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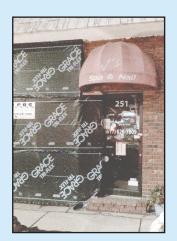


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Police officers, state troopers honored for apprehending escapee



Somerville Police Detectives Derrick Dottin and Kilsarys Leguisam were awarded citations of merit on Monday in recognition of their efforts to capture escaped convict James Morales.

By Jim Clark

On Monday, law enforcement officials, along with Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, honored the Somerville detectives and state troopers who captured James Morales, who escaped from a detention facility in Rhode Island in December, 2016.

Morales was apprehended on January 5, just a few days after he escaped from the detention facility. He allegedly made two attempts at robbing banks in the area in the days leading up to his capture.

Somerville Police Detectives Derrick Dottin and Kilsarys Leguisamon, along with State Police Troopers Brendan Cain and Joseph Merrick reportedly chased Morales through Somerville before apprehending him.

At the citation presentation, Gov. Baker referred to Morales' escape as a Continued on page 4

Unstraight: unabashed altrockers

Setting the record straight

By Louise Carpenter

According to the band Unstraight's lead singer, manager, and Somerville resident Madeleine Ashley: "Unstraight formed through a blaze of social media and dyke marches and community. Their music, simultaneously introspective and ringing with clarity, beckons you to connect and wills you to ponder the tenuous nature of relationships and all that you want from life. Unstraight coaxes the wishes from your imagination, channeling them into instruments and amplifiers, pouring sound it into your ears until you're moving your body not knowing why."

The group recently released their first single, *Show Me*, which is available at unstraightmusic. com or or unstraight.bandcamp.com.

The 5-piece combo consists of Ashley on vocals, Katie Amaral on guitar, Courtney Petersen on drums, Li Mei Yonekura on synth/backups, and Emma Brennan-Wydra on bass/backups.

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How would you rate the snow removal this week? On a score of 1 being bad and 10 being great we here rate it as a 5. We've seen better, maybe **Commissioner Koty** might not want to yell at the workers over the air – oh, that's right, he's forbidden to stay on the air waves, isn't he? Let us know how you rate the removal this week online.

Last week we mentioned that Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang was having his re-election fundraiser last Thursday night. We were wrong, it's not until Wednesday, March 8. He will be having his re-election fundraiser from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Olde Magoun Salon, 518 Medford Street, in Magoun Square. Plenty of parking in the lot next door. Come celebrate Ward 5 and Somerville's progress and challenges, and contribute to our future. Guest speaker: State Representative Christine Barber. MC: Alex the Jester. Complimentary food, cash bar. Suggested Donation: \$500, \$250, \$100, \$75. Please come and give what you can. Make checks payable to: Committee to Elect Mark Niedergang, 29 Conwell Street, Somerville, MA 02143.

So far were correct on the re-election rally for Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti on February 28 at Orleans Restaurant in Davis Square across from the parking lot on 65 Holland Street, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Alderman-Lady Mary Jo works very hard for the city, she is always thinking of us the residents. She's running for re-election and is one of many of the present alderman that is dedicated and listens to the residents here in Somerville.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday this week retired Somerville Police Officer **Scott Gamble**, who was one of the best for many years. A fixture here in Somerville and sometimes we see him out filling in on special details. We wish him the very best on this, his birthday. Happy birthday to a great friend and well known family name here in the city, **Cheryle Snow**. She and her husband **Wayne** are local CPA's. We wish her the very best on her birthday. Happy birthday also to local

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: When Assembly Square meant corruption instead of renewal

Michael Grunko says:

The great twist in the story was how Vinny discovered that "Jackie Collins" the East Bay bag man was an FBI agent. According to one source, Vinny, a BC Grad was at a BC football game with friends when across the sadium he noticed "Collins". He pointed him out to his friends as a developer. One of the friends said "He's no developer, he's an FBI agent, we graduated from BC together." And so the money was returned.

It would have been so fine to see Vinny's face at that moment.

Courtney O'Keefe says:

Members of the community collaborating on development with it resulting in a successful (although corporate-retail heavy) urban village? What a concept

Response to: The politics of murder

Anne says:

Judge Paul Heffernan berated a woman in open court for asking for a restraining order. Shortly thereafter she was murdered by her husband. No, not an exceptional jurist. Regarding the O'Brian case I thought there was lots of blood and DNA evidence. Perhaps I am incorrect.

Family says:

As an immediate family member of Janet's who lived in the house, I can say this article is riddled with many inaccuracies. I attended both transfer hearings and the trial, along with other court proceedings. I have lived with this case for 20+ years. I will correct a few of these "alternative facts"

- 1 There was a struggle on the stairs. But she was not beaten.
- 2. A witness testified during the trial that he saw O'Brien in his (witnesses's) yard the night of the murder washing himself off with a garden hose. However, he missed a spot of Janet's blood on his leg, which the police tested and identified as Janet's blood. In regards to his clothes, the police believe he changed clothes afterwards and dumped them somewhere.
- 3. They tried testing the DNA under Janet's fingernails but could not because there was not enough of a sample to test.
- 4. The DNA tested did belong to Janet and O'Brien
- 5. In regards to how he got into the house, this was explained during the court proceedings. O'Brien was in the house a few hours prior with Janet's son Ryan. The lock on our backdoor knob in the kitchen was broken so you had to use the deadbolt to lock it. Ed was messing with the door and asked Ryan what was wrong with it. Ryan explained the problem with the lock to him. It's believed Ed left the deadbolt unlocked to get into the house.
- 6. These claims of obsession and taunting by Artie are ridiculous. I won't even address them any further cause it's not worth my energy. Simply rumors and lies.
- 7. In regards to Artie blocking the emergency vehicle, this is what actually happened. Artie was working the night of Janet's murder. His wife called him and told him what happened to Janet. Like any family member would, he rushed up to the house, quickly parked, and tried to run into the house to see Janet. The police grabbed him and they fell. Artie later realized that he lost his keys when the police grabbed him. That's why he was looking for his keys.
- 8. Virgina Reckley is a straight-up lier. I stood in her living room with my sister the day after the murder. She told me directly to my face that she heard nothing that night. I was absolutely shocked when she then totally changed her story during the trial.

I ask that if people are going to write about Janet's murder, to please check all of your facts and sources. The damage and hurt you can cause can be irreversible.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



'Somersafe Sports' community education night

Join Mayor Joseph Curtatone and the Concussion Legacy Foundation for a conversation and community education night about concussions Thursday, February 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Somerville High School auditorium.



The Concussion Legacy Foundation's

co-founder and CEO Chris Nowinski will be in attendance and Program Manager for Education and Research Cliff Robbins will present a "Concussions and Our Kids" curriculum aimed at educating parents and guardians about the risks facing our youth. Michelle Kelly, Somerville Public Schools District Coordinator for Concussion Management, will discuss the district's policy on concussions and return to learn and/or play, and the City of Somerville's Director of Parks and Recreation Jill Lathan will provide updates on the City's recreation policy. There will also be a Q&A session.

In October 2016, the City of Somerville and the Concussion Legacy Foundation announced a three-year "SomerSafe Sports" partnership to make Somerville a model city and national blueprint for concussion education, policy, and prevention. The partnership kicked off with Somerville High School athletes participating in the Foundation's national Team Up Day. Since the announcement of the partnership – and continuing throughout this year – concussion education efforts have increased in Somerville Public Schools and across the City. Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville or to attend meetings, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Betsy Allen, at 617-625-6600 x2323 or BAllen@somervillema.gov. About the Concussion Legacy Foundation:

The Concussion Legacy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in Boston. It was founded in 2007 by Robert Cantu, MD, and Christopher Nowinski to solve the concussion crisis by advancing the study, treatment and prevention of the effects of brain trauma in athletes and other at-risk groups. For more information, please visit ConcussionFoundation.org.

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Truck crash injures 2 in Somerville

By Jim Clark

A truck crashed into the front of a nail salon at 251 Highland Ave. last Friday afternoon, injuring two.

According to reports, the accident, which took place at Beautique on the Ave beauty & Spa, left one of the technicians and the owner in need of medical attention. They were taken to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Witnesses said that the truck appeared to lose traction on the icy street then slid into the building, causing damage to the exterior of the building.

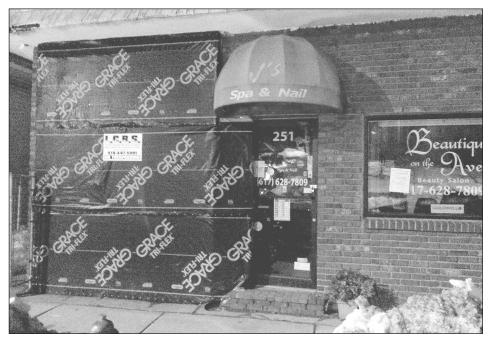
The street was immediately closed off while the truck was being removed. The

damaged sections of the building were boarded over, pending repair.

The owner of the truck, Medline Industries Inc., issued the following statement:

"The safety of all involved is our primary concern. We are actively investigating what happened today and working to assist in the repair of the impacted building. Immediately after the incident, our local leadership team and insurance representatives were onsite to help ensure the safety of our driver, the store owner and those involved. We are also working with local authorities to help in any way we can."

Investigators are looking into the cause of the accident. No citations have been issued against the driver.



The exterior of Beautique on the Ave nail salon was severely damaged, and two occupants of the building sustained injuries, after a truck slid out of control and crashed into it. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

Youth Arts Arise at Arts at the Armory

The winter 2017 session for Youth Arts Arise began on January 10 and runs through March 22.

Youth Arts Arise is a FREE arts education program for youth ages 11-16. Students ages 16-19 have an opportunity to get involved as peer leaders and earn a stipend by assisting arts instructors.

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EWEEKIN CRI By Jim Clark

Funny money couldn't buy a burger

Police officers were dispatched to the Burger King on Somerville Ave. on reports that a customer was trying to pass a counterfeit bill.

Upon arrival, the officers spoke with the manager who said that an employee had received a counterfeit \$20 bill from a customer and notified her immediately when the counterfeit pen showed positive and the safe would not accept the bill.

The manager handed the bill to

the officers and they could tell it was missing identifying features and that it was counterfeit. The employee confirmed the same facts as her manager had reported to the officers.

The employee said that she tried to tell the person it was a fake bill but he reportedly yelled at her and she became frightened, so she gave him his food in hopes he would leave.

The officers asked if the person who passed the bill was still in restaurant and the employee pointed to a male party later identified as Ronald Pereira, who approached the officers at the counter.

Pereira was asked if he passed the bill as payment as the officers showed it to him. He reportedly flew into a rage and began shouting at the officers, expressing outrage that he was being accused of passing counterfeit money.

Pereira was asked if he knew

the bill was counterfeit and he stated that he did, but that it was no big deal.

The restaurant was crowded at this time of day and Pereira was asked multiple times to lower his voice and watch his language. Numerous parents in line with their children appeared to be very uncomfortable due to Pereira's screaming and use of obscenities, police said.

Mr Pereira continued his ti-

rade until he was escorted outside and placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and uttering a false note.

Pereira was transported to the station via and booked in the usual manner.

The bill was entered into evidence and placed into a secure evidence locker.

Secret Service Agent Hanley was also called and notified of the arrest and seizure of the counterfeit bill.

Arrests:

Tesris Ceneus, February 6, 8:54 a.m., arrested at Great River Rd. on charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing, resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, and possession of a class B drug.

Katherine England, of 1613 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, February 9, 12:58 a.m., arrest-

ed at McGrath Hwy. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, resisting arrest, motor vehicle lights violation.

Patrick Dooley, of 10 Waitt Ct., Revere, February 10, 12:04 a.m., arrested at College Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of

liquor, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and on a warrant charge of assault and battery on a family or household member.

John Fraser, of 201 Chelsea St., Everett, February 10, 10:40 a.m., arrested at Inner Belt Rd. on warrant charges of use of a motor vehicle without authority, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of

liquor, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Ronald Pereira, of 656 Somerville Ave., February 11, 1:20 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of utter counterfeit note and disorderly conduct.

Corey Phillips, of 144 Jerome

St., Medford, February 11, 6:27 p.m., arrested at Summit St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Matthew Murphy, of 20 Fellsway West, February 11, 7:14 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

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Officers honored

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people around the region." Morales, a former Army reservist, was in the Wyatt Detention Facility in Central Falls, Rhode Island on charges of stealing 16 weapons from an army armory

"cause of significant concern for

Speaking to reporters after the law enforcement officers had been honored, Gov. Baker said, "The process through which they apprehended him was a wonderful example of collabo-

in Worcester in 2015.

ration and cooperation between local police department folks and two state troopers, and the chase that took place to actually capture him I think is just a

State Trooper Merrick said, "We do this every day. It's nice to get recognized."

"We were there at the end of our day when the call came in," said Detective Dottin. "It just goes to show you sometimes your day never ends."



State Police Troopers Brendan Cain and Joseph Merrick received their citations along with Somerville detectives at a ceremony attended by Gov. Charlie Baker.

Unstraight **CONT. FROM PG 1**



indicate, "Together they push the boundaries of alternative rock to the edges, with intertwining ribbons of electronic, punk, and garage. Unstraight plans to continue to make beautiful music infused with all the passion in their hearts. Look forward to spectacular music videos, stellar shows and tours, and incredible love melded into every note."

They further state, "Unstraight strongly believes in the greater presence of women, gender-nonconforming people, and LGBTQ people in music as there is currently a dearth, and our own all-queer, all-women members as well as many of the shows we put on exemplify and push forward this goal. Our annual BIG QUEER SHOW, scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at Thunder Road not only features queer people in music but also works with various GLBT community groups to table and run activities to spread more awareness about what they offer.

We are smashing the barriers of the often-heard 'you were really good for girls' toward actual equality and a world where we are remarkable for our music and passion and not for the novelty of having women or queers onstage. At our shows, we welcome all who welcome all."

Unstraight will be performing at Out of the Blue Gallery, 541 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, on Friday, February 17. Tickets are \$10 and are available for cash purchase at the door.

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'Villens United by Chris Haskell

Title Town



They hate us because they ain't us...

Nobody throws a victory parade like Boston. Many 'Villens, Bostonians, and fans from all over New England braved the bitter cold to join the victory celebration after witnessing Tom Brady solidify his legacy as the greatest of all time with his record setting fifth NFL Championship.

Fans have become accustomed to seeing the Duckboats roll out time after time again after a big win. This was the tenth victory parade for Boston sports teams in the last 12 years and the tradition will likely continue for years to come. The city has been crowned "Title Town" by many sports enthusiasts around the country and is a sports fan's dream come true.

Like many born in the area, I had gotten my first Red Sox hat as a toddler and thus began my love affair with Boston sports teams. As young as I was during the 80's I can still remember the fervor around the Celtics Championship teams and the tales my uncles would tell of Bobby Orr and the greatness of the 70's Bruins. I myself had to wait until Tom Brady came along to fully experience the Championship pride of Boston. Since then my entire adult life has become a seemingly never-ending victory parade and has provided me with cherished memories and tales that I'll tell for the rest of my life.

When the Red Sox reversed the curse in 2004 I was hanging out with friends in a tavern in the city. I'll never forget how the bar erupted after the final out was called in the ALCS game 7 vs. The Yankees. Random strangers were jumping around for joy,



hugging and kissing each other. It was electric. I thought that I would never experience the same kind of energy of energy in the room that day; but years later Malcolm Butler would have me jumping around like a madman again after a game saving play at the goal line to win another championship. Yet as magical as those moments were, those joys may have been eclipsed when Brady won his fifth in the greatest comeback of all time and stuck it to Roger Goodell.

After the Patriots won their third championship, I optimistically predicted Brady would have 7 rings before he retired, and as ridiculous as that sounded at the time it's now a realistic possibility. Over the last 20 vears The Patriots have become the most dominant franchise in sports history. Five NFL championships, 7 Conference championships, 14 Division titles, and a 16-0 season. There will never again be another period of dominance like this for this length of time in professional sports. Many of the records Brady and Belichick now hold will never be broken and the duo still seem to have enough gas in the tank for at least a few more seasons.

Regardless of how successful our sports teams are they are

never lacking a colorful cast of lovable characters that keep the fans passionate and engaged. A decade ago, fan favorite Johnny Damon inspired fans to parody his Christ-like appearance by wearing Jesus costumes to games to become "Damon's disciples." This decade's lovable Boston sports star is unquestionably Rob Gronkowski, aka Gronk. His goofy, fun loving, party boy charm has endeared Gronk to New England fans and when he's not partying he's giving back to the fans and the community.

Sports bring people together. Nowhere is that more prevalent than here in Continued on page 17

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Rep. Denise Provost

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Rep. Mike Connolly

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Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on roll calls from February 2. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for All these roll calls are on proposed new rules to a package of rules under which the House will operate for 2017-2018.

ALLOW VOTE ON TERM LIMITS FOR SPEAK-

House 123-33, upheld the decision of the acting speaker of the House, filling in for Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop), that a rule that would limit to eight the number of years the House speaker and minority leader can serve was beyond the scope of the rules package and should not be allowed on the floor for consideration by the full House. The rule would have made the limit on DeLeo retroactive to 2009 while the limit on GOP Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading) would begin this year.

In 2009, the House voted to impose an 8-year term limit on the speaker. The House repealed that rule in 2015 and there are currently no term limits on serving as speaker. Speaker DeLeo was a champion of the 8-year limit when it was approved in 2009. In 2015, however, he said that his position on term limits has "evolved" during his 6-year tenure as speaker that began in 2009. "I wouldn't say I'm going back on my word as much as the fact that over six years, rightly or wrongly, I feel I have learned in terms of what the importance is of doing away with the term limits we have in the rules," said DeLeo at the time.

The elimination of the limit in 2015 allowed DeLeo to run again for speaker in the 2017-2018 session and beyond. If the term limit had remained in place, the 2015-2016 session would have been DeLeo's last as speaker.

Supporters of banning consideration of the rule noted that adoption of it would create a vacancy in the speakership, which is not within the scope of a proposal establishing permanent House rules.

Opponents of the ban said that if the ban was reinstated, the House would simply follow current rules and declare the position vacant and hold an election for a new speaker. They asked why an amendment changing a House rule is not allowed during debate on adopting House rules.

Supporters of term limits said voting to approve the 8-year limit in 2009 and then voting to rescind it in 2015 was a step backwards and a complete flip-flop that lead to cynicism and mistrust among voters. They argued that term limits prevent anyone from becoming "Speaker for Life." They noted that the indictments and convictions of the three prior speakers, Charlie Flaherty, Tom Finneran and Sal DiMasi, prove that too much power for too long is a problem.

Opponents of term limits said the restriction would make a speaker serving his final two years a lame duck. They argued that rank and file members should have the right to re-elect a current speaker or elect a new one. They said voters already can impose term limits when they vote at the polls.

Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman), the sponsor of the amendment, explained to Beacon Hill Roll Call why DeLeo's ban is retroactive to 2009 and Jones' ban is not. He noted that the retroactivity would allow DeLeo to remain true to his commitment to an 8-year term limit in 2009. He noted that Jones made no such commitment to term limit himself and he should have the chance to serve under the new conditions without retroactivity.

(A "Yes" vote is for the ruling of the chair banning the consideration of the proposed rule. A"No" vote is against the ruling of the chair and supports allowing the rule to be considered by the full House.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

ALLOW 24 HOURS TO READ LEGISLATION (H 2017)

House 35-124, rejected a proposed rule that would require 24-hour notice, not including weekends and holidays, between the release of a bill from an executive session or the Rules Committee and its consideration on the House floor. The 24-hour rule could be suspended for an emergency if waived by a two-thirds vote.

Supporters of the rule said this will prevent bills from being rushed onto the House floor and voted upon without legislators having time to read them. They cited the uproar in the U.S. Congress several years ago, when members were not given time to read the 1,000-page health care bill.

Opponents of the rule said it goes too far and that requiring 24-hour notice would make it very difficult for the Legislature to act during an emergency. They argued members usually are given sufficient time to read bills and in most cases, the bills have already received attention and press coverage.

(A "Yes" vote is for the rule requiring 24-hour notice. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost No

LIMIT TOPICS AT INFORMAL SESSIONS (H 2017)

House 34-124, rejected a proposed rule that would allow only non-controversial bills to be considered during informal sessions. The amendment defines non-controversial as bills relating to the establishment of sick leave banks, granting of municipal liquor licenses, relating to a specific city or town or person that has received local approval, resolutions, or bills that have already been unanimously passed by the Senate and House in a formal session. Current rules allow many more types of amendments to be introduced at an informal session including any bills reported out by a committee, all bills sent from the Senate and all bills up for final approval.

Informal sessions are ones in which there can be no roll call votes and everything is approved or rejected on an unrecorded voice vote. However, at an informal session, a single legislator can hold up consideration of a bill until the next formal session by doubting the presence of a quorum. A quorum is when 81 members of the House are present. Since only a handful of legislators attend these sessions, the session would be adjourned for lack of a quorum.

Supporters of the rule said it is unfair to allow important legislation to be brought up at these lightly attended sessions. They pointed out that in December, the House and Senate, in an informal session, approved a delay in the implementation of the law allowing retail sales of marijuana.

Opponents said the rule is unnecessary because any

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



single member who shows up at a lightly attended informal session can doubt the presence of a quorum at which point the session would end because there is not a quorum.

(A "Yes" vote is for further limiting the type of bill that can be brought up during an informal session. A "No" vote is against further limitations.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost No

REQUIRE ROLL CALL VOTES BY COMMITTEES (H 2017)

House 41-118, rejected a rule that would require that a roll call be held on all bills acted upon by House committees when the committee gives the measure a favorable or unfavorable report. Current rules only allow a committee member to request a roll call vote.

Supporters of the rule said this would make the House more transparent and ensure that constituents know how their representative voted in committee. They said giving members the option to ask for a roll call does not go far enough.

Opponents of the rule said the requirement that a roll call be held if requested by one person is sufficient and offers more flexibility.

"Yes" vote is for requiring a roll call vote. A "No" vote is

against requiring it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PRESERVE RAPE EVIDENCE FOR 15 YEARS

(H 4364) - In January, a new law that would require all rape kits to be kept for a minimum of 15 years and that rape victims be notified immediately of this law went into effect. Prior law allowed the kits to be kept for 15 years but initially only required they be kept for six months unless the victim files a request for an extension. Supporters said this long overdue change will empower rape victims and lead to more convictions.

"NON-EMERGENCY" VS. "NON-ESSENTIAL" STATE WORKERS - Gov. Charlie Baker announced last week that because of the storm, state offices would be closed one day for non-emergency executive branch state employees. Up until a few years ago, governors often used the term "non-essential" employees. Those governors were often criticized and asked why "non-essential" employees were hired in the first place.

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 February 6-10, the House met for a total of three hours and 21 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 18 minutes.

House 11:08 a.m. to 2:01 p.m.

Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

House 11:02 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

Mon. February 6

Fri. February 10

Tues. February 7	No House session No Senate session
Wed. February 8	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. No Senate session
Thurs. February 9	No House session No Senate session

Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: Address Description DOM List

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
35 Horace Street	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	45	\$719,000	\$695,000
61 Preston Rd	10 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Victorian	97	\$775,000	\$735,000

	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Ove	r the Past Month	າ:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
367 Somerville Ave U:F	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	20	\$369,000	\$464,000
74 Gilman U:10	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	54	\$490,000	\$470,000
26 Kidder Ave U:26A	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	95	\$499,000	\$485,000
68 Wheatland U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	140	\$499,000	\$490,000
29 Pinckney St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	40	\$529,900	\$515,000
24 JACKSON RD U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Detached	96	\$545,000	\$530,000
51 Sydney St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	39	\$549,900	\$545,000
18-20 Arlington St U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	21	\$549,900	\$585,000
34 Calvin Street U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	108	\$569,900	\$540,000
46 Josephine Ave U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	85	\$575,000	\$540,000
76 Flint Street U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	12	\$599,000	\$599,000
9 Silvey Place U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$599,000	\$580,000
9 Silvey Place U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	36	\$599,000	\$599,000
39 Oliver St U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	34	\$618,000	\$585,000
76 Flint Street U:3	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	46	\$649,000	\$620,000
76 Flint Street U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$649,000	\$645,000

l		Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Ove	r tne Past Mo	ntn:	
l	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
ı	86 Franklin Street	2 unit, 9 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	15	\$519,900	\$550,000
ı	36 Merriam St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	53	\$725,000	\$770,000
ı	34 Merriam St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	53	\$775,000	\$770,000
ı	57-59 Puritan Rd	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	55	\$829,900	\$805,000
ı	5 Pearson Road	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$1,050,000	\$1,150,000
l	51 Central Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,250,000	\$1,400,000

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Straight outta Tel Aviv

Ninet rocks Thunder Road

By Daniel Sullivan

On Monday night, February 6, I walked into this little known gem of a club called Thunder Road on Somerville Ave. near Union Sq. I was just going to get tickets for the Friday, February 10 performance of blues artist Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson, who has played with many of the legends of the genre. All of a sudden, the band starts its second set. And well, sometimes you're just in the right place at the time.

Ninet is the name of the band (after the front woman), and indeed, they are straight out of Tel Aviv. They are a five-piece band: two guitars, a base, a synthesizer and a drummer. And they rocked. How about a combination of punk rock, rhythm and blues, electric Middle Eastern music (yes, you gotta hear this stuff) and covers that evoke the likes of Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin?

After talking to the drummer Joe Tom (the English version of his name), I found out a bit more about the band. Founded in Israel and now based in L.A., they've been in the States for six months. They are now appearing along the East Coast, the last leg of their U.S. tour.

Watch out for this band! Mazeltov!

http://www.ninetayeb.com/



— Photo by Mik Rosati

Urban Agriculture in Somerville

Apply Now for the 2017 Urban Ag Ambassador Program

The Mayor's Urban Agriculture Initiative grew out of the city's effort to further encourage the growing of healthy, local foods. The initiative includes the passage of the first municipal Urban Ag Ordinance in New England, the Urban Agriculture Ambassad ors Program, the raising of the first city farms at South Street, and other projects which promote growing and eating of local food.



Sponsored by the City of Somerville and stemming from the passage of Somerville's Urban Agriculture Ordinance, the first in New England, the Urban Ag Ambassador (UAA) program trains 20 Somerville residents in urban agriculture in exchange for 30 hours of community volunteer service. The course is FREE of charge for accepted applicants. The intention of the UAA program is to give residents the tools to successfully and safely grow food in an urban environment, leading to a healthier population. This program also helps support the work of Somerville community-based non-profits. Applications must be received by Wednesday, March 1.

Sessions will be held on four consecutive Saturdays: March 25, April 1, 8, and 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Green City Growers offices at 600 Windsor Place in Somerville. Topics include, but are not limited to the following: building a raised bed, planting, harvesting, pest control, season extension, leadership development, Somerville urban ag ordinances, and an introduction to bee and chicken keeping.

All applicants must be residents of Somerville and must commit to volunteering 30 hours by the end of 2017. The bulk of the volunteer hours will happen during the main growing season, May-September. Several opportunities with local organizations will be available but participants are also able to organize their own projects.

All accepted applicants must be available to attend all four Saturday sessions, Saturdays: March 25, April 1, 8, and 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional hands-on "work days" will also be required during the growing season but are very flexible.

Participants will be asked to communicate regularly with a coordinator to check-in about the volunteer part of the program, and to submit one written or photo journal entry about the project.

Open to ages (16 and up) and all skill levels. The workshops are designed for beginning to intermediate gardeners. We may ask very experienced applicants to act as mentors/resources for ambassadors. Speakers of other languages and bilingual residents are encouraged to apply.

The document Somerville ABC's of Urban Agriculture simplifies the Somerville ordinance and the Board Of Health rules, connects people to existing community resources and highlights some of the best emerging practices in the fields of urban agriculture, beekeeping and chicken keeping. The ABC guide also contains the necessary forms for obtaining a license for the keeping of bees and chickens. Download it here: http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/landscape-architecture-article-somerville-urban-ag.pdf

Dorothy's Corner

Brunswick Stew

If you're looking for a hearty stew that tastes like it's been on the stove all day, this is the one. I happened to hear about this stew recently and decided to do research on how it's made. I read through many recipes and decided to come up with my own version that's a bit more heart healthy. This slightly sweet, smoky, tangy bowl of rib sticking goodness will have you craving more once you realize your bowl is empty. Serve over brown rice or any other rice of your choice. Serves 6-8. Total cooking time, 40 minutes.

2 Tablespoons Olive Oil 1 Large Onion, sliced 1/2 Teaspoon Kosher Salt 2 Garlic Cloves, sliced 12 Oz Smoked Kielbasa, sliced into 1/2 inch slices

1 28 Oz can Diced Tomatoes

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



1/4 Cup Cider Vinegar

2 Tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce 1/2 Teaspoon Black Pepper, freshly ground

1/4 Teaspoon Hot Sauce, optional 4 Chicken Thighs, boneless and skin-

less (cooked ahead)

1 Cup Lima Beans, frozen

1 Cup Corn, frozen

2 Cups Cooked Rice

In an 8 quart Dutch Oven pot, or any other heavy bottomed pot you may have on hand, add the olive oil, sliced onions and salt. Cook down for 15 minutes over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Add the garlic and kielbasa, and cook for additional 5 minutes. In this recipe, I used smoked turkey kielbasa, which had 1/2 the fat of pork kielbasa. Add the tomatoes, chicken stock, BBQ sauce, cider vinegar, Worcestershire, black pepper,



hot sauce (optional), blend completely and cook down for additional 15 minutes. Once the Sauce is bubbling, turn the heat down to a simmer. Add the cooked chicken * (cut into pieces), lima beans and corn and cook additional 5 minutes.

*For an additional shortcut, use a rotisserie chicken to save time. Serve over rice and enjoy!

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Tufts University community research grants

By Rebecca Danvers

Two grants from the Tisch College Community Research Center at Tufts University (TCRC) will support upcoming research projects in Somerville and Medford, continuing the TCRC's decade of work backing studies that contribute to Tufts' host communities. This year's \$25,000 in grant awards will fund studies that seek to evaluate local residents' access to healthy food in Somerville and gauge the efficacy of a series of community-based discussions in Medford.

An \$11,000 grant to the program Shape Up Somerville will enable the program and its partners to complete a community food security assessment. This preliminary report will provide a foundation for a larger comprehensive food system assessment in the city. The ultimate goal of this study is to develop policy-level community action plans across all sectors of the food system, and also to build capacity among the city and community organizations working to address food insecurity for those at highest risk. Research partners based at Tufts University - Virginia R. Chomitz, associate professor of Public Health and Community Medicine, and Jennifer Allen, chair of the Department of Community Health – will advise the Shape Up Somerville working group on developing methods for community-based participatory research.

Tufts researchers were integral to the founding of Shape Up Somerville, which encourages Somerville residents of all ages to lead healthy, active lives by eating right and exercising often. The community-based program has a special aim of combating childhood obesity. Researchers from a variety of Tufts departments and schools have contributed to Shape Up Somerville, including spearheading initiatives in public schools and local businesses.

Shape Up Somerville's community partners include Cambridge Health Alliance and its affiliate Somerville Hospital, the Somerville Homeless Coalition, and the Somerville Food Security Alliance.

A \$14,000 grant will evaluate the effectiveness of Medford Conversations, a series of discussions moderated by fellow community members that seek to open a dialogue about race and ethnic relations in the city. The study aims to judge

whether the structure of Medford Conversations - based on a similar framework to the previous Somerville Conversations series – is the most appropriate means to strengthen social capital in an urban context experiencing growing diversity amidst various development pressures. Researchers Ninian Stein, Tufts University Department of Biology, and Dale Bryan, assistant director of Peace and Justice Studies at Tufts, hope to refine Medford Conversations' community-based discussion model for optimal impact.

"Shape Up
Somerville has a
long history of
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Medford Conversations' community partners include the NAACP Mystic Valley Branch, Medford Health Matters, Medford Board of Health, the City of Medford's Humans Rights Commission and the Office of Energy & Environment, Medford High School, Medford Community Coalition, Medford Family Network, Medford Green Line Neighborhood Alliance, Boys & Girls Club of Middlesex County, Medford Chamber of Commerce, Medford Interfaith Clergy, Medford Arts Council, and Earthos Institute.

"In a way these two grantees are a nice contrast," says Doug Brugge, TCRC director and a professor of public health at Tufts University School of Medicine. "Shape Up Somerville has



Shape Up Somerville is one of two civic initiatives chosen as recipients of grants from the Tisch College Community Research Center at Tufts University (TCRC).

a long history of collaboration with Tufts, and this work will extend that. Medford Conversations is a new partner, and contributes to growing collaboration in Medford."

Run by community members and Tufts faculty, the TCRC places a special, but not exclusive, emphasis on Tufts' host communities of Somerville, Medford, and the Boston neighborhood of Chinatown. Any research funded by TCRC must involve a formal community partner and produce scholarship while yielding knowledge useful to the community. Priority is given to redressing issues of disparity, inequality and injustice in society.

In addition to Shape Up Somerville, past grants have supported diverse research projects, such as studies that analyzed the air quality of neighborhoods immediately bordering the I-93 corridor in Somerville and Boston, assessed obesity prevention efforts among new immigrants, gauged the community

response to climate change in Medford, and measured phosphorous loads at Alewife Brook in the Mystic Valley watershed. Reports on the results of this research and other completed TCRC studies can be viewed at http://activecitizen.tufts.edu/research/tcrc/tcrc-research/

TCRC is directly supported by funding from the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life.

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Thursday February 23Meghan Chiampa Presents 9 p.m,

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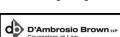
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Snow emergency data: Comparing February 2016 and 2017



By Joseph A. Curtatone

It seems that Punxsutawny Phil - the groundhog who predicts whether we're going to have a long winter or early spring – was right earlier this month when he saw his shadow, prompting a declaration of more winter weather. Like many years before it, this February has brought with it a batch of snow storms that has tested our snow policies and procedures - and of course, everyone's patience.

Winter storms occurring at nearly the same time from one year to the next presents us with a unique opportunity to compare data that helps us examine, inform, and adjust our practice

during snow emergencies. To see how we're doing so far this season, let's compare data from this year's February storms to the storms from February 2016. **Parking Compliance**

When you get those phone calls from Jackie Rossetti telling you to move your cars, our entire snow removal operation depends first on you – and all your neighbors – doing as she says. We ask you to heed the parking ban so that our plows can make it down our narrow streets to clear lanes wide enough for emergency vehicles and your safe travel. We put out the parking ban message about eight different ways with the hopes that everyone will comply. But when people don't, we're forced to resort to ticketing and towing so that our work can go on. Having to ticket and tow, slows down all of our efforts and is a net cost to the city. So one way we measure how good a job we are doing to keep everyone informed and conserve city resources, is to look at parking ticket and tow data. The fewer tickets and tows, the better we've

The good news is that we handed out far fewer tickets this year than we did last year. When comparing the first two emergencies in February 2016 to our two February snow emergencies this year, our parking ticket numbers are down approximately 69 percent.

It's important to note that the lower ticket numbers are a particularly encouraging considering that new parking rules went into effect for snow emergencies during this winter season. This is the first year that parking is only allowed on the even side of the street during snow emergencies, unless signs posted state otherwise. I commend you on being vigilant and staying informed about parking regulations.

Shoveling Compliance

Equally as promising as the decrease in parking tickets is the high compliance around sidewalk shoveling regulations that we saw in February 2016. Even though we issued a remarkably low number of tickets for shoveling violations (48 with only 4 repeat offenders), sidewalks were in better shape overall than in any previous year. I know shoveling is grueling and the conditions are often rough, so I want to applaud residents for taking this matter seriously and clearing sidewalks in a timely manner. As I write this, the numbers for this February's snow emergencies are unclear because we are still out enforcing sidewalk regulations. Sidewalks that have not been cleared present a very real public safety concern, so if the allotted time has passed and you spot an area that has not been shoveled, I encourage you to report it to 311.

Snow Equipment

While we have slightly reduced the number of pieces of snow equipment in our fleet from last year to this year, we've managed to increase our capacity by decommissioning an old vehicle and adding a one-ton dump truck with an 8-foot plow. Additionally, after piloting its use last year, we continued utilizing a Trackless MT-6 vehicle to allow us to more efficiently and effectively clear our bike paths while better maintaining the integrity of their surfaces.

311 Calls

We know snow emergencies are inconvenient and that many questions and needs can arise, so our 311 staff and our social media team are here to assist you. They take in calls and messages regarding a range of snow-related topics from the declaration of a snow emergency to snow removal and salting requests, parking inquiries, questions about scheduled activities, feedback, and many more. During the past two snow emergencies, our call center (which is open 24/7/365) fielded 1,199 calls. This is up slightly from the 1,125 calls they received during the two snow emergencies of February 2016, mainly due Continued on page 16

Rally for home care at Elder Lobby Day

By Nathan Lamb

February is budget season at Beacon Hill, and that has advocates from across the Commonwealth converging at the Statehouse for Elder Lobby Day on February 27.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) will be there backing several proposals for Home Care and other community-based supports. As an elder services agency, we know that the vast majority of older adults prefer to live in their homes as long as possible, and we also know it's crucial that lawmakers hear from constituents about how important these programs are.

Elder Lobby Day is organized by Mass Home Care, which represents a statewide network of non-profit agencies that offer community-based supports for older adults, their caregivers, and families.

SCES will be at Elder Lobby Day to support the following budget requests from Mass Home Care:

Additional Funding for Home Care, a vital program that provides basic in-home supports. It also helps older adults avoid unwanted and expensive nursing home placements, saving MassHealth \$920 million since FY2000. But the program had wait lists for part of FY17, due to budget reasons. The Home Care budget should be increased to meet growing demand.

Elder Protective Services investigates and resolves reports of abuse and neglect. PS reports have risen steadily in recent years, and new regulations require caseworkers to continue investigations, even if the older adult refuses to participate. While this program is in line to receive a modest budget increase, we're concerned it will be insufficient to offset increased demand.

Nutrition supports Meals on Wheels and congregate meals sites. This line item was essentially level-funded in the governor's budget, and Mass Home Care predicts a 3% increase is needed to keep pace with demand.

Notice a theme? Keeping up with growing demand is already a challenge for elder services agencies, one that will only grow more acute as our senior population continues to grow.

The 65-plus population of Massachusetts is projected to grow by 46% over the next 20 years. Elder services are a cost-effective and caring way of making our communities safer and more accessible for older adults.

We think that's a wise investment. If you agree, please contact your delegation and tell them you support elder services. Elder Lobby Day will take place at the Nurses Hall of the Statehouse from 11:00 a.m. to

2:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27.

Nathan Lamb is Director of Outreach and Community Relations at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), a non-profit agency that supports the independence and wellbeing of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information about SCES, 617-628-2601, visit eldercare.org or follow SCES on Facebook and Twitter.

The future of public transportation in Massachusetts

By Daniel Sullivan

Recently I attended a forum on the future of public transportation in Massachusetts. It was held at 50 Middlesex Ave in Somerville. I was invited by State Senator Pat Jehlen. So I've been making friends in high places. Not really a big deal.

At the podium Senate President Rosenburg, impressed with

the turnout remarked, "I had to send 18 senators back to the State House." Someone in the crowd said, "Why don't we all go to the State House?" Someone else - and I won't say who quipped, "Oh no, that way we'd never get anything done." All in good fun.

There were about 80 of us and we split off into focus groups of 8 or so. My concern in particular

was the completion of the Green Line Extension. That could be a beautiful thing if we did it right. State of the art stations with heat would be nice. The building of a foot bridge which could cross the rail bed and make possible a walk/bike path with only a little more imagination could extend eastward, all the way to the Charles.

Others had very ambitious,

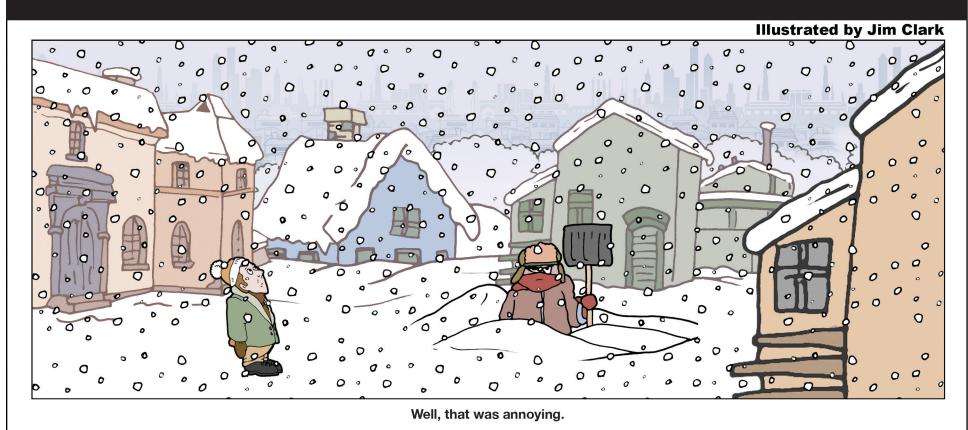
expensive, but doable ideas, including the building of a tunnel which would connect North and South stations and a commuter railway which would run alongside Rte. 128 (Rte. 95 to newcomers) from Gloucester to Braintree.

The meeting wrapped up in about three and a half hours, none of which hours were wasted. State Transportation Secretary McGee, (sorry to keep namedropping) when I told him I write, invited me to a meeting of the same concern in the North Shore. This will happen in April. There will be nine of these workshops going on in the Commonwealth between now and May.

For more information visit www. MassMoves.org

COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times



Just when we thought we might be safe from any further snow hassles for the season, along comes last week's belly-whopper that sent us out, clutching our shovels and wrenching our backs out of place.

Hopefully, the worst is behind us for the time being. At least it seems so for now.

Meantime, we can reflect on how it all went, and how we perhaps could make it go a bit better next time around. City services seemed to be up to the task, although there are pockets where some folks complained that they weren't. A few residents felt that the snow plowing was sub-par, and in some cases not fully effective, leaving some blocked driveways and curbsides in their wake.

One would have to admit, though, that this endeavor is less of a science and more of an off the cuff type of an affair. No two storms – or snow plow operators – are quite alike. Like snowflakes themselves, each and every event such as this is unlike any other before it or yet to come. That's just nature's way.

We should come to an understanding about this and accept the imperfections in our systems and methods of operations. What is the alternative anyway?

That's not to say that we shouldn't seek

out improvements whenever possible. Improvement is inevitable if we conscientiously apply ourselves.

Some things, though, are just so much bigger than we are. Individually and collectively. Bowing to the power of nature's occasional fury is not an acceptance of defeat, but rather an opportunity to embrace a bit of purifying humility for a change. Not a bad thing at that.

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union and popular guy Brian Barton, who celebrates this week. We hope he has a great birthday. Happy birthday to recently retired from the Sheriff's Department, well known local guy Lou Ferrara. We hope he has a great day. Happy Birthday to Patricia Latham a great lady who is a former long time resident. We hope she has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to Elaine Hill of the Ball Square Hills. Elaine is a great person and a true Somerville lady. We hope she has a great birthday. Happy birthday to local commercial real estate person, well known and a total professional, Bernard Gibbons. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to a good guy, Robert Lomanno, who is celebrating this week as well. Happy birthday to all the others not mentioned who are celebrating this week.

We hear our favorite attorney at the local courts, **Damien Gillietti** – otherwise known as "the Perry Mason" of the Somerville, Cambridge and Malden courthouses – won another case over in Cambridge court. We're not surprised, he's the best around in criminal defense.

Happy 26th wedding anniversary to

Kathi and Eamon Fee this week. May they both have many more happy years and decades together.

Has anyone noticed they are not able to tune into 98.5 on their radio lately? Residents have been complaining that they have missed football games, especially the Super Bowl, because it seems like another station is broadcasting over 98.5. Instead of listening to their sports station they are hearing inspirational music or static. It has become very frustrating to them when they are trying to listen to the game. If anyone else has noticed this problem let us know. Leave a comment online or give us a call and let us know if you have noticed the same problem.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website

at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in *Newstalk*. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

It's 2017 and **Demet's Donuts** over on Mystic Avenue is the best. We're noticing more and more Somerville residents over there getting their coffee and donuts to start the day. The ladies working there are fantastic and always smiling. If you're in the mood for a huge, great tasting donut drop over early since they disappear as the day gets on.

The Belmont Senior Center is hosting Who Will Represent Your Choices for Medical Care?, a panel discussion on March 7 at 1:15 p.m. The session will provide practical tools for people facing a decision about who to choose as their health care agent and making health care decisions. Topics include what to

do in the absence of a health care proxy

and how to inform first responders and

medical providers of your wishes and choices for the care you want. Please RSVP to Lil Hartman at lhartman@belmont-ma.gov.

Somerville Songwriter Sessions at the Armory Cafe, 191 Highland Ave., presents a concert with singer, songwriter, guitarists Geoff Bartley, Steven Pelland and Terry Kitchen on Saturday, March 4. The concert will feature a solo set by each artist, followed by a round robin song swap. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. with a short open mic. Admission \$10. For more info call 617-718-2191 or visit artsatthearmory.org or www.facebook.com/SomervilleSongwriterSessions. Email somervillesongwriter@gmail.com to reserve an open mic slot.

The City-Wide Swim Meet at the Kennedy Pool will be held on Saturday, March 4, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Students can compete in the backstroke, freestyle/crawl stroke, breaststroke, or butterfly. Sign up for a chance to help your school claim the City-wide Swim Meet trophy. To sign up, stop by the Kennedy Pool, 5 Cherry Street, call the pool (617-629-5445) or sign up online at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/pool.

Valentines with the mayor & Co.

Mayor Joe Curtatone, Jimmy Del Ponte and the Moonlighters sang to Somerville seniors at the Alewife VNA and Little Sisters of the Poor last week to celebrate Valentine's Day.



































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Photos by Claudia Ferro







SPORTS

Hero's Cup Hockey Tournament

By Tom Bannister

The Hero's Cup Hockey Tournament, the largest first responder hockey tournament in the United States, is set to be held at the New England Sports Center, 121 Donald Lynch Blvd, Marlborough, MA.

56 teams, over 900 first responders, including those from Somerville, will be competing in the inaugural 3-day tournament to raise money for the host charity, The Last Call Foundation. (www.lastcallfoundation.org) Each team also plays for their charity of choice.

25% of monies raised from this event will go to The Last Call Foundation with the remaining monies split evenly among all others. Sponsorship opportunities are available and are a great way for companies to help welcome first responders to our region.

Teams of firefighters, police officers, military members and EMS workers will compete in bracketed games to end in a championship round on Sunday April 23. Opening ceremonies will kick things off on Friday April 21 with Honor guards and local celebrities among our Heroes and games will begin. Friday night a casino night begins at 8:00 p.m. at Best Western in Marlborough (in the convention center at 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA).

The Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts (PFFM) is the title sponsor of Casino night featuring 40 gambling tables for play as well as a band and full bar. Admission to casino night is \$10 for general admission. Saturday games will begin at 8:00 a.m. and go until 8:00 p.m.

Teams will play two games to



The Hero's Cup Hockey Tournament takes place on April 21 – 23 at the New England Sports Center in Marlborough, MA.

wrap up the best of a three game series. Best record will move on to playoffs on Sunday. Saturday night the celebrated Torquoise Willie of Nashville, Tennessee performs at the New England Sports Center (general admission \$10) followed by a battle of the bands. The Pipes and Drum bands of different departments from around the region will battle for top band bragging rights

and a cash prize.

Sunday championship games start at 8:00 a.m. Closing ceremonies, with full Honor Guard, begin at 12:00 noon. The fireman cook-off, hosted by Ray Cooney of FDNY Firehouse Kitchen will host a head to head competition for best meal; a Master Chef style cook off with celebrity and local judges.

Come honor the first responders that are everyday heroes by making a donation, buying a ticket or spreading the word. Volunteer opportunities, merchandise, and information, including links to benefiting charities, are available at www. heroscuphockey.com. Suggested donation to attend games is \$10 single day or a weekend pass is available for \$25.



- 1. What is St. Valentine's Day known as in Finland?
- 2. How many rings does the Olympic flag have?
- 3. What is the color of Spock's blood?
- 4. Which car manufacturer makes the Celica?
- 5. What is classified by the A B O system?
- 6. In which movie did Meryl Streep win her first Oscar?
- 7. Where in France do

- the sick make pilgrimages
- 8. What was the real first name of the silent Marx Brother?
- 9. What was Steve Martin's first film?
- 10. How many different hats does Madonna wear in the film *Evita?*
- 11. Which sport does the Heisman Trophy belong to?
- 12. Who directed the film version of *Hair?*

Answers on page 17



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Winter storms deepen Red Cross blood shortage

Blood and platelet donors needed now

The American Red Cross is urging eligible donors throughout Massachusetts to give blood or platelets following recent winter storms, which have compounded a severe winter blood shortage.

Snow and icy roads forced more than 30 blood drives to cancel in the Massachusetts and Connecticut Blood Services Region over the last week, causing more than 1,100 donations to go uncollected. Since the beginning of the year, severe weather forced the cancellation of more than 300 blood drives in 30 states, resulting in over 12,000 uncollected donations.

"The need for blood doesn't pause for severe weather – it's constant," said Alyson Barraza, communications manager of the Massachusetts and Connecticut Red Cross Blood Services Region. "Right now, blood and platelet donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than they are coming in. Eligible donors of all blood types are critically needed."

How to help

Eligible donors can find a blood donation opportunity and schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The Red Cross is extending hours at many donation sites for more donors to give blood or platelets. Overall, the Red Cross has added nearly 200 hours to blood donation centers and community blood drives across the country over the next few weeks. Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help speed up the donation process.

Who blood donations help

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease may all require blood to save their lives.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Medford

2/14/2017: 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Tufts University Carmichael Hall, 200 Packard Avenue

 $2/15/2017{:}\ 12\ p.m.$ - 5:30 p.m., Tufts University Carmichael Hall, 200 Packard Avenue

2/16/2017: 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Tufts University Carmichael Hall, 200 Packard Avenue

 $2/17/2017{:}\ 12\ p.m.$ - $5{:}30\ p.m.$, Tufts University Carmichael Hall, 200 Packard Avenue

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana. org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.



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What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

On this episode of *Somerville Neighborhood News*, we take a look at Mayor Curtatone's State of the City Address. Somerville High School opens a publicly run Fabrication Laboratory. East Somerville Community School presents the annual Martin Luther King Day event. Record crowds attend the Boston Women's March.



Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The halfhour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. Want to get more involved in Somerville Neighborhood News? Learn more below! Free Journalism 101 Workshop: Are you seeing stories in your community that aren't being told? Do want to help hold your local government more accountable? Do you need an excuse to go meet new people, see new places and indulge your curiosity? Come join Somerville Neighborhood News for this free workshop! We'll train you on the importance of a free press, your rights as a reporter and what it means to be a part of community news. This introductory training will get you up to speed on the basics of being an SNN reporter and the ethics you should keep in mind along the way. To help you get started on your first piece we'll break down the steps of a good news story, workshop any ideas you may have and answer whatever questions come to mind. Journalism 101 Workshop | Saturday, February 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Free.RSVP to Erica Jones to secure your spot at ejones@scatvsomerville.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the VNA, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA, 3rd Floor Community Room.

39 Murdock Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-148) Applicant, Ballas Group LLC, and Owners, Subash Bansal and Anuradha Sharma, seek a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief to construct a three-family dwelling structure. RB Zone. Ward 5.

466 Medford Street: (Case #ZBA 2017-08) Applicant, Reginaldo Correa, and Owner, The First Rock, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to construct an addition within the nonconforming right side yard and increase the floor area ratio (FAR) of a nonconforming structure and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 5.

100 Dover Street: (Case #ZBA 2017-04) Owner/Applicant, New Day Properties LLC, seeks a Special Permit under 5.1 for converting a non-conforming auto body repair shop to a conforming non-medical office use and parking relief under \$9.13 of the SZO. CBD Zone. Ward 6.

45 Cameron Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2016-81) Applicant and Owner, Aroli Realty Trust and Menkiti Ifeanyi, Trustee, seek Special Permits to alter a non-conforming property under §4.4.1 of the SZO through an upward extension of the right side yard, left side yard, and front side yard setbacks, and an increase in square footage along with a Special Permit under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. RB zone. Ward 5.

152 Powder House Boulevard: (Case #ZBA 2016-135) Applicant and Owner, 152 Powder House, LLC, seeks Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by finishing the basement and increasing the FAR and a Special Permit under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. RA zone. Ward 6.

Applications are not posted online. Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 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. Reports, plans and decisions, when completed, are posted online 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 a meeting. 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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CITY OF SOMERVILLE

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

IFB 17-52

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites

sealed bids for:

Hoyt Sullivan Playground

Hoyt Sullivan playground, located at 117 Central St., is approximately

Bid packages for may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema.

gov/bidpostings or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department,

Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA

An optional site visit will be held at Hoyt Sullivan Park on Friday Feb-

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday March 2nd, 2017 at

11:00am. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director

reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the

Please contact Michael Richards at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email

Assistant Purchasing Director

best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

02143 beginning on Thursday February 16th, 2017.

22,500 square feet. The estimated budget for the project is \$790,000.



The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Mystic View Development, Public Safety Building Demolition for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization

The Project consists of: All labor, materials, equipment and supervision necessary to complete the demolition and disposal of a one story 700 sq. ft., painted concrete block and concrete plank building at our Mystic River Development. Cap all utilities according to the city of Somerville DPW guidelines . Infill and leave site flush to grade.

The work is estimated to cost \$20,000.00

Bids are subject to M.G.L. 149 & 44A(2) (B)& to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive, and the Prevailing Wage rates, whichever hourly rate pays more.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 2nd, 2017 at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Bid Documents can also be obtained electronically by contacting Brian Langton Brianl@sha-web.org

A prebid meeting will be held at the The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA on Thursday February 23rd, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. It is strongly suggested that all prospective bidders attend the pre-bid meeting.

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Brian Langton at (617) 625-1152 Ext 331 or Email at bri-

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Department** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI17D0248DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Medgie St. Pierre aka Medgie Caze vs. Richard A. St. Pierre

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for $\underline{\text{Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B}}$

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 negatively impact the current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate **Court Rule 411**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Medaie St. Pierre Medgie Caze 45C Memorial Road, Apt 28 Somerville, MA 02145

your answer, if any on or before 03/14/2017. 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. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 31, 2017.

Tara F De Christofaro Register of Probate

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** IFB 17-53

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

2017 Spring Tree Planting and Related Services

Bid packages for may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema. gov/bidpostings or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Wednesday February 15th, 2017.

Sealed bids will be received until Wednesday March 1st, 2017 at 11:00am. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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Snow emergency data: Comparing February 2016 and 2017 **CONT. FROM PG 10**

to an understandable increase in calls to clarify the new even-side parking regulations for this year. Sand and salt requests were also up this year.

With the timing of this year's February snow emergencies nearly mimicking last year's, we can only hope that this sea-

son's weather will continue the relatively mild snowfall trend. However, with the snowpocalypse of 2015 still fresh on our minds (and the reminder of Phil the groundhog's shadow), it's important that we're ready for whatever Mother Nature throws our way.

I am thankful for your patience and cooperation during the recent snow emergencies. These storms require all of us to work together carefully to ensure things run as smoothly as possible.

To review the City's snow emergency procedures and snow re-

moval policies, please visit www. somervillema.gov/snow. up for the City's alert system at www.somervillema.gov/alerts to receive notifications via phone, email, and/or text message regarding snow emergencies and other important neighborhood information. Follow the City's official social media pages for updates: fb.com/somervillecity @somervillecity. If you are a senior or otherwise physically unable to shovel, please contact the Somerville Council on Aging (617-625-6600 x 2300) now to sign up for shoveling assistance for the next storm.

Join Adult Foster Care Awareness Day at Beacon Hill

By Nathan Lamb and Jeanne Leyden

Adult Foster Care (AFC) helps thousands of families across Massachusetts provide the best possible care at home for loved ones. But the program is facing unprecedented budget cuts, and that has supporters statewide planning a show of support at Beacon Hill in March.

The first annual Adult Foster Care Awareness Day will be held Wednesday, March 8, from 9-2 at Nurse's Hall at the Statehouse.

Organized by the Massachusetts Council for Adult Foster Care, the gathering will offer an opportunity to talk with local legislators about what AFC provides and what those in-home services mean to more than 10,000 Massachusetts residents in the program.



Funded through MassHealth, AFC supports the live-in caregivers who meet the daily needs of older adults and people with disabilities who can no longer live alone. It provides a tax-free stipend and ongoing training for caregivers. And most importantly, it lets people receive the care they need at home, which is where 90% of older adults prefer to stay as long as possible.

Unfortunately, the statewide budget for AFC programs was slashed by \$5.6 million in December, as part of a \$98 million package of 9C cuts from Governor Charlie Baker. Some key legislators have indicated some of those cuts could be reversed through a supplemental budget, but it remains unclear how that will play out.

The cuts are doubly unfortunate, when you consider that AFC routinely saves MassHealth money—costing \$50 to \$85 per day, instead of \$125-\$250 for nursing home care. The number of nursing facility days covered by MassHealth has dropped by 37% since 2000, in large part because of programs like AFC.

We see the program as a wise and caring investment of state resources.

We are encouraged that House Ways and Means Chair Denise Garlick is sponsoring the Adult Foster Care Awareness Day at the Statehouse. But it's important that people who believe in this program and care about it stand up and be counted.

The AFC program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) provides help for more than 250 families across the greater Boston area. We're proud to participate in Adult Foster Care Awareness Day and we hope to see you there.

If not, please consider calling your local state representative and state senators to let them know you support AFC.

More details about Adult Foster Care Awareness Day will be posted on the Massachusetts Council for Adult Foster Care website (massafc.org) as they become available.

Nathan Lamb is Director of Outreach and Community Relations for Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES). Jeanne Leyden is Director of Adult Family Care, a non-profit program at SCES that provides Adult Foster Care across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit adultfamilycare.org or call 617-628-2601.

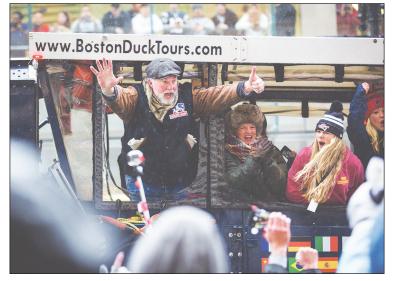
Title Town CONT. FROM PG 5

Boston. People come to the Boston area from all over the world and many embrace and mirror our passion for our sports teams.

We Boston sports fans are one of the strongest brotherhoods in our country, consisting of all genders, races, and cultures. There is an instant bond with a stranger wearing a Red Sox cap when we're out of state. Boston

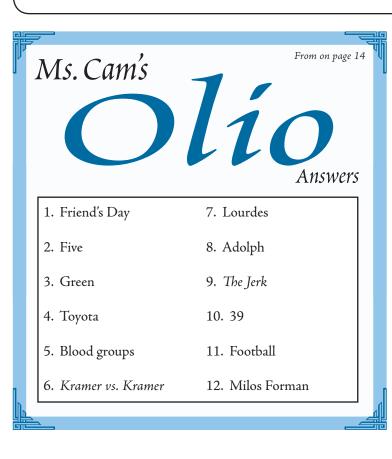
sports teams have more Boston team bars in other states around the country than anyone else. We proudly wear our fandom like a badge of honor. Proud to be part of the greatest sports dynasty of all time. Proud to have reversed the curse. Proud to be from Title Town. Roger that?

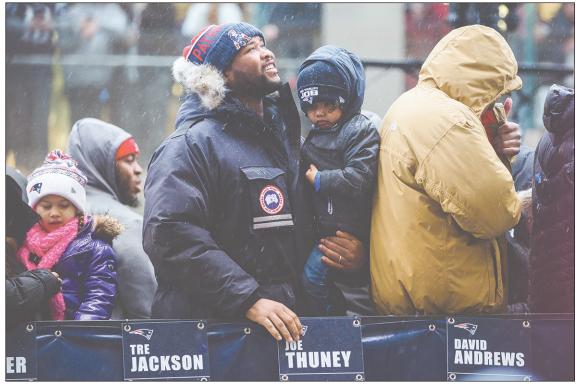
Later 'Villens ... See you at next year's Patriots victory parade! We want #6!











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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday February 15

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

Thursday|February 16

Central Library

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

West Branch Library

Lego Club 3:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library

Lego Club 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday February 17

Central Library

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

Central Library

Teen Film & Discussion: Fruitvale Station 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | 79 Highland

Monday February 20

Libraries closed

Tuesday | February 21

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday February 22

East Branch Library

Rosalita's Puppets presents In Search of the Unicorn 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Somerville Positive Forces

1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Hot Stories for a Cold Winter's Day

2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **MUSIC** | ARTS Wednesday | February 15

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The Rockwell 255 Elm Street

Thursday|February 16

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The Rockwell

The Irish Comedy Tour 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Castle of Comedy 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday | February 17

Sally O'Brien's

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6

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8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave The Rockwell Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo &

Juliet 17 p.m. Vallis Alps|10 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Richard Cambridge Poets Theatre 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|February 18

Sally O'Brien's Jim Coyle & King Blue |6 p.m. Lily Black, Hunter \$5 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room

The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pend-

ergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Opera on Tap |2:30 p.m. Eliot Fisk|7 p.m. Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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Thunder Road Kids' Union Dance Party!|3 p.m. 1st Annual Thunder Road Boogie

Nights feat. Booty Vortex (Funk/Dis-

co)|8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Emo Night Brooklyn Guest DJ: William Beckett of The Academy

8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave The Rockwell KERPLUNK!|11 a.m. Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m.

255 Elm St Arts at the Armory

Tantric Puja 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Penny 4 Ya Thoughts? 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|February 19

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m.
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3

p.m.

Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

The Burren Lantern Sessions|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave The Rockwell Vusi Mahlasela

7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St Arts at the Armory A Sunday Afternoon with the Ladles

with an opening set by Sam Tal-4 p.m.| Cafel|191 Highland Ave

Monday February 20

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-Marley Monday with The Duppy

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Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary &

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The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Series 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Toddlerbilly Taco Takeover|5 p.m. Uncle Johnny's Band 8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave The Rockwell

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7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St Arts at the Armory Queer Tango Bostón

6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Tuesday | February 21

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. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

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PJ Ryan's

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200 **Thunder Road** Thunder & Lightning Sessions feat. The Motivated Sequence & Flight

7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Wacken Battle of the Bands Coffin Birth, Skull Hammer, Swarm

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory First and Last Word Poetry 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Banff Mountain Film Festival 7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Somerville Theatre

Wednesday|Febraury 22 Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series: The Murphy Beds with Dana Lyn and Kyle Sanna: Double Bill|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

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The Rockwell 255 Elm Street

Somerville Theatre

Arts at the Armory Hearth Book Club 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Banff Mountain Film Festival 7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday | February 15

Central Library Oral History Training 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday February 16

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

40 College Ave East Branch Library Drop in Knitting at the East Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library SomerStat Meeting 4 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library**

FREE Yoga at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library** Nicole Sullivan

7 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday | February 18 **Central Library**

James O'Keefe 12 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Somerville Winters Farmer Market** 9:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|191

Bagel Bards

Highland Ave

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

Sunday | February 19

Arts at the Armory

The Somerville Flea Market 10 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Enter upstairs, meeting in basement.

Monday February 20 **Libraries Closed**

Tuesday February 21

Central Library Breathe, Meditate and Be Happy 5:45 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Monthly Somerville Arts Council Board Meeting 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday February 22 **Central Library** Library Staff Scheduling Meeting 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Oral History Training 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ is encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. Our centers are open to everyone from Somerville and surrounding communities. 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.

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

*Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

Join the SCOA's email group – The email group is for Somerville Council on Aging Seniors and/or Caregivers who are interested in the latest information on resources, events, programming, etc., in and around the Somerville area. Use the link https://groups.google.com/group/somerville-council-on-aging - If you have any questions or need help joining please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Ageless Grace – Ageless Grace, the Council on Aging's new Fitness class for the body and mind. Held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center, the Ageless Grace program is an innovative wellness and fitness program done seated in a chair to upbeat music. Classes are playful, imaginative and different every time. All the movements are designed to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and the brain. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Yoga - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A 5-week Yoga series is a low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program that lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Silver Alert Program – The Somerville Council on Aging with the Somerville Police Department have implemented a program to take a proactive approach towards protecting some of Somerville's most vulnerable citizens who suffer with serious cognitive impairments that put them at risk for wandering and getting lost. The Silver Alert Program is designed to collect specific information about a potential missing person, along with photo identification. This confidential information will be kept on file for immediate use in the event a loved one is reported missing. Please contact the SCOA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 to request an application. Don't delay calling. This program is on a first come / first serve basis and will be ending December 31, 2016. This is a Federally funded grant.

Free Groceries Every Month? - You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags on food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of

our Holland Street Center.

Grandparent's Day – Wednesday, February 22 at our Holland Street Center. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – lunch, art project and movie. You do not need grandchildren to come and enjoy the day. All are welcome. RSVP by calling Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Afternoon at the Movies – Tuesday, February 28 – 12:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center – This month's movie is Florence Foster Jenkins starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Dying Well Prepared: A discussion with Author Alan Bingham – Wednesday, March 1st - at the Central Library Auditorium located at 79 Highland Avenue from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by the SCOA and the SPL - Please contact the SPL at 617-623-5000 or visit www.somervillepubliclibrary.org for additional information.

S&S Restaurant – Wednesday, March 1 – check in time is 10:30 a.m. at Holland Street – Lunch on your own though there is a \$10 fee to hold your seat which will be given back to you the day of the trip. Contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Death Café – Wednesday, March 15 - Gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death at the Somerville Public Library located at 79 Highland Avenue starting at 7:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by the SCOA and the SPL Please contact the SPL at 617-623-5000 or visit www. somervillepubliclibrary.org for additional information.

Older American's Month Celebration – Monday, May 1 – at the WHYC from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - \$10 fee – limited seating and transportation – contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot

Kentucky Derby – Thursday, May 4 to Tuesday, May 9th - \$1,154 per person / double only – 6 days & 5 nights – Package includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, 5 nights accommodation, general admission to Kentucky Derby, Louisville Slugger Factory and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

The trip to the Kentucky Derby is sold out. There is a waiting list if you would like your name placed on the waiting list call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

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The SCOA office and all Centers will be closed Monday, February 20th for President's Day.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

2017 Advisory Dates 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Holland St. March 13, July 10, October 16.

2017 Event Dates

April 27 – Health Fair @ Holland St. Center 4:30-6 p.m. June 2 – Dance @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or dhiggins@

somervillema.gov

*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

Mondays:

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics*** 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise
*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration
One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday, February 15th

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 10:30 Low Vision Group (H) 10:00 – 3:00 Wacky Wednesday (RJ)

Thursday, February 16th

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)
11:30 Lunch (H,RJ,C)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)
1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

Friday, February 17th

10:00 Book Club (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

Monday, February 20th

President's Day
All Centers Closed

Tuesday, February 21st

10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) (by appointment only)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
6:00 Caregivers Support (H)

Wednesday, February 22nd

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads Grandparent's Day

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Sunday, February 19 12:00am School Committee Meeting - 2.6.17 SomerViva em Português 2:14am 2:43am Congressional Update Congressional Update 9:00am 9:31am SomerVivsion: History & Future of Davis Sq. 4:00pm Fit-4-Life #2 2017 6:30pm SomerVivsion: History & Future of Davis Sq. Talking Business "Chill Ville" 7:44pm Congressional Update 8:03pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - 2.14.17 8:34pm

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I Feira de Educação

Community Preservation Meeting

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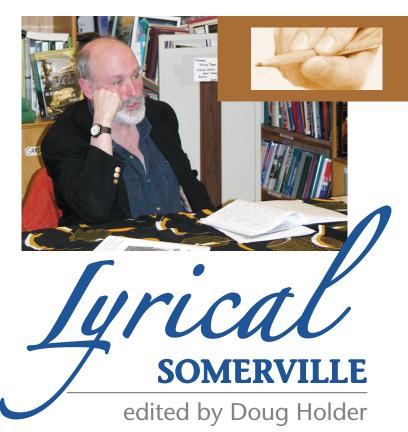
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Wednesday, February 22 12:00am SHS Hockey v Methuen SHS Girls Basketball v Austin Prep 1:30am 3:00am Student of the Qtr. Awards - Argenziano



One of my poetry students at Endicott College has shared a poem. Here is a bit about her background: Mikayla Rose Brasefield (19) is a sophomore Nursing major from Vernon, CT, with a previous history in Creative Writing. She was featured in her high school's student-written and published magazine, titled War &



Pieces (2015), was awarded an honorable mention in the Nancy Thorpe Poetry Contest (2014), and has won several silver medals and a gold medal for some of her poetry/writings in the annual Scholastic Art & Writing Contest. She would like to thank her professor for the opportunity to continue featuring her work and also her friends, family, and boyfriend for always supporting her and giving her constant inspiration.

"Soft"

Soft like cotton - whispers of the past Nothing's ever really made to last. And I am embraced in this knowledge The blanket I confiscated from my mother

wrapping 'round my shoulders -The same way her wisdom does.

Soft like sun-rays - efforts of the present Everything, here and now, a gift.

Heaven-sent are the hours to myself:

The little walks, the empty dorm room, the humming studio...

And I am pulsing with life to give

The thoughts in my head banging at their cages,

Aching to be free;

The same way I ache

to free myself.

Soft like snow - shimmers of a future yet unknown

As all the night world round me dims down.

And I am okay for a while

Fluttering flakes surround me,

Padding me

as I fall.

— Mikayla Rose Brasefield

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'Twenty-One Ghazals (of) **Alisher Navoiy'**

Translated from the Uzbek by Dennis Daly

State Rep. Denise Provost reviews this latest collection of poetry by noted critic Dennis Daly:

Twenty-One Ghazals [of] Alisher Navoiy Translated from the Uzbek by Dennis Daly Cervena Barva Press, Somerville, MA, (2016)

While most collections of poems hold the potential for literary enjoyment, few prove to be the kind of treasure chest that Dennis Daly's recent book undeniably is. It offers fresh translations of 500 year old poems by Alisher Navoiy, the pen name of Nizam al-Din Al-Shir. If you're a reader of poetry, have an interest in the history of literature, or philosophy or religion, just buy this book. There are plenty of reasons to do so, and I'll allow Navoiy to supply his own commentary to the reasons I list:

The Book is Visually Beautiful

From the detail of the Persian illuminated manuscript which graces the cover, it's clear that this slim volume represents a portal into another world. The wealth of faithfully reproduced, full color illustrations which its pages are filled qualify Twenty-One Ghazals as an art book worth having. It's almost a bonus to have the poetry it accompanies and contextualizes.

Bad luck taunts me. How I love your beauty! Times over and over I have banished you Forever, but then there was your beauty.

You'll Discover a Gifted Writer Who May Be Entirely New to You

The jewel box of images is just the beginning of the allure. The big question for me was, who is this poet, and why have I not heard of him? Like most people of my generation, my education was tilted heavily towards the western canon, but fine writing from other parts of the world regularly becomes available in translation. Thanks, for instance, to the translations of Coleman Barks, the 13th century Persian mystic Rumi has become one of the most widely read poets in our country - but who has heard of Navoiy?

For many years as a recluse I hid away. Do dreams and visions come to one seeking life's

Not surprisingly Navoiy left for the desert Seeking solace from passion's impregnable pearl.

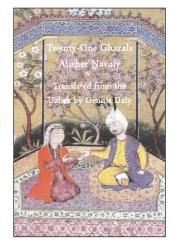
Although born almost 250 years after Rumi, Navoiy also lived in Central Asia, and came out of its Sufi tradition. Prolific and multi-talented, Navoiy worked as a public administrator, linguist, builder, painter, and political advisor, as well as producing many volumes of poetry and other writings. In this regard, he brings to mind such other polymath poets as Dante and Chaucer.

My misery, lyrical, flows gently inward Turns rebellious stir into modulated life. The thick ashes of ignominy fall, bring fluster. In that moment all plainly saw my ruined life.

Learn About a Perhaps Unexpected Literary

Tradition

Like Chaucer, Dante, and the Goliards, Navoiy preferred writing poetry in his native dialect, rather than Persian, the classical literary language of his time. It is perhaps because he wrote in the Turkic language Chagatai



that Navoiy is so little known in the west. The existence of such a literature is one of the gems of discovery in this book provides.

May the innkeeper of our of our lives offer us

Invite us to the budding realm of latent joy.

You'll Discover the Charms of a Particular Po-

Another attraction of these poems is the use of the ghazal form. With roots in pre-Islamic Arabic poetry, the ghazal spread into Persia, then South Asia, through the influence of Sufi mystics. With its strict structural requirements, and typical themes of love and separation, the ghazal - sometimes compared to the Petrarchan sonnet - attracts those who aspire to the challenges of high poetic craftsmanship (Goethe was a fan, for instance.)

Wine! Give me more wine to face these solemn

And duck the diving bats in this world of trouble.

The repetition of words within the ghazal form forces the skilled writer to break free of clichés, and allows for the development of extended metaphors. The "signature" couplets at the end of each require from the poet a particular self-awareness. Many ghazals can be taken apart to yield quatrains or aphorisms of lapidary quality.

The sun issues out its rays of sadness And we, like planets, revolve around hope.

Ultimately, the Poetry Itself is Stunning

Without Fortune and prospect, I ignite the fire Of impatience – the guards of prudence have van-

My caravan defenseless in the coming fire. A lightening flash has struck and changed me utterly As rushes burst and spread in a sea of fire.... Understand, Navoiy, I deny my suffering As the Masandran forests turned red with fire.

Like those of Rumi, and certain other poets, Navoiy's poems go beyond surface splendor into deeper levels. Delightful on first reading, they yield more with repetition. This book is a keeper.



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