the Healey Boys & Girls Club
 - Gentle Giant Rowing Club - \$500 towards the purchase of a rowing machine for Somerville high school athletes
 - Groundwork Somerville - \$750 towards the design of an agricultural site at 100 South Street
 - Second Chances, Inc. - \$750 to help with its clothing donation program
 - Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services - \$500 for additional meals for its Meals on Wheels program
 - Somerville Children's Network - \$300 to expand its Not Just Lego program
 - Somerville Church of God - \$250 towards the cost of serving Thanksgiving dinner to homeless members in Somerville
 - Somerville Homeless Coalition - \$1,000 to purchase a walk-in refrigeration unit for Project SOUP
 - Somerville Public Library - \$750 for its workshop series on best practices for job searching
- "It's a sign of the times when

we receive grant applications from food banks in all four of our host communities," said Director of Community Relations Barbara Rubel. "The TNSF committee spent a lot of time considering the proposals and deliberating about distribution of the funds and made it a point to allocate the grants where the most need was demonstrated. Employee contributions make the grants possible and we thank the faculty and staff who donate to the TNSF. We are considering new ways to engage employee contributors and other fundraising so that more requests can be funded in the future."

TNSF is a giving option of the annual Tufts Community Appeal (TCA), in which the university encourages its employees from all campuses to contribute to charitable organizations at the local, regional, national and international levels. The TCA reflects the university community's belief that individual action can make a difference in the world.

Questions regarding the Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund can be directed to the Community Relations Office at Tufts University, 617-627-3780.



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Answers from page 14

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Answers

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| 1. Abraham Lincoln | 8. The neck |
| 2. Harry S. Truman | 9. A rabbit or hare |
| 3. <i>Psycho</i> | 10. Pacific Ocean (about 64 million sq. miles) |
| 4. <i>Time Magazine</i> | 11. Yellowstone National Park |
| 5. Casino Boat | 12. TACTICS |
| 6. <i>Car and Driver</i> | |
| 7. Cold shoulder | |

Meth = Death CONT. FROM PG 9

permanent psychosis

To Kathy, permanent brain damage

To Jim, deceased

To Val, massive permanent brain damage

To Nancy, permanent psychosis

To Joanne, permanent brain damage

To Maren, deceased

To Nick, deceased

To Terry, deceased

To Dennis, deceased

To Phil, permanent pancreatic damage

To Sue, permanent vascular damage

To Jerri, permanent psychosis

and vascular damage

In memoriam. These were comrades whom I had. There are none better. They remain in my mind, and the enemy will never be forgiven. The enemy was their

mistake in playing. Let them play again, in some other way, and let them be happy.

The "Phil" in this list was Dick himself. Four years later, a stroke took him at the age of 53.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|January 4

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

Thursday|January 5

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

Friday|January 6

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

Monday|January 9

Central Library
Preschool: Sing Along with Liza
Kitchell
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Tuesday|January 10

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

Wednesday|January 11

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

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

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Wednesday|January 4

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

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PA'S Lounge
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Whiplash|The Recession
Boys|Elijah Woolcott
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
A Troop Of Echoes|Strange
Mangers|Zvoov
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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Low Star
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
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Night Games
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Wednesdays|Karaoke
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
Nick Palms Comedy Showcase
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
Intro to Calligraphy Workshops
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Liz
6 p.m.|Performance Hall|91
Highland Ave

Thursday|January 5

Johnny D's
Dave Keller Band w/Dwight
Ritcher
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Misguided Mojo|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
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The Burren
Scattershot 80's Night
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PA'S Lounge
Saucer|The Field
Recordings|Young & Old|The
Sedgewicks
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Power Animal|Nouns|The
Sinbusters
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Joshua Tree
Country Music Thursday
9:30 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-
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Night Games
Throwback Thursdays|80's Dance
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St.

Friday|January 6

Johnny D's
Sarah & The Tall Boys|Erin Harpe
& The Delta Swingers
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
The Brebners |6 p.m.
Les Sampou Band | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Jimmy's Down
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar

Lance Riley (solo) of Baby Made
Rebel|A Bit much|Nothings The
Rule
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Dead Cats Dead
Rats|Endation|Letterik|The Wrong
Shapes
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

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

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

Joshua Tree
DJ
10 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-
9910

Night Games
Fabulous Fridays|R&B
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
Bomb Pilot|End of set Shit Brown
Eyes|The Roaches|Andrew
Gleason
381 Summer St

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

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

Saturday|January 7

Johnny D's
3 Day Live Jazz Brunch
Marathon|8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Booty Vortex| New Year's
Party|9:30 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Musical New Year Extravaganza!
\$10 cover
Frank Drake & Jimmy Ryan|6
p.m.
Kristen Ford Band, Slow Dim|9
p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents:NYE Bash
Featuring Doctor Doom
Orchestra|With Danny Pease &
The Regulators (DPR)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke|on demand DJ
9p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Jason Anderson and the
Best|Math the Band
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

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

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

Night Games
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
Sing in the New Year with a
karoke party
381 Summer St

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

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

Sunday|January 8

Johnny D's
3 Day Live Jazz Brunch
Marathon|9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Open Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Mark Brine|5 p.m.
Amber Casares Band|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
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
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
Closed
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Monday|January 9

Johnny D's
3 Day Live Jazz Brunch
Marathon|9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Team Trivia|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open
mike|7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with the Duppy
Conquerors|9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Bur-Run|6:30 p.m.
Set Dancing|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Ron Brunelle Recent Paintings
9 a.m.- 6 p.m.|Gallery|
City of Somerville Inauguration
2012 Reception
6 p.m.|Performance Hall|91
Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 10

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

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

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

Wednesday|January 11

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

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

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

PA'S Lounge
Forcefed Lies|Snidely &
Whiplash|The Recession
Boys|Elijah Woolcott
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
A Troop Of Echoes|Strange
Mangers|Zvoov
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Low Star
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

Night Games
Name your tune
Wednesdays|Karaoke
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
Nick Palms Comedy Showcase
381 Summer St

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

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Arts at the Armory
Intro to Calligraphy Workshops
with Liz Roessler of Lettering By
Liz
6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|January 4

Central Library
Book Group:Mystery
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

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

Thursday|January 5

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33 Union Sq|
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

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problems with money and debt.
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Saturday|January 7

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

Highland Ave

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

Sunday|January 8

Central Library
Constellations Poetry Reading
2p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

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

Monday|January 9

East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library
Session 1 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.)
Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.)
115 Broadway

Central Library
Chess Night
7p .m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

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

Tuesday|January 10

Central Library
Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

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

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

Wednesday|January 11

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

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on Aging Events at all three of our centers. Connect
with old friends, meet new friends. Join us for a meal,
for an exercise class, art, music and more. Our doors
are always open!

January 4

Holland Street Center
Flexibility and Balance|9:30 a.m.
Women's Support Group|10:30 a.m.
QiGong|1:15 p.m.Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center
Bowling|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

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

January 5

Holland Street Center
Indoor Exercise|9 a.m.
Gardening for the Apartment|9:30 a.m.
Senior Discussion|10 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
Strengthening with Geoff|10 a.m.
Portuguese Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Chair Massage - call for your appt.!!|11:45 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 6

Holland Street Center
Indoor Exercise|9 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center
Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.
Flexibility and Balance with Didi|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny
Center Closed

January 9

Atlantic City
Holland Street Center
HAPPY NEW YEAR Breakfast|9:30 a.m.
Swinging Singing Seniors rehearsal|10:30 a.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Posture Screening - call for your appt.|10 a.m.

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

January 10

Museum of Science

Atlantic City

Holland Street Center
Strength and Balance with Geoff|9:15 a.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
(Stay for lunch and a class and receive free
transportation)
CHAIR YOGA - new class! Sign up.|9:30 a.m.
Flexibility with Diddi|10:30 a.m.
Lunch|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 11

Atlantic City

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

Cross Street Center
Bingo|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.
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9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Happenings in January

Breakfast - Start the New Year off right with the Start
off the new year right. Join us for breakfast and
conversation on Monday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m. We
will be introducing our new MySeniorCenter program.
Suggestion donation for breakfast is \$1.50 and
reservations are mandatory.

Where did I leave my Keys?

Do you ever wonder if your memory is normal for
your age? Have you missed an appointment that
you forgot to put on your calendar? Or do you have
to hunt for your keys or forget to take your
medication and worry that your memory is
declining? Sign up for our free memory screening at
the Holland Center on Tuesday, January 17 from 10-
11:30 a.m. (by appointment).

Afternoon at the movies!

Join us at the Holland Street Center on Tuesday,
January 17 at 12:30 as Walt Disney Pictures and
Pixar Animation Studios take moviegoers up, up and
away on one of the funniest adventures of all time.
Up follows the uplifting tale of 78-year-old balloon
salesman Carl Fredricksen, who finally fulfills his

lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties
thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to
the wilds of South America. But he discovers all too
late that his biggest nightmare has stowed away on
the trip an overly optimistic 8-year-old Wilderness
Explorer named Russell!

Bereavement Support Group

Have you lost someone close to you? Maybe it's been
a few months or a few years, but you still feel as if it
was just yesterday. Maybe people tell you to “get
over it” or you feel all alone even when you are
surrounded by people. A bereavement support group
can help you to express, understand and cope with
difficult emotions associated with grief and loss, and
aid your healing journey. The Somerville Council on
Aging is offering a confidential 8-week support group
facilitated by Diane Christopherson, D. Min.,
Bereavement Coordinator, Beacon Hospice. The
group will be held upstairs at the Ralph & Jenny
Center from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Thursdays starting
January 26 through March 15. Pre-registration is
required by calling: 857-294-0052. Lunch and
transportation are available upon request by calling
617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

New classes! Get fit in the new year! These classes are
geared for older adults. They will help you increase
flexibility, balance and tranquility!

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays starting January 10,
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Ralph & Jenny Center, \$5 per class

To register, call 617-666-5223

Zumba Gold: Wednesdays starting January 18,
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ralph & Jenny Center, \$5 per class

To register, call 617-666-5223

Chair Massage comes to Holland Street

On January 5 and 19 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.,
Massage Therapist Dell Fisher will be giving chair
massages at the Ralph & Jenny Center. \$15 will buy
you 15 minutes of ultimate relaxation. Call 617-666-
5223 to book your appointment.

We are on Facebook!

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Posture Screening

Do you find yourself slouching? Your posture can
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January. Ralph & Jenny - January 9th, Cross Street -
January 19th, Holland Street - January January 30th.
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Small delights: Collecting children's books

By Amy Whorf

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

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

Among the less than obvious collectibles that Gloss would include as "children's books" are old Horn Books, New England primers, old readers and tract society publications. He notes a renewed interest by collectors in the boys' series such as *Horatio Alger, Tom Swift* and *The Hardy Boys*. And some collectors, adds Gloss, "acquire many versions of a particular story, like *Robin Hood* or *A Christmas Carol*, which has been retold and re-illustrated over the years. Others collect only Caldecott and Newbery winners. My advice to anyone beginning a collection would be to specialize, give a focus to the collection."

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

"Condition can also be very important in assessing the collectibility of a book," says Gloss, "but a less than perfect condition can be overlooked if the book is a rarity. The slightest mar in the dust jacket of a modern book can reduce the value of that book to a fraction of what it might be worth if the jacket were in mint condition. Other intrinsic characteristics that make a book collectible are beautiful illustrations or high quality leather binding. I have to stress that each book must be appraised on its own merits, as an individual item. Every collector must determine his or her own reason for collecting. Not everyone cares about investment value. Many people collect for aesthetic, sentimental or historical reasons."



Collecting children's books can be great fun for everyone - young and old alike.

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

Gloss believes that the correct introduction to books can make all the difference. He tells the story of a five-year old in East Boston who was read adventure stories by his teachers. So entranced was the child by tales of heroic deeds, mischief, and trav-

el that after school each day he retold the stories to his young friends. This five-year old was Gloss' late father, George Gloss, who made books and the Brattle Book Shop his life.

Once you've familiarized yourself with the field of children's books, and you know what you want to collect, go to book shows and browse the children's section of a good bookstore or a library. Do not neglect second-hand book shops such as the Brattle Book Shop that offer patrons a vast changing inventory of general fiction, fairy tales, mystery, folk tales, adventure, poetry, humor and animal stories.

Send for catalogues and publication lists of publishers and subscribe to magazines that review children's books. Consult trade publications, classic book lists at libraries, librarians, the

Internet's vast resources and other parents.

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

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

Amy Whorf is a Hingham-based writer and photographer and author of My Provincetown.

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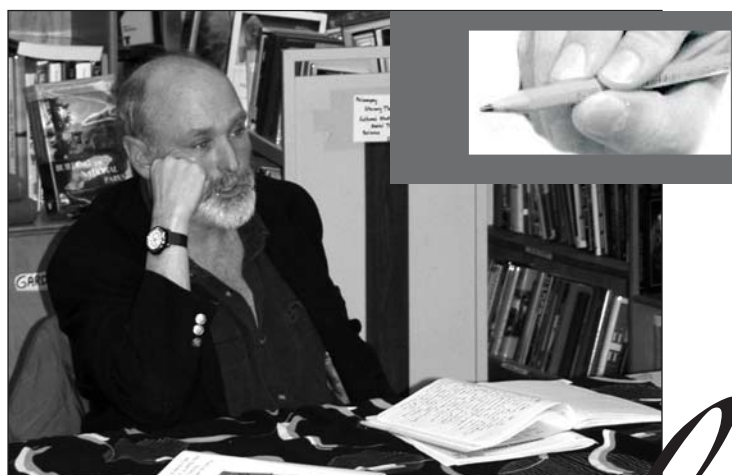
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SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, January 4							
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	Ablevision	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	1:00pm	Ablevision
6:00am	Flip Side	5:30pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
7:00am	Raising Drug Free Kids	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	4:30pm	Coal. For a responsible Walmart	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	4:00pm	South of the Mystic
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	9:30pm	The Garage	7:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	4:30pm	Somerville Back In The Day
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	10:30pm	Sonic Lobotomy	8:00pm	Blunt Truth	5:00pm	Culture Club
1:00pm	Nepali Festival	11:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:30pm	Talking About Somerville
1:30pm	Most Interesting Place	Friday, January 6		10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	7:00pm	Discover The Law
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	6:00am	Live Response	12:00mid	Bongoman	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
3:30pm	Interesting Places	7:00am	Recovery Roundtable	Sunday, January 8		8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
4:00pm	Life Matters	8:00am	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs	6:00am	Show de Fe	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
5:00pm	CommonSense	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00am	Vida Na TV	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:30pm	Let's Talk About Hearing	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	11:00pm	Visual Radio
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	11:30am	Back In The Day	8:30am	Healer in Every Home	Tuesday, January 10	
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	1:00pm	The Expert Series	10:00am	Christian Assemble Tabernacle	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
8:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program	11:00am	International Church of God	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	3:00pm	Cooking W/ Georgie & Dez	11:30am	The Commonwealth Report	7:30am	The Struggle
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	3:30pm	Toastmasters	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.	8:00am	Democracy Now!
10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	12:30pm	Nepali Festival	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
10:30pm	South of the Mystic	4:30pm	Money On Your Mind	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
11:00pm	The Garage	5:00pm	SCATV and Free Speech	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	11:00am	Commonsense
11:30pm	Art @ SCATV	5:30am	Your Money Your Life	3:30pm	Talk About Somerville	11:30	Nepali Festival
Thursday, January 5		6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Right Here, Right Now	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:30pm	Working With Java	6:00pm	Abugida TV	1:30pm	Know Your Rights
7:00am	Know Your Rights	8:00pm	Visual Radio	7:00pm	African TV Network	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	South of the Mystic	9:00pm	The Garage	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	3:30pm	Active Aging
8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	9:00pm	Watch This	4:00pm	Protrait of Somerville
9:00am	Parent Factor	10:00pm	Portrait of Somerville	9:30pm	Grill Dog	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
10:00am	Active Aging	11:00pm	Jeff TV	10:00pm	Portait of Somerville	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
10:30am	Jeff Jams	Saturday, January 7		11:00pm	Undercover TV	6:00pm	A Jazeera
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	Monday, January 9		7:00pm	Art @ SCAT
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	6:00am	Arabic Hour	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Greater Somerville W/Joe Lynch
1:00pm	African TV Network	7:00am	GAY USA	6:00am	Show de fe	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	8:00am	Animal Agenda	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Interesting Places
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Animal Agenda
3:30pm	Culture Club	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	9:00am	Recovery Roundtable	10:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
4:00pm	Lets Talk About Hearing	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:30pm	The Gerry Leone Show
4:30pm	A Healer in The House	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes	11:00pm	JuPrey Productions
		12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00noon	Democracy Now!		

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, January 4							
9:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business		of School Committee/BOA	8:45pm: (15)	WSNS Winter Concert	1:35am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
9:00am: (15)	Argenziano School Winter Concert	Friday, January 6		9:15pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	2:10am: (13/16)	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill
11:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Highlander Hoopfest #2	12:00am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	9:20pm: (15)	SHS Football Highlights 2011	9:00am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show - Teenage Drug Use
12:00pm: (13/16)	2012 Inauguration Ceremonies	12:00am: (15)	Raising Families	Sunday, January 8		9:00am: (15)	Raising Families
1:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:30am: (13/16)	Shoveled Sidewalks: Winter Launch	12:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	11:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Cambridge
1:30pm: (13/16)	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	12:30am: (15)	SHS Hockey vs Everett	12:00am: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Cambridge	12:30pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
1:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:00am: (13/16)	Chamber of Commerce Dinner	12:30am: (13/16)	2012 Inauguration Ceremonies	1:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update
7:00pm: (13/16)	Illuminations Tour 2011	2:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:45am: (15)	WSNS Winter Concert	1:10pm: (15)	Argenziano Winter Concert
7:00pm: (15)	SHS Hockey vs Revere	2:10am: (13/16)	2012 Organizational Meetings of School Committee/BOA	2:15am: (13/16)	Talking Business	1:30pm: (13/16)	Shoveled Sidewalks: Winter Launch
7:30pm: (13/16)	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	9:00am: (13/16)	2012 Organizational Meetings of School Committee/BOA	2:20am: (15)	SHS Football Highlights 2011	2:10pm: (13/16)	Chamber of Commerce Dinner
8:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	7:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
8:30pm: (15)	SHS Football Highlights 2011	12:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:00pm: (15)	Raising Families	7:00pm: (15)	Raising Families
8:55pm: (15)	Raising Families	12:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:30pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show - Teenage Drug Use	7:30pm: (15)	Healey School Winter Concert
9:00pm: (13/16)	Hearing on Proposed Charter School	12:30pm: (13/16)	2012 Inauguration Ceremonies	12:30pm: (15)	WHCS Winter Concert	8:05pm: (15)	SHS Hockey vs Everett
10:15pm: (15)	SHS Hockey vs Everett	12:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Highlander Hoopfest #2	1:00pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	10:15pm: (15)	SHS Hockey vs King Philip
Thursday, January 5		Saturday, January 7		1:30pm: (13/16)	2012 Organizational Meetings of School Committee/BOA	Tuesday, January 10	
12:00am: (13/16)	Illuminations Tour 2011	2:15pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	1:35pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (13/16)	2012 Inauguration Ceremonies
12:00am: (15)	SHS Hockey vs Everett	7:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	2:10pm: (13/16)	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	12:00am: (15)	SHS Hockey vs King Philip
12:30am: (13/16)	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Cambridge - LIVE	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	9:00am: (13/16)	2012 Inauguration Ceremonies
1:30am: (13/16)	Talking Business	7:30pm: (13/16)	2012 Inauguration Ceremonies	7:00pm: (15)	Raising Families	9:00am: (15)	WSNS Winter Concert
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9:00am: (13/16)	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	Sunday, January 9		8:00pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	12:30pm: (13/16)	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill
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12:30pm: (13/16)	Holiday In the Ville	2:15am: (13/16)	Talking Business	Monday, January 9		7:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett - LIVE
1:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	7:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business
3:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City - LIVE	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Cambridge	12:00am: (15)	Raising Families	8:00pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
7:00pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	12:30pm: (13/16)	2012 Inauguration Ceremonies	12:30am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show - Teenage Drug Use	8:30pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 1/9/12
7:00pm: (15)	Raising Families	1:45pm: (15)	WSNS Winter Concert	12:30am: (15)	WHCS Winter Concert	10:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett
7:30pm: (13/16)	Shoveled Sidewalks: Winter Launch	2:15pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	1:00am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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9:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Cambridge			1:00am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Poet/Philosopher Jody Azzouni:

A Poet who works within his limitations

Jody Azzouni is a poet who works within his own limitations. This accomplished bard and Philosophy professor at Tufts University believes we can't see these limits because of our own "blind spots." And like many writers, Azzouni does quite well within the confines of his own limits.

Azzouni has been writing since he was twelve: Poetry, Fiction, Philosophy. He's been a professor in the Philosophy Department at Tufts University since 1986, and lives in Somerville. His most recent book of poetry is "Hereafter Landscapes," published with the Poet's Press. I talked with him on my Somerville Community Access TV Show: "Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer."

Doug Holder: You describe yourself as a "New Yorker." Define that.

Jody Azzouni: The first thing I would say about it is that involves a lot of caffeine. There is a high speed element to being a New Yorker. You move more quickly--you react quickly--even if you don't show it. So I see that as an essential element of my personality. That's a more positive thing than saying I have a Attention Deficit Disorder.

DH: In your view, according to one of your philosophy books: Talking About Nothing: Numbers, hallucinations and fictions much that we talk about in poetry and fiction as well as mathematics and science doesn't exist in any sense at all. Explain.

JA: The easiest examples are fictional characters. They don't exist. I also make strange claims. As a philosopher I believe there are no mathematical objects. Yet mathematics is indispensable to the sciences. It shows up everywhere. And yet I claim none of those mathematical terms refer to anything. So in many cases we use things that are not real, to get at things that are real in an indirect way. It is hard too do it directly. Either because what we are trying to get to is too complicated or because we don't know enough about it. Like when we talk about dreams--we are not talking about real events; we are actually talking about certain psychological events or neurological events. We are talking about it in a way we have access to it.

DH: You teach Philosophy at Tufts University, and you are a published poet. Does your academic calling weave into your poetry?

JA: Not really. At least not that I am aware of. It is one person, me, who is writing the short stories, another person who is writing the poetry and another the philosophy. There must be some continuity but I am not aware of it. When I sit down to



write a poem I am not thinking about philosophy--although philosophical ideas come up.

DH: Is poetry more intuitive than philosophy?

JA: Officially speaking yes. But the way I do it--no. Instinct shows up in both fields for me. Craft and the same mixture of conscious and unconscious elements appear.

DH: You say you don't incorporate your past in your poetry. How can you avoid this?

JA: In some sense I am incorporating my memories. What I am not doing is something largely autobiographical. I don't tell stories or borrow characters from my past, etc... I make up a lot of stuff. I am more like a dramatic poet who is masquerading as a Confessional poet. A lot of my poems that I write are in the first person. I am a Dramatic Confessional poet I suppose. I act. I like to do this because I really like to get into different sensibilities.

DH: You say we all work within our limitations. What are yours?

JA: I am the wrong person to ask. I work within them so I really can't see them. We all have blind spots. Like in John Cheever's short stories, I noticed that nobody seems to be friends--no discussion of friends. This is a dimension that does not seem to be part of his work. Whether Cheever knew this or not I have no idea. But with most writers--they can't say which element is missing. Sometime this limitation can make the work unusual. I feel Kafka's writing has many limitations--but that is what makes it unusual.

Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

A Creative Writing student in my class at Endicott College Taryn Moore wrote a poem titled "existing." And baby-sometimes it's just good to get by with whatever gets you through the dark night of the soul.

existing.

i only want to exist;

consider me a name on a waiting list.

have my tears

become reptilian?

have i burned my ship to ash,

laid my white flag

in the smoldering remains?

have i watched my spirit rot,

set my mind adrift

on the moody reaching hands of the sea,

laid my body in the heavy arms

of funerary wood,

and have i then watched

the splinters of what remains

sink to the bottom together?

it's all too dramatic.

if i could, i'd choose something

less emphatic.

i only want to exist.

it's a mellow path, i don't resist.

i only want to live alone

only body: muscle, skin and bone.

— Taryn Moore

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