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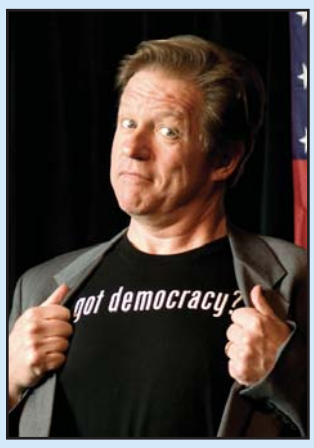

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Merry Christmas from the publishers and staff of The Somerville News

Alderman William Roche resigns

Photo by Cathleen Twardzik

William Roche (left) resigned on December 13 after 17 years as Alderman, Ward 1 in Somerville. At his suggestion, the Board of Alderman unanimously named Maureen Bastardi (right) to succeed him.

By Cathleen Twardzik

Alderman William Roche, Ward 1, recently resigned as an alderman, and now he will assist the city as Interim Part-time Personnel Director.

Maureen Bastardi, School Committee Member, Ward 1, was named by the aldermen to serve the balance of Roche's term.

Roche, who holds a master's degree in Human Resources from Boston University, considers the position of Interim, Part-time Personnel Director to be an "opportunity" to assist the city while they search for an individual to serve in that role on a full-time and permanent basis.

Roche's goals in his new position will prove to be useful to the city. He would like to recruit and interview individuals for top-level administrative positions, to provide assistance with the modernization of human resource systems, which is currently in progress, to set up performance-based non-union evaluations and reviews, and to help out with contract negotiations with the Somerville Municipal Employees Association.

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Walnut St. Center celebrates the holidays

By William Tauro

On Friday, the Walnut Street Center celebrated their annual holiday party for the 200 people they provide services to throughout the Somerville, Cambridge and Arlington communities.

The change of venue to Anthony's, located at 156 Highland Avenue in Somerville, was a great hit, paired with the large dance floor and wonderful hospitality. It was non stop fun for all.

This event was made possible with the support of food donations by Shaws Supermarket and other Somerville Nonprofit organizations, Community Cooks.

Local Somerville Resident, George Landers also took time from work to donate his DJ services. He also has a nephew that attends the Walnut Street Center day program.

The party featured some of Walnut Street Center's very own program participants, including Peter Hughes performing an Irish Step Dance as well as Ray Hardy, sporting a suit, tie and classic trilby hat, dancing to Frank Sinatra.

Through the amazing

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Photo by William Tauro

The atmosphere was festive and joyful at the Walnut St. Center's annual holiday party last Friday.

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NEWSTALK

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah from all of us here at The News to all our readers out there, both in the 'Ville and all over the country. May one and all have a great Holiday season and a safe one, and may all our wishes come true.

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Tonight, December 19, the City of Somerville will be holding a public information meeting to discuss the conclusion of remediation work at the Conway Park/15A Bleachery Court site. The city will update the community on the activities related to managing any contaminated soils at the site that occurred during the construction of the new skating rink. The public will also have an opportunity to provide comments. The meeting will be held at the Somerville Public Library-Central Branch, located at 87 Highland Ave on December 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. See the city's website for more information: http://www.somervillema.gov.

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Tomorrow, Thursday the 20th, is the last day to buy a Christmas tree and wreath from the Full Circle/Next Wave student fundraiser. The lot is located at Foss Park near the MDC pool. Net proceeds will benefit the school's Student Activities Fund.

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If you were unable to make the Illumination Tour last Saturday then you can pick up an Illuminations Tour Map, and create your own self-guided tour, at Blue Cloud Gallery in Ball Square and Magpie in Davis Square. Maps are $3. All proceeds support the Somerville Arts Council's public programming.

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Congratulations to now former Alderman Bill Roche for a long and distinguished career serving the residents of Ward 1 and, in fact, the entire city. He resigned last week and read his resignation to the board at the meeting. He was widely accepted as one of the best Aldermen

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Comments of the Week

Response to *Federal Realty signs agreement for IKEA parcel*

MarketMan says:

Good news I think. My main concern is whether the zoning is appropriate for urban style development. I recently learned that most of Somerville requires suburban style parking regulations. That conflicts with urban development. Anyone care to shed light on this?

A Moore says:

Is anybody else as shocked as I am that federal got this deal? It probably will end up being called Federal City before it is done.

K. Johnson says:

Putting the control of the entire site into the hands of Federal is going to make this a HOME RUN.

IKEA is a great retailer but ultimately a furniture store doesn't generate the repeat business end wants and with the housing market in the tank (and furnishings weak) I think a focus on grocery stores everyday sales will make the entire project hum.

MR says:

The speed of Assembly Row??? This has taken over ten years. And so far we have 1 restaurant.

Somervillewatcher says:

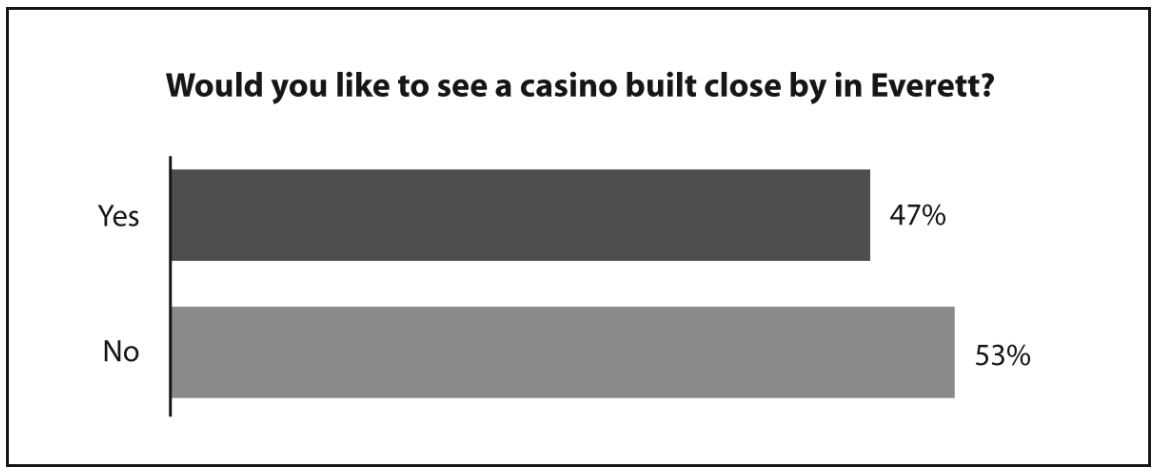
isn't it ironic that the opposition to ikea simply resulted in a barren wasteland surrounded by big box retail?

And that won't change. Ever.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you would like to see a casino built close by in Everett. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.



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A large turnout gathers for discussion of the Community Path and GLX

By Blake Maddux

In the Suffolk Room at the Holiday Inn at 30 Washington Street last Tuesday, Hayes Morrison of the City of Somerville Department of Transportation commenced a presentation of the plans for the Community Path from Lowell Street to Inner Belt Road.

"I am aware that a lot of you are actually here to talk about how we get from Inner Belt over to Cambridge," Morrison said. "I am just as excited as all of you to talk about that. Unfortunately, for the most part I don't think that the Green Line team is ready to discuss it, but they will field your questions as best as possible, and so will I."

Morrison then introduced Mark Suscovich, of the engineering firm Bryant Associates. Shortly after he took the floor, Suscovich asked the more than 80 people in the tightly packed room to "please keep all questions until the end."

"The purpose is to extend the Minuteman all the way to, towards Cambridge," Suscovich explained. "The Cedar Street to Lowell Street [portion] is out to bid, and will be constructed in the spring and next summer. The Green Line has committed to the 100% design of the Community Path from Lowell Street to Inner Belt."

He added, "The connections from Inner Belt to North Point in Cambridge and Boston have not been precluded by the Green Line Extension. But at this time it is not in our scope to design it further."

Suscovich then presented slides that depicted the plans for the Community Path. He spoke for five-and-a-half minutes with minimal interruptions. At about that point, however, his request that for all questions wait until the end apparently began to slip the minds of those in attendance.

Within a few minutes thereafter, the dam burst completely, allowing thoughtful, informed, and detailed questions form the audience to pour in.

Suscovich and project team members Mary Ainsley (Senior Director of Design & Construction for the GLX), Karen Shaffer (Senior Project Executive for the real estate and construction company Gilbane, Inc.), and Robert Cone (Design Manager and Vice President of HDR Engineering, Inc.) all helped provide answers.

The perpetual stream of questions was not the only indication of the zeal that those in attendance have for the Green Line Extension (GLX) project. Several people were wearing GLX T-shirts or "Friends of the Community Path" stickers. At least one person present mentioned having been the last meeting about the project which, according to Suscovich, was in September 2011.

Suscovich did manage to continue presenting his more than 40 slides, which in turn prompted further queries, several dealing with the safely of the cyclists and pedestrians who would be sharing the path.

The size of the audience increased from the start of the talk onward. After about half an hour, employees of the Holiday Inn began to take down the dividing wall in the room in order to provide space for more chairs.

At one point, Mary Ainsley of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation took the floor to address the issue of expansion of the Community Path into Cambridge. She said, "We have not precluded it to continue down to Brickbottom or to Cambridge from North Point."

When an attendee asked her to explain why this was not specifically in the works, Ainsley responded, "It's money. It's not an easy design, I'll be very honest with you."

Mark Suscovich then made a false start in continuing his presentation.

Bryant Associates' Mark Suscovich presented details to the curious crowd that gathered at the Holiday Inn last week, hoping for a clear vision of what to expect concerning the Community Path and the Green Line Extension.

After 10 more minutes of questions and answers, Hayes Morrison stood to say, somewhat impatiently, "What we're doing right now is observing all of these questions that you have, and we're kind of aware of all of them, and packaging them up, because at the end of the day, most likely, it will be borne upon the city of Somerville to find out how to design those things and how to pay for those things. It's great to hear all of this, and we're garnering all of this feedback and thank you very much for telling us all of these things, but at the same time this team [is] going to push back on you, because they have a scope of work that they're adhering to."

The Q&A section continued through at least one more of Mark Suscovich's attempt to finish with his slides.

With more than an hour of the evening past, Karen Shaffer of Gilbane, Inc. said, "What we've heard loud and clear in the two years I've been out here is that this is a project that people really want. And I think that we've been trying to work the design such that we get something that's affordable. Some situations are not going to be ideal, but I think we're trying to come up with something that works and that could possibly get funding."

Lynn Weissman, founder and co-President - with Alan Moore, who was also present - of Friends of the Community Path, rose five minutes later to jokingly ask, "So, we're in Q&A now?"

Weissman spoke for several minutes, saying, "The city of Somerville has been enormously supportive in getting the Community Path done. We have a friendly disagreement about how the path should get over those tracks in that area from Inner Belt to Lechmere. We would love the City of Somerville to support our view, of course, partially because that Green Line section will get done in the next five years. It's important for us to maintain a good relationship with Somerville. We just think this could get done sooner."

After Weissman finished and another attendee asked a question about the project's timeline and cost, Karen Shaffer said, "The commitment [from the state] was to make sure that anything that we're doing on the Green Line is not precluding the path from happening, and that any engineering for the Green Line is taking into account the path. The state did commit to building portions of the path that would be hard to do later."

She continued, saying, "The path itself, as it exists and what you saw, is not yet funded. There has been a lot of outcry to build that along with the Green Line. There has been no commitment to that yet. The big issue for the state is that they're still struggling to get all of the funding in place to build the entire Green Line, so committing to build a path when you don't have all of the money lined up for the Green Line yet is a little bit of a stretch."

Although it was not perfectly clear if Mr. Suscovich actually finished all of his slides, the meeting did come to an end within the two hours for which it was scheduled.

Alderman William Roche resigns

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To Bastardi, "It's both an exciting and very sobering prospect. To the mayor and to my new colleagues on the Board [of Aldermen], but above all, to the people of Ward 1, I offer my solemn promise to do my very best to uphold the high standard of integrity, compassion and public service that Bill has brought to his municipal service."

Several issues with which Roche has dealt and deems essential to his experience as an alderman include: strengthening the "quality of life neighborhood issues, such as public safety (safe streets/gangs) and public health (rodents/absentee landlord) issues. Some of the milestones as Chair of Legislative Matters [include] drafting and passing an ethics ordinance in 1997, signing the living wage ordinance into law as acting mayor in 1999, drafting and passing an anti-gang ordinance in 2004, opening the East Somerville police substation in 2008, and passing a historic vote for a $25 million bond for the Assembly Square development," said Roche.

Roche treasures having had the experience of helping the immigrant community to squash barriers to city government and easing the process for some of them to gain citizenship.

In addition, he efficiently aided residents, especially veterans and senior citizens, to cope with issues within their neighborhood, all of which influenced those individuals' quality of life.

"I built some great relationships with colleagues and Ward 1 residents. Most of these will go on long after I leave politics, as they are now lifelong friends. In addition to serving on the Board for 17 years, I served as acting mayor of the city in 1999, an experience I will never forget."

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Alleged heroin moving and storage halted

While conducting routine surveillance operations in East Somerville last week, members of the Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit took notice of what appeared to be drug trafficking activity being conducted out of a U-Haul storage van, according to reports.

Police said that one of the occupants of the truck, Kristen Barnett, 23,was observed exiting the truck and conducted what appeared to be a drug transaction with a known dealer at a Broadway residence.

Rolling surveillance was maintained as the van was followed into Arlington, where police said an alleged drug transaction took place. The vehicle was then reportedly tracked back to Somerville, where the driver, Antonio Cardoso, 34, was observed running a red light at the Powderhouse rotary, police said.

The van was stopped by police and Barnett was reportedly observed attempting to discard a paper packet, which was retrieved by officers and later identified as containing what appeared to be heroin, according to police reports.

Kristen Barnett was placed under arrest and charged with possession of a class A drug. Both Cardoso and passenger Rachel Barnett were arrested and charged with being present where heroin is kept.

Photo by Bobbie Toner

Police put a stop to an alleged heroin trafficking operation in Somerville last week.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Cheikhou Gueye, 43, of 18 Irving, Medford, December 10, 1:35 a.m., arrested at 366 Somerville Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Ericka McLaughlin, 35, of 199 Pearl St., December 11, 1:33 p.m., arrested at Fellsway West on a charge of larceny over $250.

Antonio Cardoso, 34, of 137 Pearl St., December 11, 3:19 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of being present where heroin is kept.

Rachel Barnett, 20, of 15 Canal Ln., December 11, 3:19 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of being present where heroin is kept.

Kristen Barnett, 23, of 30 Memorial Rd., December 11, 3:19 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

Rumeno Romero, 28, of 260 Revere Beach Pkwy., Chelsea, December 11, 6:06 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of distribution of a class B drug.

Rolondo Verde, 32, of 424 Border, East Boston, December 11, 7:34 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, marked lanes violation, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Gibran Tabrares-Gomes, 28, of 30 Carlton St., Revere, December 11, 7:34 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of cocaine trafficking, conspiracy to violate drug law, and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Hector Concepcion, 29, of 105 Bellingham, Revere, December 11, 7:34 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of cocaine trafficking, conspiracy to violate drug law, and fugitive from justice.

Edward Mahoney, 50, of 31 Wilton St., December 12, 10:49 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of armed robbery.

Patrick Brennan, 48, of 75 Coolidge, Weymouth, December 13, 2:39 p.m., arrested at 9 Davis Sq. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Jermaine Brown, 40, of 4 Thane St., Dorchester, December 13, 2:41 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of drug possession to distribute.

Rodney Marcellas, 34, of 30 Bersani, Quincy, December 13, 6:48 p.m., arrested at 530 Mystic Ave. on charges of cocaine trafficking and drug violation near a school or park.

Andrew Roome, 27, of 76 Pearson Rd., December 14, 2:56 a.m., arrested at 54 Dartmouth St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Javier Padilla, 44, of 41 Main St., December 14, 3:49 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Noel Pefine, 44, of 14 Newburne Ave., Medford, December 14, 11:00 a.m., arrested at 81 Holland St. on warrant charges of number plate violation, abuse prevention order violation, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Daniel Gentile, 52, of 40 Florence St., December 14, 11:13 a.m., arrested at 44 Pearl St. on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Tarik Afifchaouch, 41, of 333 Broadway, December 14, 12:01 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Sarah Virla, 29, of 17 Medford St., Malden, December 14, 2:15 p.m., arrested at 64 Temple on charges of possession of a class C drug and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Lesroy Ottley, 46, of 42 Wilson St., Mattapan, December 14, 7:07 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, and failure to stop or yield.

Carol Fitting, 44, of 16 Acorn Ct., Malden, December 15, 3:16 p.m., arrested at 78 Gilman St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Tancredo Silva, 27, of 72 Rush St., December 15, 6:29 p.m., arrested at 97 Pearl St. on warrant charges of destruction of property over $250 and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

John Igo, 50, of 252 Powderhouse Blvd., December 15, 8:47 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and trespassing.

James Niemczyk, 39, of 37 Sydney St., December 16, 2:15 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of trespassing and possession of a class B drug.

Incidents:

Theft:

December 11, 1:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Fellsway West.

December 11, 1:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Vernon St.

December 11, 1:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Cummings St.

December 11, 1:52 p.m., police reported a theft at New Washington St.

December 11, 3:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.

December 12, 2:37 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

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December 12, 5:44 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

December 13, 12:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Prescott St.

December 15, 2:38 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

December 16, 8:44 p.m., police reported a theft at 256 Elm St.

December 17, 12:04 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

December 17, 2:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Warren Ave.

December 17, 6:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Lake St.

Breaking & Entering:

December 12, 7:14 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Puritan Rd.

December 12, 8:48 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Puritan Rd.

December 13, 12:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Derby St.

Assault:

December 14, 1:58 a.m., police reported an assault at Dartmouth St.

December 14, 3:49 a.m., police reported an assault at Main St.

December 14, 12:01 p.m., police reported an assault at 220 Washington St.

December 14, 10:03 p.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.

December 17, 4:15 p.m., police reported an assault at Boston Ave.

December 17, 7:07 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

Drug Violation:

December 11, 3:19 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

December 11, 6:06 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 75 Mystic Ave.

December 11, 7:34 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 75 Mystic Ave.

December 13, 2:41 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

December 13, 6:48 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Mystic Ave.

December 14, 2:15 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Temple.

December 15, 3:16 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Gilman St.

Walnut St. Center celebrates the holidays

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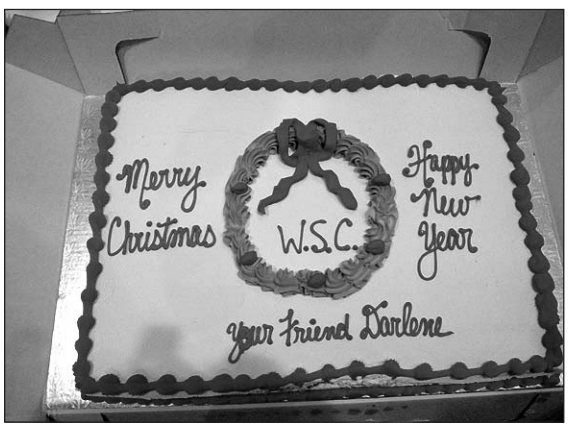
technology of electric wheelchairs, Stephen Dewar was able to pull his chair into a full standing position and join in the dancing on the same level as everyone else. At the close of the party everyone left with a holiday ornament and feeling the true holiday spirit.

Walnut Street Center, Inc. is a nonprofit, human service agency that provides comprehensive support services to adults who have developmental disabilities and their families. The agency was founded in 1970 by parents who wanted support for their children and other adults who had similar needs in their community. Walnut Street Center now provides services to people who live in the communities of Somerville, Cambridge and Arlington.

The Mission of the Walnut Street Center is to provide adults with developmental disabilities opportunities to live engaged and meaningful lives. The agency accomplishes this mission by offering a variety of support services that provide opportunities to live, work, volunteer and socialize in the community. The Walnut Street Center is currently developing and enhancing support services to meet the changing needs of the people who are served by this agency.

Walnut Street Center's community-based services include day and employment training programs, residential and respite programs, social service and clinical support and specialized services including assisted living, Alzheimer's and day habilitation programs. The goal of all of these services is to provide the resources and support that will enable the people we serve to live rewarding and productive lives in the community.



Photos by William Tauro

Heath Street and Avon Place fires

Photo courtesy of Somerville F.D.

On Tuesday, December 18 at 12:04 p.m. the Somerville Fire Department responded to a house fire at 82 Heath Street.

The fire heavily damaged a second floor apartment in the two-story duplex and resulted in water damage to the first floor and basement.

All four apartments in the building have been deemed unoccupiable at this time and nine occupants have been displaced. One male was transported to the Somerville Hospital for smoke inhalation.

Damage is estimated to be in excess of $100,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Somerville Fire Department's Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) and is not considered suspicious.

This was the second fire responded to by the Somerville Fire Department within the past twenty-four hours. At 2:04 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18 firefighters responded to a reported car fire on Avon Place. The fully engulfed vehicle also resulted in damage to a shed at 133 Cross Street. This fire is considered suspicious and is currently under investigation by the Somerville F.D.'s F.I.U.

Somerville boy helps to light State House tree

Photo by Jim Henry

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick read the holiday classic *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* to children last Wednesday at the state house. Patrick then handed three-year-old Xavier Rodgers of Somerville, who stole the show during the event, the microphone for the countdown to the annual State House tree lighting.

- William Tauro

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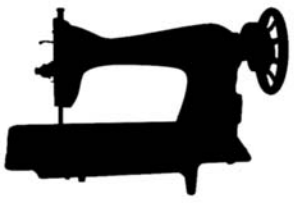

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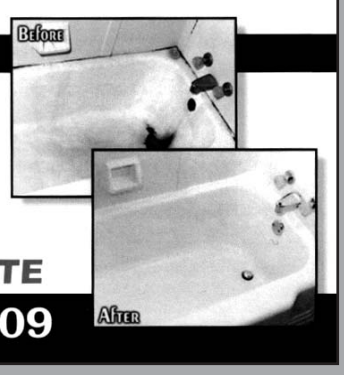

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Jimmy Tingle coming back to Somerville

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Jimmy Tingle and his local comedic success story is coming back to Somerville to cement his roots. What is now called the Davis Square Theatre was home to Tingle's OFF BROADWAY theatre, where Monsieur Tingle performed to packed houses as the millennium dawned and American pop culture spawned comedic social commentary like Colbert, Stewart, and Conan O'Brien.

"When I started producing my own one person shows during the late 1990's I often did them at the Somerville Theatre on New Years Eve and always loved the audience response and the turnout we would get. It holds 900 people and we usually sold it out every year," said Tingle.

"I think what I do is in the vein of John Stewart, Stephen Colbert and Bill Maher," according to Tingle. "It's not underground really because it is pretty mainstream entertainment. But humor can be used to make points in different ways than traditional journalism because you can use satire, metaphor, or stretch the truth, to make people laugh inviting them to pay attention to an issue they normally may not think about."

So ya thought ya might like ta go ta the show? Advance tickets are available at www.artsatthearmory.org for the Saturday, December 29 show as well as the New Year's Eve performance.

"Not everyone wants to be a social critic. Some people just go for jokes and make people laugh as much and as often as they can, and that's cool and a great contribution to the world." Mr. Tingle has ran into several heavy hitters in American intelligentsia. He speaks affectionately of his discourse with Howard Zinn: "He was very down to earth and friendly, yet someone who was not afraid to stand up for what he believed in, regardless of the popularity of his position. It was not popular in many circles to work on behalf of civil rights in Georgia in the 1950's, but history has ultimately proven that position to have been correct."

Photo by Jodi Hilton

Jimmy Tingle asks: "Got Democracy?" and hopes you will join him for this and more Q&A at The Arts at the Armory on December 29 and 31.

Mr Tingle, as a traveling social critic, has Somerville and, therefore, Boston in his blood. "The film that we are showing at The Arts at the Armory on the 29th and on New Year's Eve, Jimmy Tingle's American Dream, is largely about starting that theater - Jimmy Tingle's OFF BROADWAY Theater - in Davis Square in 2002," says Tingle. He is a fixture of Somerville due to his podium, Davis Square, so close to the growing artistic renaissance in the hub.

The show must go on. Tingle has a rich performance arts history, so closely connected to the blurred line between comedy and social criticism. When asked about his influences, he responds, "Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor, Mark Twain, Will Rogers, George Carlin, Jackie Gleason, my mother, family members, friends and most of the comics I started out with back in the 80's here in Boston. Simply encapsulating his conception of the American Dream, Jimmy uses Zinn's summation upon the possibility to remain optimistic of said Dream: "In the long run I am because I believe people are fundamentally decent and have common sense and if people are fundamentally decent and have common sense in the long run that is ultimately going to win out."

Monsieur Tingle condenses the meat of his show in his own words: "Tingle! Live on Stage and Screen is a rare theatrical production, combining a screening of the acclaimed documentary film Jimmy Tingle's American Dream" followed by a Q&A and live performance by Jimmy as he looks back on some of the hilarious high points and low points of 2012, including the presidential election and his own satirical run for the white house in Jimmy Tingle for President - The Funniest Campaign in History. The live show will also include some "best of" material from Jimmy's previous one person shows and material pulled from that week's headlines. Tingle! Live on Stage and Screen promises to be topical, timeless, and Tingle!"

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The View From Prospect Hill

A Christmas Poem
Author unknown

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book
And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look,
And that is when I realize that these names are a part
Not of the book they are written in, but really of my heart.

For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path sometime,
And in the meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme.
And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,
I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.

And while you may not be aware of any special link
Just meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you think.
For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.

So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between,
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,
It is because you're on the list that I'm indebted to.

For I am but a total of the many folks I've met,
And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget.
And whether I have known you for many years or few,
In some ways you have a part in shaping things I do.

And every year when Christmas comes, I realize anew,
The best gifts life can offer is meeting folks like you.
And may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures
Leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours.

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here in the city, one who did a lot to bring about the recognition of Ward 1 as a great place to live and work. We wish him the very best in his future and, who knows, we probably will see him sometime in the future as a city-wide candidate. He certainly was an Alderman who was and is respected throughout the city.

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Former Alderman Bill Roche recommended his successor as all others in the past have done. Maureen Bastardi, who served on the School Board, now leaves that board with an empty seat. She made no recommendation of anyone in Ward 1 to be appointed. We wish Maureen the best and hope she does well for everyone down in Ward 1.

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Now who will replace Maureen Bastardi? Very interesting, the process that is underway here. In the past, it's always been at the recommendation of the one going out of office to propose their successor. Like Charles Ciano did when he resigned the School Board in the 70's. Tom Taylor did it when he resigned and recommended Dot Gay in Ward 3, and recently with Stan Koty assuming the Alderman seats when recommended by outgoing Macaluso. Koty also recommended Sean O'Donovan to take his place on the school board. Now it appears if you want the seat, you submit your resume to the Superintendent of Schools, who then presents said resumes to the board to be voted on. The school board should be an independent group of persons representing the children and taxpayers in each Ward. This process they are using can only serve to benefit the Superintendent or the majority of the school board who they want to see stand with them, and not be independent. Do you sense a conflict of interest here? The employee (in this case the Superintendent of Schools) being part of the process of picking his potential boss. There are so many questions to be asked here. It probably would have been better if Maureen made her recommendation, as she stands to get re-elected to the Alderman's seat, so shouldn't the person have been selected by her? Now, this process will be watched and criticized. Since when is it required to submit a resume for elected office? And what is the basis for making the decision? Maureen should just have recommended

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The light in the darkness

By Joseph A. Curtatone

With more emotion than he usually displays, President Obama summoned us all to action last Sunday night: "If there's even one step we can take to save another child or another parent or another town from the grief that's visited Tucson and Aurora and Oak Creek and Newtown and communities from Columbine to Blacksburg before that, then surely we have an obligation to try. In the coming weeks, I'll use whatever power this office holds to engage my fellow citizens, from law enforcement, to mental health professionals, to parents and educators, in an effort aimed at preventing more tragedies like this, because what choice do we have? We can't accept events like this as routine."

After the latest mass killing by a lone gunman, this kind of effort is exactly what needs to happen. Shame on any one of us who fails to join in, and shame especially on any elected officials afraid of the political consequences of an honest discussion about guns and violence. As a member of the Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition, I am eager for the President's effort to get under way, and for this nation to explore and embrace a full range of policy solutions that can reduce the frequency with which one American kills dozens of others in the blink of an eye.

But in the meantime, in the wake of the horrific school shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, there are a few important things that every Somerville parent and every Somerville child should know about our city and its people:

First, you should know that your schools and your public safety agencies understand the need for preparedness, for security and for vigilance. Somerville has well-designed protocols in place to keep our schools safe. We practice them, we update them, and we take them very, very seriously.

Second, you need to know that our city's teachers, police officers and firefighters - and even many of its everyday residents - would unhesitatingly give their lives to protect the children of this community. Never doubt this: We are surrounded by people who care for us and will do their best to protect us. That should be a source of comfort and strength to us all.

Third, gun crime has declined significantly in Somerville in recent years. Indeed, violent crime of all kinds is down. There are still shootings - even one is too many - and there are too many illegal guns out there, but we are making real progress in reducing the risks they pose to our community.

Fourth and perhaps most important: Whether their weapons are rapid-fire rifles or fuel-laden jet planes, the hateful acts of the very evil or the utterly deranged can hurt us - sometimes almost unbearably - but they cannot destroy us. The only way

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Medical cannabis and beyond

Part 2: How it became illegal

By William C. Shelton

The problem with conspiracy theories is *Occam's razor*, the principle that favors the simplest explanation that fits all the evidence. Conspiracy theories offer too few dots, and require too many assumptions to connect them.

But the evidence that explains how cannabis became illegal in the U.S. is ample, in plain view, and unequivocal. Rather than dots, it forms lines among a few public officials and powerful interests who had much to gain from petroleum-industry growth.

In their own minds, they weren't just protecting their business interests. They were being virtuous.

In the end, they did do some good. They did incalculable harm as well.

At the beginning of the 20th Century, cannabis was a major U.S. cash crop, prized for its long fibers, which were manufactured into high-quality cloth, paper, rope, and sails. The word *canvas* comes from *cannabis*.

Widely prescribed by physicians to treat a variety of ailments, it occupied an honored position in the Western nations' pharmacopeias. Cannabis seed oil was an essential ingredient in paints and varnishes.

Rudolf Diesel assumed that his engine would run on cannabis-seed and other botanical oils. Henry Ford produced a Model T that burned ethanol distilled from cannabis biomass. He later built a prototype car whose light, stronger-than-steel body was made from cannabis fiber.

Meanwhile, petroleum was a rapidly emerging industry. Price fixing, extorting railroads, and brutal labor practices enabled John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company to refine 90% of U.S. petroleum and make him the country's richest man.

The late 19th Century had been a time of rich experimentation in all branches of medicine. Brilliant herbalist physicians like Samuel Thomson, Benedict Lust, and Alva Curtis formed medical schools and societies.

The modern pharmaceutical industry emerged over the same period, using compounds developed in dye making and other chemical processes. Rockefeller invested heavily in chemical-based drug production.

He read Andrew Carnegie's *The Gospel of Wealth* and was inspired in 1909 to endow the Rockefeller Foundation. Charles Eliot at the Rockefeller Foundation and Simon Flexner at the Rockefeller Institute conceived a high-profile study that would affirm drug-based medical schools and discredit others.

The Carnegie Foundation sponsored the study and, on Flexner's recommendation, hired his brother, Abraham Flexner, to conduct it. He had no background in

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

A dose of Christmas past

My sister and brother and me and my dad
Found the very best Christmas tree we ever had
It was so full and thick, and it was very heavy
It came home on the roof of Dad's '53 Chevy
I was worried that the tree may come loose tied up there
So I checked it, when we stopped for the train in the square
At the lot, as we shopped for the tree we would pick
A transistor radio was playing Little St. Nick
I noticed some tree sap on my corduroy pants
The ones mama just bought for me down at Grants
At Woolworth's luncheonette counter we sat for a snack
We ran out of Glass Wax Stencils so we picked up a pack
I saw toys in the aisles that I'd add to my list
And Jean Naté perfume would make mom a nice gift
My sister wanted Santa to bring a Chatty Cathy doll
I wanted some Hot Wheels, I wanted them all!
A Mattel Vac U Form was a good toy for boys
With one of those things we could make our own toys!
We went to The Smoke Shop where Dad bought some cigars
On Christmas day we dropped them off down at Grandpa's
That round Police stand in the Square was so neat
Dad knew all the cops so he'd drive by them and beep
Mom and my sister were cooking the meal
Of pasta, and ham, and of course stuffed squingeel
Baking cookies from scratch and then stuffing our face
I can still see the flour all over the place!
Ornaments that we kids made in school filled the mantel
Spray painted macaroni wreaths, and a toilet roll candle
We hopped on a trolley that was Park Street bound
And visited the Enchanted Village in Boston, downtown
Christmas meant houses with people and food
Enjoying each other in the holiday mood
Both sides of the family had folks by the dozens
Tons of uncles and aunts and a boatload of cousins
I remember those Christmases when life seemed just right
The snow was much whiter and the bulbs were so bright

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:

Rep. Denise Provost

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Rep. Carl Sciortino

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Rep. Timothy Toomey

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

ELECT PRESIDENT BY POPULAR VOTE

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports on what is perhaps one of the most underreported yet very important political stories in Massachusetts and the nation: The Bay State and eight other states have passed laws that sponsors say would in effect, result in electing the president by popular vote instead of through the Electoral College system. The House 114-35 and the Senate 28-9 approved the measure in July 2010 and it was signed into law in August by Gov. Deval Patrick.

The president and vice president are not actually elected directly by the voters but rather by "electors" who are elected by popular vote from each state. There are 538 electors with each state assigned a number of electoral votes equal to the number of its members of Congress. The District of Columbia has three electoral votes. Electors are chosen by political parties and pledge to vote for the winner of the state's popular vote.

Every four years there is talk about abolishing the Electoral College and electing the president based on the national popular vote. This talk intensified after the 2000 election in which Al Gore (50,999,897 votes) won 543,895 more popular votes than George W. Bush (50,456,002 votes) but was beaten by Bush in the Electoral College by a 271 to 266 margin. Eventually, though, the debate settles down and the system stays the same. One of the key reasons for the reluctance to change is that abolishing the Electoral College would require a constitutional amendment that is either proposed by two-thirds of each house of Congress or by a constitutional convention that would be called if 34 states requested it. In both cases, the proposed amendment would then have to be ratified by 38 states in order to become part of the Constitution. Both of these avenues are difficult, at best.

Along comes Fair Vote, a group with the goal of electing the president by popular vote without actually abolishing the Electoral College. It establishes the Agreement among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. The agreement would require states that join the pact to cast all of their electoral votes for the presidential candidate who wins a majority of the national popular vote in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The pact would become effective when states representing at least 270 electoral votes - a majority of the 538-vote Electoral College - join the pact. It is a clever end run around the Constitution by taking advantage of a part of the document that supporters say gives the states exclusive and complete power to determine how to allocate their electoral votes. The pact would likely be challenged in the courts if it ever takes effect.

According to Fair Vote's website, the bill has been signed into law in the District of Columbia and eight states possessing 132 electoral votes, 49 percent of the 270 electoral votes needed to activate the legislation. The states include California, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Washington State and Vermont.

Supporters say the Electoral College is an antiquated system that is inherently undemocratic and gives voters in states with a large number of electoral votes more voting power than those in other states. They argue the system was designed by the framers because they did not trust the common citizen to vote correctly. They note that presidential candidates now concentrate on and campaign in a handful of swing states while ignoring most of the states that are already solidly Democratic or Republican. Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover), Senate chair of the Elections Laws Committee, supports the law. He said, "I believe every vote should be as important regardless of what state you are from, and it seems that each presidential election year only those votes in certain states matter in the outcome."

Some opponents said that the Electoral College is a good system that has worked well and should not be changed. They argue it actually gives voters in smaller states power that they would not have if the president was elected strictly by a popular vote system in which candidates would concentrate on states with larger populations. Some argued that electing the president by popular vote would give wealthy fringe and third-party candidates a chance at success by focusing their efforts in a few major urban centers. Others said that the change to a popular vote is a very serious issue that needs more study. Rep. Robert Koczera (D-New Bedford) weighed in, "The compact hijacks [the] existing electoral college system by co-opting electoral votes for the popular vote winner. ... The peril of the compact is the unintended consequences. ... It encourages third party candidates, single issue, regional candidacies and independents. ... Third party candidates fragment the vote." (A "Yes" vote is for the law making Massachusetts a member of the popular vote pact. A "No" vote is against the law.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CONSUMERS MUST PAY 6.25 PERCENT SALES TAX ON AMAZON.COM - Gov. Patrick announced a deal under which Amazon.com will begin collecting the Massachusetts 6.25 percent sales tax for online purchases after November 1, 2013. Under a Supreme Court ruling, online retailers are not required to collect the tax unless they have a substantial physical facility in the state. Amazon developed a physical presence in the state when it recently purchased a robotics company in North Reading and opened a research office in Cambridge. The Internet superstore is reportedly also interested in larger facilities in the Bay State. The Patrick Administration has been negotiating with Amazon for months.

Supporters of the tax said brick-and-mortar retailers in

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the state are losing millions of dollars in annual sales and the state is missing out on millions in tax revenue. They noted consumers often go to brick-and-mortar retail stores to look at items and then buy them on the Internet to get a lower price and also save the sales tax.

Opponents said this is nothing more than a backdoor tax hike that will cost consumers millions of dollars. They noted it would also discourage other online retailers from bringing a facility and jobs to Massachusetts.

AUTOMATIC TOLLS ON MASS PIKE - Gov. Patrick announced plans to implement an electronic tolling system on the state's toll roads within three years. According to Transportation Secretary Richard Davey, the switch would result in the loss of jobs for 80 percent to 90 percent of the more than 400 full- and part-time toll collectors.

Davey said it currently costs the state around $55 million per year to collect some $300 million in tolls. He noted it would cost an estimated $100 million to install the new automatic technology and pointed out that the new system would pay for itself in less than two years.

The Patrick Administration argued this would allow vehicles to travel through the toll plaza without slowing down, which currently causes traffic jams and bottlenecks. They noted it would also eliminate the expense for much-needed renovations to the decaying toll plaza and booths.

NEW CABINET SECRETARIES - As he prepares for his final two years in office, Gov. Patrick today announced the appointment of four new cabinet secretaries to replace four who will be departing. Perhaps the most important is Secretary of Administration and Finance Jay Gonzalez who will be replaced by Glen Shor, the current Executive Director of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority. The secretary is the governor's budget and fiscal chief.

Other changes include Brockton School Superintendent Matt Malone replacing Paul Reville as Secretary of Education; John Polanowicz, CEO of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center taking over for JudyAnn Bigby as Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea Cabral replacing Marybeth Heffernan as Secretary of Public Safety and Security.

OFF TO A STUDY COMMITTEE - Various committees recommended that many proposals be shipped off to "study committees" where measures are never actually studied. The move is an easy way to kill legislation without legislators voting on the bill itself. Here are some of the bills on their way to study committees.

CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT (H 3391) - Gives a tax credit of up to $2,500 to taxpayers who use child care services.

SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH INSURANCE (H 3195) - Allows self-employed taxpayers to deduct their health insurance premiums on their state taxes.

INSPECT FIRE ESCAPES (H 3298) - Requires fire escapes to be examined and certified for structural adequacy and safety every five years.

NO CELL PHONES FOR PRISONERS (H 2918) - Prohibits the possession and use of cell phones by prison inmates.

SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES (H 2387) - Requires that all school buses seating more than 16 and manufactured after January 1, 2013 be equipped with seat belts.

PUNISH SANCTUARY CITIES AND TOWNS (H 1563) - Withholds local aid from any cities or towns that do not enforce federal immigration laws. Also applies to communities that have established themselves as "sanctuary cities or towns" that offer protection in a variety of ways to illegal immigrants.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - *SPECIAL TIM CAHILL TRIAL EDITION*

The trial of former State Treasurer Tim Cahill ended with a hung jury. Cahill was accused of violating state ethics laws by using $1.5 million in Lottery funds for an ad campaign that was designed to aid his unsuccessful 2010 gubernatorial bid. Cahill testified he approved the ad campaign in his capacity as state treasurer to respond to a series of negative ads by the Republican Governors Association attacking the Lottery's management. Attorney General Martha Coakley has not decided whether she will retry the case.

"It's elation. Total elation. I'm relieved and I'm thrilled. ... Life's too short to be angry and I'm too old." – *Tim Cahill*

"I continue to believe in the strength of this case and the strength of our justice system and we are reviewing our options going forward." – *Martha Coakley*

"It will be interesting to see if Coakley wastes taxpayer dollars for a retrial after she failed to prove what nearly everyone knows to be true: that Cahill defrauded the people of Massachusetts to help his failed political career. For lawmakers, this means all they have to do to continue abusing their office for political gain is have a shred of plausible deniability and Coakley won't be able to touch them." – *Tim Buckley, spokesman for the State Republican Party*

"With all the effort and the resources that the state used to prosecute Tim ... and for them not to make their case feels good for us." – *Tina Cahill, wife of Tim Cahill*

"It felt like the Commonwealth didn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt the required things they had to prove." – *Unidentified juror*

"We all shared a regret about not knowing more about this case and therefore being selected. ... I am dying to read the paper and find out what y'all been writing." – *Unidentified juror*

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

During the week of December 10-14, the House met for a total of 37 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 3 minutes.

Mon. December 10	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.
	Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.
Tues. December 11	No House session
	No Senate session
Wed. December 12	No House session
	No Senate session
Thurs. December 13	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.
	Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:39 a.m.
Fri. December 14	No House session
	No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

The light in the darkness CONT. FROM PG 9

we can be destroyed, as a community or as a nation, is if we do it to ourselves.

If we give in to despair and cynicism; if we embrace the sad and empty belief that there is no such thing as the public interest; if we believe that the only way to ensure our own safety is to inspire fear in everybody else; if we see ourselves as victims without hope or the power to change for the better, then we are truly lost in the darkness.

But even now, in their darkest hour, I do not think the people of Newtown feel that way about themselves or their community.

This remains a time of great sorrow. As the President has reminded us, this could have happened anywhere: "These neighborhoods are our neighborhoods, and these children are our children." It is only right that we all share in that sorrow. But that sorrow cannot quench our hope, our determination, our love for one another, and our belief in shared progress.

That hope, that love and that faith in one another is our light in the darkness - our tidings of comfort and joy.

To learn more about Mayors Against Illegal Guns, and to add your voice to their call for a national plan to reduce the incidence of gun violence, visit http://www.demandaplan.org/newtown.

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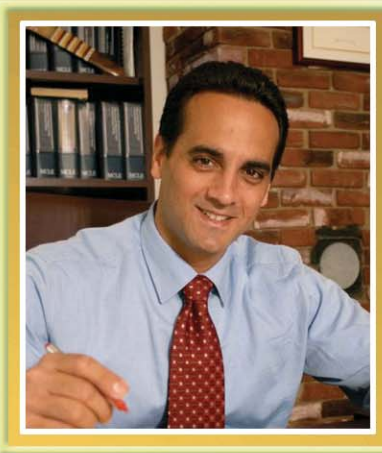

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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

The 6th Annual Somerville Jingle Bell Run

Over 5000 runners participated in this year's Somerville Jingle Bell Run last Sunday. Festive costumes and spirited competition highlighted the event, a proven favorite among runners and spectators alike.

Ms. Cam's Olio

Olio - *(noun)* A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Who was the first to record *Jingle Bell Rock*?

2. Who recorded *Rocking Around The Christmas Tree* first?

3. In the story *Frosty The Snowman* why was Frosty and the little girl eluding the Magician?

4. In the *Twelve Days of Christmas Song*, what gift was received on the fifth day?

5. What is the name of the furry trio that sang the song that contained the lines "Christmas, Christmas, time is here" that topped the charts in 1958?

6. What is the origin of candy canes at Christmas?

7. Other than looking pretty, what was the original purpose of using bows on presents?

8. What is the name of the nautical breakfast cereal made by Quaker Oats?

9. What 8 letter word means to hold back, pause or waiver?

10. What is a phrase that compares two things using "like" or "as"?

11. What is the name of the braided, sweet rounded bread served on Jewish Holidays?

12. What U.S. President said football would be banned, unless the rules were modified to reduce the number of deaths?

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6th Somerville Jingle Bell Run Results

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2	16:15	Keith Drake	1831	Boston MA
3	16:20	Ian Nurse	4840	Cambridge MA
4	16:29	C.J. Pierce	5201	Weston MA
5	16:46	Christopher Klucznik	3416	Somerville MA
6	17:03	Nick Wendel	6778	Boston MA
7	17:17	Brian Murtagh	4702	Boston MA
8	17:20	Scott Friedlander	2278	Boston MA
9	17:19	David Sek	5871	North Andover MA
10	17:21	Christopher Richard	5501	Sudbury MA
11	17:22	Russell Leino	3686	Arlington MA
12	17:25	Tomas Bok	533	Somerville MA
13	17:30	Ben Smeltzer	6059	Medford MA
14	17:40	Evan Dana	1520	Brookline MA
15	17:44	Breno Melo	4393	Brighton MA
16	17:53	Jon Klein	3405	Medford MA
17	17:54	Ross Patterson	5079	Boston MA
18	17:55	John Smith	6076	Dover NH
19	17:58	Ernst Terhaar	6386	Newton Highlands MA
20	17:59	Ruiz Alejandro	7072	Jamaica Plain MA

Winter sports heating up for Highlanders

Boys track, hockey off to good starts

By Mike Stoller

Two-time Massachusetts and New England champion Andre Rolim, the state record holder in the 600 meter run, is the top returnee to the Somerville High Track and Field team this winter. Rolim is one of three Highlander captains along with Kevin Ma and Marcelo Brociner. Other top returnees include sprinter Anderson Jupiter and Ngawang Tsang.

Numbers are up for the Highlanders, after a subpar turnout last season.

"We have 30 freshman and sophomore athletes and 25 junior and senior athletes following a season in which our numbers were down," Somerville head coach Dave Dickerson said. "So this season should provide an opportunity for development."

The following Somerville athletes won their events in a scrimmage against Arlington Catholic and Lowell Catholic last week: Newcomer Francisco Fernandez Neto (1000m), Jupiter (dash and 300m), Brociner (600m), Rolim (mile), Joao Baptista (high jump), and Ma, Tseriing, Brociner, and Rolim of the mile relay team.

Dickerson also said, "We have a nice core group of underclassmen developing in the hurdles and a good group of football bigs competing in the shot put."

The Highlanders will host the five-team Greater Boston League Somerville Invitational on Dec. 26.

Somerville will also compete in the MSTCA Holiday Challenge at the Reggie Lewis Center on Dec. 29. The Holiday Challenge will consist of teams from New England and New York.

"[It] should be a good opportunity to see how well our top guys are doing," Dickerson said.

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Off to a quick start with goals from Anthony Valleisio, Dan Camera, and Troy Martini, the Somerville High hockey team opened the winter with a solid 3-1 win over Revere last week. The highlanders also got two assists from Joe Desmond.

Somerville fell to Matignon, 6-1, in the following contest, its lone goal coming from CJ Albanese.

The Highlanders (1-1) will host Salem High tonight.

Somerville Kiwanis Annual Team-Up with US Marines

By William Tauro

The Somerville Kiwanis Club held its Annual Tri-Club Meeting last week with the Somerville Rotary Club and the Somerville Lions Club in attendance at the Mount Vernon Restaurant on Broadway.

Kiwanis President Isaac Machado, along with past Kiwanis President Jay Lynch and club members, hosted the event that contributed hundreds of unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots that were donated and collected by Kiwanis' efforts to be handed out to children for Christmas.

A special appearance by The Somerville High School Choir, displaying an outstanding performance, singing joyful festive melodies that put the crowd in immediate holiday mode was present at the event in full force.

The Somerville High School Choir is also scheduled to attend President Barack Obama's Inauguration, as well as perform at the WorldStrides Heritage Presidential Inauguration Festival in Washington D.C., this coming January.

During the event, Somerville Lions Club President Gene Brune presented the Somerville High School Choir with a check on behalf of the Somerville Lions Club to further assist the choir with the trip expenses to Washington D.C. next month.

Also at the event, Somerville Kiwanis Past President Robert A. Nissenbaum was honored and presented a citation by Somerville Alderman Jack Connolly for his thirty-eight years of service as a Kiwanian from when he was first inducted into the club in November of 1974 that includes being the club's president from 1984-1985 and for being club Secretary Emeritus for twenty-five years, October 1981-1982 (1 year). Then from October 1986-1998 (12 years) and then again from October 2000-present 2012 (12 years).

Lions Club President Gene Brune with the Somerville High School Choir.

United States Marine Corporal Vin Dolan addresses the crowd at the Kiwanis Annual Tri-Club Meeting.

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someone or else have a special election to fill her seat. The other members of the school board - never mind the Superintendent - should not select from resumes. What do you think?

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A Christmas Birthday greeting this week to our newly elected Registrar of Deeds Ms. Maria Curtatone, who is going to be celebrating big time. We hear she sent out over a 1000 invitations to her inaugural at the Registry and is closing down her law office at the same time.

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Another well-known and highly regarded person celebrating their birthday this week is Somerville Police Captain Jim Polito, a real nice guy and dedicated to his job. We know he represents the Police Department as one of its best. Also this week, Keith Puopolo is celebrating, and to John Power, Electrical Inspector for the city. Our good friend Zack Wells, who lives here and works at Nuance Communications as an analyst, a good guy and sort of new to Somerville as well.

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We hear the Mayor is having his annual "Holiday Party" for the department heads here in the city tonight, Wednesday.

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DPW Commissioner Stan Koty is doing well and is back to work after his illness. We wish him the best of luck. He looks great, doesn't he?

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We want to send a big "Hi" to a good friend, Cliff Clark, and to his mother, a great lady, Paula Clark. We wish them both and their family the very best Christmas. They both went through a lot this past year but in the end it all worked out for them. We also want to congratulate Cliff on his huge weight loss. He can certainly be proud of the loss, in spite of a challenging year for them.

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2012-57 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: opposite 120 Middlesex Av

2012-58 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: Rescind 2012-55

2012-59 Article V Section 5-6 "Permit Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: Rescind 2012-56

2012-60 Article V Section 5-6 "Permit Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: seasonal removal (April 1 - Nov 15) of 2 parking spaces on Crocker St

2012-61 Article V Section 5-6 "Permit Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: seasonal removal (April 1 - Nov 15) of 2 parking spaces on Packard Av

2012-62 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended as follows: Rescind a portion of 2012-37 (8 Melvin St) and 2012-47 (15 Adrian St) by removing the trial period from both regulations.

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MATTHEW DIAS, ACTING DIRECTOR

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

MIDDLESEX Division **Docket No. MI 12D2181DR**

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Weichao Chen vs. Jinling Wu

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The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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Elizabeth Emma Cusick Esq.
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your answer, if any on or before **01/16/2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court

Date: December 4, 2012

Tara E. Di Cristofaro
Register of Probate

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
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RFP # 13-54

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed proposals for:
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Please contact Michael Gauthier, or email mgauthier@somerville-ma.gov, for information and proposal packages.

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MIDDLESEX Division **Docket No. MI 12P5417EA**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Anthony Thomas Purrini

Date of Death: 06/11/1992

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Sandra M Martini of Saugus MA

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

And also requesting that:

Sandra M Martini of Saugus MA

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

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on 01/02/2013. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection. If you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

This estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Tara E. Di Cristofaro
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Date: December 04, 2012

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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MIDDLESEX Division **Docket No. MI 12P5416EA**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: June E Purrini

Date of Death: 05/08/1979

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A dose of Christmas past

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Images of those times fill my mind with sweet thoughts
When we were those cute little dreamy eyed tots
Our parents were healthy, and vibrant and young
And Christmas was music good food and good fun
As we enjoy the festivities of Christmas this year
We'll savor those old memories with smile and a tear

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Giantist shows Kris Kringle how it's done

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

The band Giantist has its humanism down to a science. The band that's part Evanescence, with a little bit of Deftones thrown in, and rounded out with rich Radiohead ambivalence performed for a Toys for Tots charity event this past Saturday.

"I chose Giantist for this charity event because in addition to being a great band, they are also champions of giving back to the community. One of my favorite songs from Giantist is *Paper Weight*. The line 'Can God help us now, Can God save us now?' really speaks to the message of the whole event. My own personal feelings aside, I believe that it is our duty as human beings to help and to save one another," says Mike Gordon, president and CEO of Electric Lighthouse Recordings, who put on the show.

The blended vocals that dawn in *March* by Giantist gives way to an incandescent bass and a medley of electronic sounds. Quick-fast the drums race with the tune to give way to pleading vocals from Emily Koo, who had triumphantly sung the prayer that so amazed Gordon with *Paper Weight*. An adamant Sean O'Meara, the lead singer, demanded all to fall in line with the accusation blatant in *March*: your relationship is failing again. That's why Sean and Emily have to ask, "Would you be proud?"

Giantist, who has inspirations ranging back from Pink Floyd to Modest Mouse, had fun during the charity event. "It's always a plus when bands support one another, and all of the bands at the show had a great sense of camaraderie. It's getting tougher to find that in the local music scene," says Emily. "You could really feel the Christmas spirit on Saturday night. Donating to Toys for Tots makes people feel great," says Chris Connell, the Giantist drummer. Pat Lydon, saxophonist, basked in the well wishing: "Great event, great bands for a great cause. What more could you ask for? It was a lot of fun to be a part of and it's nice to spread the holiday spirit." "Electric Lighthouse Recordings is becoming one of the best things to happen to the Boston music scene in a while. Mike Gordon truly cares about making a difference and puts together great bills!" says Sean O'Meara.

Well Water best encapsulates their vision of communion, although Mike Gordon and Electric Lighthouse Recordings might signal *Paper Weight* for its enchanting appeal for good will. The musical talent wasn't solely on the shoulders of Giantist, who picked up the torch and passed it to the rest of the night, which included Milkbread, The One & Only's, Tom's Folly, and Lowman. "We are in the beginning stages of talking with other charities about a canned food drive for all of our upcoming shows. I always believed that if Electric Lighthouse Recordings ever got put in the position in which we could help our community, we would do so gladly. I have came up with this idea in the past month, and will be working very diligently to get help to as many people as we can," says Gordon.

Photo by Justin Matheus

Giantist took a giant leap of generosity, performing at the Toys for Tots benefit on Saturday.

Paper Weight indeed does the trick in an idealistic fashion. Its guitar is reminiscent of Bowie's album *Space Oddity's* lyricism and a combo of vocals that reveal an attention to the tenor of folks like Beck. But this song could just as well fit with Arcade Fire's contribution to the *Where the Wild Things Are* soundtrack. And that saxophone, that's musician Pat Lydon. The drumming towards the end by Chris Connell filters like flames. Sean O'Meara has a mission for his guitar and pen. Giantist has intent in its bones.

Medical cannabis and beyond

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science or medicine, but he owned a for-profit school.

Flexner's work was rigorous. It concluded that there were too many doctors, too poorly trained. It advocated specific medical school entrance requirements, training periods, and curricula. It recommended greatly reducing the number of schools. And it was influential.

The Rockefeller foundation began making large grants to favored medical schools, while Abraham Flexner joined the Rockefeller Institute, working with others to lobby regulatory authorities and grant makers to force closure of disfavored schools.

Meanwhile, Andrew Mellon was becoming the third richest man in America. In addition to his family's bank, he owned Gulf Oil, Alcoa, and he invested in DuPont, the corporate giant that was developing petroleum-based products like nylon to replace natural fibers.

He contributed heavily to pass the 18th Amendment. When it was adopted in 1919, it killed the ethanol industry, which was making inroads in the fuel market. The next year he financed DuPont's takeover of General Motors.

Publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst's interests intersected at several points with those of Rockefeller and Mellon. An unabashed racist, he, Rockefeller, and Mellon backed the eugenics movement. His mills, which produced paper used in his magazines and 28 major newspapers, used DuPont chemicals.

Cannabis produces four times the paper fiber per acre as timber. It makes higher quality paper, but at a fraction of the energy costs and with fewer toxics. But Hearst owned massive timberlands, and wood pulp was adequate for newsprint.

Trading on insider information, his father, a U.S. Senator, had bought the 850,000-acre Babicora ranch in Mexico for 20-to-40 cents per acre, and with the help of dictator Porfirio Diaz, expanded it to a million acres. During the Mexican Revolution, Pancho Villa's men raided the ranch, hid out in its forests, and indulged in their favorite relaxant, cannabis. They called it *marijuana*, which means "Mary Jane" in Spanish. Hearst hated Mexicans, hated their Revolution, and hated cannabis.

In 1921, Andrew Mellon began an eleven-year term as U.S. Treasury Secretary. Within his Treasury Department, he created the Federal Bureau of Narcotics in 1931 and appointed Harry Anslinger, his niece's husband, to head it up.

A little later in the decade, the Department of Agriculture developed technology that greatly improved the efficiency and lowered the costs of making hemp-based paper. And with alcohol again legal, Ford built a biofuel plant in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Critics of cannabis history raise questions regarding the extent to which Mellon invested in DuPont and the extent to which the Hearst empire's vertically integrated timber and mill operations satisfied its newsprint needs. But certain facts are undisputed.

Anslinger worked quietly with Treasury Department officials to develop legislation, disguised as a revenue bill, to outlaw cannabis. And he collaborated with Hearst in an extensive propaganda campaign to demonize "marihuana."

As one of Hearst's biographers wrote, he "routinely invented sensational stories, faked interviews, ran phony pictures and distorted real events." Among them were dozens of lurid articles about marijuana-fueled murders or sexual transgressions against White women and children committed by Black and Latino "marihuana addicts."

Because Anslinger's legislation was a revenue bill-the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937-it did not come to Congressional committees dealing with agriculture, health, or the judiciary. It came to the Ways and Means Committee, where it was pre-wired.

Supporting testimony consisted of Mr. Anslinger reading Hearst newspaper stories, a New Orleans District Attorney's report that a lot of that city's prisoners were "marihuana addicts," and a pharmacologist expressing the opinion that continuous consumption of cannabis disintegrated one in 300 dogs' personalities.

The American Medical Association's Legislative Council, who had helped draft the Uniform Narcotic Drug act, testified against the bill. He pointed out the lack of any credible medical evidence and questioned why the law was developed in secret, excluding the medical community.

The full House of Representative considered the bill at the end of a long day. Most members knew nothing about it, so some asked to delay the vote. House leaders rolled over these objections and passed it without a roll call. Most Congressmen, like most Americans, didn't now that cannabis, hemp, and "marihuana," were the same thing.

That year's DePont Corporation Annual Report crowed, "The revenue raising power of government may be converted into an instrument for forcing acceptance of sudden new ideas of industrial and social reorganization."

The "reorganization" caused hardships for farms and businesses in the agricultural, paint, paper, textile, and other industries. The nation's growing dependence on petroleum ultimately created intractable geopolitical and environmental problems. Cannabis was removed from the American pharmacopeia in 1942, and over the years, replaced by synthetic drugs with harmful side effects and causing untold suffering.

In many ways, the quality of medical education did improve with the implementation of the Flexner recommendations. But osteopathic, eclectic, naturopathic, and homeopathic institutions closed, and we have lost much of their clinical wisdom.

In 1904, there had been 160 American medical schools, graduating 28,000 MDs per year. By 1935, there were only 66, graduating a little over 12,000. The sharp admission pool reduction resulted in a profession with few practitioners who weren't white and male. And healthcare became much more expensive.

The FBI reports that 853,838 Americans were arrested last year for cannabis-related offenses.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday| December 19

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

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

Friday| December 21

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

Monday |December 24

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Tuesday|December 25

Christmas Day- Libraries Closed

Wednesday |December 26

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

MUSIC

Wednesday|December 19

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

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

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

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345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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Sports Trivia
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Precinct Bar
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70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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Dave Wells Presents
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Warp Speed Wednesday
379 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
Rock Therapy with Brendan Boogie!
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|December 20

Johnny D's
The Echo Nest|Holiday Party |Live music in the bar only open to the public
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Scattershot 80's Night
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PA'S Lounge
Serious Jack|Tall Boys|We Were Astronauts
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
Daves Energy Guide (Phish Cover band)
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Bull McCabe's
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Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Rosebud Bar
Ryan's Show
381 Summer St.

Somerville Theatre
Slutcracker
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

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

Radio Bar
Cancer Killing Gemini|Das Muerte|and more
379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana
247 Washington St.

Friday|December 21

Johnny D's
Either|Orchestra|Randi's Holiday Birthday Bash Live sets from lots of local musicians
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m.
End of the World Party with Patsy Hamel and Johnnie Mac | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
MySecretBoston's End of World Party|Coyote Kolb|Toy Soldiers|Castle
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PA'S Lounge
Jane Park|Ralph Iverson|Shoney Lamar
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On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway |617-629-5302

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Frank Fox|Leaders Led|Self Proclaimed Rockstars|The Few
381Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
TBA
247 Washington St.

Radio Bar
Downstairs: Tim Mercer|Crooked Mirror|Peach Pit|Fantastic Liars
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Boston Jazz Singers Showcase
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
Slutcracker
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Saturday|December 22

Johnny D's
The Real School of Music student showcase| The Funky White Honkies
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Jim Coyle & The Barroom Gentlemen |6 p.m.
Birds of Play with friends |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Cherry Bomb
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Marc Pinansky|Back Bar|Samiam (with guests)|The Hornitz|Euphony
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

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

Bull McCabe's
Roots to Reggae Outdoor Music Festival|Noon to 1 a.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
DJ Easy Ed from WFMO|Jittery Jack|Leah and her J-Walkers|The Barley Hoppers|Whiskey Kill
381 Summer St

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TBA
247 Washington St.

Radio Bar
Downstairs: Boston Bloghead acoustic showcase presents Ryan Revolution|The Pity Whores|Jamie Payette & Kevin Gallant|Josh Ayola
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Looking Up! Inspired by the Art of the Weathervane |
8 a.m.-2 p.m.|Gallery
Ben Cosgrove
7 p.m.|Cafe

Somerville Theatre
Slutcracker
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Sunday|December 23

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.
Natalie Flanagan Band, Trick Wallace 3, Trusty Sidekick |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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Christmas Party
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Café Rags
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
Slutcracker
2 p.m., 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday|December 24

Johnny D's
Open from noon to 6 p.m. for beverages and gift certificate sales
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Christmas Eve
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Rosebud Bar
Closed Mondays
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Somerville Theatre
Slutcracker
7 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Tuesday|December 25

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Closed
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Back Closed
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Closed
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Wednesday|December 26

Johnny D's
Hello Echo|Grimis|Craig Martinson
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.
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The Burren
Pub Quiz 8 p.m.
Comedy 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Serious Jack|Bugs Bunny|Steve Branson Band
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
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Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Warp Speed Wednesday
379 Summer St

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|December 19

Central Library
Veterans Memorial Skating Rink Public Information Meeting
David Lutes/617-625-6600 x2106
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday| December 20

Central Library
Friends moving boxes
James Fox
5 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday| December 22

Central Library
Kodachrome and how and why it went away
James Fox james@10engines.com
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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

Sunday| December 23

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

Monday| December 24

Christmas Eve- Libraries Closed

Tuesday| December 25

Christmas Day- Libraries Closed

Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884
The Art of Singing Group
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916
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Wednesday| December 26

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Women **Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes** with certified instructors. Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting January 15. Call Lisa for more info at ext. 2316.

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

Book Club - "Gone Girl" at Holland Street Center - December 21. All are welcome.

Navarasa Dance Theater is a contemporary dance theater company founded as 'Navarasa Natyalaya' by renowned dancer and choreographer, Aparna Sindhoor in 1991 in Mysore, India. In 1996, it was reconstituted as Navarasa Dance Theater in Somerville by Aparna Sindhoor and film director S.M.Raju. They have created over fifteen full length dance theater works and presented them at sold out shows to diverse audiences. They have toured extensively in North America, Europe and India, and has been invited to perform at various venues including the Jacob's Pillow and the Edinburgh Festival. Come join us on the 10th and 17th of January for an intergenerational dance event at Holland Street Center. From 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. RSVP is a must as limited space.

We are heading to Greece on January 24 from 11:00 am - 1:00 p.m. Join us for a wonderful talk by Tufts Professor Professor Ioannis (Yannis) Evrigenis. Sue Leach, our amazing belly dance instructor will be performing and we will also learn some greek dancing. An event not to be missed.

After the holidays we all need to relax and stretch. Join this great **Yoga/Meditation 4-week session** coming January 22. $20 for the four weeks. Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. Holland Street Center. RSVP.

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Trip Corner:

Hanscom Dinner & Bingo - January 9.

Lunch at Culinary Arts - January 22.

Hanscom Dinner & Bingo - February 13.

Fuller Craft Museum - February 15.

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers.

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

December 19

Centers Closed

Fit-4- Life classes will be held

December 20

Holland Street Center
Current Events|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercise11 a.m.
Bingo||12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center
Strengthening|10 a.m.
Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

December 21

Holland Street Center
Book Club|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercise|11 a.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Closed
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

December 24 through December 28
11:30 Lunch at Holland Street
All other centers closed. No Bingo or Fit-4-Life17

Computer Tutorial - Retired computer teacher Barbara Marshall will be volunteering on select Thursdays from 11 - 12 at the Holland Street Center to provide individualized computer training. To schedule an appointment, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

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Holiday books are perennial favorites

By Kenneth Gloss

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is the obvious perennial favorite for holiday books. However, many people might not realize that holiday-themed items can be exciting and rewarding choices, simply because there is a plethora of options available. That's not to say 1834 Dickens classic isn't wildly popular, even today. There are people who will come into the store, seeking a first edition and will spend upwards of $70 - $1000 for that particular volume. There are people who collect all versions of *A Christmas Carol*, whether it be all the different illustrated versions or all the different covers. There are literally thousands of unique versions of that Christmas classic, giving a Dickens collector years of hunting.

Another popular one is *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*. Neiman Marcus had an original manuscript edition of the poem listed for $750,000 in its catalog in the late 1990s. Obviously, it was for the serious and well-heeled collector. Many people who collect it also buy a second version that isn't as valuable so they can have one for display and one for an annual Christmas Eve reading with their children. A number of customers prefer reading *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* because the language is easier and the story is shorter than Dickens' novels.

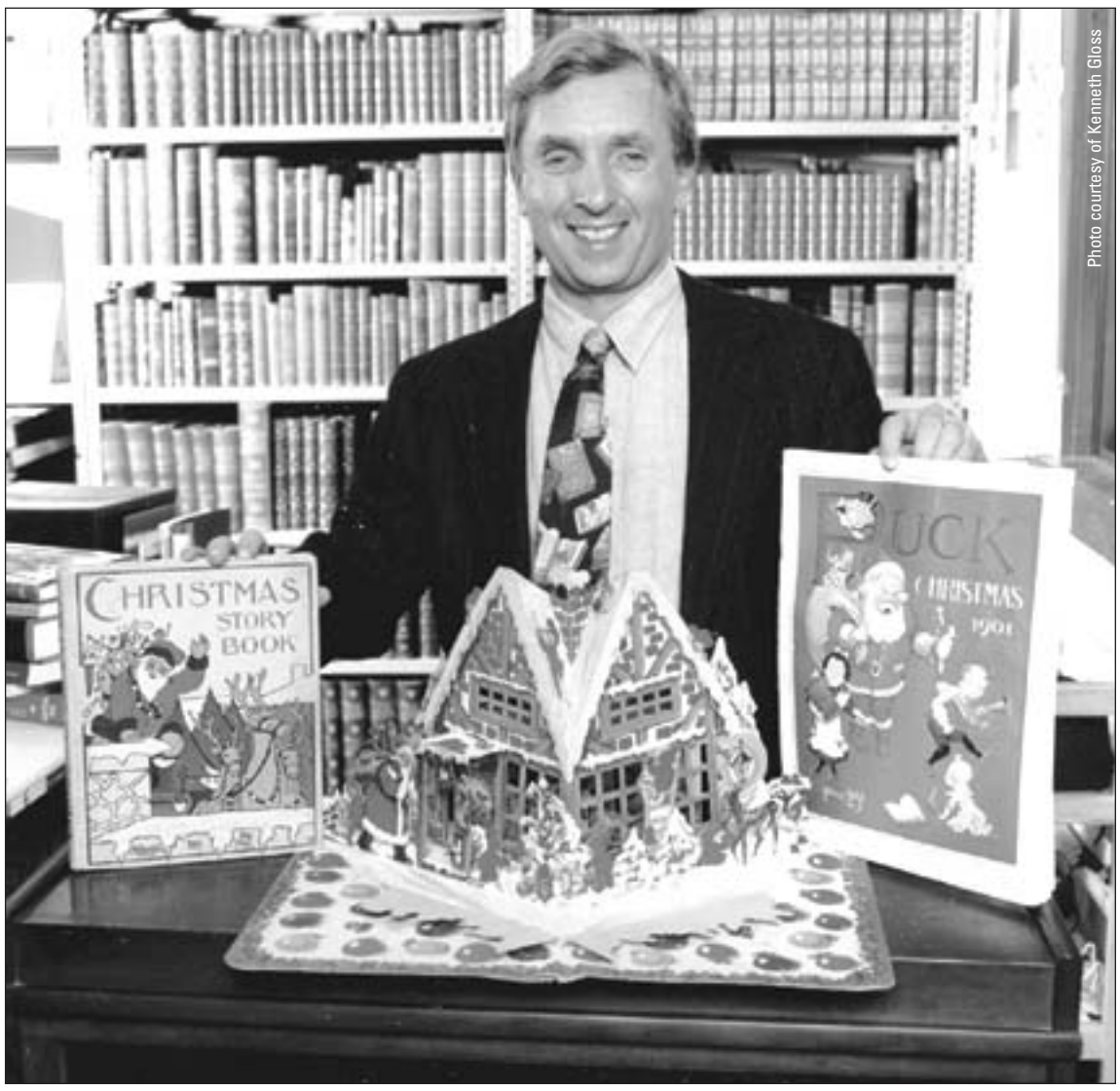
Before the 1800s, Christmas was looked upon as solely a religious holiday and any celebrations were frowned upon. However, there are those who like to collect copies of the laws and social tomes of the time that show this disdain for holiday celebrating. By the time that Dickens came along, attitudes were changing. L. Thomas Nast, the famous illustrator for *Harper's Weekly*, created the first drawing of Santa Claus as a jolly, large man who slides down a chimney and leaves gifts. That first drawing is a collector's item, as are the subsequent renditions of St. Nick. Collecting simply illustrations of Santa Claus can yield a wide amount of material for any collector.

There are also people who like to collect holiday cookbooks so they can see how culinary traditions have changed over the decades. These changes can often be linked to social shifts and inventions of the times. Another popular collectible area is books on how different cultures and religions celebrate the holidays.

Holiday collections are so popular that virtually any field you choose to focus on - Santa illustrations, Christmas cards or cookbooks - links to a society and/or a shop dedicated to collecting and preserving that niche.

As Christmas grew in popularity, so too did the amount of materials and peripherals available for collectors to choose among. Not everyone who collects holiday memorabilia does it to amass one type of book or illustration; many begin these collections because of the touch of nostalgia they find in hunting for the treasures they remember from their youth.

Other collectors use the materials they gather as decorations for their homes. A set of holiday books or a grouping of Santa illustrations can make a fantastic display during the holidays.



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Holiday themed books and prints are a specialty niche of collecting that can bring a new wealth of heartwarming fun to the collector.

Some people look for Santas that aren't in sleighs, but rather in other conveyances such as trains, airplanes and cars. There is so much material available that it is very easy for a collector to carve out one's own niche.

Holidays are also a great time for people who like to buy unique books and give them to collectors. A number of people seek out leather-bound editions of Shakespeare or coffee table books to give as gifts. It's the mark of a true gift because it shows that the buyer had to think about the recipient's likes and interests before making the purchase. Giving a used or rare book as a holiday gift takes a great deal more effort and thought, a gesture that is appreciated by the recipient.

People who are looking for something specific for the holidays should give their local dealer plenty of time to find what they are seeking. No matter what kind of holiday memorabilia a person is interested in collecting, it is virtually certain that there will be a great deal of material from which to choose. The holiday season has been very popular for the last 140 years and there are millions of books, prints and lithographs available. It would be impossible to collect everything ever produced that is holiday related, thus leaving enough room for all collectors to find what they want.

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A Santa story

By Russell Allison

There isn't greater fun in the cycle of life than reaping the benefits of handing down the mythology of Santa Clause to your kids and living vicariously through their excitement and joy and remembering your own when you were their age. There is no generation gap at this time of year, only a different perspective depending on whether you are young or old.

My earliest memory of Christmas dates back to when I was five years old. I think that is the age when a child can fully grasp the concept of reindeer and sleigh coming in for a landing on the roof while Santa holds the reigns. As the holiday grew near, I could see Santa Claus in my mind's eye emerging from the fireplace with a huge burlap bag full of toys. But this was imagination.

This is when mothers, like mine did, come up with the next best thing to having their children meet Santa Claus in person. She had a ruse to bridge the imagination to reality. With Mom's help, I left out cookies and milk for Santa Clause on a table next to the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

The next morning, I came downstairs full of intrigue with my mother leading the way. When we entered the living room, she brought me directly over to the TV dinner tray with half eaten cookies and an empty glass of milk. This was empirical evidence that Santa Claus was a real person who lived, breathed and put his pants on one leg at a time like anyone else.

I am 54 years old now, and at this time of year I am still taken back to that tray of cookie crumbs and traces of milk in an empty glass. That single memory, as clear as a photograph and the excitement to match, is just as vivid today as it was half a century ago. After New Year's Day, the memory is safely tucked away like the Christmas tree lights and ornaments that go back into a box until the next holiday cycle the following year.

When parents attempt to have their five-year-old kids meet Santa in person, it doesn't work. The kids don't stop believing in the real deal, they just know a phony when they see one. In my case, there was a Santa Claus at my parent's church for a holiday function. As I sat on his lap, I could tell his beard was artificial, made of white cotton rather than actual hair. I was nobody's fool. I recognized an imposter when I saw one and proclaimed the Santa as a fake softly under my breath to my parents.

My parents got around this problem by explaining to me that, while he could fly around the world in one night delivering presents, Santa Claus could not be everywhere at the same time. Only God could do that. The chubby old men that I saw around town were Santa's helpers, like the Elves at the North Pole and were full of Christmas Magic.

On Christmas morning, my father said that I slept through the noise as reindeer hooves clattered, landing on the roof. I wished so much that I could have been awake to hear them and the sound of jingling bells on Santa Clause's sleigh. For good measure, Dad said that he fed carrots to the reindeer. Yes, Santa Clause was real!

Those cookies and milk proved it.

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12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Heritage Baptist Church
7:00am Road to Recovery
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am Creating Cooperative Kids
10:00am Somerville Newspaper Reading
11:00am Greater Somerville's Holiday Special
12:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm Somerville Housing Authority
1:30PM Henry Parker Presents
2:00pm Abugida Television
3:00pm Medical Tutor
3:30pm Inside Talk
4:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm Neighborhood Cooking
5:30pm Cooking with Georgia & Dez
6:00pm Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
6:30pm Energy Theater
7:30pm Basic Buddha
8:00pm Somerville Pundits (LIVE)
8:30pm The Entertainer's Show
9:00pm Somerville Rocks!
9:30pm Shrink Rap
10:00pm Critical Focus
11:00pm The Garage
11:30pm The Literary Scene

Thursday 12/20
12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Atheist Viewpoint
6:30am International Church of God
7:00am Physician Focus
7:30am Grasping Nature
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am Somerville Newspaper Reading
10:00am Active Aging
10:30am Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
11:00am Creating Cooperative Kids
Noon Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm Deusi Bhailo Music Program from Nepal
2:30pm Critical Focus
3:30pm Art @ SCATV
4:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm Ablevision
5:30pm Culture Club
6:00pm Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
6:30pm Discovering Justice: Know your rights
7:00pm The Literati Show
7:30pm Rooster Tails
8:00pm Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)
9:30pm The Entertainer's Show
10:00pm Tonight's Special
10:30pm Somerville Rocks
11:00pm Creepy Castle

Friday 12/21
12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Road to Recovery
7:00am Culture Club
7:30am Physician Focus
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am Energy Theater
10:00am Somerville Newspaper Reading
11:00am Somerville Back in the Day
Noon Critical Focus
1:00 The Entertainer's Show
1:30pm Somerville Housing Authority
2:00pm Neighborhood Cooking
2:30pm Cooking With Georgia
3:00pm Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders
4:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm SCAT Holiday Show
5:30pm Art @ SCATV
6:00pm Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
6:30pm Groundwork Somerville
7:00pm Real Estate Answer Show
7:30pm Inside Talk
8:00pm Visual Radio
9:00pm The Garage
9:30pm Play by Play
10:00pm Somerville Rocks
10:30pm Wine Inside & Out
11:00pm 'Villeside Connections

Saturday 12/22
12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Arabic Hour
7:00am Creating Cooperative Kids
8:00am Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
8:30am King of the 'Ville
9:00am Festival Kreyol
10:00am Tele Galaxie
11:00am Dead Air Live
Noon Reeling Movie Show
12:30pm Grasping Nature
1:00pm Bongoman (LIVE)
2:00pm Henry Parker Presents
2:30pm The SCATV Holiday show
3:00pm Tele Magazine
4:00pm Fluff Festival
5:00pm Tele Kreyol
6:00pm Basic Buddha
6:30pm Rooster Tails
7:00pm Couch's Corner
7:30pm Somerville Back in the Day
8:00pm David Parkman
9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes
10:00pm Poet to Poet: Marge Piercy
11:00pm Gay TV (Free Speech TV)

Sunday 12/23
12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Program Celebrai
7:00am Flipside
7:30am Discovering Justice
8:00am Effort Pour Christ
9:00am Heritage Baptist Church
10:00am International Church of God
10:30am Basic Buddha
11:00am Somerville Newspaper Reading
11:30am Somerville Housing Authority
Noon The Entertainer's Show
12:30pm The Garage
1:00pm Critical Focus
2:00pm Energy Theater
3:00pm Rompendo en Fe
4:00pm Dedilhando A Saudade
5:00pm Ethiopian Satellite TV
6:00pm Abugida TV
7:00pm African Television Network
7:30pm Rooster Tails
8:00pm Telemagazine
9:00pm Effort Pour Christ
10:00pm Nepali SCAT Studio Show
11:30pm Somerville Rocks!

Monday 12/24
12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Atheist Viewpoint
6:30am Physician Focus
7:00am Creating Cooperative Kids
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am Rooster Tails
9:30am Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
10:00am Somerville Newspaper Reading
11:00am Nossa Gente e Costumes
Noon Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm Ablevision
1:30pm Poet to Poet: Marge Piercy
2:30pm Somerville Housing Authority
3:00pm Exercise with Robyn and Max
3:30pm Esoteric Science
4:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm Culture Club
5:30pm King of the 'Ville
6:00pm Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
6:30pm Greater Somerville's Holiday Special
7:00pm Critical Focus
8:00pm Grill Dog presents
8:30pm Play by Play
9:00pm Dedilhando A Saudade
10:00pm Dead Air Live
11:00pm Energy Theater

Tuesday 12/25
12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Road to Recovery
7:00am Nicole's Review Show
7:30am The Literary Scene
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am Somerville News Reading
10:00am Tele Kreyol
11:00am Somerville Most Interesting Places
11:30am Ablevision
Noon Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm Critical Focus
2:00pm Healthy Hypnosis
2:30pm SCATV Holiday package
3:00pm Flipside
3:30pm Henry Parker Presents
4:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm Poet to Poet
5:30pm Jeff Jam Holiday Sing Song Show
6:00pm Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
6:30pm Greater Somerville's Holiday Special
7:00pm SCATV Holiday package
7:30pm Greater Somerville (LIVE)
8:00pm Dead Air Live
9:00pm Literary Scene
9:30pm Watch This
10:00pm Somerville Back in the Day
10:30pm Tonight's Special
11:00pm Creepy Castle

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22

Wednesday, December 19
9:00am: GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference
12:00pm: School Committee Meeting - REPLAY
3:00pm: Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along
7:00pm: Congressional Update
7:30pm: Talking Business
7:50pm: GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference
8:25pm: Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along
8:35pm: A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
8:45pm: Congressional Update
9:15pm: Somerville By Design - Meeting # 2

Thursday, December 20
12:00am: Congressional Update
12:30am: Talking Business
12:50am: GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference
1:25am: Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along
1:35am: A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
1:45am: Congressional Update
2:15am: Somerville By Design - Meeting # 2
9:00am: Congressional Update
12:00pm: Senior Circuit
12:30pm: Domestic Violence Vigil
12:50pm Chamber of Commerce Dinner
2:25pm: Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest
7:00pm: Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
8:40pm: The Mayor's Report
9:10pm: The Aldermen's Hour
9:35pm: Clean 'Ville of Health
9:50pm: Union Square Walking Tour

Friday, December 21
12:00am: Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
1:40am: The Mayor's Report
2:10am: The Aldermen's Hour
2:35am: Clean 'Ville of Health
2:50am: Union Square Walking Tour
12:00pm: A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
12:10pm: GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference
12:45pm: Chamber of Commerce Dinner
2:10pm: Veterans' Day Ceremony
2:35pm: Talking Business
7:00pm: A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
7:10pm: GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference
7:45pm: Chamber of Commerce Dinner
9:10pm: Veterans' Day Ceremony
9:35pm: Talking Business

Saturday, December 22
12:00am: A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
12:10am: GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference
12:45am: Chamber of Commerce Dinner
2:10am: Veterans' Day Ceremony
2:35am: Talking Business
9:00am: A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
12:00pm: Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison
12:55pm: Highlander Forum
1:20pm: Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
3:00pm: Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along
7:00pm: Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison
7:55pm: Highlander Forum
8:20pm: Chamber of Commerce Dinner
9:45pm: Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along

Sunday, December 23
12:00am: Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison
12:55am: Highlander Forum
1:20am: Chamber of Commerce Dinner
2:45am: Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along
9:00am: Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along
12:00pm: Senior Circuit
12:30pm: The Mayor's Report
1:00pm: The Aldermen's Hour
1:30pm: Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest
2:30pm: Congressional Update
7:00pm: Senior Circuit
7:30pm: The Mayor's Report
8:00pm: The Aldermen's Hour
8:30pm: Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest
9:30pm: Congressional Update

Monday, December 24
12:00am: Senior Circuit
12:30am: The Mayor's Report
1:00am: The Aldermen's Hour
1:30am: Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest
2:30am: Congressional Update
9:00am: Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
12:00pm: Illuminations Tour
12:30pm: Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
2:10pm: The Mayor's Report
7:00pm: Talking Business
7:20pm: A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
7:30pm: Illuminations Tour
8:00pm: Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
9:40pm: Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along

Tuesday, December 25
12:00am: Talking Business
12:20am: A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
12:30am: Illuminations Tour
1:00am: Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
2:40am: Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along
9:00am: Illuminations Tour
12:00pm: Senior Circuit
12:30pm: A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
12:40pm: Illuminations Tour
1:10pm: Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
2:50pm: Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along
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7:40pm: Illuminations Tour
8:10pm: Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
9:50pm: The Mayor's Report
12:00am: Senior Circuit
12:30am: A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
12:40am: Illuminations Tour
1:10am: Christmas Tree Lighting & Celebration
2:50am: The Mayor's Report

EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15

Wednesday, December 19
9:00am Highlander Forum
12:00pm Kid Stuff
12:15pm Middle School Holiday Concert
1:00pm Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
3:30pm Brown School Holiday Concert
7:00pm Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
8:30pm Highlander Forum
9:00pm Brown School Holiday Concert
10:00pm SHS Hockey vs Salem 12/19

Thursday, December 20
12:00am SHS Hockey vs Salem 12/19
1:30am Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
9:00am Middle School Holiday Concert
12:00pm Raising Families
12:30pm WHCS Winter Cocnert
1:30pm ESCS Holiday Concert
2:30pm Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
4:00pm SHS Hockey vs Matignon
7:00pm SHS Hockey vs Salem 12/19
8:30pm Brown School Holiday Concert
9:00pm WHCS Winter Concert
10:00pm ESCS Holiday Concert

Friday, December 21
12:00am SHS Hockey vs Salem 12/19
1:30am Brown School Holiday Concert
2:00am WHCS Winter Concert
3:00am ESCS Holiday Concert
9:00am WSNS Winter Concert
12:00pm Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
1:30pm WSNS Winter Concert
2:30pm Healey School Winter Concert
3:30pm Middle School Holiday Conert
7:00pm Boys' Basketball vs Malden Catholic - LIVE
10:00pm Boys' Basketball vs Malden Catholic 12/21

Saturday, December 22
12:00am Boys' Basketball vs Malden Catholic 12/21
1:30am WSNS Holiday Concert
2:30am Healey School Winter Concert
3:30am Middle School Holiday Concert
4:30am SHS Hockey vs Matignon
12:00pm Boys' Basketball vs Malden Catholic 12/21
1:30pm WSNS Holiday Concert
2:30pm Healey School Winter Concert
3:30pm Middle School Holiday Concert
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9:30pm Healey School Winter Concert
10:30pm Middle School Holiday Concert

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1:30am WSNS Holiday Concert
2:30am Healey School Winter Concert
3:30am Middle School Holiday Concert
4:30am SHS Hockey vs Matignon
12:00pm SHS Hockey vs Salem
1:30pm Brown School Holiday Concert
2:05pm ESCS Winter Concert
7:00pm SHS Hockey vs Salem
8:30pm Brown School Holiday Concert
9:05pm ESCS Winter Concert

Monday, December 24
12:00am SHS Hockey vs Salem
1:30am Brown School Holiday Concert
2:05am ESCS Winter Concert
9:00am Brown School Holiday Concert
12:00pm ESCS Winter Concert
1:45pm WHCS Winter Concert
2:30pm Argenziano School Holiday Concert
3:30pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
7:00pm ESCS Winter Concert
8:45pm WHCS Winter Concert
9:30pm Argenziano School Holiday Concert
10:30pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18

Tuesday, December 25
12:00am ESCS Winter Concert
1:45am WHCS Winter Concert
2:30am Argenziano School Holiday Concert
3:30am SHS Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
9:00am SHS Band & Drumline Fall Compilation
12:00pm ESCS Winter Concert
1:45pm WHCS Winter Concert
2:30pm Argenziano School Holiday Concert
3:30pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
7:00pm ESCS Winter Concert
8:45pm WHCS Winter Concert
9:30pm Argenziano School Holiday Concert
10:30pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18
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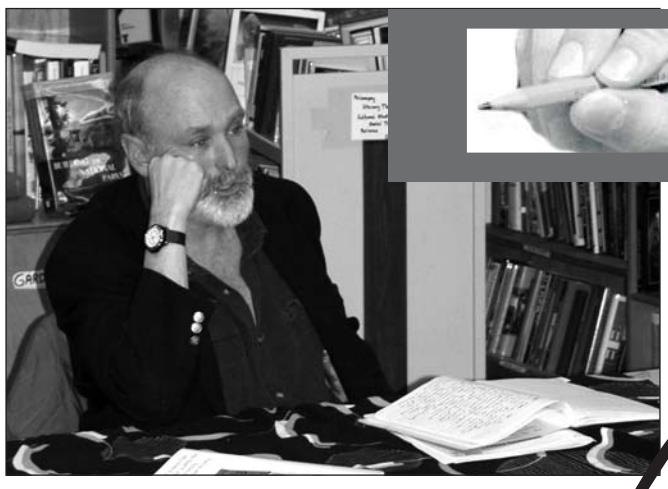
3:30am SHS Boys' Basketball vs New Mission 12/18



Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Poet Meghan Perkins is a poet who kisses and tells. And she tells it in this provocative poem Wash Your Mouth.

Wash Your Mouth

Kiss is a dirty word.
Just saying it is like swallowing mud,
Thick and wrong down my throat.
It's like saying fuck or penis.
Ever play the penis game?
Say it louder and louder
Until someone is too scared
Of judgingly pointed chins
And hauntingly raised eyebrows,
So you falter and spit it out,
Along with clay and pebbles,
Just one whisper softer -
Accepting the challenge,
But still losing the game.
That's me and kissing.
It leaves stains on my teeth
And I'm afraid to smile.
Each kiss is sand stuck in my gums
And I need to floss.
I'd rather suck on soap
Than have that word pass my lips.
Kiss. Kissing. Kisses.
I feel like I'm swearing.
Don't look at me when I say it
Because I feel as though
I'm only in my underwear,
Lacey and ripped,
Asking Him what it all means.
Only muffled silence answers.
I think His mouth is full, too.
But I think kiss means raw,
Naked embarrassment -
It only leaves me with gritty regret,
And in want of a bath.
He makes me feel soiled.

– *Meghan Perkins*

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OFF THE SHELF

by *Doug Holder*

Outside the Lines Studio:

A place outside the mainstream that fosters outsider art

At a recent meeting of the Somerville Bagel Bards, I met with artist Anne Johnstone and Tufts University student Libby Schrobe. Both Johnstone and Schrobe are involved with the *Outside the Lines Studio* near the Tufts University campus. The studio is a sort of clubhouse serving people from the Somerville and Medford area with mental disabilities. Schrobe, an intern at the studio said they offer classes in art, cooking, and other activities for members. The studio has hosted shows of various students' artwork at local coffeehouses like True Grounds in Ball Square, and others.

Johnstone, a teacher at the studio, is an accomplished artist and she works with clients often using papier-mâché to create puppet characters. She also works with members through painting and creating structures with chicken wire, and other media.

Johnstone studied at Brown University, and U/Mass Boston. She has had her own exhibits at the Salem Art Association, the Ga Ga Gallery in Swampscott, Mass. and other venues. She has a space at the Mt. Vernon Street Studios in our town, and lives in the Davis Square area.

Schrobe, who has many duties at the studio, told me: "The studio gives folks a place to pass time in an interesting way-rather than just sitting around. It gives them a sense of accomplishment, self-esteem."

Schrobe said she is a clinical psychology major at Tufts, and often helps running the art classes.

Schrobe has many projects on the burner for the studio including an exhibit at the Tufts University Art Gallery, and a subsequent art auction.

Both Schrobe and Johnstone agree that there is a lot of raw talent among the artists they work with. This is yet another layer of talent that adds to our rich milieu in the *Paris of New England*.

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http://www.outsidethelinesstudio.org/main.html

Ms. Cam's Olio

Answers from page 14

Answers

1. Bobby Helms
2. Brenda Lee
3. He wanted Frosty's magic hat
4. Five Golden Rings
5. The Chipmunks
6. It represents the Shepherds staff
7. It symbolizes many things - a true gift, with true love, brotherly love, also unity
8. Cap'n Crunch
9. Hesitate
10. A simile
11. Challah
12. Theodore Roosevelt

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Leominster

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Brockton

71384850 $195,900.
Two family located on the East side of Brockton. 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Large fenced yard, two car detached garage.

Somerville

71452215 $374,900.
Two Family, 12 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Sold as is, ideal for developer. House will be delivered empty.

Stoneham

71431433 $313,900.
Raised ranch, 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Large formal fireplace living room, two car garage.

Somerville

71442199 $750,000.
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