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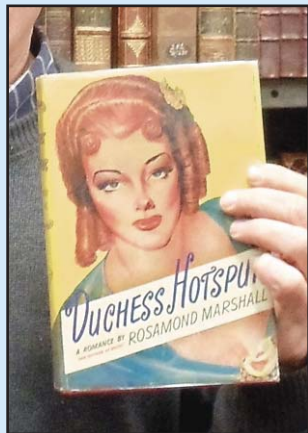
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'It needs to stop' Mayors' coalition promotes new gun laws



Mayor Joseph Curtatone spoke last week at a gathering of the Massachusetts delegation of Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone has added his voice to the many public figures calling for a strong national gun control policy in the wake of a recent spate of tragedies involving firearms. And he's teaming up with other mayors to do it.

Curtatone was among 16 Massachusetts mayors who gathered last week at the invitation of Boston Mayor Thomas Menino as part of a national coalition of mayors pushing for new federal gun laws. Mayors Against Illegal Guns wants three specific changes: to require a background check for every gun buyer, to limit the availability of military-style weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, and to make gun trafficking a federal crime.

"As mayors, we have a responsibility to our residents to do all we can to make our neighborhoods safer," said Mayor Menino, who co-founded the bi-partisan coalition in 2007 with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

More than 830 American mayors signed the coalition's recent letter to Congressional leaders demanding swift action on the Fix Gun Checks bill, to require criminal

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Get your Irish up at the Davis Square Theater

By Terence Clarey

There is a line in the song *Body of an American* by the Irish punk-folk group The Pogues describing attendees at the wake of an Irish-American that goes, "There were uncles giving lectures on ancient Irish history."

That thought came to mind while viewing a performance of the late Pulitzer Prize winning author Frank McCourt's musical *The Irish and How they got that Way* at the Davis Square Theater.

Although McCourt does not go into "ancient" Irish history, he does begin with a summary of Ireland's tortured relations with Britain, through the horrors of the Potato Famine, the subsequent exodus to the shores of 'Amerikay' and the turbulent assimilation of Irish Catholics into Protestant America.

He weaves this history into a musical tapestry that begins with early Irish folk songs and ends in a stirring rendition of U2's *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*. He also slips in a mini-tribute to Irish American composer George M. Cohan along the way.

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(L to R) Gregg Hammer, Janice Landry, Jon Dykstra, Meredith Beck, Andrew Crowe and Irene Molloy.

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NEWTALK

This Thursday is the monthly Somerville Chamber after hours get together. Join the Chamber's Business after Hours at Dali Restaurant & Tapas Bar, 415 Washington Street (corner of Beacon Street), Thursday, February 7, 5-7 p.m. Free appetizers, excellent networking, free business card drawing, and cash bar. Sponsored by Somerville Rotary Club. Hosted by Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil. RSVP with name(s) and affiliation(s) of guests to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

The Somerville Rotary Club is, like we said above, sponsoring this month's Chamber after hours. Somerville Rotary is a group of business people and local non-profits. They meet every Tuesday at noon for lunch at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, Lower Broadway. This great organization has been around here in Somerville for over 60 years now. It gives scholarships, grants and aide to various charities in Somerville. Ever wonder what they are all about? Come and join them Thursday evening at the Chamber and you're welcome to attend the luncheon as well every Tuesday at noon.

The Somerville Rotary is also excited to participate in the Annual Polio Plunge, February 9, at Long Beach in Gloucester. Kara Dardeno Mathieu and Frank Scarpa will plunge to help Rotary International eradicate polio in the world. This has been a major goal of Rotary's international work for years and, while there are only three countries left that still have a few cases, Rotary seeks everyone's help to finish the job. To support the plunge please go to the Somerville club's plunge page: <https://www.fundraise.com/activity/the-rotary-foundation-of-rotary-international/rotary7930-polar-plunge/team?show=somerville>. For any questions please call Mark Alston-Follansbee, Club President, at 617-623-6111.

Happy Birthday to the following here in *Continued on page 8*

TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Problem properties discussed*

Courtney O'Keefe says:

This, along with Alderman Trane's noise ordinance, should really put negligent absentee landlords on notice and have a significant impact on Somerville residents.

A Moore says:

Speaking of trash, what's up with the trash removal. I have a 2 family and we put out 2 to 3 bags in a barrel. Truck comes down pulls out the bags, spends time feeling them up, leaves 2 takes one. Big recycle bin next to the trash filled to the top. At this rate we will have a yard full of trash. I don't know what they were looking for. Put yellow stickers on about composting. And actually we do compost also. I let it go as I don't want to do things when angry, almost forgot about it until wife asked why we had so much this week. This city just gets wierder.

Phil says:

This sounds great, so long as landlords have the power to kick out problem tenants. That is tough in this state. However, obviously some of these landlords aren't even lifting a finger to do things within their power.

Jackie Velos says:

I disagree with this. My landlord is a total absentee, but that was made clear from the beginning. She told me that the rent would be quite low because she would not be doing any nonessential work. If something nonessential breaks (e.g., door handle), I have to fix it. I'm afraid that if all these landlords re forced to pay more, then a lot of tenants won't be able to live in Somerville anymore.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you think absentee landlords who are not taking care of their properties should be fined. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Should absentee landlords who are not taking care of their properties be fined?



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New residential development may come to Somerville

By Cathleen Twardzik

Maureen Cuff-Bastardi, Alderman of Ward 1, recently held a neighborhood meeting to discuss a proposed residential development at 90 Washington St. at Cobble Hill Market Place.

The development would be a 159-unit building, which would be a combination of a residential portion, as well as commercial space on the first floor.

The meeting, which served as a chance to explain the plans to neighbors, as well as to gather feedback about the project, was held at the Ralph & Jenny Senior Center, located at 9 New Washington St.

The meeting's participants included: Alderman Cuff-Bastardi, the developer and their attorney, as well as a representative from the Planning Department of the City of Somerville.

All interested neighbors were welcome to participate, although only about eight resi-

dents attended.

"The meeting was not very well attended, and after receiving many emails and telephone calls from people who could not attend due to illness, weather or prior commitments, I decided to have another neighborhood meeting in early March, no date determined yet," said Cuff-Bastardi.

"The residents' concerns were mainly traffic and parking issues, which were addressed by the attorney and developers," she said. However, those parties were not available for comment after the meeting.

The March meeting will cover the issue of the existence of a residential development at 90 Washington St. at Cobble Hill Market Place more thoroughly.

Individuals whom are interested in expressing their views or would appreciate additional information may contact Alderman Cuff-Bastardi at (617) 764-5373.



A proposed residential development at 90 Washington St. at Cobble Hill Market Place was discussed at a neighborhood meeting hosted by Ward 1 Alderman Maureen Cuff-Bastardi. Residents were mostly concerned about traffic and parking issues.

Get your Irish up at the Davis Square Theater CONT. FROM PG 1

If this musical play had been written by anyone other than someone like McCourt it might be seen as a stale recital of the stereotype of the Irish as potato-eating, whiskey-drinking, fighting hooligans. But with his bonafides, McCourt presents a show in which patrons can laugh at the humor and feel the misery that has typified the Irish-American experience.

This production, directed by Danielle Paccione and produced by Howard Perloff, reunited a cast of performers who first put on the show in 2010 at the Kimmel Centre in Philadelphia and decided to bring it to Boston this year. The play started slowly but built to climaxes at the end of the first and second acts which had audience members singing and clapping along with the performers. Singing along is

highly encouraged, especially with the more well known rollicking tunes.

The cast consists of very talented singers, performers and musicians anchored by musical director Jon Dykstra at the piano. Andrew Crowe sang and seemed to play almost every instrument on stage, and Irene Molloy had the look of an Irish singer songwriter and voice to match.

Meredith Beck, who opened the show with an Irish step dancing routine, and who is also a dead ringer for a younger Kate Hudson, moved fluidly from her flute to the singing parts.

Janice Landry, a fiery redhead, was the most forceful voice in the group, and Gregg Hammer took on the role of comedic relief as he held down his own with a solo performance of *Oh Danny Boy*.



At times the performers seemed restrained, which could have been a result of the small space of the theater, but they and the audience seemed to get more comfortable as the show progressed.

If you want to learn some Irish history told in words and song, or if you want to hear the old

ditties to remind you of your own Irish immigrant experience, then by all means get started on St Patrick's Day a bit early.

The Irish and How They Got That Way, by Frank McCourt runs from January 24 through March 17 at the Davis Square Theater, 255 Elm St., Somerville. Performances are

Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday Matinees at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$39-\$42 and are available by calling 800-660-8462 or online at www.frankmccourtstheirish.com. Group discounts are available by calling (215) 297-8540.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Suspected pot dealers nabbed

Police officers obtained search warrants last week for a Broadway residence out of which two suspected marijuana dealers were operating.

While conducting surveillance at the residence, officers reportedly observed the two suspects arrive in a car, briefly enter the home, then return to

the vehicle and drive away eastbound on Broadway.

The patrol unit followed the suspects along Broadway, as they eventually turned onto Cross St., whereupon a stop was made.

According to reports, a plastic bag containing what appeared to be marijuana was found in

plain sight on the lap of the car's passenger, Ella Mataev, 24, and another one on the door handle of the side of the driver, Joseph Flynn, 21.

Police said that after being advised of their Miranda rights, one of the suspects, Mataev, made incriminating statements about being in-

involved in marijuana trafficking.

Officers followed up by executing the search warrant at the suspect's apartment. With the aid of the K-9 unit, more than 3 grams of marijuana, several rounds of ammunition, 2 holsters, digital scales, and packaging material utilized for drug sales were reportedly found.

A subsequent enquiry found that neither suspect had a FID card for the ammunition.

Flynn and Mataev were placed under arrest and charged with conspiracy to violate drug law, drug violation near a park or school, possession of ammunition without a FID card, and drug possession to distribute.

Alleged robber couldn't get away with it

Police officers responded to a reported robbery at Alisson Market last week.

Upon arrival at Broadway and Lincoln, officers spotted a man waving them down the street. As police proceeded down Lincoln St. they soon found a group of individuals in the street arguing, stopping traffic.

As officers approached the group one man broke away and proceeded to the sidewalk. Others in the group reportedly told police that this was the man that

had robbed the store.

The man, later identified as Jonathan Sanchez, 38, of East Boston, had one shoe missing, a rip in his sweater, and appeared to be breathing rapidly.

Police detained Sanchez as they set about investigating the incident.

One of the men involved in the fracas identified himself as the victim, and he led officers back to the store to explain what had happened.

The victim reportedly told

police that Sanchez had stolen a pack of cigarettes from the store's display, and then asked for change of a \$20 bill. When the register was opened the victim said that Sanchez put his hand under his shirt and told him, "Give me the money. I have a gun."

The victim told officers that he warned the robber that he would call the police, but then Sanchez snatched the phone from the victim and struck him in the head with it.

Sanchez then allegedly took several bills from the register drawer and began to flee. The victim said that he chased Sanchez and grabbed hold of him, shaking loose the stolen money, which then fell to the floor.

It was then, the victim said, that he chased the man down the street where he and other witnesses confronted Sanchez and held him until police arrived.

Officers took notice of approximately \$500 in cash on

the floor of the store, as well as Sanchez's missing shoe just outside the store.

A witness to the incident reportedly positively identified Sanchez as the attempted robber.

Sanchez was placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, armed robbery, and witness intimidation. Additionally, he was booked on multiple warrant charges of larceny over \$250.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Eduardo Jimenez, 63, of 33 Bailey Rd., January 28, 7:57 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and threat to commit a crime.

Marquille Morrissey, 25, January 28, 10:02 p.m., arrested at Sewall St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Jonathan Sanchez, 38, of 15 New St., East Boston, January 28, 10:06 p.m., arrested at 46A Broadway on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, armed robbery, and witness intimidation, and on multiple warrant charges of larceny over \$250.

Beau Bedugnis, 32, of 16 Concord Ave., January 29, 8:41 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of assault and battery, receiving stolen property, carrying a dangerous weapon, nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or a boat, and larceny over \$250.

Casey Kolenda, 26, of 454 Medford St., January 29, 12:51 p.m., arrested at Glenwood Rd. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and motor vehicle lights violation.

David Graham, 31, of 16R Flagg St., Woburn, January 29, 1:08 p.m., arrested at 20 Third Ave. on warrant charges

of felony nighttime breaking and entering, attempt to commit a crime, abuse prevention order violation, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, assault and battery, operation of a motor vehicle with suspended registration, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Matthew Graham, 27, of 685 Broadway, Malden, January 29, 1:08 p.m., arrested at 20 Third Ave. on a warrant charge of being present where heroin is kept.

Adam Scott, 24, of 1 Johnson St., Woburn, January 30, 12:55 a.m., arrested at 1 Main St. on charges of destruction of property over \$250 and felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Edward Mahoney, 50, of 29 Minnesota Ave., January 30, 9:24 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Jonathan Williams, 31, of 495 Revere Beach Pkwy., Revere, January 30, 10:56 a.m., arrested on a warrant charge of armed robbery.

Ella Mataev, 24, of 164 Broadway, January 30, 3:43 p.m., arrested at 5 Cross St., on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug violation near a park or school, possession of ammunition without a FID card, and drug possession to distribute.

Joseph Flynn, 21, January 30, 3:43 p.m., arrested at 5 Cross St., on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug violation near a park or school, possession of ammunition without a FID card, and drug possession to distribute.

Bryan Exume, 21, of 29 Arlington Rd., Woburn, January 30, 3:43 p.m., arrested at 5 Cross St., on a warrant charge of possession of a class B drug.

Farrah Manning, 37, of 55 Ossippee, January 30, 4:13 p.m., arrested at 20 Thorndike St., on multiple charges of larceny from a building.

Daniel McLean, 55, January 31, 9:58 a.m., arrested at 268 Washington St., on warrant charges of abuse prevention order violation and trespassing.

Ryan Perez, 25, of 59 West Eagle, East Boston, January 31, 11:42 a.m., arrested at 225 Pearl St., on a warrant charge of child in a nude, lascivious pose.

Jerry Shead, 39, of 109 Gilman St., January 31, 12:23 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender.

John Casey, 29, of 40 Corey St., Medford, February 2, 1:28 a.m., arrested at 256 Elm St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Incidents:

Theft:

January 28, 9:55 a.m., police reported a theft at Curtis Ave.

January 28, 12:32 p.m., police reported a theft at Kent St.

January 28, 11:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Grant St.

January 29, 2:14 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

January 30, 4:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Thorndike St.

January 31, 10:59 a.m., police reported a theft at Rossmore St.

January 31, 5:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

February 1, 11:17 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

February 3, 12:09 a.m., police reported a theft at Gilman St.

February 3, 1:33 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

February 3, 5:15 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

Robbery:

January 28, 12:57 a.m., police reported a robbery at Grant St.

January 28, 10:53 a.m., police reported a robbery at 338 Broadway.

January 28, 10:06 p.m., police reported a robbery at 46A Broadway.

January 29, 6:19 p.m., police reported a robbery at 775 McGrath Hwy.

February 2, 8:41 p.m., police reported a robbery at Mystic Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

January 28, 9:19 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Wallace St.

January 28, 4:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Packard Ave.

January 28, 8:28 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Ashland St.

January 28, 10:44 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

January 29, 12:04 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Marshall St.

January 30, 9:18 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

January 31, 9:24 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 29 Central St.

February 1, 6:41 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Beacon St.

February 1, 9:36 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Derby St.

Vehicle Theft:

February 2, 12:36 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway.

February 3, 11:22 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Mystic Ave.

Assault:

January 28, 7:59 a.m., police reported an assault at Bailey Rd.

January 31, 8:43 p.m., police reported an assault at Rush St.

In remembrance of Joseph Piro



Our condolences go out to the family of Joseph Piro. Joe was a Somerville resident and died at the age of 102 years old. He was terrific guy and will be sadly missed. Visiting hours will be held Wednesday, February 6, 9-10:30 a.m., Cota-Struzziero Funeral Home, 197 Washington St., Somerville, followed by a funeral mass, 11 a.m. in St. Raphael's Church, 512 High St., Medford. Interment Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. Donations may be made in Joseph's memory to the charity of your choice.

Somerville to compete in 'Library Challenge'

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Somerville Public Library Director, Maria Carpenter, have announced that the City of Somerville has accepted a "Library Card Sign-Up Challenge" from the Town of Arlington and Arlington Public. The Challenge, which will take place through the month of February, and also includes the Towns of Belmont and Lexington, proposes to reward the library system that sees the greatest percentage increase in residents signing up for library cards. Prizes will be issued for new cardholders, culminating in a Grand Prize of an e-book reader to one of the new registrants.

"Library cards offer residents a gateway to a world of information resources, learning tools, and possibilities," said Somerville Library Director, Maria Carpenter. "Residents can grab a book, movie or e-book; take a computer class; practice English; attend a lecture; take a free creative writing class; meet up with friends in the new Teen Space; research family history; get research assistance, and use online college test and civil service preparation databases, among many other options. We hope that this fun new challenge will



Photo by Bobbie Toner

give residents who don't yet have a library card with us that extra push to register."

Throughout the Challenge, new library card registrants and current cardholders referring a friend will receive incentives such as buttons, bracelets, pencils, bookmarks, and more when they sign up. New cardholders will also be entered in the grand prize drawing of an e-book reader. In addition, new patrons may be entered in a drawing hosted by local. Patrons who already have library cards can bring in a friend to register for a card and also receive a prize.

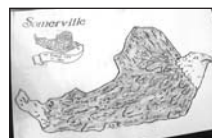
"February's competition is the start of Somerville's endeavor to register new library card holders. The library plans to tie this

into a yearlong outreach effort in different areas of the community to obtain new library users," said Carpenter. "As part of the Library and Schools' dual strategy of providing seamless education services, the library and area schools are partnering on this effort. So be sure to look for our announcements and signs throughout the city about upcoming outreach events and patron incentives."

Local businesses interested in participating in the campaign, please contact Eileen Fontenot, eileenfontenot@gmail.com or 617-842-2278.

For more information about the campaign visit www.somervillepubliclibrary.org.

The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



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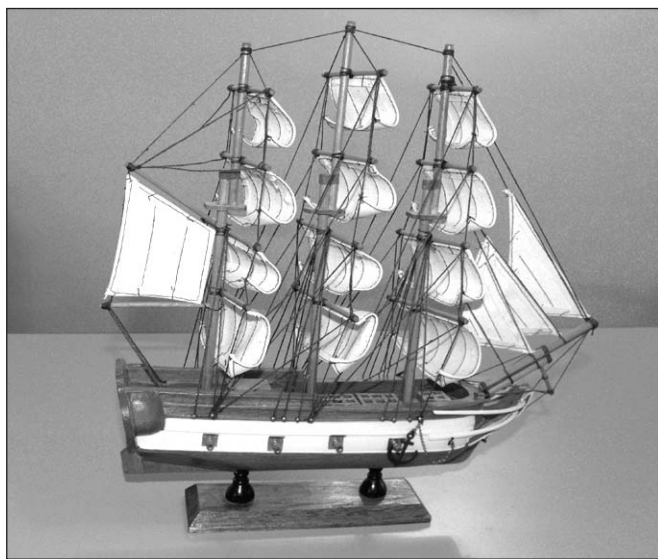
The Blessing

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

John Winthrop, the first Governor of Massachusetts, arrived in America from England in 1630. Upon his arrival, he was given 600 acres of land by the King that were located along the Mystic River in Charlestown (now Somerville).

Waterways were essentially the highways of the day and the fastest way to get around. Because of this, one of the Governor Winthrop's first orders of the day was to commission the building of a sound ship. This ship would be named *The Blessing of the Bay*.

The Blessing, as Winthrop referred to the vessel in his writings, was used to deliver men and soldiers westward, where they built a garrison to protect English settlers from the Dutch and Indians on the Connecticut River. These communities included what would become Chicopee, Springfield, Holyoke and other towns that are still in existence today. If the Governor had not taken these actions, the settlements on the Western Massachusetts border could easily have come under Dutch control. At that time, they held New York and were rapidly extending their reach. In fact, New Amsterdam was the original name of New York City, until the English acquired the island years later. *The Blessing of the Bay* proved tantamount to settlers' safety.



The Blessing of the Bay was also pivotal to commerce. Trading and bartering of goods became the first industry of New England where fish and fur were the main items of trade. *The Blessing* enabled settlers to trade with far-off colonies and would sail as far south as Virginia to acquire goods, such as molasses used to make rum, sugar cane and various other products.

It was also the first ship that was armed to fight pirates and to protect other merchant ships.

There are varying tales illustrating the demise of *The Blessing*. Some speculate that it was lost in a shipwreck on the inner side of Cape Cod. Others say it sailed off course during a storm on the outer Cape, and still others believe that it mysteriously disappeared off the coast of Virginia.

Interestingly, the February, 1936, issue of National Geographic Magazine features an article about the Bahamas Islands that states; "Enmity toward England, after the loss of the Great Armada, brought about sanguinary conflicts between Spanish and English ships all about these far-flung Atlantic islands, which in time became notorious for the nautical brigandage of the buccaneers. For generations these outlaws were the cause of constant diplomatic friction between London and Madrid, as when English sailors, seized from the Boston ship, *The Blessing*, was stripped by Spaniards, tied naked to mangrove bushes on a Bahamas Cay and left to die of thirst in plain sight of each other."

For decades, there was a memorial tablet by the Old Wharf, where *The Blessing* was built and launched. The Old Wharf was located near what is now The Christmas Tree Shop at The Assembly Square Mall on McGrath Highway near Wellington Bridge. The tablet was built on state property, and unfortunately is no longer there and has never been replaced. It used to read: "Ancient Wharf." Here, Governor Winthrop launched *The Blessing of the Bay*, the first vicinity including *The Blessing of the Bay* Boat House on Shore Drive, *The Blessing of the Bay* painting on the liquor store at the corner of Temple Street and Broadway, as well as being featured in the children's wall mural on Mystic Avenue.

In the early 1900s, Somerville firefighters disassembled the remains of the Ancient Wharf that was found at low tide. Chief Hopkins and his men donated the retrieved remains to the Somerville Historical Society. The society used these remains to construct chairs, gavels and other collectible memorabilia.

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'Delicious Torment' at the NAVE

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Art lovers and other Somerville culture enthusiasts may want to check out the *Delicious Torment* art exhibit over at the NAVE. Exhibition dates are February 9 -24.

In a month known for love, 10 local and national artists portray the havoc that love evokes in the group exhibition, *Delicious Torment*, curated by NAVE director Susan Berstler.

"There will be an opening reception for *Delicious Torment* on Thursday, February 7, 6-8 p.m., with cookies from Lyn-dell's Bakery," writes Tori Costa who is attending to the marketing for Torment.

Costa goes on to say, "*Delicious Torment* examines emotional and physical attraction, heat and cold, passion and heartache, what is given and given up when two become entangled in one another."

Curator Susan Berstler recently won the Artist of the Month for January 2013, awarded by the Somerville Arts Council. "There are nine artists in the *Delicious Torment* exhibition. The medium ranges from Leika Akiyama's mixed media to watercolor, acrylic, photography and sculpture" says Berstler.

When prompted by an inquiry as to the general theme of this new exhibit, Berstler says, "The art does not portray the wonder of love. Instead, it looks at how love drives us crazy. How even in the midst of the excitement of it all, we lose a bit of ourselves, and how we live with the fact that that component of who we are is changed."

"I have two artists who use the popular Harlequin romance novels as an inspiration for their pieces. Both approach the series differently, but they captured the "consumptive" nature of the Harlequin covers. In these covers, we usually see women being ravished by men. There is a whirlwind of lust that feeds on the dreams that we may have of being the focal point of someone's desire. Both art pieces capture this consumption perfectly," according to Berstler.

Berstler doesn't want to label her own work with any particular mood or medium, although she does include that she hasn't added any new pieces to her portfolio in the New Year, since managing the NAVE's non-profit efforts has kept her preoccupied. Her background is in photography but she also works on large sculptures of mixed

fiber and plastic bags, among other household tidbits that are taken for granted.

Lois Fiore, one of the contributors to NAVE and the *Torment* exhibit, was quite forthcoming: "My work comes from personal experiences, including family issues. I also follow world and national news and incorporate ideas and reactions generated by what I discover into my work." Fiore did not hold back enthusiasm for Somerville as a center of culture. "I think we live in an extraordinary town. I don't think I've ever been in a place where art is so supported and treated with such energy and importance. We're very lucky, as artists and as viewer/participants." Fiore works in oils on canvas, as well as delving into pastels and charcoal, and likes to listen to blues while on the clock.

Michael Seif's *Semi-Circle* is like a digitized Narcissus lost in a pool of his own reflection. Unbeknownst to this tragic soul, someone has stirred up the soup of his spring water and all his youth is flushed down this toilet of depraved indulgence. Still clinging to him sadly is the Grecian nymph he rejected.

Andrew Fish's *Dance Party* is where the Velvet Under-



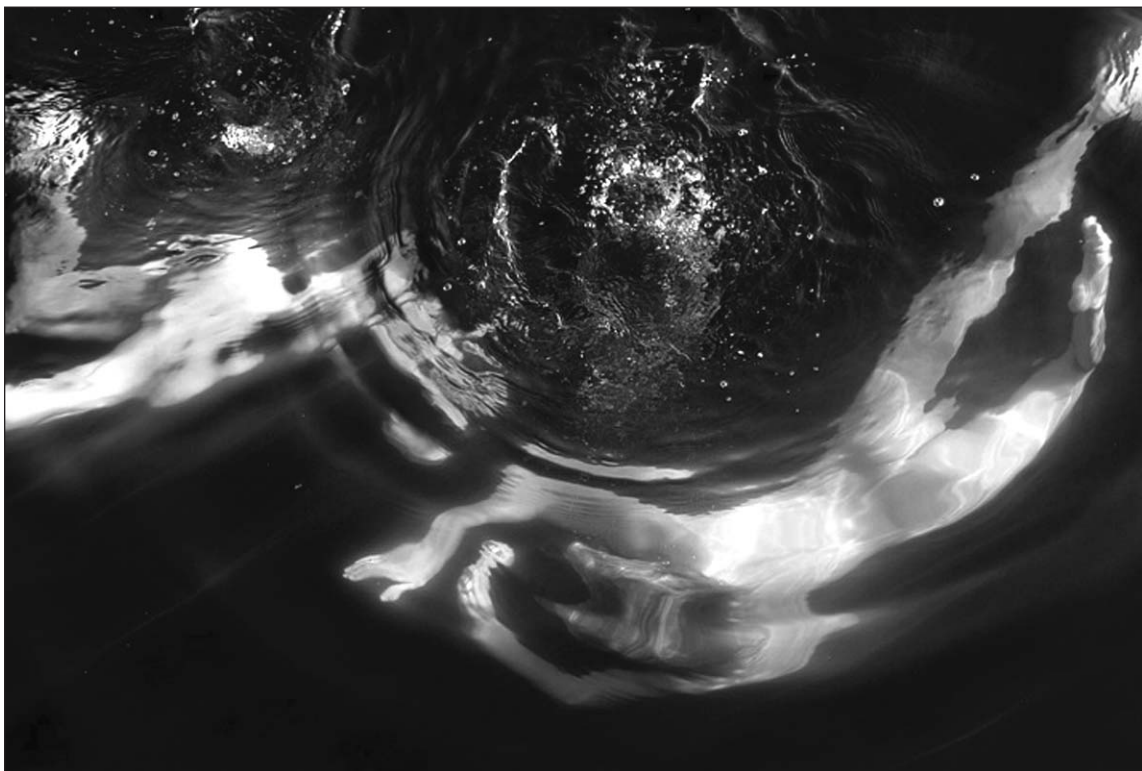
Aparna Agrawal's *At Rest, Alas*, part of the *Delicious Torment* exhibit on display at the NAVE gallery February 9 -24.

ground benefits from an open mic of casual conversation, minus the opiates. The Underground pepped up on caffeine mingle with attractive twenty-somethings.

Aparna Agrawal's *At Rest*, alas clings to the primordial mother,

very reminiscent of ancient sculpture of fertile, pot-bellied pregnant women, except instead of where the fetus lies two hands embrace this slim, yet curvaceous woman.

More information can be found at www.navegallery.org.



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A 'SafeSTART' for safe streets



By Joseph A. Curtatone

By now, it's no secret that I have made a firm commitment to ensuring that Somerville is truly a multimodal community, encouraging walking, biking, and use of public transportation, as well as providing safe ways to do so. But moving our infrastructure into the 21st century and creating safer streets will not happen by chance. That's why we have the SafeSTART program.

In 2006, I convened a pedestrian and traffic safety task force that was asked to evaluate every aspect of our traffic and pedestrian systems - from crosswalks and signals to traf-

fic-calming technologies. Their report, titled *Safe, Sustainable Transportation Assessment and Recommendation Team*, or *SafeSTART*, outlined recommendations for short-and long-term enhancements. I am proud to say that most of their recommendations for cost-effective improvements have been effectively implemented citywide over the last six years, and that many of them were completed immediately upon delivery of the report.

We have restriped or freshly painted more than 2,000 crosswalks, and added more than 30 miles of on-street bike facilities like bike lanes and sharrows; we've added or repaired, on average, 150 faded or damaged traffic-related signs per month (1,800 per year) and installed approximately 300 phosphorescent reflective materials for added visibility on pedestrian and stop signs throughout the city. More recently, we successfully implemented a back-in, angled parking configuration in one of our most congested business districts that, due to increased parking availability and

a reduction in vehicle speeds and improved pedestrian/bicycle safety, have excited residents and business owners in other parts of the city.

All of our efforts in the last several years have contributed to Somerville being named the 8th most bikeable community in the nation by thestreet.com, and the 10th most walkable by walkscore.com, in addition to commendation by the Boston Phoenix as one of the best places to live in Massachusetts. Yet in a community as old and historic as Somerville, particularly a densely settled urban community where our infrastructure sees a lot of use, aging infrastructure and highly traveled streets require constant maintenance and frequent reassessment. Our needs and resources continually change, and therefore so must we.

Which is why, I am happy to announce, I have commissioned the beginning of a new SafeSTART process. We will reassess those recommendations set out in the initial SafeSTART report, and examine ways in which we can improve to create

a unified vision for our city's unique transit and safety needs across all levels. Using a data-driven approach, and with an eye toward innovative design that can address safety issues and influence behavior, we will be able to evaluate the impact that the initial report and action steps have had, and work to improve or expand on them.

We have a great starting point: recent data - both statewide and local - shows a significant decrease in the numbers of pedestrian accidents over the last two years as compared with data from 2008 to 2010 and, since 2006, traffic accidents in general are declining. When combined with the efforts of our police and traffic and parking departments, both in terms of increased enforcement measures and improvements in engineering equipment, serious motor vehicle accidents in Somerville were down 23% in 2012 alone.

The overarching principles that guided the initial SafeSTART report will continue to guide our decisions and policies. Somerville should be a great place to live, work, play and

raise a family, and an important part of that means that our streetscapes must be designed to encourage slower vehicle traffic and speeds, while allowing for increased bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Reducing our carbon footprint and creating an environmentally friendly, and healthy, community is synonymous with reducing our dependency on automobiles. And as the Green Line Extension gets under way, our goal of bringing the percentage of residents who have easy access to rapid transit from 15% to 85% is finally within reach.

With a solid basis and indications that our policies and recent enhancements are successful, the newly convened SafeSTART team - composed of representatives from SPCD, Traffic & Parking, Engineering, SomerStat and the Police Department - can step back and look at our system as a whole, measure what has been effective in strategically planned areas, and what we can do to improve safety and infrastructure for walking and biking citywide.

Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Growing up in the Ville



When we were kids growing up in the Ville from Dilboy Field to Prospect Hill we rode our bikes, and played relievio

when the streetlights came on, up the house we would go

When we were kids growing up in the Ville

We had no worries, we paid no bills The busses were bigger with comfortable seats

And all of us kids would hang out in the streets

When we were kids growing up in the Ville

The theatres were cheap and they

showed triple bills

If you grew up in a Somerville home Dad gave you a dime to use the pay phone

The cars had no seat belts so if we stopped short

Dad's arm swung out swiftly with loving support

When we were kids growing up in the Ville

The smallest things gave us the biggest thrills

There was a small store on every other block

with penny candy and ice cream, they were always well stocked

Today when we're feeling that Somerville pride

we put on our scally caps, and go for a ride

to Belmont or Powder House Park we may steer

And think of the friends that are no longer here

The stores that we shopped in back then are all gone

Thank God all the memories will always live on

When we were kids growing up in the Ville

We watched out for each other with love and goodwill

We may be on social security today

But we're still young at heart, that's the way we will stay

If you just moved to Somerville you hit

the jackpot

There isn't a more awesome, classier spot

But if you were a kid growing up in the Ville

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Somerville High School science students will have a chance to gain some first-hand lab experience just outside

their doors when the Boston University Mobile Lab makes its SHS debut. The Mobile Lab will be at the SHS Campus February 4-8 and again on February 11-15. Students will be performing advanced microbiology techniques as they explore "Who Stole the Crown Jewels?" Students will be work-

ing with MobileLab staff on a variety of hands-on laboratory investigations. The use of the lab is designed to stimulate inquiry as students learn about and investigate biotechnology principles. The MobileLab is a Boston University School of Medicine traveling science laboratory. The MobileLab is a self-

contained, wheelchair accessible laboratory facility with state-of-the-art equipment. The mission of the MobileLab, as noted on the BU MobileLab website, is "...to increase community access to modern day biotechnology." This is the MobileLab's first visit to Somerville High School.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local senators on three roll calls from the week of January 28-February 1. All roll calls were on proposed changes in the rules of the Legislature. There were no roll calls in the House 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.

LOCAL AID GUARANTEE BY MARCH 15 (S 8)

Senate 5-30, rejected a rule requiring the House and Senate to annually adopt by March 15 resolutions stating the minimum amount of local aid that the Legislature will give to cities and towns for that year.

Supporters of the rule said that cities and towns often do not know how much local aid they will receive until the Legislature approves the state budget in July. They noted that most communities assemble their local budgets in March and can better prepare if they know how much local aid they will receive.

Opponents of the rule said that the House Ways and Means Committee has not even crafted a budget proposal by March 15 and noted that the Legislature informs cities and towns as soon as possible but should not have its hands tied by some arbitrary date. (A “Yes” vote is for the March 15 deadline. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

HOUSE AND SENATE ROLL CALLS ON WEBSITE WITHIN TWO DAYS (S 8)

Senate 35-0, approved a rule requiring the House and Senate Clerks by May 1, 2013 to post the results, including the bill title and number, of all floor roll call votes “in a manner easily identifiable, searchable and conspicuously located” no longer than 48 hours after the vote is taken.

Supporters said this will increase transparency and allow voters to see how their legislators voted. (A “Yes” vote is for the rule.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

PUT JOINT COMMITTEE ROLL CALLS ON WEBSITE (S 7)

Senate 35-0, approved a rule that would require joint committee votes cast by legislators on bills heard by their committees to be posted on the Legislature’s website along with a summary of the issue prepared by the committee chair. Current rules require these committee votes to be kept at the Statehouse in the offices of the committee and be available for public inspection upon

reasonable notice and during regular office hours.

Supporters of the rule said this would give citizens easy access to the committee votes of their legislators. They noted under the current archaic rule, the votes are kept in the Statehouse and a person has to drive to Boston during business hours in order to obtain them. They argued requiring a trip of perhaps hundreds of miles is foolish. (A “Yes” vote is for posting the roll calls on the website.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

OVERSIGHT HEARINGS (S 8)

Senate 5-30, rejected a rule requiring each House and Senate committee to hold at least one public hearing per year to determine if the agencies and programs that fall under its jurisdiction can achieve savings or operate in a more cost-effective manner.

Supporters said this common sense amendment will help ensure the state is not wasting money.

Opponents said the rules already allow committees to hold the hearing and urged the Senate not to micro-manage committees by mandating it. (A “Yes” vote is for requiring an oversight hearing. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SENATE TOP DOGS APPOINTED - Democratic Senate President Therese Murray on Thursday appointed Sen. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst) as her new majority leader and second in command. Other members appointed were Sen. Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) as president pro tempore; Sen. Harriette Chandler as assistant majority leader; Sen. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) as majority whip; Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) as assistant majority whip; and Sen. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) as chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Murray also appointed her committee chairs and other committee assignments.

Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr has yet to announce his appointment of Republicans to committees.

OTHER RULES PROPOSALS (S 8) - Some proposals to change the rules and operation of the Legislature were defeated on voice votes, without a roll call, by the Senate. These include requiring that the posting of House and Senate floor roll calls on the Legislature’s website contain a “statement of context” prepared by the House or Senate Clerk. Ironically, the Senate did approve an amendment requiring that the posting of committee votes on the website include a statement of context prepared by the committee chair.

The Senate also defeated a rule requiring the broadcasting of all informal and formal House and Senate sessions online and making a digital copy of the sessions available to public access television. Currently only formal sessions are broadcast.

Other failed rules include requiring all committees to include a report showing the fiscal impact of any change to fees or taxes in each bill before the committee and requiring conference committee reports to include a

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summary and to be available for members to read 20 hours before they are considered, instead of the current 17 hours.

A rule approved on a voice vote would require committees to post on the Legislature's website the roll call of any vote in which a committee decides to go into executive session, out of the view of the media and public. The Senate also approved requiring all home rule bills, approved and filed by cities and towns, to be acted upon by a committee within 60 days.

LEGISLATORS EXIT - A mere month after the 2012-2013 Legislature was sworn in, there are already two vacancies in the 160-member House and two more on the way. The 40-member Senate has one vacancy. In the House, Steven Smith of Everett resigned after pleading guilty to civil rights violations for his role in submitting fraudulent absentee ballot applications and casting invalid ballots in elections in 2009 and 2010. Joyce Spiliotis of Peabody passed away shortly after the election. Also on their way out are Rep. David Sullivan (D-Fall River) and Marty Walz (D-Boston). Sullivan is leaving to become the new executive director of the Fall River Housing Authority. Walz is leaving to become president and CEO of the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts. Special elections will be held for each vacant seat.

On the Senate side, Sen. Jack Hart of South Boston has resigned to join the law firm Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. Several representatives are considering a run for his seat in a special election. If the eventual winner is a representative, that would open up another House seat.

PAY RAISE FOR LOTTERY DIRECTOR - The Lottery's Compensation Commission has given an \$8,500 pay hike to Lottery Director Paul Sternberg. It would raise his salary from \$130,000 to \$138,500. Supporters say the hike is well-deserved while opponents say it is unjustified when families across the state are losing their jobs and houses.

STILL NO "HAPPY HOURS" - The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) issued a report urging the state to maintain the current ban on "Happy Hours" - the practice of clubs, bars and restaurants reducing the price of alcoholic beverages during specific time periods.

The ABCC study was prompted by a 2011 state law that permits free drinks to be served at casinos that eventually open in the state. During debate on the casino legislation in November 2011, some legislators said if casinos are allowed to offer free drinks, the playing field should be leveled and restaurants and bars should have the same right to do so. They said continuing to prohib-

it this at restaurants and bars will hurt these already struggling venues.

The ABCC disagreed and after five public hearings concluded that overturning the current Happy Hour ban will lead to more drunken driving and noted that's why the state banned Happy Hours in the first place. They noted that tavern owners, the law enforcement community and public safety officials all support keeping the ban.

HOUSE DISCOURAGES COWAN FROM SEEKING ELECTION TO SENATE SEAT - The House, in an unusual move, approved a non-binding resolution discouraging William "Mo" Cowan from becoming a candidate or endorsing any candidate in the election to fill the Senate seat left by newly appointed Sec. of State John Kerry. Patrick appointed Cowan, his longtime friend and former chief of staff, as the interim U.S. senator until a replacement is elected following an April 30 primary and a June 25 general election. The resolutions state that the House "strongly discourages a senator who takes office as a result of a gubernatorial appointment from becoming a candidate or endorsing any candidate in the special election that immediately follows such an appointment."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"The state's wiretap laws are stuck in the days of La Cosa Nostra when today's violent offenders are using 21st century technology. Updating them would allow us to convict defendants with their own voices and reduce the burden on civilian witnesses." - *Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley supporting legislation to update the state's wiretap laws.*

"We should be very, very wary of law enforcement claims that it needs more and broader powers to listen in on our private conversations--by phone or email or text. 'Updating' wiretap and other laws should mean fuller protections for our privacy rights, not an expansion of government surveillance powers." - *Gavi Wolfe, Legislative Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts.*

"The unanimous vote of the compensation committee to approve this increase was a direct result of Paul's outstanding leadership at the Lottery. I believe in performance metrics when making such judgments, and the innovative thinking and marketing at the Lottery that helped lead to a record-breaking profit of \$984 million which goes to local aid for our cities and towns should be recognized." - *State Treasurer Steven Grossman defending the \$8,500 pay hike*

for Lottery Director Paul Sternberg.

"At a time when we are coping with high unemployment and under-employment, it is inappropriate to hand out a 7 percent raise to someone already earning \$130,000 per year. It has been years since the hard-working people of my district have seen such a big boost in their own paychecks." - *Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton).*

"Back in the old country...in Ireland...there is an old saying that 'If you are lucky enough to be Irish, you are lucky enough.' Let me rephrase that saying here today by stating, 'If you are lucky enough to have had the privilege of serving here in this body and to have family and friends, as I have had, to support you along the way, then you are lucky enough.'" - *Sen. Jack Hart (D-South Boston), in his farewell address to the Senate, as he leaves to join a private law firm.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of January 28-February 1, the House met for a total of seven hours and 36 minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and 57 minutes.

Mon. January 28	House 11:06 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.
Tues. January 29	No House session No Senate session
Wed. January 30	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. January 31	House 11:05 a.m. to 5:42 p.m. Senate 1:02 p.m. to 5:47 p.m.
Fri. February 1	No House session No Senate session

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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Hockey goes for league title tonight

By Mike Stoller

There will be a little extra spice on tonight's hockey menu when Somerville and host Medford square off in what has become a one-game, take-all tilt for the Greater Boston League title.

Both teams enter the battle with 4-0-1 league records. Two weeks ago, the Highlanders and Mustangs played to a 2-2 tie, essentially setting up the huge rematch for the GBL crown tonight.

Another tie will give the teams a share of the title.

Somerville, which enters the game with a 7-4-3 overall record, will be looking to capture its first GBL crown in more than two decades.

"We're looking forward to it," Highlanders head coach Chuck Allen said, after his squad defeated visiting Cambridge Rindge and Latin, 7-1, last week. "But, as you said, as coaches we don't get ahead."

It was acknowledged when Allen spoke, the Highlanders were still scheduled to play Northeast Regional before tonight's matchup. Somerville lost that non-league contest on the road, 7-4, Saturday.

In the game against league foe Cambridge, the Highlanders outshot the Falcons, 30-10.

Somerville led, 2-0, after the first period on goals by senior Dan Camara and junior Miles Bain.

Senior Troy Martini scored

in the second stanza to make it 3-0.

The Highlanders wrapped it up in the third frame on strikes by senior C.J. Albanese, Camara, and juniors Colin Hogan and Dan Matthews.

Camara finished the night with two goals and two assists. Martini had a goal and two helpers. Senior Matt Vogel and junior Jonathan Potelho contributed two assists. Junior Shane Lafee and freshman James Macronais each had one.

Sophomore Sergey Markorov played the first two periods in goal, before giving way to junior Tim Megnia.

Despite the lopsided score, Allen didn't think his squad played particularly well, perhaps

a letdown from the game against Medford.

"There was no flow to it," he said about his team's overall performance against the Falcons.

Still, Allen was happy to see some of the things the team worked on in practice come to fruition.

The coach particularly cited the goals by Bain and Martini as strong efforts in front of the net.

"We got to the net on a couple of rebounds, and got a couple of goals that way," Allen said. "It's good to see the work you do in practice develop in games. I was happy about that."

In track and field, Somerville gave it a good battle against

Cambridge last week, despite falling, 48-38.

"Cambridge is definitely the best team in the Greater Boston League right now, but I like how our team has improved and has been very competitive throughout the season," Highlanders' head coach Charlie O'Rourke said.

Somerville took first place in two events. Melina Garro-Duplisea won the mile in a time of 6 minutes, 6 seconds. And the relay team of Sara-grace Magre, Garro-Duplisea, Laxmi Spearing, and Gelynn Berger won with a time of 5 minutes, 20 seconds.

Somerville will next compete in the Greater Boston League Championship meet on Feb. 9.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. How many squares are on a checkerboard? | bound together by gravity called? |
| 2. What is the only U.S. state to border only one other state? | 8. What former Secretary of State was noted for saying, "The illegal we do immediately, the unconstitutional takes longer"? |
| 3. Approximately how many patents did Thomas Edison have? | 9. Who was the first lawyer to become First Lady? |
| 4. On TV's <i>Magnum P.I.</i> what was Magnum's first name? | 10. What yard line must a football team drive to reach the "Red Zone"? |
| 5. Who played the role of Spenser on <i>Spenser For Hire</i> ? | 11. In the rock 'n' roll song, what words precede "Miss Molly"? |
| 6. How many U.S. states have the letter "y" somewhere in their name? | 12. What sports person was known as the "Golden Bear"? |
| 7. What is a star system in which two stars are | |

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St. Clement's Kevin Foley hits 1000



The Saint Clement Anchormen clinched a return trip to the State Tournament beating the Marian Mustangs last week 68-38. The Anchormen now lead the Catholic Central League 8-1.

The week ended with a bitter-sweet defeat against Cristo Rey 58-55 as Senior Forward Kevin

Foley hit the 1000 points mark. Foley leads the team in points and has been a key factor in the teams return to the State Tournament.

The Anchormen lead against Cristo Rey at the half 29 to 22 and exchanged the lead throughout the second half. With 34 seconds left Foley

ties the game with a free throw, but the Anchormen would not score again and allowed Cristo Rey to score and walk off the court with the win.

The Anchormen will face Austin Prep and league rivals Mt St Joseph and Lowell Catholic this week.

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SHS alumnus completes Air Force Basic Training



Congratulations to Airman Thomas W. Lambert. A recent graduate of Somerville High School Class of 2012, he played hockey for Somerville High School Highlanders. After graduating from Somerville High, Lambert decided to enlist in The United States Air Force. He successfully completed and graduated from Basic Military Training at Lackland Air force Base San Antonio Texas on January 18, and will be continuing with his training and education in Security Forces in the Air Force Technical School at Lackland Air Force base Texas. After completion he graduates sometime in May, 2013, at which time he will then be serving and stationed at Offutt Air force Base, Omaha Nebraska. Lambert plans on pursuing a career in law enforcement after serving in the Air Force. His mother, Linda Lambert, says it best, "It is with great pride that we congratulate Thomas on his success in the military. Thomas, we are so proud of you. We love you and we miss you everyday. Thank you for your service."

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Billy Dodge coming to Johnny D's

By Nick Moorhead

William Dodge Moody, who just goes by Billy Dodge, is a standout singer-songwriter playing at Somerville favorite Johnny D's on Feb. 15. While Bon Iver is the obvious comparison to Billy's rustic soulfulness, Billy's sound is equally informed the melodic thrashing of Nirvana and Jimi Hendrix, as it is the politically-charged folk of Bob Dylan.

Dodge started out playing consistent gigs at the Milkboy Coffee House in Villanova. He played around D.C. after that, then New York City, where he recorded the yearning track *Avignon* in Brooklyn. In recent years, Dodge has played at all the top Somerville and Cambridge venues such as TT The Bears, the Middle East, Precinct, and now Johnny D's.

Truth is a recurring topic in regards to Billy Dodge, because he's a truly honest person. Dodge's lyrics are true, as well. *Listening to Control* is like a refreshing breeze sweeping through the soul. "Don't let me, let me fall," Dodge sings. "I can feel my hands slowly lose control." Dodge wrote it in between studying about Sudan while majoring in political science at Villanova.

Dodge admits he's reticent to



Photo by Jeanette Fuller

Billy Dodge takes the stage at Johnny D's on Feb. 15.

discuss his lyrics, citing Kurt Cobain's classic dismissal, "I don't think about anything when I'm writing my lyrics." Despite this apparent lack of attention to lyrics, Dodge's words shine, such as when he sings, "And I will never go down that path again. Out on the river we bury our souls" from *Rope Swing*.

Dodge's most recent EP, *Elephant*, deals with nostalgia - "lamenting the past" - focused on summers spent growing up in Massachusetts. It's family oriented. The track *Illusory*, in particular, is about the presence of ghosts in places Dodge used to play as a kid. He likes to "revisit

those places (of youth), learn something, and know you have to move on."

Aside from a debut album to be recorded starting in March, he doesn't want to get satisfied. "No complacency. I always want the potential of something better to exist, I don't want to get lazy, I don't want to be so satisfied that I let the music slip," he says.

Come out and see Billy Dodge serenade you with his beautiful folk music at Johnny D's on February 15. He promises to keep his eyes open as he's singing, most of the time. Eleanor and The Tasties open the show.

SPS Volunteer and Teacher in the Spotlight: Commitment to the Arts

Somerville Public Schools celebrates Volunteer Clare Goldsmith and Visual Arts Instructor Barbara Marder. Ms. Goldsmith began volunteering with Somerville Public Schools in 2008 and has been joining Ms. Marder in her K-8 Kennedy School art room every Monday since then. Ms. Goldsmith returns every week because she enjoys "being part of the spontaneity and creativity, and seeing the different ways students can express themselves through art." A photographer, collector and painter, Clare has also been delighted with the historical perspective gained through Ms. Marder's arts classes, where projects are integrated with student curriculum, and in particular with history and culture. Ms. Marder, who is due to retire to pursue her own arts career and help with her grandchildren, has enjoyed the classroom support and friendship with Ms. Goldsmith. "Mondays are my best days," she says, "Clare has been a tremendous help in the classroom and working individually with students." Somerville Public Schools wishes Ms. Marder well in her retirement (rumor has it she'll soon be volunteering with the music department), and celebrates Ms. Goldsmith's five years of volunteer service.



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Monday February 11

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Tuesday Febraury 12

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Wednesday February 13

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Thursday February 14

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Friday February 15

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m.
Birds of Play and friends 9 p.m.

Saturday February 16

Josh Lederman and the CSARs 6 p.m.
One Thin Dime 9 p.m.

Sunday February 17

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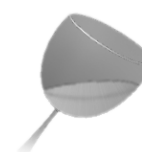
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, February 21, 2013** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

Amendment to add waiver to Assembly Square PUD-PMP (Case # PB 2006-59-R2 (1/2013)) Applicant/Owner FR Sturtevant Assembly Square, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Street Retail, INC, in its individual capacity and under power of attorney on behalf of FR Sturtevant Street, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, and SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC and IKEA Property, Inc. seek a amendment to the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 under SZO Article §16.11.3. The amendment will add a waiver is to construct a building with in the 150 foot setback of the Mystic River bank. ASMD / Ward 1

Assembly Square Block 2A (74 Foley Street, 100 Foley Street) (Case #PB 2013-01) Applicant/Owner FR Sturtevant Street LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Street Retail Inc, a Maryland Corporation, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of “Block 2A” of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct an approx 3,605gsf single-story building for retail or food service use as approved in the PUD-PMP. ASMD / Ward 1


Assembly Square Block 2B (74 Foley Street, 100 Foley Street) (Case #PB 2013-02) Applicant/Owner FR Sturtevant Street LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Street Retail Inc, a Maryland Corporation, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of “Block 2B” of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct an approx 132,708 gsf, 4-story building. The building will have a mix of uses consisting of retail, restaurants and office. Parking will be located on the street and on Blocks 3, 4, 5 and 6. The Applicant and Owner also seek a special permit for signage under §5.1 and §6.4.14 to install signs that are over 35 feet from finished grade and larger than the by-right size. A waiver is required under SZO §6.4.12 and §16.5.5 for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7. Applicant/Owner is also seeking a waiver for the location of the building that within the 150 foot setback from the Mystic River bank through a Planned Unit Development - Preliminary Master Plan application. ASMD / Ward 1


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 www.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 will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board 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: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, February 20, 2013**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

5-7 Wilson Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-01) Applicant and Owner, Christopher Antonelli, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to modify an existing rear addition which includes heightening the rear gable and constructing a shed dormer on the left side of an existing two-family residence. RB Zone. Ward 5.

40 Montrose St: (Case #ZBA 2013-02) Applicant/Owner Darrell Morrow seeks a special permit to construct a dormer within a nonconforming side yard of a single-family home under SZO §4.4.1. RA zone. Ward 3.

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P5734EA

Estate of: **David Joseph Tagliaferro**
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Also Known As: **David J Tagliaferro**

Date of Death: **09/29/2012**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner **Debra L Tagliaferro of South Gate CA**
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

[x] **Debra L Tagliaferro of South Gate CA**
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representative appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P5593EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of: **Elizabeth B Leary**
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Also Known As: _____

Date of Death: **2/1/2012**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner **Marie C Leary of Somerville MA**
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.


[x] **Marie C Leary of Somerville MA**
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

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RFP # 13-64CD

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

Union Square Utility & Roadway Improvements Study & Design

An Request for Proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, February 6, 2013**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 11:00 AM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The City of Somerville is seeking to procure a consultant, to evaluate existing transportation analysis and recommend a design for roadway and utility improvements in and around Union Square.

A Pre-Bid conference for all proposers will be held as follows: Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 11:00 a.m., Aldermen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

The successful offeror must be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email kmancini@somervillema.gov, for information and proposal packages.

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

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission on Wednesday February 20, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application Foodmaster Super Markets, Inc. d/b/a Johnnie's Foodmaster, 47-49 Beacon St., Somerville MA to transfer the Wine and Malt Package Store License to McGrath Beer & Wine, Inc. at 14 McGrath Highway.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant**

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall (93 Highland Avenue) regarding a proposal by Applicant Anthony Cota to demolish the funeral parlor at 197 Washington Street.

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

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RFP # 13-65**

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

An Request for Proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, February 4, 2013**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

For Bid Packages and Information, please email Karen Mancini, kmancini@somervillema.gov or visit the City of Somerville web-site, www.somervillema.gov

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Session Planetaria lifts Sally's

By Kristen Hale

On Sunday, February 3, at Sally O'Briens, Session Planetaria invited the public to join their improv jam session.

Assembled by Jenn Bliss, Session Planetaria started their improv jams last year at Fasika Ethiopian Restaurant in Somerville. Their sound is original, blending a wide array of musical stylings and cultural influences ranging - but not limited to - Middle Eastern, Folk, Caribbean, Country, etc.

They invite musicians, MCs, storytellers, vocalists, poets, and anyone who has something to share to join them on stage to become a part of this ensemble. They listen to the guests and develop a mood, a groove for what's being shared.

For example, this writer took part in their jam with spoken word poetry. Being nervous at first, it was tricky falling into my own rhythm. Once I relaxed, felt the music. My words were amplified and emanated through the music. A truly distinct and magnificent experience that captivated all of those involved.

Session Plantaria is made up of experienced musicians from all walks of life. On guitar they have David



They're jammin' at Sally O'Briens when Session Planetaria takes to the stage.

Rizzuti, Paul Erlich, Andrew Scannell, Sam Franklin, with Jay Kustka and John Valdez on guitar and vocals. On bass there is Plamen Jetchev and Mohan Krishnan, with Darrell Brown on percussion, and Jenn Bliss on flute, accordion, and vocals. Samantha Milowsky doing

spoken word, Linnea Herzog on guitar, and Parama Chattopadhyay on violin also contributed to this warm and inviting event.

If you missed this jam, don't fret. Session Planetaria will have another improv jam session on Sunday, March 3, at Sally O'Brien's.

'It needs to stop'

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background checks for every gun sale. That includes millions of gun sales - over 40 percent of the total - that don't require background checks today, including sales made online, at gun shows, or from private sellers.

At the meeting last week, Menino called on the mayors and their constituents to step up pressure on Congress nationwide. "Call your aunt in Florida; call your college roommate in Texas; call your old neighbor who moved to Vermont. Tell them we need them to stand with us and demand a plan from their members of Congress," said Mayor Menino.

According to the non-partisan Center for Public Integrity, the coalition spent \$100,000 on a television ad that aired in Washington D.C. during Sunday's Super Bowl game, promoting universal background checks as part of its "Demand-A-Plan" campaign.

Mayor Curtatone, a member of the coalition since the start, said closing loopholes on gun sales and requiring background checks would be a major step in promoting a climate of what he calls "sensible and responsible gun ownership," which he said should also take into account issues related to mental illness and substance abuse.

"You and I can go down to the South to a gun show and we can purchase whatever weapons we want without a background

check, and walk out of there. That has resulted in the proliferation of all types of weapons," said Mayor Curtatone, recalling the tragedies in Newtown and elsewhere, as well as a recent drive-by shooting in Somerville. "This issue affects not just urban communities but suburban and rural, and we're seeing acts of violence across this country."

The mayor said he strongly disagrees with the National Rifle Association and others who have proposed arming more citizens and putting armed guards in schools. "I think that's the most asinine suggestion that I have ever heard, to put more weapons out in the community and in our schools," said Mayor Curtatone. "That's just absurd. It's absurd and it's offensive. We need to get the guns off the streets, bottom line. And we need to promote responsible gun ownership."

Somerville Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello said he can count on one hand the number of actual shooting victims in the city in the past two years. But that doesn't tell the whole story of the potential threat from firearms. Since 2010, at least 14 gunshot noise calls have led to evidence that shots were indeed fired. Pasquarello said local police take a proactive approach, working with the narcotics department to track who's using guns and where they are, and even routine traffic

stops have netted as many as eight illegal weapons in one car.

He said it can be tough to police illegal firearms at the local level when criminals can easily cross state lines, for instance to Vermont where it's easier to buy weapons, and he'd like see consistency at least among the New England states. He acknowledged that criminals will always look for ways to get around the law, but he supports "any tool that will require identification, more of a background look at mental health." Said Pasquarello, "Each and every one of these is an important tool, not just for law enforcement, but for the community."

Mayor Curtatone said the changes in gun laws proposed by the mayors' coalition would promote responsible gun ownership without infringing on the right to bear arms as spelled out in the Second Amendment. "The authors of the Constitution and the founders of this country never envisioned fully automatic weapons or high capacity magazines proliferating in our communities," he said. "I see no contradiction, being a former gun owner supporting the Second Amendment, with a deep personal conviction that we need strong and broad reform."

"The proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic weapons is impacting our overall health, safety and the quality of life," said Mayor Curtatone. "It needs to stop."

Ms. Cam's

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Answers

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| 1. There are 64 squares | 7. It is called a Binary Star System |
| 2. Maine | |
| 3. Approximately 1093 | 8. Henry Kissinger |
| 4. Thomas | 9. Hillary Clinton |
| 5. Robert Urich | 10. The 20 yard line |
| 6. There are 6: Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, | 11. "Good Golly" |
| | 12. The golfer, Jack Nicklaus |

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday| February 6

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

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

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

Thursday| February 7

Central Library
Reading Group for 6-8 Year Olds
Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216
3 p.m.-4p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday| February 8

Central Library
Anime & Manga Meet-up
Cynthia Mitchem, Youth Services Librarian
617-623-5000-2936
3 p.m.-5:30 .m.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink
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Sunday| February 10

Central Library
Altered Book Art with Diem Dangers
Cathy2950
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday| February 11

Central Library
Sing-along with Jordan!
Cathy|2950
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday| February 12

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 9-11
Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216
10 a.m.-12 p.m| 79 Highland Avenue

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Wednesday| February 13

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Central Library
Book Group for Kids
Cathy|x2950
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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MUSIC Wednesday| February 6

Johnny D's
Kristen Ford|Audrey Ryan|Jenee HaLstead
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8 p.m.
Comedy 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Dreaded Silence|Baliset|Blue Aside|Nocuous
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
3penny Open Mic (No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar

Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Bar is open
379 Summer St

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

Thursday| February 7

Johnny D's
Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Spring Hill Rounders, Cold Chocolate
grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
Bored of Health|Brian Carpenter & The Cofessions|Old Soldiers Of The Prairie War
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
Up: Karaoke, 8 p.m.
Down: Bloodshot Bill (Canada), Jittery Jack
379 Summer St

Friday| February 8

Johnny D's
Hayes Carl||Acoustic show with Travis Linville|Ross Livermore band|Dave Keller Band
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
The Groove Moons |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
My Secret Boston Presents:The Blue Ribbons|Dietrich Strause
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
New Highway Hymnal|Dutchguts|Black Norse|Black Lodge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ starting at 10 p.m.
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Unregular
381Summer St

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

Radio Bar
Down: Jack Burton vs David Lo Pan|Automatic Death Pill|Finisher|Field Effect
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Marina Evans
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday| February 9

Johnny D's
Tarbox Rambler|Playin Dead
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Band|6 p.m.
Patrick DeCoste, Charlie & The Most \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents:Steak|Sour DJ|Andrew Scandal|The Sound Awake|The Difference Engine
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Trash Can Smile|Poopstack Hammergods|People Live Here|TBA
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Mike Woo's Raging Bone|Monkey Knife Fight|Squall|The Zerow/ Sammy Serious
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
Down: Joe Polvey presents Americana: Rusty Shovels| All of the Animals| Ghost Hammers|Ben Lee Patterson and the Ryes|WFNX Presents: Pre-Valentine Party: Unhappy Birthday(members of The Good North & Shelia Divine) performing as Morrissey/ The Smiths, The Field Defect(Field Effect) performing as EMO, Roger Lussier(Yale MA/ Pretty & Nice) performing as Dashboard Confessional. 9p.m., 21+ , \$10
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Bomb Squad Comedy
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday| Febraury 10

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.
Amber Casares Band|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
UP: Roy Sludge Trio, 4p.m., Free Down:PJ Westin Comedy open-mic 7-9 p.m free
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Local is for Lovers: 2.0!
11 a.m.|Café
Second Sundays Open Stage
7 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Monday| February 11

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

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Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike |7:30 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
Danny Fallon|Torn Shorts|Don Ngatia|Hot Letter
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Rosebud Bar
Movie Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Knucklebones: For the Love of Play!
9 a.m.|Performance Hall
Salsa Basics with Mambo Soul! |7 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday| February 12

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Boubacar Diabate with SambaLolo|9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
The Lyle Brewer Group|Featuring Sarah Borges|Roy Sludge & Chris Cote
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Wednesday| February 13

Johnny D's
Valentine's Pre-heat: Local bloggers, Writers & musicians play their favorite love & anti love songs
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8 p.m.
Comedy 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Bar is open
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Climate Action Film Series
7 p.m.|Mezzanine
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Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday| February 6

Central Library
Yoga with Janine Duffy
1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m.- 9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday| February 7

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

Central Library
Orientation Meeting for Avon Walk for Breast Cancer
Susan|617-722-4140
6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).
For more info call: 781-762-6629

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq| www.libana.com

Saturday| February 9

Central Library
Film: In The Blood
James Fox|617 710 0676
2 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory
Winter Farmers' Market
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

Sunday| February 10

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

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday| Febraury 11

West Branch Library
Book Group: Books Into Movies
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

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

Tuesday| February 12

Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Session 1
79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins,www.libana.com
7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday| February 13

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

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

Alan Cohen of "MusicalConversation" brings love songs from Broadway. Share in great conversation as we listen to the best love songs from Broadway. February 7 at noon. Holland Street. RSVP

Volunteer Open House - Join us on February 13 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities here at the COA. Meet current volunteers and COA staff. Have a few hours each week or each month? We have something for you. RSVP.

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Mosaic Project - Thanks to a grant from the Somerville Arts Council, we are happy to present a three-part series that will culminate with a group mosaic that will be hung at the COA. Starts February 26 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Limited enrollment. Sign up early. With artist Emily Bhargava.

Lunchtime exercise class for all in the community!

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

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

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

We are heading to El Salvador on February 11 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. at Cross Street. An event not to be missed.

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

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

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

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

Grandparents' Week at the Centers

February 19 - Cross Street - Arts and Fitness Fun.

February 20 - Holland Street - Storytelling through Dance.

February 21 - Ralph & Jenny - Gardening and Fitness Fun.

Trip Corner:

Hanscom Dinner & Bingo - February 13.

Fuller Craft Museum - February 15.

Foxwoods - March 11.

Washington D.C. - April 11 - 14.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Flexibility & Balance - Tuesday 9:15 a.m. at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny. \$3.

Belly Dancing - Tuesdays at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. \$5.

Flexibility & Balance - (R&J) Tuesday 10:30 (H) Thursday 10:00 a.m.

February 6

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Holland Street

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B
MEN'S CLUB! NEW!!! 12 p.m.

QiGong|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

February 7

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|10 a.m.

Current Events|10 a.m.

Musical Conversation with Alan|12 p.m.

Bingo|1:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

February 8

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B

Indoor Exercise|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

February 11

El Salvador - Cultural Day

No Lunch at Holland Street

Holland Street Center

Indoor Gardening|9:30 a.m.

Singing|10:30 a.m.

English Conversation|10:30 & 12:30

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Indoor Exercise/Walking|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street

Cultural Day - El Salvador|11:30 a.m.

165 Broadway

February 12

Culinary Arts

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt|10 a.m.

Bellydancing|12:30 p.m.

Yoga/Meditation|2 p.m.

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

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

February 13

Volunteer Open House

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Volunteer Open house|12:30 p.m.

Qi gong|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

February 14

All Centers Closed

Valentine's Winter Hill Yacht Club Luncheon - Sold Out

LBT Fit-4-Life 6 p.m.

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Romance novels have been favorites for decades

By Kenneth Gloss

Romance novels, in one form or another, have been around virtually as long as writers have been penning stories. Some of the more famous ones were written by the Bronte sisters and also by Jane Austen. Many of these early novels are resurging in popularity as Hollywood takes them and converts their tales into movies. Those box office dollars often translate into increased demand for the early works. An original first edition of a Bronte or an Austen novel can be worth thousands of dollars, depending on the rarity of the edition.

What sets those two authors apart is their innovation in writing. Their plots and themes set the trend for many novels that followed. Decades of authors have written stories about mysterious men and strong women who escaped the traps of their lives by the end of the book.

The true original romances are found in fairy tales, in the love story between Cinderella and Prince Charming who swept her away from her dreary life. The romances that were written in the ensuing decades either repeated this theme or were so grand in scale and scope that they allowed readers to live vicariously through the exciting lives of the characters. *Gone with the Wind* is a classic love story (even though it didn't have a happy ending), complete with a larger-than-life panoramic backdrop and multi-generational scope.

The popularity of that novel is clear in its price tag, too. A first edition of Margaret Mitchell's classic (which won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1937) runs \$2500 to \$3500, depending on its condition.

It takes a special combination of story, tragedy and conflict to create a romance novel that endures decades of reader popularity. Not every book written 100 or 200 years ago was good, however. Many people complain about the paucity of quality modern novels, when in fact, many of the books written in the 19th century weren't all that well

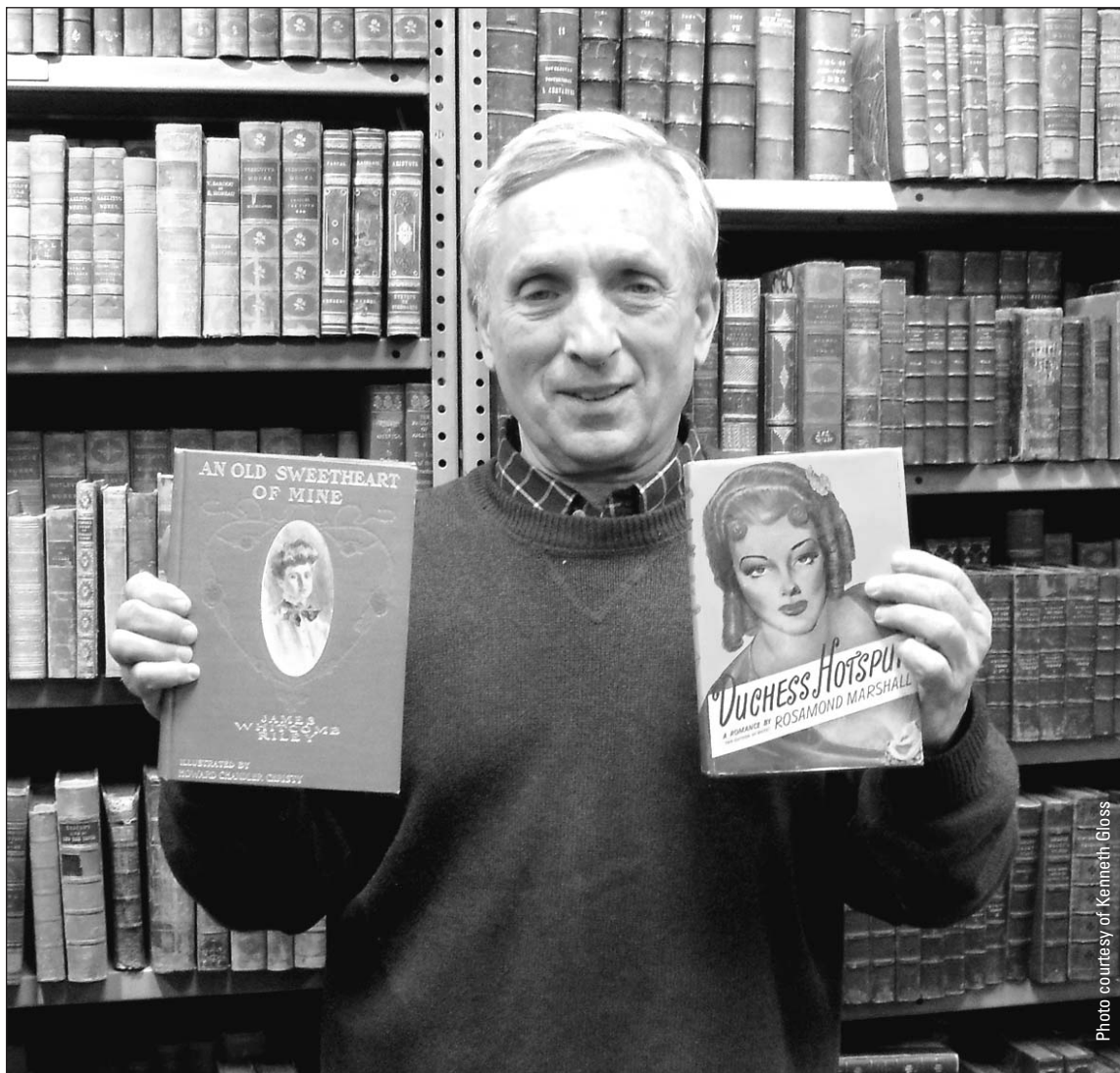
written. Some of the books were very formulaic and predictable. Ultimately, as with any book, it's the writing and the story that set one book apart from another.

The books of the 19th century also weren't as explicit in description of romantic encounters as today's books are. A great deal was inferred, leaving the rest behind closed doors. There were a few books that bucked that trend, like *Tom Jones*, but it was rare. What little sexuality there was in those books was frowned upon by censors. The novels written around the turn of the century were mainly sold by subscription because they weren't deemed proper enough to be sold in stores.

The popularity of romance novels skyrocketed 50-plus years ago when Harlequin began producing paperback versions that made the books cheaper and more accessible to the general public. Collecting a vast number of Harlequins is a nearly impossible task because they were meant to be read and eventually discarded. People who collect one certain author and want earlier Harlequins that someone like Nora Roberts has written may end up paying 20 to 100 dollars for a book that probably cost no more than three dollars when it was released. It's the books that were worth the least at the time of release that are usually the hardest to track down.

With the wide selection of romance novels and types of novels, from the gothic romances to the paranormals like Anne Rice's *Dracula*, one can begin a collection at almost any point and have a great deal of selection available. There are people who collect books by certain authors, ones that had interesting covers or books that were illustrated. As far as I know, there is no bookstore that specializes in antiquarian romance novels. However, nearly all good stores will stock a variety of romance novels and carry the high-demand ones by Austen, Bronte and other romantic writers.

Romance novels provide a vivid social picture of the mores



Left to right: *An Old Sweetheart of Mine*, published in 1902 was written by James Whitcomb Riley, a popular writer of his time. A more contemporary collectable romance book is *Dutchess Hotspur* by Rosamond Marshall published in 1946.

and customs of the time when they were written. Mitchell's novel paints a picture of a world filled with balls and debutantes that was ripped apart by a brutal war. *Romeo and Juliet*, Shakespeare's classic romantic play, shows the devastating consequences of wars between families. Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina* depicts the constraints of life in Russia at that time, coupled with the consequences of bucking social traditions. Many collectors seek books that provide the fictionalized version of life at a particular time, find that the authors often had a true handle on their world.

Some people collect books written in specific settings or romances from particular time periods, like Regency England. Each individual collector's interests will usually dictate the area on which he or she chooses to focus.

No matter which type of romance novels a collector selects, there is bound to be a wide variety of books to choose from. These types of

books are sometimes even spotted at garage sales or library sales because the value of an early Bronte isn't always as clearly seen as that of a first edition Dickens, for instance. These were books that were read and enjoyed by hundreds of people over hundreds of years. Their classic themes of love conquering all live on in the hearts of many readers and collectors. Starting a collection of romance novels can provide both reading enter-

tainment and a glimpse of the enduring power of love.

Ken Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston, the oldest antiquarian bookstore in the United States. 2011 is the 65th year of Gloss family ownership. Ken has been seen numerous times on PBS' *Antiques Roadshow*. For further information about his upcoming talks visit the shop in Boston's Downtown Crossing, the website at www.brattlebookshop.com or call 1-800-447-9595.

Somerville resident rolls for a cause



On Tuesday, January 29, Somerville resident Kara Suffredini, executive director of MassEquality, joined Sweet Cheeks Q chef/owner and former Top Chef contestant Tiffani Faison at Anna's Taqueria on Harvard Street in Brookline to kick off the beloved burrito joint's celebrity burrito roller series. For one night each month through 2013, Anna's lets local celebrities take over the line at the Harvard Street store to roll burritos for hungry diners, with the total cost of each burrito benefiting the charity of the featured roller's choice. At the opening event, Faison rolled burritos to support MassEquality in its goal to ensure that Massachusetts residents can thrive without discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Pictured here, Caesar Grubel, Mike Kamio, Tiffani Faison, and Kara Suffredini of MassEquality. For more information on dates and featured celebrities, visit www.annastaqueria.com or follow the restaurant on Twitter at @AnnasBoston.

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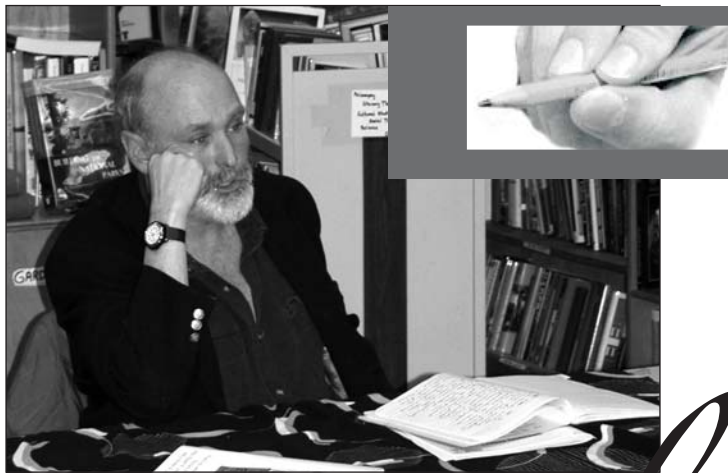
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6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Esoteric Science	1:00pm	Ablevision
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	1:30pm	Art at SCATV
7:30am	Life Matters	7:00pm	SCATV Annual Producer Awards Ceremony	4:00pm	Boston Tango Festival	2:00pm	Talking about Somerville
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Tonight's Special	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:00pm	Energy Theater	6:30pm	Talking with Deval Patrick	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
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3:00pm	Medical Tutor	9:00am	Energy Theater	Sunday, February 10		8:00pm	Grill Dog presents
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5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking.		Talking about Somerville	7:00am	Flipside	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	12:30pm	Ablevision	7:30am	Talking with Deval Patrick	11:00pm	Creepy Castle
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7:30pm	Basic Buddha	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	10:30am	Basic Buddha	7:00am	Outdoor Adventures (SCATV Special)
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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6:30am	International Church of God	10:30pm	Somerville Rocks	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:30pm	2013 SCATV Annual Meeting
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10:30am	Talking with Deval Patrick	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Art at SCATV
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12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 2/4/13	8:10pm:	Quincy Street Park Dedication	1:25am:	Somerville By Design #3	7:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge
		8:20pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		9:00pm	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation
		8:45pm:	Somerville By Design #3	Wednesday, February 6		9:30pm	Kid Stuff: Library Teen Room
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Ilana Krepchin: A Jeweler who incorporates photography and sculpture into her craft

I met Ilana Krepchin on a wind-swept morning in late fall at my usual seat at the Bloc 11 Café in the Union Square section of Somerville. Krepchin resides near the café but is originally from Newton, Mass. She has lived in Somerville for 15 years, and loves the art shows, the coffee shops, the Open Studio events, and the general cultural milieu Somerville has to offer.

Krepchin used to work with a jeweler in a shop in Union Square as a studio manager. She learned a lot about her craft, trade and art while employed there.

Krepchin told me: "I really wanted to be a sculptor. I view the jewelry I make as small scale sculpture. "On her website Krepchin writes: "All of the jewelry is handmade. My creations combine a sense of fun and purpose with essential interests in my past. As a kid I wanted to be an architect—when I grew up—I now make miniature buildings." And indeed Krepchin uses miniature buildings in her jewelry and the crafted jewelry boxes she makes.

And like many artists I have interviewed she uses diverse elements in her work. A photographer



for many years, she has accumulated piles of photographs that she squirreled away. She chops them up and transfers them to silver and etches their likeness in her work.

Krepchin, who is a stay at home mom, has a studio in Cambridge where she works. She said her prices are reasonable, ranging from \$10 to \$400.

Krepchin is a graduate of Hampshire College. She graduated with a degree in Anthropology. But she was always interested in artistic pursuits, and took classes along the way to perfect her craft. We are fortunate to see the fruit of her labors, here in *The Paris of New England*.

Somerville poet Jesse Mavro Diamond wrote the *LYRICAL*: "I wrote this elegy in 2005 after the train I was riding from Boston to Washington D.C. struck and killed Devron Pittman, an eleven year old boy."

Jesse Mavro Diamond's poetry has been published in many journals throughout the U.S. She recently was chosen by The Tennessee Williams Literary Festival as one of the top ten finalists for her poem *Swimming The Hellespont*. The composer Mu Xuan Lin's vocal and instrumental compositions for *Elegy for Devron* premiered at Jordan Hall in 2008.



ELEGY FOR DEVRON

"That's what eats you...the sound ...It never goes away.
You'll always be able to hear that sound."

--Anonymous Railroad Engineer

In Memoriam: Devron Pittman.
08 February 1994-19 February 2005

I. The Mask: Invocation to Melpomene

Rise, Muse, from your caskets' indigo sleep
Shadow me up Echo's blue-walled tower.
A boy's home was never further from his feet
than skipping through Dusk's muted, trumpeted hour.

Sing, Bessie, reckless Empress, gravel's brave, red flower,
Sing, Billie, Sorrow's Boo, Old Man Winter's heat,
Sing, Ella, your silver scat cat over puddles leaps:
A mother's cup of cream has been forever soured.

Pull the black threads through the needle of your throats
Stitch the child's reft breast, measure by measure,
Lift his gone breath in your skirts' sheer boat:
Rise, Muses, Up! cradling your sunken treasure.

II. The Club: Express Train 2253

We sat in the car's half light,
(what's known and what is not.)
Without pretense, simple strangers.

We sat as Dusk spread its dark sheet
over the small body of day.

Across the aisle a man said it: Suicide.
Then his coda, I'm certain.
That's what we need. That's the ticket: Certainty.

Down the tracks we chase the straw hat,
Its radiant ribbon skittish in the February wind.

He was right about one thing. Wrong about another.
The boy never chose to die.
He chose to find his friend at the dollar store,

to take a shortcut through the woods,
to cross the tracks behind Battery Village.

Whoosh!
the train wheels sang,
like Hermes' winged heels.

Of this
we can be certain.

III. The Sword: Short Cut Home

The instant he was gone, so was I.
I am she: Lot's wife, Ildeth,
body facing forward, head back,
back to the hissing track,

searching for a shoelace,
a fragment of cuff,
searching the embankment his sneakers slid down.
Searching for the echo of his whistle in the woods.

Searching the kitchen board:
Devron, congratulations on honor roll.
Searching the last spring
cherries blossomed in Havre de Grace,

the last September my boy began school.
I face the erased. My body goes forward:
on and on, on and on, on and on

Cothurnes: The Walk Back

Since you're a writer, I'll tell you.

The engineer's sitting in the same seat
he was half a second before.
Waiting.
To be relieved.

The others are walking the track. Back.
Several miles. Sun's sinking. And cold.
They never made a boot
could warm you from that walk.

Government calls it "Trespasser Fatality."

We call it Hell. 'Cause that's what the hoghead—
engineer—is damned to. Would you?
Ever drive again?

Most guys are fathers, too.
Could a been his boy. Do me a favor:

Find a way to say that.

The Crown: Conservation of Energy

Dear Boy, I am with you now
While you lay curled beneath
a cypress tree.

Lyrical time is the amniotic clock
the measurable delay between
a sound wave and an echo.

Within that interval, actual
as a fertilized egg:
spiritual suspension.

These lines are the tracks.
This keyboard, the high-speed engine.
I am the passenger, a stranger.

I am breathing before, during, after.
Each syllable I sing is a cypress leaf
I have entwined them here

into a crown.
I know you are gone.
I know this is merely a poem.

Words can be destroyed.
Words can be unknown.
But you, Dear Boy,

are eternal.
May my breath be yours.

— Jesse Mavro Diamond

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