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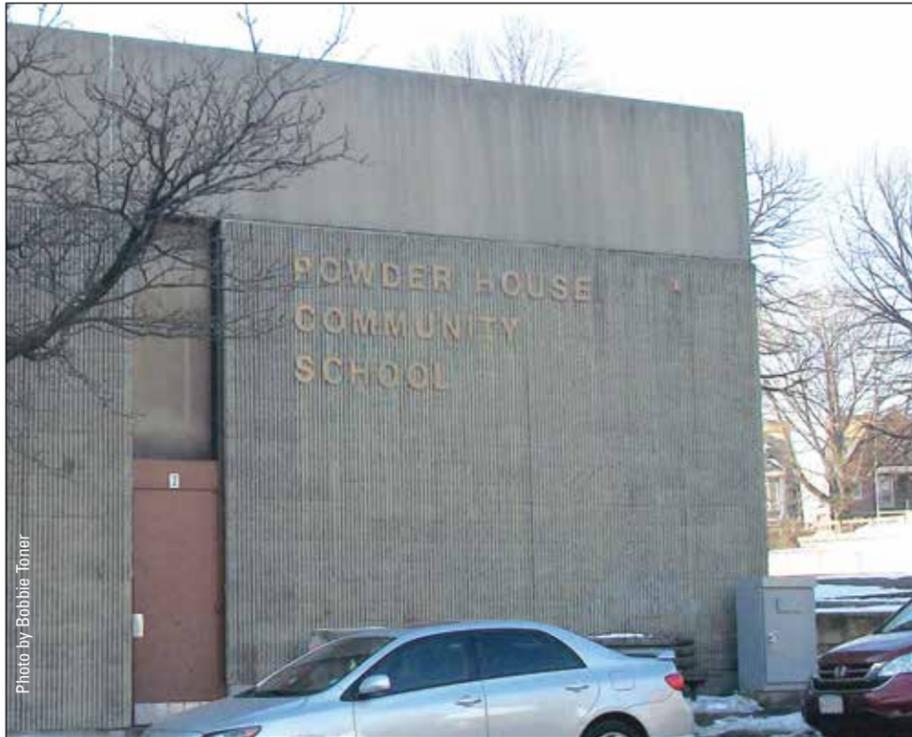
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Merry Christmas

From the Publisher and Staff of The Somerville Times

Public invited to planning session for Tufts' Powder House School proposal



The public's input is welcome at a series of meetings scheduled to discuss Tufts University's proposed development of the Powder House School site.

By David R. Smith

Residents living near the Powder House Community School will have a say on Tufts University's plan to redevelop the site.

Four public meetings, the first of which takes place Jan. 13, are scheduled to discuss the proposal.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone accepted the Powder House Community School Technical Advisory Committee's final recommendations for redevelopment of the former K-8 public school site back in September. The committee recommended three of six proposals for consideration, with the proposal by Tufts University receiving the top recommendation.

The site includes an 87,599-square-foot parcel with the existing 80,857-square-foot building

Tufts plans to combine the former school and Tufts Administration Building (TAB) sites into a larger parcel that would face both Holland Street and Broadway. The complex would include upgrades to the

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Six degrees of Santa

10-year-old with brain cancer receives very special visitor

By David R. Smith

Sometimes Santa is just a phone call away, and sometimes he may even just be on the other side of the door.

That was certainly the case last Wednesday, when the big guy stopped by the home of 10-year-old Jayson Cameron.

Jayson has terminal Stage 4 brain cancer and was allowed to return home a few months ago. And while he is unable to speak, his grandmother, Rose Cameron, has no doubt he was thrilled to receive the out-of-the-blue visit.

"Jayson was thrilled," she said. "He really enjoyed it and had no idea, so it was a surprise."

And the visit wasn't just an early Christmas gift for Jayson; his brother and sister, Joey and Dakota, also had no idea a typical weekday would become anything but.

"We told Joey to go downstairs and open the door," Rose said, "and he was surprised!"

The kids' friends Chantel, Madison and Alex just happened to be there

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Jayson Cameron and his siblings enjoyed a special visit by that jolly old gentleman last week.

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On behalf of the owners and staff here at The Times, Merry Christmas to all our loyal readers and friends in the Ville. We wish for a peaceful family time for all, remembering what Christmas is all about.

Happy birthday this week to a lot of our friends here in the Ville and elsewhere. Political and all-around nice guy Jim Henry is celebrating this week, as is local newcomer to the city Kevin Dickinson. A happy birthday also to Chris Gerber, who is known here in the Ville, and to Kristen Chamberlain, whose Somerville ties go back a few generations. To a good guy, Zachary Atwell, who is originally from Maine, is married and the father of a young child here, we wish a happy birthday. Those wishes also go out to Tayla Ingle Doherty and Mary Midge Donovan Kelly. Best bday wishes to Diane Nazzaro Haley, who lives here in the Ville. And happy birthday to Glen Kulbako, who is originally from upstate New York and now lives in the Ville and is self-employed at his photography company. Happy birthday to Michelle Barnard White, as well as to Joseph Amaral, who is self-employed at The Amaral Group in Cambridge, a computer services company.

We did the "Person of the Week" not so long ago. While it was a good thing and we loved doing it, we stopped for some reason. At a staff meeting the other day, though, we decided to bring it back as "Person of the Month." We will be asking the public to nominate people and give a reason why that person should be selected. We want it to be someone who contributes to Somerville's pride, both in leadership and him or her just being an overall nice person. We will accept nominations from anyone in the city, and the staff of the paper will vote on whom to pick each month.

We are going to make some major announcements in January regarding changes going on at the paper, which will be good changes for the city. We are looking to put out more newspaper boxes at more locations throughout the city, we will have more staff coming on board, and we will also have a few surprises in ownership. We are the only locally owned, operated and Somerville-staffed paper in the city.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Marathon Sports Somerville Jingle Bell Run rescheduled to Dec. 22 due to winter storm*

???

This news just in—I've been told there will be approx. 7400 runners!?!? is this true, and will they really do this the Sunday before Christmas? This really has to stop. On a day when people will be visiting family and celebrating, they will be held prisoner in their homes while 7400 people go for a run?

one point says:

I see they're raising about \$3,000 for the Sean Collier fund through the race, which is certainly good. I don't think it justifies the inconvenience or the concerns your raise here. if anyone remembers last years with 5,000 runners, and adding 2k runners makes it unbearable. Never thought of the OT involved in opening Senior Center. Why isn't the BOA questioning? because they're involved! What about the merchants in Davis, etc. who will be basically shut down the Sunday before Christmas? I, for one, am sick of people held hostage for these never-ending events.

JPM says:

It's a 5k..even the slowest runners will be done in one hour. So what's the big deal? Newer residents understand that more traditional Somerville residents would rather smoke cigs, eat twinkies and drink all day and so don't like a street being closed down for people to exercise.

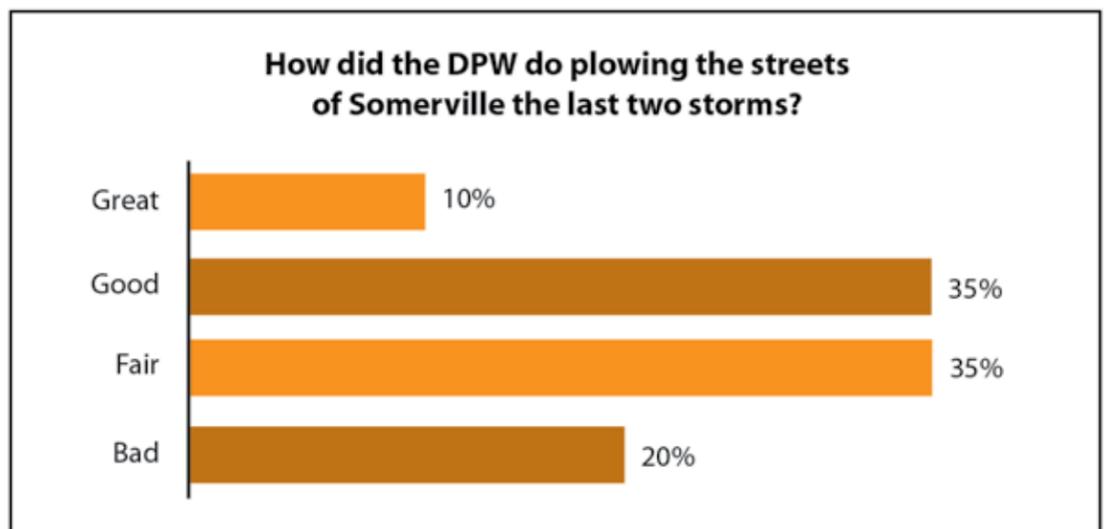
Ron Newman says:

JPM – just a little rude to the people who were already here when you moved in? I'm sure your neighbors love you...

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.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 how you think the DPW did plowing the streets of Somerville the last two storms. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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Moving forward with bringing it down

McGrath Highway is one step closer to coming down after the state Department of Transportation (MassDOT) released a final report recommending that a six-lane boulevard design replacing the McCarthy overpass undergo an environmental review. Separately, MassDOT has also agreed review the possibility of a four-lane option.

MassDOT presented a draft recommendation of the six-lane boulevard concept at a meeting at the Argenziano School this past May to solicit feedback from the public. After that meeting, the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee, with support from the city, asked MassDOT to also consider a four-lane design that takes into account that McGrath now carries approximately the same level of vehicular traffic as Massachusetts Avenue in Boston and that the area will have two new Green Line stations in Union Square and Brickbottom in three years, which will divert a significant number of vehicle trips in that corridor to public transit. MassDOT has subsequently agreed to undertake the additional analysis of a four-lane option, comparable to the analysis completed for the six-lane option.

“Creating a boulevard is good for our residents’ health and our economic health, and I’m pleased that the state has agreed to study a four-lane concept as well as a six-lane option, which will further the community’s goals to make Somerville the most walkable, bikeable and transit-accessible city in the nation,” Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone said. “There is no bigger barrier to connecting our neighborhoods and

unlocking our city’s potential than McGrath Highway. We’ve long dreamed of knitting back together our historic neighborhoods and reclaiming Somerville’s southern gateway through Brickbottom and Inner Belt.”

“There is no bigger barrier to connecting our neighborhoods and unlocking our city’s potential than McGrath Highway”

The six-lane concept includes a 10-foot-wide bicycle facility running the length of McGrath Highway from Medford Street to the Cambridge line, which would also connect off Washington Street to the proposed extension of the Community Path to Boston that would run parallel to the Green Line extension. The city broke ground in May on an extension of the Community Path from its current end at Cedar Street to Lowell Street, where it will meet the future Lowell Street Green Line station. The boulevard design is conceptual, and the final layout would be decided through subsequent environmental permitting and design process, which includes public feedback.

“Transforming McGrath to a ground-level boulevard will not only give back this roadway to the neighborhood, it will give us our neighborhoods themselves back,” Ward 2 Alderman Mary-



Planning for the proposed McCarthy overpass removal is progressing normally, with MassDOT’s recommendations formally submitted for environmental review.

ann Heuston said. “When we reunite Union Square, Boynton Yards, Brickbottom and Inner Belt with a tree-lined boulevard with pedestrian-friendly crossings, world-class bicycle features and easy access to businesses currently bypassed by the overpass, it will drive the return of this area to the thriving neighborhoods and active streets that existed here before the highway and the waste transfer plant drove residents out.”

MassDOT has also begun, at the city’s request, interim improvements to McGrath that will calm traffic and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety. Those improvements include: a new intersection that allows for

easier pedestrian access from Medford Street to Somerville Avenue; a shortened distance across Washington Street; the first green bike markings in Somerville; and bicycle improvements including bike boxes, two phased left turns and a buffered bike lane on Somerville Avenue for greater safety.

Grounding McGrath is identified in SomerVision, the city’s 20-year comprehensive plan, as one of the ways to reduce barriers to commercial growth and mixed-use development, expand the city’s commercial tax base and revitalize and reconnect historic neighborhoods.

This past fall, the city removed one of those barriers by demol-

ishing the former waste transfer station on the east side of McGrath. SomerVision identifies the potential for 2,600 new residential units, 520 of which would be designated as permanently affordable, and 6 million new square feet of commercial space accommodating 16,800 new jobs between Inner Belt and Brickbottom on the east side of McGrath and Boynton Yards and Union Square on the west side.

“Bringing McGrath down will mitigate its deleterious effect on the air we breathe,” Curtatone said. “It will also spur the revitalization of these neighborhoods and support the local businesses currently in the shadow of this eyesore relic.”

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existing TAB building, the construction of an administrative building with underground parking on the site of the former school, a third building on the former school site with either office or unaffiliated residential units (both affordable and market rate available to the public).

In addition to offering the largest contiguous public green space of any of the proposals, the plan, according to proponents, would add significant office space and thus increase daytime foot traffic for Teele Square businesses. The

university has also expressed a commitment to paying full property taxes on buildings it plans to develop.

The Jan. 13 kickoff of the community vision process, jointly hosted by the city and Tufts University, begins with a charrette (a collaborative design session), during which residents and community members will work with city planners and Tufts officials to sketch out the vision for the site. Moving forward, there will be a community meeting Monday, Feb. 10, a charrette follow-up Wednesday, March 5, and a wrap-up

meeting Wednesday, March 26.

“I want to thank the many residents who helped us determine the highest and best use for this site and envision how it could enhance the neighborhood, and I hope the those already involved, as well as newcomers, will join us for the coming meetings to help shape the final plan,” Curtatone said. “Tufts’ proposal will not only expand public open space and generate new tax revenues for the city, it will bring daytime activity to Teele Square, which is good for local businesses and will add vibrancy to the neighborhood.”



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Police standoff with barricaded man

Police were called to a George St. residence Sunday morning in response to a report of a knife-wielding man barricaded in the house, along with members of his family.

Initial reports indicated that the man had threatened to harm himself and members of the family.

Responding units evacuated the family members from the

house and proceeded to locate the man, who had barricaded himself in an attic crawl space.

The NEMLEC Emergency Response Team located the man and a four-hour standoff ensued

that resulted in his being disarmed and removed from the house.

No one was harmed in the process during the morning long incident that had neighbors and onlookers riveted to the events

as they unfolded.

The man was taken to the hospital, and police have indicated that it is being treated as a medical issue, with no criminal charges being made.

Shrimp caper gone sour

Police responded to a report of a shoplifter at the Market Basket store on Somerville Avenue last week.

Upon arrival, the officers found the suspect sitting on the ground, detained by store loss prevention personnel. According to their statement to

police, the individual, identified as Craig Thomson, 51, had been detained after being caught allegedly taking several hundred dollars worth of shrimp out of the store without paying for them.

A witness inside the store reportedly observed Thomson

placing packages of shrimp inside a bag and alerted the store staff. The employee reported that he recognized Thomson as someone who had been suspected of prior incidents of shoplifting.

Thomson was intercepted and detained by the store employees

after he was spotted attempting to exit the store without paying for the merchandise.

According to reports, Thomson dropped the bag, which contained several packages of shrimp. Additionally, Thomson reportedly opened his jacket and several more packages fell

to the ground.

Thomson reportedly attempted to flee from the store loss prevention employees, but was intercepted and detained until police arrived.

Thomson was placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250.

He couldn't find his way to Hojo

Police were dispatched to Park St. last week after receiving reports that a man was behaving erratically and disturbing people in that area.

Officers arriving on the scene reportedly spotted the man in question, Christopher

Doherty, 36, of Wolfeboro, NH, waiving his arms and yelling as he walked along Park St.

According to the officers on the scene, Doherty repeatedly refused to comply with their commands to stop shouting, so he was detained and placed

into handcuffs.

Doherty was speaking incoherently and smelled of alcohol, according to police reports. He also reportedly made a number of unsolicited comments, saying that he had been drinking at a Chinese restau-

rant, that the U-Haul truck he rented was stolen while he was there and that he was just trying to go next door to Howard Johnsons.

A witness reportedly told police that Doherty was making obnoxious statements

to patrons and staff at China delight restaurant before leaving and going to the Rite Aid next door.

Doherty was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct.

Kmart 'shopper' gets the blue light special

Police officers were dispatched to the Kmart store at Middlesex Ave. last week after receiving a report that a shoplifter had been detained by store loss prevention personnel.

In questioning store employees, it was reported that a woman, Theresa Whalen, 57, had been spotted placing store merchandise into a shopping basket, then attempting to leave the

store without paying.

Whalen was detained by store employees until police arrived. She was placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250.

Sex for sale scheme thwarted

Last Thursday, members of the Somerville Police Department Anti Crime and Drug/Vice Control Unit, engaged in an ongoing investigation of alleged sex trade activity conducted by way of solicitation on the Internet, responded to an advertisement reportedly made by

Magan Dugas, 25, of Boston.

According to police reports, an arrangement was made with Dugas to meet with an undercover officer at a local hotel where sexual services would be offered.

Dugas was placed under arrest and charged with offering sexual conduct for a fee.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Craig Thomson, 51, of 50C Memorial Rd., December 16, 4:51 p.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Christopher Doherty, 36, of 824 Allen Rd., Wolfeboro, NH, December 16, 6:08 p.m., arrested at Park St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Theresa Whalen, 57, of 70 Old Landing, December 16, 9:21 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Charles Reid, 59, of 1158 Tremont St., Boston, December 19, 10:22 a.m., arrested at

209 College Ave. on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

Oliver Williams, 43, of 10 Columbia, Cambridge, December 19, 7:23 p.m., arrested at Dover St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Magan Dugas, 25, of 121 Salem St., Boston, December 19, 10:07 p.m., arrested at 23 Cummings St. on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

Incidents:

Theft:

December 17, 2:25 p.m., police reported a theft at Cam-

bridge St.

December 18, 12:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Windsor Pl.

December 19, 8:46 p.m., police reported a theft at 532 Medford St.

December 20, 11:26 a.m., police reported a theft at Sterling St.

December 20, 4:09 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

December 20, 9:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

December 21, 1:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Boston Ave.

December 21, 3:23 p.m., police reported a theft at Quincy St.

Breaking & Entering:

December 17, 5:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

December 19, 1:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

December 19, 6:06 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Medford St.

December 20, 6:00 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

Vehicle Theft:

December 19, 7:52 p.m., po-

lice reported a vehicle theft at Somerville Ave.

December 19, 10:30 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Concord Ave.

Assault:

December 17, 12:55 p.m., police reported an assault at Putnam St.

December 17, 3:57 p.m., police reported an assault at Marshall St.

December 20, 10:05 p.m., police reported an assault at Brook St.

December 21, 7:51 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

Want to get paid to play with Legos?

By David R. Smith

Legoland Discovery Center Boston is holding a public competition that will turn someone's love of Legos into a dream job.

"Brick Factor," which will take place Jan. 25 and 26 at the Boston Public Library, is a competition to find the attraction's master model builder. The full-time, salaried position is responsible for constructing new features, exhibitions and models at Legoland Discovery Center Boston, which opens in May at Assembly Row in Somerville.

Those wishing to compete in Brick Factor must complete and submit the online application at www.legolanddiscoverycenter.com/boston/brickfactor by Jan. 15. Applicants must be 18 years or older as of Jan. 26.

Competitors will tackle several construction challenges



Nice work if you can get it, if you like playing with Legos, that is.

over two days and compete in multiple rounds.

Besides a natural love of Legos, a potential candidate should be creative, a skilled model builder and passionate about working with and teaching the thousands of children that will visit the attraction each year.

"The Brick Factor Competition is a unique opportunity to

turn one lucky individual's hobby into a dream job," Legoland Discovery Center Boston GM David Gilmore said. "The master model builder will become an integral member of the team, bringing all the incredible Lego brick models within the attraction to life. We can't wait to put New England's building skills to the test."

SCC Planner Mashael Majid presented with Rising Star Award

Somerville Community Corporation Community Planner Mashael Majid recently received a Rising Star Award at this year's Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations (MACDC) during its annual meeting. According to the MACDC, the award is presented to executive, staff or board members of CDCs who are 40 years or younger and who have demonstrated their potential, outstanding innovation, leadership and achievement in community development.

Majid has worked at SCC since late 2011. She facilitates participatory initiatives around civic engagement and design/planning processes. With the help of a grassroots advisory team, she is developing the Link Somerville Equity Tool,



Somerville Community Corporation Community Planner Mashael Majid, fourth from left, was recently presented with a Rising Star Award from the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations.

an interactive guide that aims to draw out equity goals from the city of Somerville's comprehensive plan and provides guidance on how best to achieve an inclusive vision while addressing community priorities.

Originally from Los Angeles, she is a graduate of UCLA and holds a Master of Urban Planning degree from UIUC, with a focus on community development, sustainability and social justice.

Body discovered in Somerville

A body was discovered near the intersection of Interstate 93 and Route 38 on Sunday. Foul play is not suspected, so authorities are not releasing the name of the deceased man.

Six degrees of Santa CONT. FROM PG 1

that evening, and they also had a chance to have some one-on-one time with Santa, who, busy as he is this time of year, stayed for close to an hour and a half doing what he does best: listening to Christmas wishes and having his photo taken with the excited group of children.

So how did it all come about?

"I was just lying in bed one night thinking how nice it would be for Santa to visit," Rose said.

In what could be called "Six Degrees of Santa," Rose shared her idea with her daughter Michelle. Michelle, in turn, contacted her friend Corina Paris, whose boyfriend, Brad Spinosa, quickly confirmed that Santa

would indeed be there.

For Jayson, who was diagnosed earlier this year and has spent months in both Children's Hospital and Dana Farber, coming home for only a few days or weeks here and there before having to be readmitted, the visit clearly brought him joy.

"It was just so nice," Rose said.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #42

GIANTS

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

One was born in blue-collar Brooklyn, New York, and one grew up in Somerville, commonly called the "Brooklyn of Boston." One attended public school number 149 in Brooklyn, and the other received his early education through the Somerville school system. They both came from immigrant parents, and they both had an ear for music, even though one of them couldn't read a note. Although they traveled vastly different routes to get there, these two men became icons in their chosen occupations.

Danny Kaye never graduated from high school, but this didn't stop him from becoming successful. He went from youthful summer jobs entertaining guests in the Catskills of New York, to becoming one of America's most versatile and popular singing-dancing comics and movie entertainers in America. One of his most famous movies, *White Christmas*, is still popular today.



Harry Ellis Dixon rose to be the Associate Laureate of the Boston Pops and garnished his musical career with a near endless crown of national and international musical laurels. After picking up the fiddle at age six, he was off and running. He experimented with other instruments while in the Somerville High School Orchestra, but the violin was his passion. The Peabody House, when still in the South End, had an orchestra led by the Somerville Schools' Director of Music. He invited Harry to join. He did so and rehearsed with them for years. Early on, he also played and conducted at a small vaudeville and silent movie theater on Somerville's Day Street near Davis Square.



These two men never knew each other until they were in their forties. This occurred when Harry convinced Danny to conduct the BSO in a pension fundraising concert for musicians. Three weeks later, after much tutoring by Harry, Danny conducted the most humorous Boston Symphony Orchestra concert ever. It was such a success that the two of them toured major American cities with the performance. Harry became Danny's conducting mentor, and the two became close friends.

They shared other common interests. One was children's welfare. Where Kaye was known as the Ambassador for UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund), Dixon became the conductor and founder of the Boston Symphony Youth Concerts series. The other interest was baseball where Dixon was a Red Sox fan, but Kaye was a die-hard Brooklyn/LA Dodger super fan. So much so that he wrote the team's theme song called the D-O-D-G-E-R-S. He was also one of the original co-owners of the Seattle Mariners

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KenkoDo: the path to health

By Nidhi Mathson

"It's so relaxing," Paula Hogan said. "For me, it's stress relieving. I'm in outside sales all day, driving all day, and I'm like, this is better than any cocktail, any good book. This is overall good for my wellbeing."

It was Friday night, the end of a long work week, and Hogan, a client at KenkoDo Clinic in Somerville, had just come out of her regular acupuncture session.

The clinic opened its doors at 735 Broadway in Union Square in October, and contrary to the relaxation and calmness its patients enjoy, owner Lori Pino, a Somerville resident who also owns of Amal Niccoli hair salon next door, is always on the go.

Although born and raised in Somerville and once again living in her childhood home, she has also lived in Belmont, Medford and California, where she drove to cross-country on a whim. In addition to being a licensed

cosmetologist and barber, she has also earned an associate degree in business management, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in acupuncture and Oriental medicine. She is currently completing her board certification in acupuncture.

"This has been a journey since she was 19 years old, continuous self improvement and business improvement," Hogan, a Stoneham resident who works for a pharmaceutical company and who has been Pino's client for 35 years, said. "Some people have been very fortunate to be able to go to college and to go right out of high school and get a four-year degree. As someone who also did the untraditional, I really know how hard this has been, but she makes it look so easy."

Although Pino didn't go from high school straight into business, she explained how it was more of an organic evolution.

She had worked at a hair sa-



The path to health leads to 735 Broadway in Somerville, home to KenkoDo acupuncture clinic.



Lori Pino, owner of KenkoDo.

lon in Belmont for a few years before she decided to come back to Somerville and work at Amal Niccoli with the original owners of the salon. She realized after a few years that she needed to equip herself with an education in business management and signed up for an associate degree in business management from Bunker Hill Community College. But that wasn't all. She went to school full time, worked full time cutting hair and even took a part-time job at Star Market "for the insurance, because I needed insurance," she said.

This may have been a turning point in Pino's life because it was the two-year routine of working a full-time job, a part-time job and undertaking full-time study that led her to California.

When she finished her program at Bunker Hill, Pino took the cross-country drive with her girlfriend. After a month, she fell in love with the place, and she had already decided that she was going to move to California before she even got back to Somerville.

"For six months to a year," she said. "You know, just to take a break and live on the beach and

not do hairdressing but just find some sort of job."

Pino ended up staying for two years, having landed a job managing a hair salon for a big Japanese corporation.

"How funny is that?" she said, realizing that it may have influenced the Japanese name she chose for her acupuncture business. She picked up on-the-job management skills at the hair salon. When she returned to Somerville, she bought Amal Niccoli.

After graduating with her master's in acupuncture and Oriental medicine in 2011, Pino knew she wanted to open a clinic. So when a space opened up next door to Amal Niccoli, she jumped on the opportunity.

"It came up when I was in the middle of my boards (certification), and I had to make that decision – and there you go."

That was the way she seemed to tackle all her life decisions: If there was an opportunity that aligned with her goal, she took it.

"She had this whole vision that she kind of outlined from a long time ago, in terms of like, you know, where the

rooms were going to be and how everything was going to look," Katie Walker, an acupuncturist at KenkoDo, said in describing an earlier tour of the then-unfinished business design during her interview with Pino some months ago. "When everything's in frames, it's hard to imagine what it's going to turn out to be, but it's even more beautiful than what I anticipated, so, yeah, it was really impressive."

"I decide what I want to do and I do it," Pino said. "I guess I don't have that fear factor that everybody has. It's like, you fail, you fail, try again."

Pino is still putting the finishing touches to the interior decoration of KenkoDo, which, according to the company website, means "the path to health" in Japanese. The place was busy on a recent Wednesday evening, and she confirmed that business was good.

Pino noted that her friends and family are never surprised when she tells them what she's decided to do next.

"Anyone that knows me, they just look and say, 'Of course!'" she said.

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Medford, Somerville, entire city, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call*, takes a look at some of the bills that were approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Deval Patrick in 2013.

OVERRIDE VETO AND APPROVE MILLIONS IN TAX HIKES (H 3535)

House 123-33, Senate 35-5, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of a transportation package that proponents say will raise \$500 million through tax hikes. Patrick said he vetoed the package because it did not raise enough revenue.

Provisions include a 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's current 21-cent-per-gallon gas tax, which, beginning in 2015, would also be indexed to inflation. Other provisions include a \$1 hike in the current \$2.51-per-package cigarette tax, an increase in the tax on cigars and smokeless tobacco, a change in the way utilities are classified for tax purposes, and the reinstatement of tolls at exits 1 through 6 on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Western Massachusetts. The legislation also imposes a new 6.25 percent sales tax on computer system design services as well as services to modify prewritten software.

Some supporters said the bill is a reasonable and responsible package that will provide \$805 million in revenue by 2018 to begin to solve many of the structural and financial problems that plague the state's transportation system. Others argued they reluctantly voted for the package as the lesser of two evils. They said they would rather vote for these hikes than vote to sustain the governor's veto and have the process start from scratch again with the looming prospect of passage of an even bigger tax package.

Sixteen Democratic legislators who voted in favor of the tax hikes last week had previously voted against them when they were first approved by the House 106-47 and the Senate 34-6 on June 26. One of these legislators, Rep. Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury), said "This override was a vote against the governor's push for even higher taxes. It's as simple as that." MassGOP Chairman Kirsten Hughes had a different spin. "(Some) Democrats caved in to the Beacon Hill bosses and voted for a massive tax hike that even some Democrats said will hit middle class families hard," said Hughes.

Opponents said the proposed tax hikes will hurt already overburdened taxpayers and businesses and urged the state to live within its means.

(Both roll calls are listed. A "Yes" vote is for the tax hikes. A "No" vote is against them.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes/Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes/Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes/Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes/Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes/Yes

\$34 BILLION FISCAL 2014 STATE BUDGET (H 3538)

House 124-29, Senate 36-3, approved and the governor signed into law an estimated \$34 billion state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013. The price tag is up \$1.5 billion from last year's \$32.5 billion package.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that funds important programs to the best of the state's ability during this difficult economy.

Opponents said the budget is excessive and does not include sufficient reform of the welfare system to reduce fraud and ensure that electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards are used only for necessities and by those

qualify for them.

(A "Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

REPEAL TECH TAX (H 3662)

House 156-1, Senate 38-0, approved and Gov. Patrick signed the bill repealing the controversial 6.25 percent sales tax on computer system design services and modification of prewritten software. It is estimated that this service tax would have generated \$160 million in new tax revenue. An earlier attempt to repeal the tax failed on a 54 to 97 margin in the House and on an 8 to 30 margin in the Senate.

Supporters of repeal said the tax would hurt the state's important technology industry and that repeal would send a strong signal that the Bay State is business-friendly and helps businesses and innovators to thrive.

The lone opponent of repeal said the estimated \$160 million in revenue is needed to begin to solve the state's transportation problems.

(Both roll calls are listed below. The roll calls are on repealing the tax. On both roll calls, a "Yes" vote is for repealing the tax. A "No" vote is for the tax.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes/Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No/Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No/Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No/Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No/Yes

JUVENILE JUSTICE (S 1841)

House 154-0, Senate 40-0, approved and the governor signed into law a bill that would move 17-year-olds from the adult justice system to the juvenile one.

Supporters said this would end the misguided notion of putting 17-year-olds in adult prisons. They noted that juvenile facilities focus more on education and rehabilitation rather than punishment.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

WAMPANOAGS AND CASINOS (H 3376)

House 115-38, (No Senate roll call) approved a new version of a casino compact negotiated by Gov. Patrick and the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe to build a casino in Southeastern Massachusetts. The state would receive between 15 and 21.5 percent of any casino revenue, depending on how many other casinos are built in Massachusetts. The Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs rejected the first version of the compact about a year ago.

Supporters said the state should make this deal with the tribe because if it doesn't and the casino is approved by the federal House 115-38, (No Senate roll call) approved a new version of a casino compact negotiated



Beacon Hill Roll Call continued

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Supporters said the state should make this deal with the tribe because if it doesn't and the casino is approved by the federal government, the state will get nothing.

Opponents said it is premature to ratify a compact until and unless the tribe actually gets a "thumbs up" from the federal government.

(A "Yes" vote is for the casino compact. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

OBAMACARE (H 3452)

House 118-32, (No Senate roll call) approved and the governor signed a bill making many changes to state health care laws in an effort to bring Massachusetts into compliance with Obamacare.

Supporters said these changes, combined with the state's own health care reform law, which was approved in 2006, will make Massachusetts a model among the states for expanding health care coverage and reducing costs.

Opponents took issue with many of the changes, but the most frequent objection expressed was that the federal government is usurping the state's power by forcing these changes on the Bay State.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Didn't Vote

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (H 28)

House 152-0, (No Senate roll call) approved and the governor signed a bill updating many laws, known collectively as the Uniform Commercial Code, that govern commercial transactions in the Bay State. The code is routinely adopted by most states and is aimed at enabling firms doing business in multiple states to conform their practices to one set of uniform laws. That makes it easier and more appealing to businesses that otherwise would have to deal with a patchwork of different laws in each state.

Supporters said that without updating the code, the state would become "business-unfriendly" by having different commercial laws than most other states. They argued the result would put the state and businesses, both large and small, at risk of losing revenue.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

STUDY BAY STATE HOSTING OF 2024 OLYMPICS (S 1840)

Senate 38-1, (No House roll call) approved and the governor signed a bill creating a commission to study the feasibility of Massachusetts hosting the Summer Olympic Games in 2024. The commission continues to meet and explore the details in preparation for its

report due in March.

Supporters said this is a great opportunity for the state and should be explored.

Opponents said this is a misguided effort that will result in the next Big Dig-style boondoggle.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SEVEN POSSIBLE 2014 BALLOT QUESTIONS

- Sponsors of seven possible 2014 ballot questions each have submitted the 68,911 signatures necessary to reach the next step in the long journey to the ballot. These questions include increasing the minimum wage from \$8 per hour to \$11 per hour; requiring employers to offer paid sick days; limiting the number of patients who can be assigned to one registered nurse in hospitals; repealing a recent law that indexes the state's gas tax to inflation; expanding the state's bottle deposit law; making casino gambling illegal; and penalizing and fining hospitals that receive any state funds, if they post profits and/or pay their CEOs above certain limits.

The questions are now sent to the Legislature and if not approved by May 6, 2014, proponents must gather another 11,485 signatures per question by July 2, 2014, in order for it to appear on the 2014 ballot. The voters in 2012 approved ballot questions that allow medical use of marijuana and require auto manufacturers to sell to non-dealer repair shops complete repair information and diagnostic tools. They rejected a proposal to allow terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide.

CAP SALARY OF NONPROFIT CEOS (H 1714)

- The Committee on Labor and Workforce Development held a hearing on a bill that would cap the salaries of CEOs and other executives of nonprofit social service agencies that receive at least 30 percent of their annual budget from state funding. The measure would cap the salaries of CEOs on a sliding scale ranging from a limit of \$49,719 for any agency with a budget less than \$250,000 to \$213,165 for one with a budget exceeding \$25 million.

LOWER LLC FEES (H 1742) - Another measure on the Labor Committee's agenda would eliminate the current \$500 fee to form a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) and lower the annual filing fee from \$500 to \$125. Supporters say Massachusetts is in many ways still viewed as "anti-business" and recently ranked as only the 49th best state for the cost of doing business.

ACCUSED KILLERS (S 1950) - The House approved yet another version of a measure that would prohibit the next of kin charged with the murder of a spouse or other family member from claiming the body. Different versions of the bill have been going back and forth between the House and Senate since August with neither branch yet accepting the other's version. The proposal also allows the accused murderer to appeal the denial to a Probate and Family Court and requires the court to act on the appeal within two days.

The legislation is championed by Ginny Marcheterre, whose 19-year-old daughter Heather was murdered in 2010. Funeral services for Heather were delayed for more than a month because Kyle Alleyne, her daugh-

ter's husband, the alleged killer, refused to release the rights to her body. A court eventually ruled that the mother and family had legal rights to Heather's body. In February, Alleyne was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

MONEY FOR MILK FARMERS (H 751)

- The Senate approved a House-approved bill that would reimburse small independent dairy farmers from a special insurance fund created in the 1980s to protect them when dairy processors go out of business without paying them. The program is funded by the dairy farmers themselves and has been used in the past but has been mostly stagnant for years. Farmers would be reimbursed based on what they have contributed to the fund over the years

Supporters noted the bill does not cost the state any money and estimated that the state's 100 or so dairy farmers would receive amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Dream On" is the first hit song that both perfectly represents the rags-to-riches story that is Aerosmith, and encapsulates the can-do spirit of Massachusetts residents to work hard and persevere until they meet their goals." - *Rep. James Cantwell (D-Marshfield) on why "Dream On" Should be the state's official rock 'n' roll song.*

"Roadrunner" is a song that has sentimental value to many people in the Commonwealth ... the support we've rallied ... sends a clear message: 'Roadrunner' is a love song to Massachusetts and the perfect choice." - *Boston Mayor-elect Rep. Martin Walsh (D-Dorchester) on why the song should be "Roadrunner."*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of December 16-20, the House met for a total of one hour and 10 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 46 minutes.

Mon. December 16	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:48 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.
Tues. December 17	No House session No Senate session
Wed. December 18	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. December 19	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:42 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.
Fri. December 20	No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Reconnect during the holidays—and stay in touch



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Whatever you celebrate, the holidays are a time to spend with family and often reconnect with people we may have lost touch with. Some of us send Christmas cards, and others write letters updating friends and family with the events that have marked our lives throughout the past year. Though I look forward to holiday notes filled with warmth and well wishes, I do wish we could all carry this sense of connection with us throughout the year.

The holiday season compels

us to think of those whom we haven't seen or spoken to, and think, "It's been far too long." It's unfortunately a natural occurrence. We are all busy and there is always a task at hand, an errand to be run and something else that presses us with urgency. We have to get to work and complete the project that's been hanging around, stagnant for weeks, leaving our co-workers or bosses—for me, that's all of you—impatiently tapping their feet. We have to get to the grocery store and put food on the table for our families. The kids need to be taken to sports practice, music lessons, karate lessons, and picked up afterward, so that we can give them a rich life full of experiences. We have to get to the bank and manage our money so we can handle all the demands upon us.

For perhaps just a short time each night, we have time to ourselves. We seek a little escape; a way to forget all the daily pressures that life presents us with. Maybe we read a book, watch a movie or some TV. Maybe we just crash, hoping to get some sleep so we can do it all again tomorrow. In today's world, even our personal time is punctuated by countless interruptions, if we let it be. The cell phone vibrates or chimes alerting us of an email from work, practically a shout demanding our immediate attention.

It's not only the constant demands we face that can cause us to lose touch with others. As the days, then weeks, then months pile up, there is so much to say that connecting with an old friend or family member that lives far away becomes an urgent demand unto itself. Saul Bel-

low wrote in a letter to Martin Amis, "I see that I've become a really bad correspondent. It's not that I don't think of you. You come into my thoughts often. But when you do it appears to me that I owe you a particularly grand letter. And so you end in the "warehouse of good intentions: 'Can't do it now.' Then put it on hold."

If I can make a humble suggestion, it's this: Don't put off contacting someone you care about and haven't spoken with in too long because you feel, like Bellow, that your correspondence won't be enough. It's the smallest gestures that can touch us the most. When someone holds the door for you, gives you a smile and friendly, unforced "have a nice day" at the store, when someone helps you pick up the groceries that fell out of your

bag, when sitting in traffic and someone finally stops and lets you take that left-hand turn: It's the small things that can brighten our days. It's the same with staying in touch. Take the minute to send that email, send that text, or drop a funny greeting card in the mail for no reason other than to say, "hello, thinking of you." When we have a few minutes, instead of popping on the TV and zoning out, pick up the phone and call that friend or family member you haven't talked to recently. And when people reach out to you, return that email, that text, that phone call. Even if it's short, let them know that they are not far from your thoughts.

I hope all of you enjoyed a holiday season of love, laughter, friends and family. Let's try to make it last the entire year.

Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Christmas Wishes, a Poem



I'm not dreaming of White Christmas, no. My old bones are tired of shoveling snow.

It's supposed to be a season of peace, but sometimes that's a crock.

Just try getting a parking space when you go out to shop.

I'm excited because Assembly Row's almost done. Taking the Orange Line to shop is going to be fun!

Green Line Stations are coming so hop on a train. I'm getting a Charlie Card because driving's a pain.

The city is thriving, and with any luck, the value of my property will keep going up.

I've gotten to the point where I don't need many gifts. Though it would be nice to wake up with my joints not so stiff.

A season of giving? Yes, I'd say that's true. In traffic I always give the bird, why, don't you?

I'm glad I now have teenage boys. I just

give them cash, no more buying toys. My daughter gave me the best gift of all. A beautiful granddaughter! A real living doll!

I walk through Davis Square, and I say as I pause: "That's where Woolworths, Grants, Gorins, and The Bargain Center was."

MacDonald's is gone again, and if you were to ask me, I'd like to see an Arby's or perhaps a KFC.

There are enough restaurants, and booze joints, crowded into the Square...

How about an all ages music club for the city kids down there?

To the absentee landlords on College Avenue, I say clear the ice off your walks, it will be a nice gift from you!

I love this season because the music is thrillin', Rudolph and Frosty and God rest ye Merry Villens.

So you better not cry, and you better not shout, be courteous when driving, hold your tongue, watch your mouth.



Be grateful for what you get, and please don't feel stifled.

Good health for your loved ones is the very best gift.

I don't care if it's politically correct, or in some eyes it's not right,

But Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!



COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Merry Christmas from all of us here at The Times.

The View Of The Times



Holidays can be a headache for newspapers. Our deadlines are pushed up, meetings are cancelled, schools are closed and everyone a reporter needs to get in touch with for stories are usually lucky enough to have the day off.

This isn't a cry for pity; holidays can be a pain for a lot of people. When it comes to this time of year, though, that headache should really serve as a kick-in-

the-butt reminder of the importance of why sometimes the daily routine should come to a grinding halt for a greater spiritual good.

Many of us are rushing around trying to get everything done in time for Christmas. We all scramble day in and day out, though, with every deadline of our lives so seemingly critical. What this time of year should remind us of, however, is

that sometimes it's OK, if not absolutely essential, to just put the routine on hold, take a step back and reassess what truly matters in our lives. Whether your family is made up of your blood relatives or the friends who are there to celebrate your achievements with you and comfort you in your defeats, this is the time to simply step back, if just for a moment, and be thankful for them. Not everyone has

money for the latest iPhone, but almost all of us at least have one thing that matters more to us than being at work at 9 on the dot.

Whatever gifts you may receive this Christmas, and whatever gifts you may give, at least give yourself the gift of taking a second to take a breath and enjoy whatever it is in your life that brings you true happiness.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

We don't have a P.O. box; we are right here at 699 Broadway. You can call us anytime at 617-666-4010. We look forward to continuing to be number one with everyone here. You, our readers, can contact us anytime or walk in the office and talk to us. We listen!

Gov. Deval Patrick has allocated a new appropriation for the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund. These funds will allow the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) and MassDevelopment to support capital projects in the arts, humanities and sciences that expand access and education in the arts, history and sciences, create jobs in construction and cultural tourism and improve the quality of life in cities and towns across the state. Guidelines for both capital grants and planning grants are now available. Visit www.massculturalfacilities.org for the new guidelines, application deadlines and public-information session details.

The public is invited to attend a ceremony Friday, Jan. 3, at Somerville High School to remember Lorne A. Murphy, who was affectionately known as "Mr. Murph." Murphy, who served in the Army during World War II, passed away

May 25 of last year. He worked for numerous years as a locker room security attendant for Somerville High School. Mr. Murph was a proud member of the SHS boys basketball program for over 30 years. SHS will host O'Bryant High School at 7 that evening, and the ceremony will be held at halftime. Family, alumni and friends are invited to On the Hill Tavern at 499 Broadway afterwards for a social gathering.

The city holiday schedule is as follows: on Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, City Hall will be closing at 12:30 p.m. Also, parking meters will not be enforced after noon.

From trash to treasure: How can you combine typical crafting supplies like paper and glue with old computer parts and other "junk" to create art? Find out Sunday, Dec. 29, when artist Melissa Glick leads the Library Maker Faire. She'll be at the Somerville Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. showing you how to reuse objects you might have otherwise thrown away.

Become a Spiritual Caregiver Volunteer. Would you like an opportunity to learn, serve, and grow? Somer-

ville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) Spiritual Caregivers provide compassionate support to enhance the well-being of older adults. Spiritual Caregivers receive 50 hours of training, over four months, to help people struggling with depression, loss, grief, illness, or spiritual concerns of normal aging; visit their client once per week for about an hour; meet for peer mentoring and continuing education twice per month. Successful candidates are asked to make a two-year commitment. Training starts January 28, 2014. The deadline for submitting applications is January 14, 2013. To volunteer or for more information contact Nancy Willbanks at 617-628-2601, ext. 3160 or email nancyw@eldercare.org.

Don't forget the The Winter Farmers' Market is back at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. Every Saturday from December through March, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Local vendors provide great fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, seafood, baked goods, and more. There's a fantastic range of local products and produce. Interested in becoming a vendor? Email SomWinterMarket@gmail.com.

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teer at the Somerville Public Schools. Somerville Public Schools knows every student has great potential, and that a volunteer can make a difference in the life of a student. They strive to match volunteers with opportunities that are rewarding, engage volunteers' skills and interests, and best support our students and teachers. Volunteer to share an hour a week to support: Language Arts, English Language Learning, Saturday Math and Science, Hands-on Project Learning, Visual Arts, Music, Athletics, After School Enrichment, School Improvement Projects, and much more. Come learn, inspire and be inspired with them in 2014! For more information on the many volunteer opportunities available in our schools, visit our volunteer website at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/volunteer and Apply Online to get started. Questions? Contact Volunteer Coordinator Jen Capuano at (617) 629-5475 orjcapuano@k12.somerville.ma.us.

Everybody has a story: Somerville Public Library is looking for Somerville teens who want to share their stories as part of a national StoryCorps project. Somerville is one

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Christmas in the Ville

By Mike Browne



Christmas in the Ville is so rich in history
The culture, the landscape, some of it's a mystery
There are so many things for a Villen to do
Tree lightings, Bazaars, and festivals are a few

You can tour our city and view all the lights
Or you can visit Prospect Hill and gaze into the nights
You can skate at the rinks or walk along the shore
Or go to a Highlanders game and watch them score



There's Davis and Union and Assembly Row
Parts of Twin City and Porter we know
The best local shopping for all to see
Plenty of places to buy a Christmas tree

Christmas in the Ville is a gift in itself
You can run in our road race dressed like an elf
Our Police and Fire, True heroes no doubt,
Keeping us safe while inside and out.



Our children look forward to Santa each year
Just look at their faces when you mention reindeer
We all wish Christmas was more than one day
The world could benefit from the joy we display

Our teachers and leaders are second to none
They know what it takes to get the job done
When the snow falls, our streets look superb
Because our DPW plows the snow to the curb



All the good folks I've mentioned above,
Go beyond the call with their labor of love
We as true Villens appreciate them dearly
For without their commitment our Christmas would be dreary

There's no better place anyone could find
Such a dense population but yet so kind
Our neighbors become family and values we instill
You know you're at home when you live in the Ville



Somerville Illuminated...



Photos by Bobbie Jones

SPORTS

Marathon Sports Jingle Bell Run 2013

The annual Marathon Sports Jingle Bell Run took place on Sunday, Dec. 22 in Somerville.

Thousands of runners turned out for the festive event benefiting Somerville High School Football Program, Somerville High School Soccer Program, Somerville High School Ultimate Frisbee Program, Medford

High School Track Program, Wakefield High School Track Program, Boston Triathlon Team, David Martini and Nick Peters Scholarship Fund, Sean Collier Memorial Fund, and the Breast Cancer Fund.

Participants of all ages took to the streets dressed in holiday garb and joined in on the fun.



Photos by Bobbie Toner



Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| <p>1. When and how did the New Year's Eve start in Times Sq. New York?</p> <p>2. Since the 2000 Millennium, what does the Waterford Crystal Ball contain each year?</p> <p>3. When did the tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year begin?</p> <p>4. When did the first New Year's celebration begin?</p> <p>5. Was New Year's always celebrated on January 1?</p> <p>6. What was the first bird domesticated by man?</p> <p>7. What was Shakespeare's wife's name?</p> | <p>8. Why did Edmund Muskie, the governor of Maine, withdraw from the Presidential primary in 1972?</p> <p>9. Who was the U.S. president that coined the phrase "Lunatic Fringe" to explain his extremist critics?</p> <p>10. What is the only one of the original 13 colonies that doesn't border the Atlantic Ocean?</p> <p>11. What is the name of America's top selling news magazine?</p> <p>12. How many of the 32 teeth in an adult's mouth are molars?</p> |
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SCATV CLASSES

Basic Portable Production Class

January 8, 15, 22; 7:00-9:00pm

Students will learn camera operation, audio techniques, and the basics of lighting in the field. The group will brainstorm project ideas and will be encouraged to work together to shoot field footage. Taught by SCATV's talented Gordon Nelson, who has 28 years of filmmaking experience and 15 years of teaching experience.

Studio Directing Class

January 22, February 22; 7:00-9:00pm

This two-session class builds on the Basic Studio Production class, providing more experience with the Tricaster switch, including the use of chromakey and virtual sets, graphics, roll-ins, and more!

More information on classes is available here www.scatsomerville.org/classes.

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Historic Somerville afghans now on sale

Looking for the perfect holiday gift to show your Somerville pride? Look no further! The city is now offering a brand new, full color, and machine washable afghan, that highlights many local historic landmarks and events, including the Raid on the Powder House; the Round House; Somerville High School, West Branch Library; Somerville Museum; and other special assets. The afghan can be seen here on the Historic Preservation Commission's website (www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation) and on display at City Hall.

Afghans can be purchased for \$65.00, with fifty percent considered to be a tax deductible donation that will benefit city preservation projects including the Historic Plaque Program, Preservation Awards Program, and numerous heritage education projects. They are available for purchase by contacting or visiting Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. Checks should be made payable to "City of Somerville- Historic Cele-



bration Fund." Afghans are also available at the Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road (by appointment: 617-666-9810), and current Somerville Museum members are eligible for a

10% discount.

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development at 617-625-6600 x2525 or x2532.

Historical Fact of The Week

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from 1977 to 1981.

One time, while in Boston, Danny wanted to get off the beaten tourist path and see where Harry grew up. Knowing Danny loved baseball, they went to Somerville to see the new Winter Hill Community School. In 1975, the city had presented a new physical education center honoring Pie Traynor, the city's most famous player. Before

they left, Dixon proudly showed Kaye the newly dedicated Harry Ellis Dixon Center of Fine Arts and Humanities, in the Winter Hill Community School.

Their close friendship lasted for 30 years and ended when Danny died 1987. One was a Red Sox fan, the other a Dodgers fan, but the two would be more aptly called by their own fans the G-I-A-N-T-S.

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PLANNING DIVISION

**LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, January 8, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

235 Lowell St. (Case #ZBA 2013-67) Applicant, Edward Doherty, and Owner, John Ternullo, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to construct six residential units; a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing nonconforming structure; a Variance under SZO §9.5.1.a for parking relief; and a Variance under SZO §9.9.b for a reduced driveway width. In addition, a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.b is also sought to modify parking design standards. RC zone. Ward 5.

0 South St. (a/k/a 16 South St): (Case ZBA 2013-88) Applicant, 18 South Street Condominium Trust, seek an administrative appeal per SZO §3.1.9 from a decision from the Inspection Services Division that issued building permits to construct a 3-family dwelling at 0 aka 16 South Street, Owners Patrycja Missiuro and Dmitry Vasilyev. BA Zone. Ward 2.

9 & 39 Medford St. (Case #ZBA 2013-89) Applicant, Berkeley Investments, and Owner, Medford Freezer Realty, Inc., received a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §6.5.D.5 to alter an existing façade including signage & 7.13.E to establish 100 residential units including artist live/work space. The applicant was approved under SZO §9.17.2.B for modification of the parking/loading standards. Article 13 Inclusionary Housing applies. The current application is to seek a Variance for dimensional requirements in Table §6.5.F including minimum frontage, tapering height, upper level setback, upper level maximum floor plate, minimum FAR, usable open space §6.5.G.8 including a payment in lieu of usable open space §6.5.G.9. TOD 100. Ward 2.

Copies of these applications 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 Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114**

Docket No. SU13D2517DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Radhika Khuial vs. Salom Rai

To the Defendant: Salom Rai

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

The Complaint is on file at the Court

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplement Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

**Douglas R. Hyne, Esq.
Lovenberg & Associates, PC
11 Beacon Street
Suite 325
Boston, MA 02108**

your answer, if any, on or before, **02/06/2014**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 17, 2013

**Patricia M. Campatelli
Register of Probate**

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance has been recently updated as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO PLACE ADDITIONAL LAND INTO THE CCD-45 ZONING DISTRICT. THIS AMENDMENT, SUBMITTED BY SONOCO INC AND KRISTCO REALTY LLC, WILL CHANGE THE ZONING OF THE SUNOCO PARCELS (MBL 80-B-4, 80-B-1, 80-B-27) FROM BUSINESS B TO CCD-45.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE (SZO) WITH RESPECT TO MODIFICATIONS TO ARTICLE 15- LINKAGE TO AMEND THE USES, SQUARE FOOTAGE THRESHOLD, FEE AND FEE RECALCULATION FORMULA IN SECTIONS 15.2, 15.3, AND 15.5

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 6.6: NORTH POINT SPECIAL DISTRICT, MODIFY SECTION 5.4; DESIGN AND SITE PLAN REVIEW, AND MAKE RELATED MODIFICATIONS TO SECTIONS 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 17

Per MGL 40, Section 32A, copies of the City of Somerville's zoning ordinance, as updated, including these amendments as well as any and all previous amendments may be examined at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development on the 3rd Floor of Somerville City Hall at 93 Highland Avenue. Claims of invalidity by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption may only be made within ninety days after the final posting of this notice.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA. 02141
(617) 768- 5800**

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 13P5979EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

**Estate of:
Virginia M. Casey**

Date of Death: 06/17/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Kevin O'Connell of Burlington MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Kevin O'Connell of Burlington MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

10:00a.m. on 01/16/2014

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

This estate is being administered under formal 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 recipients 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.

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

**Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate**

Date: December 19, 2013

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Zumba for All with Cheryl. Come at the end of the day, after work - open to all. Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. Holland Street Center. \$3 for a class or \$15 for 6 classes.

Wii Bowling League is here at Holland Street Center Mondays at noon Free. If you haven't tried this - come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

LGBT Events (Open to all ages):

LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available.

Ralph & Jenny Center Weekly Events:

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.

Trip Corner:

Atlantic City/Taj Mahal - January 12-14.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland - Mondays at noon.
FreeZumba for All - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes.

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. at Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.

Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.

After a busy post-Thanksgiving holiday season, the Somerville Council on Aging announces limited programming for the week of December 30- January 3.

There will be lunch at the Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street, Somerville, every day that week. No Bingo or special programming.

There is no lunch or programming at Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway, or at Ralph and Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street.

All Centers are closed on Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Centers are also closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2014, to observe the New Year's Day holiday.

There will be daytime New Year's Brunch and Bingo on Tuesday, December 31. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Programming will resume on Monday, January 6, beginning with the Monthly Breakfast at the Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street, at 9:30 a.m. You can make reservations by calling 627-626-6600, ext. 2300.

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The sun will come out Feb. 6 and 7

Somerville High School presents 'Annie'

By Elizabeth Sheeran

What's in your heart matters more than what's in your bank account. That's a fitting sentiment for the holiday season. But it's also the message at the core of this winter's Somerville High School musical, *Annie*.

Based on the classic comic strip popularized in the 1920s and 1930s, the musical tells the tale of poor orphan Annie, who manages to score an invitation to spend the Christmas holidays with wealthy tycoon Oliver Warbucks. Annie's sunny optimism prevails over her hard-luck existence in a hard-luck era. In the end, she helps Warbucks as much as he helps her.

"It teaches you the greatest gift is human connection," Stage Director Sarajane Mullins Pompeo said. "It's an entire play focused on people who don't have anything and their attitude towards life, and then there's the people who do have a lot (like Warbucks) whose attitude isn't improved because of that, because they're still yearning for a human connection."

Mullins Pompeo said she and Co-director Richard Romanoff

chose *Annie* this year in part because there was some history for the students to connect with in the Depression-era setting and references to Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal. The directors were also looking for an opportunity to once again bring younger students into the cast, as they did with last year's *Wizard of Oz*.

Along with two-dozen high school students onstage and just as many more working behind the scenes, the musical will feature more than 30 local third-, fourth- and fifth-graders representing every one of Somerville's public elementary schools who will be performing as Annie's fellow orphans.

"We try to pick shows that are a good fit for the abilities of our students and for the community," she said, "something that people want to come see, something they feel like the high schoolers are still learning from, yet where we can still include the younger children and have some fun with it."

Annie's score is chock-full of some of the more recognizable musical numbers from the contemporary Broadway songbook, including *Hard-*

Knock Life, N.Y.C., You're Never Fully Dressed without a Smile, Easy Street, Maybe and, of course, *Tomorrow*. Mullins Pompeo said the SHS production will feature some contemporary twists in the staging and choreography.

The musical will be presented at the Somerville Theater in Davis Square, since the high school auditorium remains out of commission while the city wrangles with insurance claims over damage from Hurricane Sandy last year.

Romanoff said the partnership with the Somerville Theater has turned out to be a win-win.

"They were pleased to host us again this year because it benefited everybody last year, in terms of all types of people coming into the theater," he said. "We had a sold-out house for at least one show."

But both directors said it can sometimes take Annie-style attitude to deal with the challenges of not having the auditorium for rehearsals.

"We all have to be optimistic in this space," Mullins Pompeo said. "We're packing in 33 elementary kids and close to 40 high school students in a small



Rehearsing for the upcoming Somerville High school musical *Annie* just before Christmas are sophomore Nickolas Eliadis as Oliver Warbucks and senior Brianna Xavier as his assistant Grace.

room with one piano, but the kids just kind of roll with it."

SHS junior Tara Jean-Baptiste, who plays orphan matron and Annie's nemesis Miss Hannigan, said there's plenty for today's teens to identify with in Annie's story, especially her quest to find a home. "Annie trying to find out who her parents are connected with me as a teenager trying to find out who I am as a person, trying to find out where I belong and what I belong to," she said.

And she said *Annie's* timeless message that "the sun will come out tomorrow" is some-

thing everyone can relate to, especially at the coldest, darkest time of the year.

"It's a good message: that it may be hard today, or next week or next month or next year, but eventually it will get better for you," she said.

Somerville High School will present *Annie*, with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin and book by Thomas Meehan at the Somerville Theater in Davis Square at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 and Friday, Feb. 7, with a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, Feb. 8.

'Best of Somerville' winners in the spotlight



Victor's Deli once again easily earned top honors in the Best of Somerville's "Best Deli" category. Pictured here with Somerville Times Publisher Ross Blouin is Rosa Moccia, the lady behind the scenes. Rosa, along with her husband, Victor Moccia, started the deli back in 1982, and it has been popular ever since. The Moccia family is well known to customers, and why not? Where else can you find a local deli like what Somerville has in Victor's? They make you feel like one of the family once you step inside. Victor and Rosa, along with their daughter Nancy, run the show. From the minute you walk in and look over the massive deli section of what the specials of the day are to when you leave, you'll understand why they are the Best of Somerville's best place to dine. Victor's has a large variety of specials on a daily basis. Whether you want a hot lunch with homemade flavor or take-home for dinner later on at home, this is the place (and they also do catering). The prices are reasonable and the service is second to none. Victor's Deli is located at 710 Broadway (right next door to their son Mike's place, the Ball Square Café). Victor's is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Voted "Best Cook" in the 2013 Best of Somerville awards, Omar Djebbouri has been serving up delicious food at the Ball Square Café for many years. In addition to being the man behind the meals, he is also a partner in the business with Mike Moccia. Pictured here, "Best Cook" Omar Djebbouri, Somerville Times Publisher Ross Blouin and Mike Moccia, Omar's partner at the Ball Square Café. Voted "Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch," the Ball Square Café is located at 708 Broadway. The café offers a truly creative menu, and everything on it is absolutely fantastic and worth savoring every bite. Moccia can be seen smiling as he meets and greets all the patrons, while Djebbouri runs the kitchen like the professional that he is, smiling and always cheerful, saying "hi" to everyone from his domain in the back. These two partners have each other's back and run one great establishment. Ball Square Café, established in 2007, is open seven days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (no reservations required). And don't let the long line on weekends fool you; it's not that long a wait - and what wait there is well worth it!

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|December 25

Christmas - Libraries Closed

Friday|December 27

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Sunday|December 29

Central Library

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Cathy Piantiginij|617-623-5000 x2950

2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating
3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Tuesday|December 31

Central Library

StoryCorps Interviews
Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000 x2910

2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

New Year's Eve - Libraries Close at 5 p.m.

Wednesday|January 1

New Years Day - Libraries Closed

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Wednesday|December 25

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Thursday|December 26

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256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

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

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Friday|December 27

Johnny D's

Peter Karp and Sue Foley|The Steamahs
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Radioactive Rustlers|6 p.m.
Birds of Play Christmas Party!
Birds, The Summer Villains, Three Day Threshold|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Fighting Fridays
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar

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Casey's

Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar

379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory

Parkour
12 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|December 28

Johnny D's

New York Exchange
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.
Emily Grogan \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room
Cover me Badd

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar

HearNowLive presents:Cougar Bait|Swift Technique|Arms and Ears|Western Education|Jalopy
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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65 Holland St

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's

Joe Pleiman & Local Acoustic Awesomeness
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

David Johnston
4 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|December 29

Johnny D's

Open Blues Jam featuring Hot Sauce BPS
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m

Trick Wallace presents: Natalie Flanagan Band, Trick Wallace Trio, Trusty Sidekick |8 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

VILLENS ON THE TOWN

The Burren
Front Room
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.
Back Room
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

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Monday|December 30

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.
Back Room
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Tuesday|December 31

Johnny D's
Show 1-Booty Vortex|Soul Train Falshback
Show 2-Booty Vortex countdown to 2014
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Rockin' Sally's New Year's Eve with music from Slant of Light, Summer Villains, Nowhere Lights! Champagne toast at midnight.
\$10 cover
35 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
New Years Eve
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Jason Anderson & The Best
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
New Year's Eve Throwdown!w/ Butterworth & Co.|and Dj Lotusound|(free horderves + champagne toast at Midnight!)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
New Year's Eve with the Ghetto

People
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

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

Radio Bar
Eldridge Rodriguez
379 Summer St

Somerville Theatre
Slutcracker-A Burlesque
7 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Wednesday|January 1

Johnny D's
New Year's Day Brunch Music by Tom Pendergast
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Happy New Year
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Closed-New Year's Day
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|December 25
Christmas - Libraries Closed

Thursday| December 26

Central Library
Drop in meditation
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Fair Housing Commission Meeting
Vicki Wairi|617.625.6600 x 2588
12 p.m.-12:55 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

Friday|December 27

Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Saturday| December 28

Arts at the Armory
Winter Farmers' Market
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m

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|December 29

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|December 30

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Tuesday| December 31

Central Library
Recovery Group of Elders
Lisa|617-661-5700 x23
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

New Year's Eve - Libraries Close at 5 p.m.

Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
The Art of Group Singing For Women
with Susan Robbins,www.libana.com
7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday| January 1

New Year's Day - Libraries Closed

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



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PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

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of just 10 cities to be part of the "StoryCorps @ Your Library" pilot to preserve the stories of teens and their loved ones. To participate: Somerville teens interested in conducting interviews of loved ones or being interviewed, or both, may sign up by calling the Library Teen Space at 617-623-5000 ext. 2936, email

Somerville@minlib.net, or just stop by the Teen Space in the Central Library, 79 Highland Ave.

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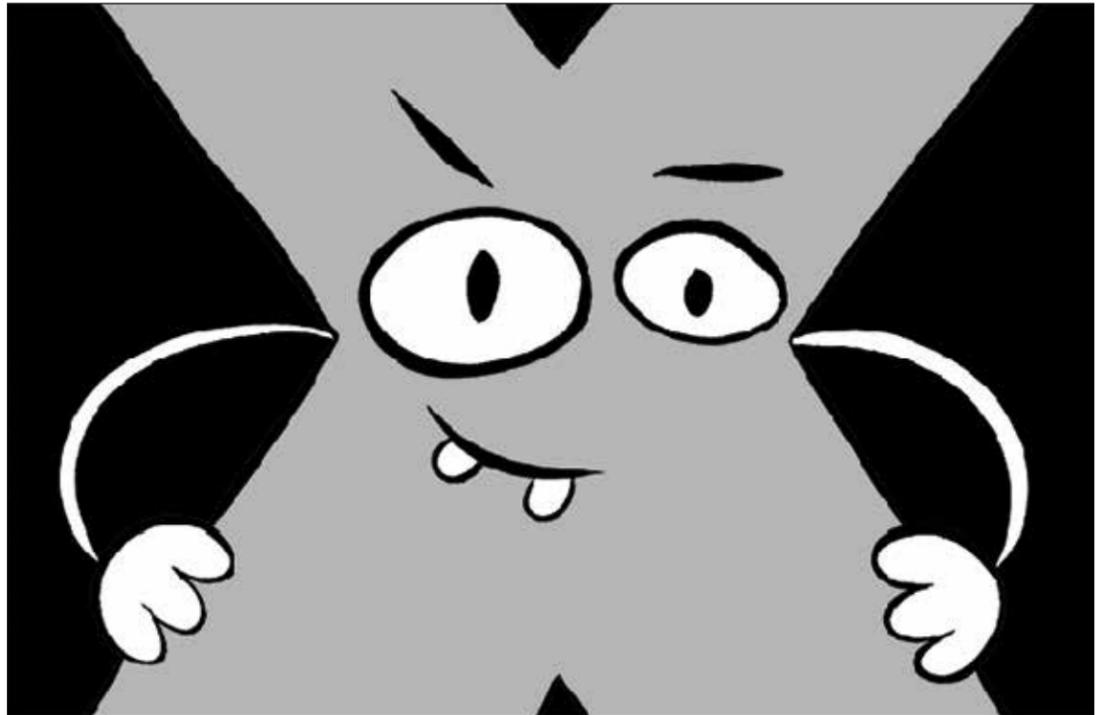
First used in the Middle Ages to describe the sketching of a subject for a piece of art, cartooning has evolved over time to serve a number of purposes—from entertainment to advertising to political and social commentary. *Doodle* is a show on cartoons in all of its forms.

Curator Jef Czekaj is a cartoonist, children's book author and illustrator, and musician. He has illustrated 4 books, and written and illustrated 5 picture books and one graphic novel. His books, *Hip and Hop*, *Don't Stop!*, *Cat Secrets*,

The Circulatory Story, and *Yes, Yes, Yaul!*, were all chosen as Junior Library Guild selections. *Cat Secrets* was a finalist in GoodReads Best Books of 2011 and *A Call for a New Alphabet* was named a "Must-Read" book by the Massachusetts Center for the Book.

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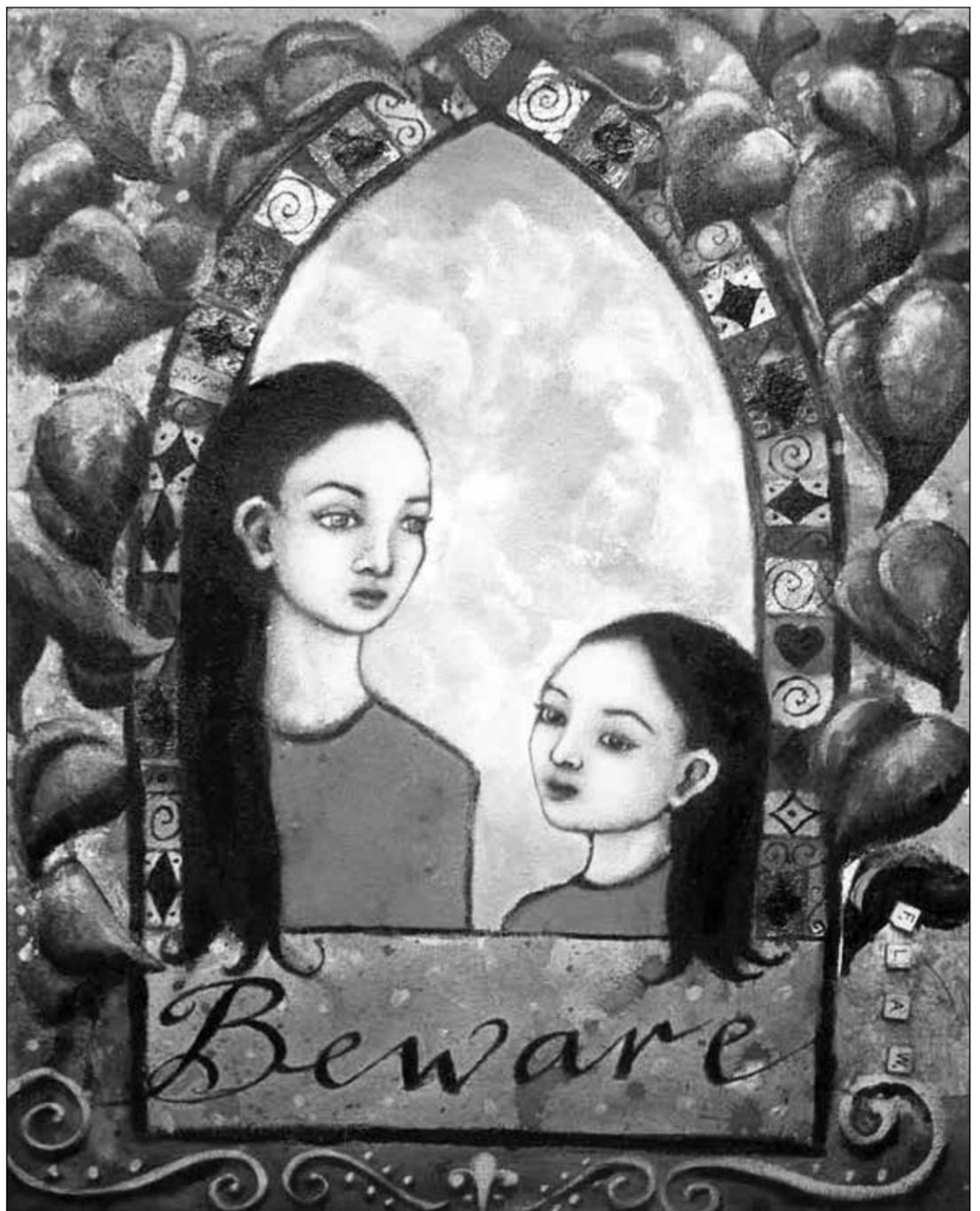
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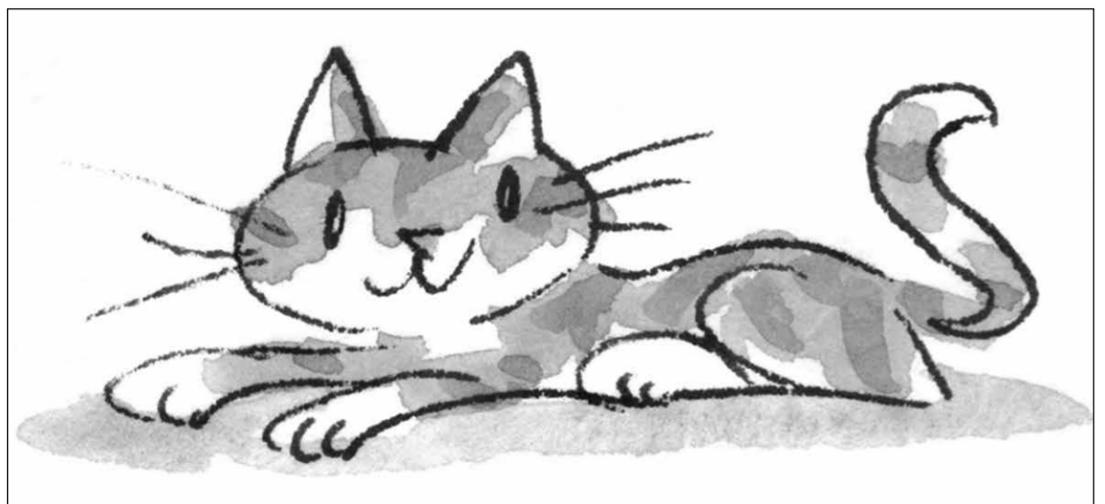
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OK VS. AIR QUOTES by Dave Ortega.



Beware by Pauline Lim.



Cartoon illustration by Dan Moynihan.

Ms. Cam's *Olio* From on page 14

Answers

1. In 1904, the editor of New York Times was convinced to rename Triangular Sq. to Times Sq., as the Times Tower was the second largest building in Manhattan. He requested, that a spectacular celebration be held on New Year's Eve. There was no ball, but fireworks were used. The ball was first used in 1907
2. It contains a Hope, Prosperity, Challenges, Change and Dreams (each year it is different)
3. In Greece, around 600 B.C., during their celebration to their wine god they would wave a basket with a baby in it. The baby is a symbol of rebirth
4. In Ancient Babylon about 2000 B.C.
5. No, earlier civilization celebrated it in March. The Roman Senate was forced in 353 B.C. to celebrate it on Jan.1. In 46 B.C. Julius Caesar allowed the year to be extended 445 days. His new calendar reformed matters and was called the Julian Calendar.
6. There are debates whether it was the Rock Pigeon or the Chicken
7. Ann Hathaway
8. He was vilified for weeping in public after verbal attacks on his wife
9. Theodore Roosevelt
10. Delaware
11. Delaware
12. 12 Molars including 4 wisdom teeth

Somerville Community Access TV Ch.3 Programming Guide

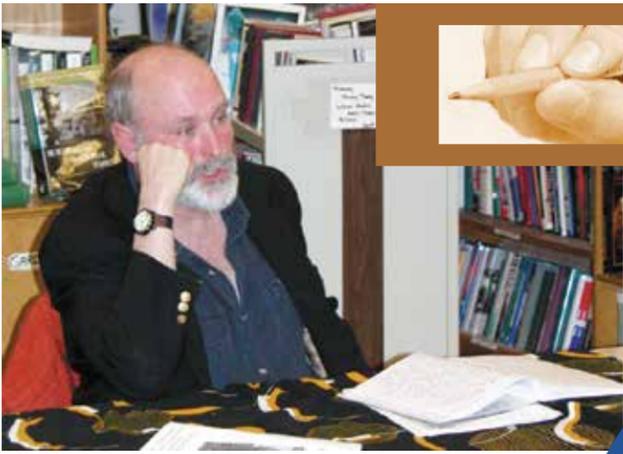
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Wednesday, December 18		5:30pm The Folklorist	11:00pm Dead Air Live	11:00pm Movies about Water
7:30am Life Matters	6:00pm France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm Reeling the Movie Review Show	Monday, December 23	
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm Chatting with History	1:00pm Play by Play	7:30am Eckankar	
9:00am Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00pm Sound Off (Veterans Programming)	2:00pm Henry Parker Presents	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
9:30am Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00pm Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:30pm The Awesome SCATV Holiday Variety Show	9:00am Cooking with Georgia and Dez	
10:30am Art at SCATV	Friday, December 20		9:30am Neighborhood Cooking	
11:00am Abugida TV	7:30am Shrink Rap	3:00pm Telemagazine	10:00am Bay State Biking News	
12:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	4:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am Nossa gente e Costumes	
1:30pm Henry Parker Presents	9:00am Somerville News Reading	4:30pm Somerville Housing Authority	12:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
2:00pm Physician Focus	10:00am High School Peer Pressure	5:00pm Tele Kreyol	3:00pm Exercise with Robyn and Max	
3:00pm Medical Tutor	11:00am Sound Off	6:00pm Somerville Newspaper Reading	3:30pm Esoteric Science	
3:30pm Healthy Hypnosis	12:00pm Somerville Housing Authority	8:00pm David Parkman (Free Speech TV)	4:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	
4:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm Somerville Arts Festival	9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm Youth Violence in Society	
6:00pm France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm Seeds of Death	10:00pm Tufts University's Films for Social Change	5:30pm Youth Programming	
6:30pm Bullying PSA	2:30pm History of the West End	10:30pm Johnboy (short fiction)	6:00pm France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	
7:00pm Tufts University's Films for Social Change	3:00pm Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:00pm Gay USA	7:00pm Nepali Producers Group	
8:00pm Somerville Pundits	4:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	Sunday, December 22		
8:30pm Perils for Pedestrians	5:00pm Greater Somerville	6:00am Program Celebrai	9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade	
9:00pm Bay State Biking News	5:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00am Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm Bate Papo com Shirley	
10:00pm Creepy Castle	6:00pm France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	8:00am Effort Pour Christ	Tuesday, December 24	
Thursday, December 19		9:00am Heritage Baptist Church	7:00am The Struggle	
6:00am Atheist Viewpoint	6:30pm Reeling the Movie Review Show	10:00am International Church of God	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
7:00am Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00pm Real Estate Answers Show	10:30am Holiday Specials	9:00am Somerville News Reading	
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm Christmas Youth Choir	11:00am The Folklorist	10:00am Contemporary Issues in Science	
9:00am Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00pm Visual Radio	11:30am Basic Buddha	12:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
10:00am Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	9:00pm The Folklorist	12:00pm Play by Play	2:00pm The Folklorist	
10:30am Talking about Somerville	9:30pm Copy Cat Festival	1:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News	4:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	
11:00am Critical Focus	10:00pm Penny's Dreadful Shilling Shockers	1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood Newspaper Reading	5:00pm Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	
12:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Christmas Special	2:30pm Life Matters	5:30pm The Literati Scene	
1:00pm African Television	Saturday, December 21		6:00pm France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	
2:00pm Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	6:00am Arabic Hour	3:00pm Rompendo em Fe	6:30pm Holiday package	
2:30pm Cooking with Georgia & Dez	7:00am Youth Programming	4:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade	7:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News	
3:00pm Water is Life	8:00am Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	5:00pm Ethiopian Satellite TV	7:30pm Greater Somerville	
3:30pm Health is Wealth	8:30am Everybody has an Accent, Why is Mine a Problem?	6:00pm Abugida TV	8:00pm Dead Air Live	
4:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00am Festival Kreyol	7:00pm African Television Network	9:00pm MEH Kyown's Television	
5:00pm Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	10:00am Tele Galaxie	8:00pm Tele Magazine	10:00pm Penny's Dreadful Shilling Shockers	

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TVs. 13/22		2:15am Founders Memorial Rink Dedication Ceremony	1:30am Somerville By Design: Davis Square Plan	5:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs. Norwood	
Wednesday, December 25		9:00am POW Experience in Somerville 1864-5	2:30am Congressional Update	7:00pm SHS Girls Basketball, Hoopfest Rd. 1 - LIVE	
9:00am City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration	12:00pm Illuminations Tour	12:00pm Capuano School Playground Ribbon Cutting	3:00am Talking Business	10:00pm SHS Girls Basketball, Hoopfest Rd. 1	
12:00pm A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas	1:00pm Talking Business	1:15pm Congressional Update	9:00am A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas Senior Circuit	Saturday, December 28	
12:10pm Illuminations Tour	1:45pm Founders Memorial Rink Dedication Ceremony	2:15pm Voices of Somerville	12:00pm Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	12:00am SHS Girls Basketball, Hoopfest Rd. 1	
1:10pm The Aldermen's Hour	6:30pm Illuminations Tour	7:00pm Illuminations Tour	12:30pm Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	2:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs. Reading	
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with Poet Myles Gordon: Exploring what it means to be human



At our table in back of the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square, I asked Poet Myles Gordon what he felt it meant to be human – a theme his poetry is deeply involved with. Gordon hesitated and seemed to be wrestling with the question. He finally opined, “We have great thoughts and deep emotions, but we have to live in the real world, pay taxes, feed parking meters – all this at the same time.” Gordon is a poet of the profound and banal, and he is indeed a very human poet.

Gordon is a writer and teacher living in Newton. Prior to teaching, he worked as a television producer, earning four New England Emmy Awards for his work at Boston’s ABC television affiliate. He also co-produced the independent documentary *Touching Lives: Portraits of Deaf-Blind People*. He holds a Master of Education degree from UMass Boston and a Master of Fine Arts from The Vermont College of Fine Arts. He has published poetry in several periodicals and is a past honorable mention for the AWP Intro Award in Poetry. He is winner of the Grolier Poetry Prize and the Helen Kay Chapbook Competition from Evening Street Press. His latest collection of poetry is *Inside The Splintered Wood* (Tebot Bach).

Doug Holder: You worked for Channel 5 in Boston, an ABC affiliate, for many years. Can you tell me about your Emmy Award-winning documentary *Touching Lives: Portraits of Deaf-Blind People*? Deaf and blind people have heightened senses of smell and touch to compensate for what they lack with their other senses. Do you think they are similar to poets in that poets are viewed as having heightened senses as well?

Myles Gordon: That is an interesting question. I think poets have some sort of innate heightened awareness of the world, either internally or externally. I know for myself there are things that I focus on or obsess over. I have themes that keep coming back that I am keenly aware of.

In terms of the documentary, I was working at Channel 5, but I made my own independent documentary. It concerned a number of folks that were deaf and blind. I got into doing this because of my wife. She is an interpreter for the deaf. I met a lot of deaf and blind people through her. I thought it was a very fascinating world. I wanted to explore it. We profiled four individuals and one couple. We followed these deaf and blind people through their lives. And we watched the challenges they faced. It took about three years to make.

DH: You are a child of Holocaust survivors?

MG: Well, my mother came over from Poland in 1938 to the States with her small immediate family, and everybody who was left behind was killed in the Holocaust. They were from the town of Brestlitouk – that was part of Poland at the time. It was a shtetl (small Jewish village). There was a large Jewish population, and it was a real hotbed of Jewish learning and had been for hundreds of years. This is where my mother’s people were from. My father was born in this country, but he was a combat veteran of World War II. He was involved with the liberation of the concentration camps. He was involved in the liberation of Buchenwald, so I grew up hearing a lot about the Holocaust.

DH: I have talked to other authors who have shared your experience. It gets into your blood; it gives you a certain view of the world. I remember interviewing Alan Kaufman, the editor of the *Outlaw Bible of American Literature*. He was a child of Holocaust survivors. He said this left him with a legacy of pessimism and paranoia, and he always felt his very survival was constantly on the line. Has this entered your work, your sensibility?

MG: Yeah. It is a big part of my identity, and it is a big part of what I write. It has been widely accepted that my own family, before the death camps, were led to a certain location where they laid down in pits and were all shot

to death. Every now and then I think about that and how disturbing and angering all of this is and how it has created a sense of grief.

DH: In your chapbook *Recite Every Day*, you deal with the illness and the subsequent death of your mother. Did you ever think that you might have exploited your mother’s misfortune for your art?

MG: Sure. I wrestled with that concept. I find that it is in my nature to wrestle with every concept. Hey, -that was the reality at hand. I have been writing a long time. I never did one of those MFA programs until I was in my 40s. I was doing a low-residency on top of my job. At the time, my mom went into hospice care. I was writing prolifically for this program and this was what was going on in my life, so I went with it. I think it was a loving tribute. I had to write it. I didn’t have a choice.

DH: In your poem *Passing another client at the psychiatrist’s office*, you write about your embarrassment when you pass a fellow patient outside your therapist’s office: “That’s why we turn/ away to avoid in each other/ the truth of our inadequacy:/we must come to this place/ not our homes not our wives not our/lovers not our friends not ourselves.”

MG: In the poem you reference, I was actually leaving the psychiatrist’s office, walking upstairs, when I passed a client coming from the office. And this is a very awkward moment, when neither of us look at each other because of embarrassment. I wanted to capture that. In that situation, I am communicating inadequacy because here I am a grown man and feel like I should deal with my life without a crutch.

DH: There was another poem where you came outside from an appointment with a rabbi and cried at your car, and the relief you felt at your psychiatrist’s office was short lived. It seems there is only a short respite from the maelstrom of life?

MG: I think that is a good observation. Everything is good for a time. Then we go back to the down swing. A lot of my poems go in that direction. Even with my poems, I never feel they are good enough.

DH: The poem is never finished, just abandoned, huh?

MG: That’s true. You say to a poem, “We are done,” and then you have to send it out to the world.

DH: I like your poem *Here Comes the Sun* in your new collection, *Inside The Splintered Wood*. Your father tried to instill a love of Benny Goodman in you, and you tried to instill a love of George Harrison in your kids. Using music is a good literary device; here it explores the continuum.

MG: I just got into this thing where certain songs got into my head. And from there, poems would spring up. And *Here Comes the Sun* is such a lovely and optimistic song. The music inspired me to create the poem. To my kids, the Beatles are archaic – the same way I thought my dad’s 78s were. I tried to explain to my kids about the importance of the music. Music and poetry are intimately related. I turn to music the same way I turn to poetry.

DH: In a blurb on the back cover of your new book, it states that your poetry tells you what it means to be human. What does it mean?

MG: For me, being human consists of randomness, illogicality –and we take ourselves too seriously. We have great thoughts and deep emotions, but we have to live in the real world – pay taxes, feed parking meters – all at the same time. One time I went to see a rabbi, and I had all these deep questions. He was running a summer camp for kids. We had an appointment to talk. But there was a problem with the buses transferring the kids, so he excused himself because he was on the phone. When it came down to it, it was these kids’ safety that was more important than the profound conversation I had envisioned.

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There are many kinds of artists—Somerville poet Kirk Etherton explains.



To Be a Force of Nature (for Denise Provost)

As an artist, one may resemble a hurricane: some high-velocity breath howling over rising seas and flattened plains, making shutters shudder in rhythm, banging exteriors, forcing

those inside to listen up and hunker down; all around, the insufficiently anchored may be disturbed, rattled or quite fatigued (though hardly blown away).

Then again, there is the opposite, non-bluster way: not a knock-down, drag-out, pummeling huff & puff that makes the Eleven O’clock News, rather those

organic growing, natural unfolding compositions embracing quietly evolved, evolving forms with rhyme & reason; those that take their true, sweet time.

No need to force themselves, to grab or shake, but rather grow, insinuate, reach up and anchor downwards to manifest a given shape. Rooted, branching, flowering,

expressing DNA-encoded stories all: each like the single grass-blade working through thick, steamrollered asphalt, or that oh-so-curious, curious peach.

– Kirk Etherton

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