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The Neighborhood



YOU'RE INVITED!
FLOATING WETLAND LAUNCH PARTY

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH, 10AM-12PM



JOIN US!

WHAT: THE FLOATING WETLAND RETURNS!
JOIN THE CRC AND ESPLANADE COMMUNITY GROUP FOR COFFEE AND PASTRIES TO WATCH, CELEBRATE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT.

WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH
DROP IN ANYTIME 10AM TO 12PM
RAIN DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH

WHERE: OUTSIDE THE LOBBY DOORS BY THE CHARLES RIVER, 75-83 CAMBRIDGE PARKWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT CRC@THECHARLES.ORG



CambridgeSide Galleria: A New Vision

No doubt you have noticed that our neighbor, the **CambridgeSide Galleria**, is undergoing a renovation -- one that is designed to honor its mixed-use history and to adapt to market demands for a place where people can shop, work and live. The project, now underway, will maintain the core retail sky-lit mall, repurpose empty anchor space and add approximately 575,00 square feet to house offices, laboratories, restaurants and residences (65% of which to be designated as “affordable housing”). [Read more here](#)



Meet Your Neighbors



Fran Putnoi, with her husband, Don, a retired ophthalmologist, purchased their Esplanade condo in 1990. They had fallen in love with Moshe Safdie's work when they saw Habitat at the 1967 World's Fair in Montreal. Fran had said to Don, "Let's live in a Moshe Safdie building." And, almost a quarter of a century later, they were doing just that!

[Read more](#)

[Read more interviews with](#)

neighbors here

Transitions



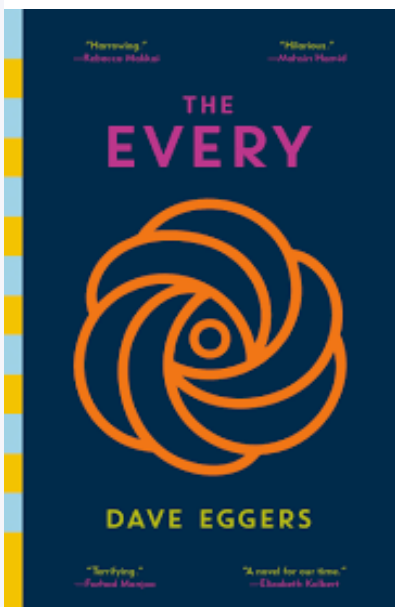
As **Kartik Pingle** prepares to head off to MIT in the fall, he carries with him enduring memories about **growing up at the Esplanade**.

From his conversations with neighbors at potlucks discussing politics, to their inquiries about his school, and to their advice which helped him shape his educational aspirations (he's planning to major in physics and wants to be an astrophysicist) — the Esplanade community has been an indelible part of his life. [Read more here](#) (reflection by Vibha Pingle)

Judy (Levy) Glassman, 73 , a resident of the Esplanade since 1999, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 31, 2021, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. She left behind her loving husband of 50 years, Mitch Glassman, two sons: Adam and wife Yoo Jin of Cambridge, Matthew and wife Jeremy of Ashfield , and five grandchildren. [Read her full obituary here](#)



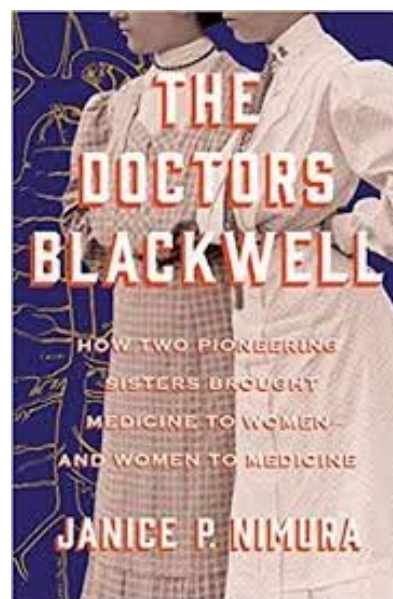
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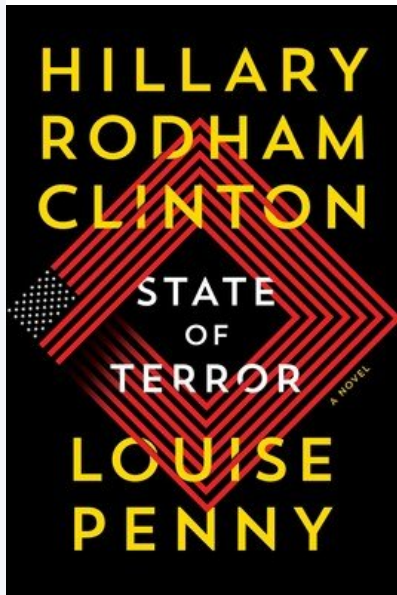


People in book groups tend to be garrulous but the recent selection of *The Every* by Dave Eggers brought a moment of reserve. Participants lowered their voices to posit whether their Google Echo was listening in; if Amazon, the company, was tracking their page turns on the Kindle and whether they had signed out of Facebook social media that evening.

[Read more](#) (Reviewed by Jane Gould)

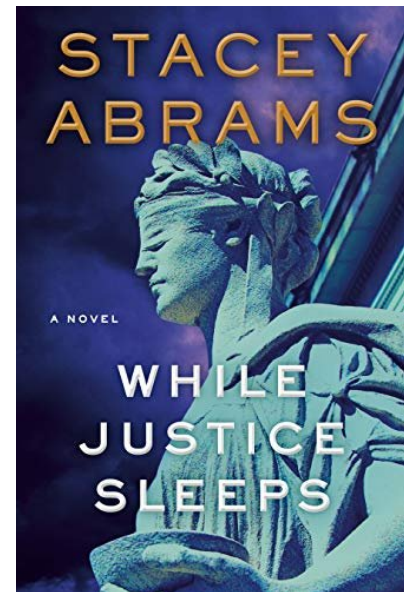
Janice P. Nimura's *The Doctors Blackwell* tells the story of a large, multifaceted British family who migrated to America but never completely severed their ties to England. Two of the daughters, Elizabeth and her younger sister Emily, overcame countless deeply entrenched educational, cultural and societal barriers to graduate from exclusively male medical colleges and obtain their MD's. [Read more.](#) (Reviewed by Don Putnoi)





Searching for diversion from the news of the world, I was struck by the jacket of this book written by the former United States Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, and the renowned author of mysteries, Louise Penny -- an unlikely duo. How could I resist? As noted in the *New York Times* review, “the plot in *State of Terror* is ambitious and apocalyptic,” threatening the future of the world. [Read more](#). (Reviewed by Susan Barron)

Stacey Abrams continues to work assiduously in Georgia for voting rights, yet she somehow has found the time to write this mystery thriller -- the latest of nine novels, two memoirs, and multiple articles! The protagonist of *While Justice Sleeps* is Avery Keene, a young law clerk for a cantankerous Supreme Court Justice. [Read more](#). (Reviewed by Susan Barron)



[Read more book reviews here](#)

Watching



Are you ready for a little mid-winter trip to the forests of Piedmont in northern Italy? Well, then, the movie “The Truffle Hunters” is for you. Called quirky, enchanting, funny, and strange, this film follows the hunters, all men in their 80’s and 90’s, and their specially trained dogs during their nightly searches for the rare white Alba truffle called “the diamond of the kitchen.”

[Read more.](#) (Reviewed by Jane Hilburt-Davis)



Passing is a subtle and thought provoking movie set in the Harlem Renaissance. Brilliantly directed by Rebecca Hall we witness the interplay of two extraordinary actresses as they challenge the audience to consider their physical appearance as ways as surviving as black women in America.

[Read more.](#) (Reviewed by Fran Putnoi)

Eating



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Roasted Salmon Glazed with Brown Sugar and Mustard

This “no-recipe recipe” was brought to my attention by the *New York Time’s* menu guru, Sam Sifton. It is delightfully easy, delicious and adaptable to any number of servings and thus has become a staple in our house. Find the [Recipe here.](#)

Two new restaurant suggestions: [Dovetail and Desfinas](#)

HELP WANTED!

PLEASE come to our aid: email your favorite recipes and restaurant suggestions to Susan (sbbarron@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next ECG Newsletter **EATS** column.

Opportunities

Esplanade Community Listserv Now Set Up For All Our Residents

The Esplanade Community Group (ECG) is pleased to announce that we have started a Listserv for the benefit of everyone who lives at the Esplanade and chooses to participate. Learn about [listservs](#) and how to sign up for ours [here.](#)



Chez von Hippel February 2022

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Missed any of our newsletters or updates? Catch up on them [here](#).

Want to share opportunities or news of transitions with your neighbors? Send to [Esplanade Community](#).

Esplanade neighbors and newcomers to the building, whether owners or renters, are welcome to be part of the ECG and to receive our Updates, newsletters, and invitations to ECG events. Please pass along this update to new folks. To get on (or off) our mailing list just email [**Esplanade Community**](mailto:Esplanade Community).

Have ideas for these newsletters and updates? Want to write something? Send to Jessie, Mary Jo or Jane. Next newsletter in March.

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