

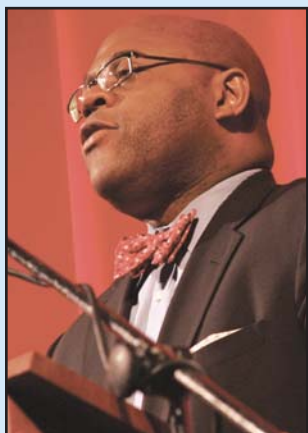


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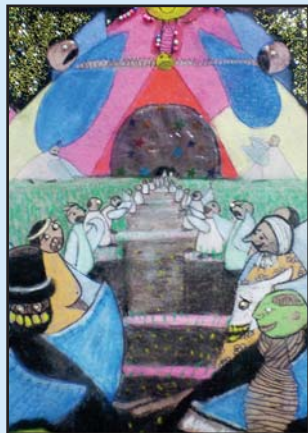
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City plans face-lift for Foss Park

Mayor's vision includes new recreation facility



The Mayor's 2012 inaugural address included plans to transfer control of Foss Park from the DCR to the city.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

It is the largest open public space in Somerville. But Foss Park is not even a city park. And it has been plagued by a legacy of sub-par facilities, spotty maintenance, and vulnerability to crime.

Now Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone has ambitious plans to take control of the state-owned park and transform it into a first-class recreational site, complete with a year-round indoor state-of-the art fitness and recreation facility. And he wants to do it sooner rather than later.

"For Somerville to be a great place to live, work, play and raise a family, residents need easy access to dynamic, wholesome recreational spaces," said the Mayor, who listed Foss Park as a key initiative in his 2012 inaugural address. "It's been a stated goal of mine for the past few years to take control over Foss Park, one of the largest open spaces in Somerville. We've been working closely with the state, and this is a very serious step forward."

Foss Park, which covers 15 acres along McGrath Highway between

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ZBA Summer St. decision appealed

Neighbors file lawsuit

By Andrew Firestone

After a year and a half in turmoil, it appears that the VFW land swap is headed to Middlesex Superior Court. On December 7, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the Strategic Capital Group proposal for 29 condominium units on the site of the VFW post. Later that month, a group of neighbors who have adamantly opposed the development on the grounds of unsuitability for the location and alleged underhanded tactics of the developer filed a lawsuit to overturn their decision.

Neighbors Nancy Iappini, Angela Laramie, George O'Shea and Charles Robinson filed the suit, claiming that the ZBA approved the proposal without giving proper credence to city zoning ordinances. In particular, they claim the building is too gargantuan and unseemly for the neighborhood it borders, sticking out at the very end overlooking Davis Square. They also believe that the new VFW hall, which they classify as a nightclub, is not allowed to

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Residents and would-be developers are searching for a resolution to the situation on Summer St.

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On Tuesday, January 31, the Somerville Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Breakfast will be held at Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway, Somerville. Special guest speaker Congressman Michael E. Capuano will address issues facing the current Congress and will look to hear from Chamber members and guests on issues of importance to the business community. Member cost is \$25 and non-members will be charged \$30. There is limited seating so make your reservations fast by calling Stephen Mackey at 617-776-4100 or email smackey@somervillechamber.org.

There will be a Trivia Night to benefit Prospect Hill Academy on Tuesday, February 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Burren in Davis Sq. The ticket price is \$20 pp pay at the door. Contact Anja Bresler at abresler@prospecthillacademy.org or call 617-284-7822 for more information. It sounds like fun and it's for a great cause.

Best Wishes to our good friends Ray and Gale Doane on their wedding anniversary! They are a wonderful couple and we wish them many more years of happiness.

Congratulations to the guys who own the Somerville Brewery Company. They have launched a beer called "Slumbrew." Caitlin Jewell and Jeff Leiter started the company here and have seen some success. Now they are launching the beer in Chicago. We wish them the best.

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Winter commences*

Ward7Somerville says:

It would nice if the city would write a few (hundred) more snow removal tickets.

EnforceSnowRemoval says:

I second Ward7Somerville's opinion. The city needs to step up the enforcement. Not only do they need to issue more tickets, but make them much more expensive. The fine is only \$25!! For the lazy homeowners and landlords (which there seem to be many), paying a \$25 fine is better than removing it themselves and cheaper than paying someone to do it themselves. The fine needs to be much more expensive than the price of snow removal. I'd start it \$150 per event at least!

Rex Ryan says:

You people are calling for the city to write even more fees/fines and tickets?!?! What is wrong with you? That's all this city does now is ticket/fine and increase property taxes. I always wondered how we could have the mayor, representatives, governor and president that we have – now I know why. A lot of the voters in this city must have munched on a lot lead paint as kids. More fees/tickets?!?! Unreal.

We haven't had any snow – we may not get any this winter. And if it does snow why should I shovel my sidewalk? I don't own it. The city does. If I want to take preventative measures on the sidewalk and lay down my own ice/snow melting concrete system – do ya think the city will let me? No. They won't because it's not my sidewalk. It's their sidewalk. We pay property taxes and all sorts of ham-fisted other taxes disguised as fees for the city to provide services – let them invest in a sidewalk plow and do those as well.

And Bus stops? I'm not clearing any bus stops – the T is supposed to clear the bus stops. What do we pay fares for as it certainly is not for good service.

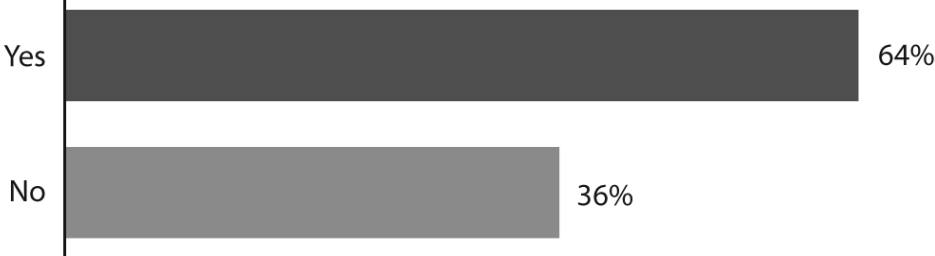
What does the city and the T have in common? Bloated unions and lousy service... and increasing fees.

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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 polls concerned your views on whether or not you are in favor of having a question on the November 2012 Ballot that would require teachers' effectiveness rather than seniority, be the prime consideration in the hiring and firing process. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

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City, Firefighters dispute contract

\$4.3 million in back pay could lead to layoffs

By Andrew Firestone

A contract dispute between the city and the firefighters' union, Local 76 to the tune of \$4.3 million is set to go before the public today and tomorrow, with a final hearing before the Board of Aldermen financial matters committee on January 30. The dispute, which goes back to 2007, is whether or not to award the firefighters four successive pay raises, amounting to about 13 percent.

The city has said that the proposed pay raise, which was mandated by the State Joint Labor Management Council in December, will ravage its current employment. 31 layoffs, 18 positions left vacant, and the West Somerville library being shuttered is the cost.

While the city does have \$2.4 million set aside in their con-

tingency fund, the cuts to services will amount to around \$1.15 million. 10 firefighters will be laid off, six will be demoted to lower pay grades, and seven police positions will be left vacant, along with five positions in the SFD.

While the city attempted to file a lawsuit against the SFD, Middlesex Superior Court, under the watch of Judge Thomas Murtagh, said that the state arbitration, which was initiated in 2010, is fair regarding the city's ability to pay. Now, the Board of Aldermen must discuss where the money will come from, and how it will affect city services.

\$346,182 of budgetary matters would also be delayed.

While Judge Murtagh declined to make a ruling at this time, Union head Jay Colbert has offered to defer payment until next year to stave off layoffs.



The City of Somerville and firefighters' union, Local 76, are hoping to resolve their longstanding dispute in the near future.

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Michael Everett Capuano is serving his seventh term as a Representative in Congress for Massachusetts' Eighth District, which includes Cambridge, Chelsea, Somerville and approximately 70% of Boston. He is a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the House Committee on Financial Services. In November 2006, Mike was appointed to head the Transition by then Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi as Democrats prepared for a majority role in the 110th Congress. In January 2007, Speaker Pelosi appointed Mike to chair the Special Task Force on Ethics Enforcement. In March 2008, a resolution establishing an Office of

Congressional Ethics was passed, involving non-Members of the House in ethics matters for the first time in history.

On the local level, as Massachusetts' only Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, he fought to protect Massachusetts' share of federal transportation dollars. Through his efforts, Massachusetts received more than \$5 billion over six years. As a Member of the Financial Services Committee, Mike succeeded in providing assistance for the development of new intergenerational housing for grandparents raising their grandchildren and he significantly expanded the number of Massachusetts citizens eligible

for affordable home loans.

On the national level, moved by the story of a young man forced out of school and into hiding after telling authorities of a crime he witnessed, Mike filed the "Young Witness Assistance Act" to create a grant program at the Department of Justice for locally developed juvenile witness assistance initiatives. Mike also succeeded in passing a law to require Medicare coverage for vision rehabilitation services. These services help restore safety and independence to seniors who suffer from vision loss.

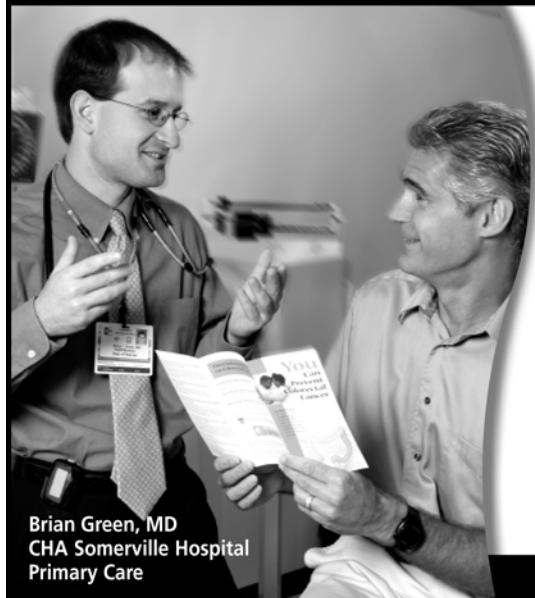
On the international level, Mike co-founded and co-chairs the Congressional Caucus on Sudan. He has emerged as a leading Congressional voice,

fighting the ongoing atrocities and genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan. He even secured an additional \$50 million in funding for the African Union Mission in Sudan.

Mike was the Mayor of Somerville (1990-1998). He graduated from Somerville High School, received a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College in 1973, and a law degree from Boston College Law School in 1977. He passed the Massachusetts Bar in 1977. Mike is married to Barbara Teebag Capuano.

He will discuss issues facing the current Congress and will look to hear from our members on issues of importance to the business community.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Employee awards himself a ‘bonus’

Police officers were dispatched to the Target store on Somerville Avenue last Wednesday to investigate a reported case of employee theft.

Upon arrival, the officers were met by loss prevention personnel and advised that an employee of the store, Jamal Crews-Williams,

20, was being held on suspicion of stealing items from the store, according to reports.

Police were reportedly told that items taken from the store were placed in a backpack owned Crews-Williams and that it was located in the employee area on the coat rack.

The witnesses, with the aid of the surveillance system, were able to see the Crews-Williams place items in his backpack that was then taken, by the defendant, to the employee area and placed on the coat rack, which is located beyond any point of sales, police said.

Crews-Williams was reportedly approached by the loss prevention officer and taken into the office to wait for the police.

Police and store personnel searched the backpack and reportedly found numerous MP3 players, video games, a portable gaming system, a

memory card and three ear bud type head phones, which totaled \$769.90 in value, according to police.

Crews-Williams was placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250 and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Just call him ‘Vinny’

A Somerville Police Traffic Unit performing speed enforcement on Mystic Avenue last week stopped a driver who was reportedly exceeding the speed limit, according to reports.

The driver explained to police that he was driving a friend’s car, and did not have his license with him.

When asked to identify himself he reportedly told police three

times that his name was Vinny Monteiro. The man was reportedly asked numerous times if that was how his name was spelled on his license and he repeatedly said that it was, police said.

The officer radioed the police dispatcher to do a license status check on the information given by the alleged speeder. The dispatcher reported “no response” to the reported information.

The man was once again asked if Vinny Montero was the name on his license and he said, “Yes.”

Police said that several RMV queries revealed that the man’s true identity was Verano Sebastio Monteiro, 32, and that his license was status “suspended.”

Monteiro was arrested and charged with speeding and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Somerville narcotics officers, conducting a narcotics investigation set up in the Assembly Square Mall parking lot last Thursday, made an arrest involving quantities of heroin, according to reports.

Officers converged on the occupants of a car stopped near the Bed, Bath, & Beyond

store and effected a search and seizure of 10 glassine baggies believed to contain heroin, police said.

Mildred Molina, 39, and Jeenifer Parker, 24, both of Dorchester, were arrested and charged with drug possession to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug law.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jamal Crews-Williams, 20, of 118 North St., January 11, 1:10 a.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on charges of larceny over \$250 and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Veranio Monteiro, 32, of 217 Western Ave., Cambridge, January 11, 11:22 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of speeding and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Zachary Waters, 28, January 11, 12:46 p.m., arrested on warrant charges of conspiracy, utter false witness, credit card fraud under \$250, larceny from a person, and unarmed assault to rob.

James Twohig, 32, of 200 Cove Way, Quincy, January 11, 3:43 p.m., arrested at 236 Elm St. on a charge of violation of city ordinance open container.

Victor Gasparini, 50, of 17 College Hill Rd., January 11, 6:56 p.m., arrested at home on a charge assault and battery and warrant charges of failure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Michael Barnett, 31, of 500A Mystic Ave., January 11, 10:02 p.m., arrested at Jaques St. on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, larceny over \$250, operation of a

motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to stop for police, and number plate violation.

Mildred Molina, 39, of 77 Ruthven St., Dorchester, January 12, 2:41 p.m., arrested at 119 Middlesex Ave. on charges of drug possession to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Jeenifer Parker, 24, of 49 Seaver St., Dorchester, January 12, 2:41 p.m., arrested at 119 Middlesex Ave. on charges of drug possession to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Bryan Bennett-Garcia, 24, of 74 Codman Park, Roxbury, January 13, 9:56 a.m., arrested at 40 Memorial Rd. on charges of assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Jonathan Cammarata, 30, of 149 Perkins St., January 13, 12:48 p.m., arrested at 5 Meacham St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to stop or yield, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Fernando Silva, 31, of 45 Main St., January 15, 12:14 a.m., arrested at Howe St. on charges of uninsured motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and attaching wrong motor vehicle.

Jose Lagos, 39, of 9 Gilman St., January 15, 3:07 a.m., arrested at home on charges of felony nighttime breaking, assault and battery, and entering and witness intimidation.

Johny Malan, 25, of 212 Middlesex Ave., January 15, 3:24 a.m., arrested at 218 Highland Ave. on warrant charges of assault and battery and misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Joseph Lynch, 24, of 154 Glendale St., Everett, January 15, 4:57 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Robert Stone, 58, of 125 Jacques St., January 15, 7:31 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Matthew Welch, 30, of 7 Walnut Rd., January 16, 12:26 a.m., arrested at Central St. on charges of speeding, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Incidents:

Theft:

January 10, 11:03 a.m., police reported a theft at 520 Columbia St.

January 10, 2:21 p.m., police reported a theft at 715 Somerville Ave.

January 10, 5:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Mystic Ave.

January 11, 11:03 p.m., police

reported a theft at Greenville St.

January 11, 1:10 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

January 12, 11:19 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

January 12, 11:54 a.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

January 12, 2:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Puritan Rd.

January 13, 10:31 a.m., police reported a theft at Columbus Ave.

January 13, 3:04 p.m., police reported a theft at Clarendon Ave.

January 13, 9:35 p.m., police reported a theft at 41 Inner Belt Rd.

January 14, 6:17 p.m., police reported a theft at 223 Washington St.

January 14, 9:37 p.m., police reported a theft at 285 Highland Ave.

Robbery:

January 10, 11:48 p.m., police reported a robbery at 513 Medford St.

Breaking & Entering:

January 10, 12:38 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

January 10, 12:54 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

Vehicle Theft:

January 10, 7:48 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Day St.

January 10, 11:32 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Kidder Ave.

January 13, 5:52 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Linden St.

January 14, 1:05 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Medford St.

Assault:

January 11, 6:56 p.m., police reported an assault at College Hill Rd.

January 11, 7:54 p.m., police reported an assault at New Hampshire Ave.

January 11, 8:45 p.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.

January 13, 9:32 a.m., police reported an assault at Albion St.

January 13, 9:56 a.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

January 13, 10:05 p.m., police reported an assault at 91 Highland Ave.

January 14, 1:25 p.m., police reported an assault at 30 Washington St.

January 15, 3:07 a.m., police reported an assault at Gilman St.

January 15, 3:24 a.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.

Assembly Row to have lights, camera, action

AMC to replace the abandoned Loews

By Andrew Firestone

Federal Realty has announced its first tenant to Assembly Row, and the stage is sure to be dazzling. AMC Theaters, the giant movie cinema chain, will be setting up shop with a 60,000 sq. ft. theater, complete with 12 screens (one of them being a vaunted IMAX auditorium), 2,250 seats, and a concession area complete with a full bar and lounge.

The Somerville News caught up with Chris Weilminster, senior vice president of leasing at FRIT, and he could not be happier with the results.

"The execution of this lease is important because it sets the tone for the development of Assembly Row and helps define our commitment to deliver a first-class entertainment experience as one part of this great new neighborhood," he said.

The cinema will be the first of several entertainment venues, with the possibility of a bowling ally like Boston's Kings, or another entertainment-based venue coming along with other amenities to the 56-acre development.

"We clearly intend to compliment the AMC theater with other entertainment experiences," said Weilminster, listing their desires to see top-notch restaurants sitting in the Row to compliment the shopping and cinema. Announcements for final tenants are expected to be made within the next two fiscal quarters.

"We're out talking to a lot of the well-known iconic American brands that really have great, broad customer appeal," he said.

"We're very excited. The interest has been very positive. We feel very confident in our ability to deliver a world-class venue to the constituents of Somerville and the Boston community at large."

Weilminster said the plans for Assembly Row made it a great sell to the many possible businesses that might make their home there. Among the selling-points he listed were "the ease of access to road networks around the property," and "its being located in a wonderful community that has fully embraced the mixed-used development that we are contemplating building."

Of the outlet store plan released by Federal Realty last November, as many as 50 stores have been planned. "There really is a big hole in the donut for these outlet retailers where they look at where their alternative sites are. Most of them, their closest stores are going to be down in Wrentham, which is a solid 30 miles away from this site."

"[These chains] look at 26 million plus visitors coming into Boston. They look at the density of the college student base that comes into the Boston MSA on an annual basis. They see that there's a great opportunity for them to supplement their full-line stores, that most of them will ultimately have in the suburbs and in the center City of Boston, with the outlet brand, which they are trying to figure out ways to grow."

With construction for Assembly Row breaking ground in this quarter, the revelation of other businesses slated to set-up shop in the square can only be just around the corner.



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Somerville Food and Nutrition Services hosts recipe contest for school lunches

By Savath Yong

Somerville Food and Nutrition Services is currently accepting submissions for its recipe contest to improve Somerville Public School lunches. The winners will be awarded gift cards, their recipes served on the lunch line and recognition on the menu.

SFNS's goal is to provide meals that staff and students will enjoy and the department believes that one of the best ways to discover what kids like to eat is to find out what they are cooking and preparing at home. The FNSD aims for a variety of choices on the school menu and are always seeking new options.

According to Charlotte Stephenson, Nutrition Outreach Coordinator for SFNS, "There have been so many requests for culturally diverse foods on the menu and we figure this contest is a great way to get some ideas as well. We have got-

ten some great entries so far and hopefully they can translate into delicious school lunches. There are many different factors that we take into consideration, including the nutritional aspects, making sure they're kid friendly and most importantly, that the recipes can be replicated in a school setting."

Anyone involved in the Somerville school community is encouraged to submit their entries, including parents, students, administrators and teachers. The deadline for submissions is 3:30 p.m. on Friday, January 27, and the winners will be announced Friday, February 17.

For more information or questions, contact Charlotte Stephenson by emailing her at cstephenson@k12.somerville.ma.us or for details about contest submissions, visit <http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/education/dept/dept.php?sectionid=1217>.

RECIPES for SCHOOL LUNCH

Somerville Food and Nutrition Services is hosting a recipe contest to help us improve school lunch! We want YOUR culturally diverse, delicious and nutritious, kid-approved recipes for use in schools. Winners will get a gift card, their recipe served on the lunch line and recognition on the menu!

Details



- Students, teachers, administrators or any other member of the Somerville school community may submit a recipe
- Recipe must be an entrée or side dish — no desserts
- Recipe must include the following:
 1. Name of person entering contest, school, grade (if applicable), email address, phone number
 2. Recipe name
 3. Number of servings
 4. Complete list of ingredients with amounts (i.e., teaspoons, tablespoons, cups, ounces)
 5. Complete preparation directions (i.e., pan sizes, cooking times, temperatures)
 6. Short description of why your recipe should be chosen. Be creative!
- Recipe contest participants can submit multiple recipes
- Recipes must be typed and/or written clearly in English
- Recipes must be submitted by 3:30 pm on Friday, January 27th, 2012
- Two winners will be announced Friday, February 17th, 2012
- Recipes must be submitted to Charlotte Stephenson — they can be delivered or mailed to the Food Service office at the Winter Hill Community School (Room 322), sent interoffice, emailed to cstephenson@k12.somerville.ma.us, or faxed to 617-666-5451
- Recipes will be tested by Food Services and evaluated based on taste, visual appeal, creativity, nutrition and ability to replicate in school foodservice setting
- Questions? Call Charlotte Stephenson x6095 or email cstephenson@k12.somerville.ma.us

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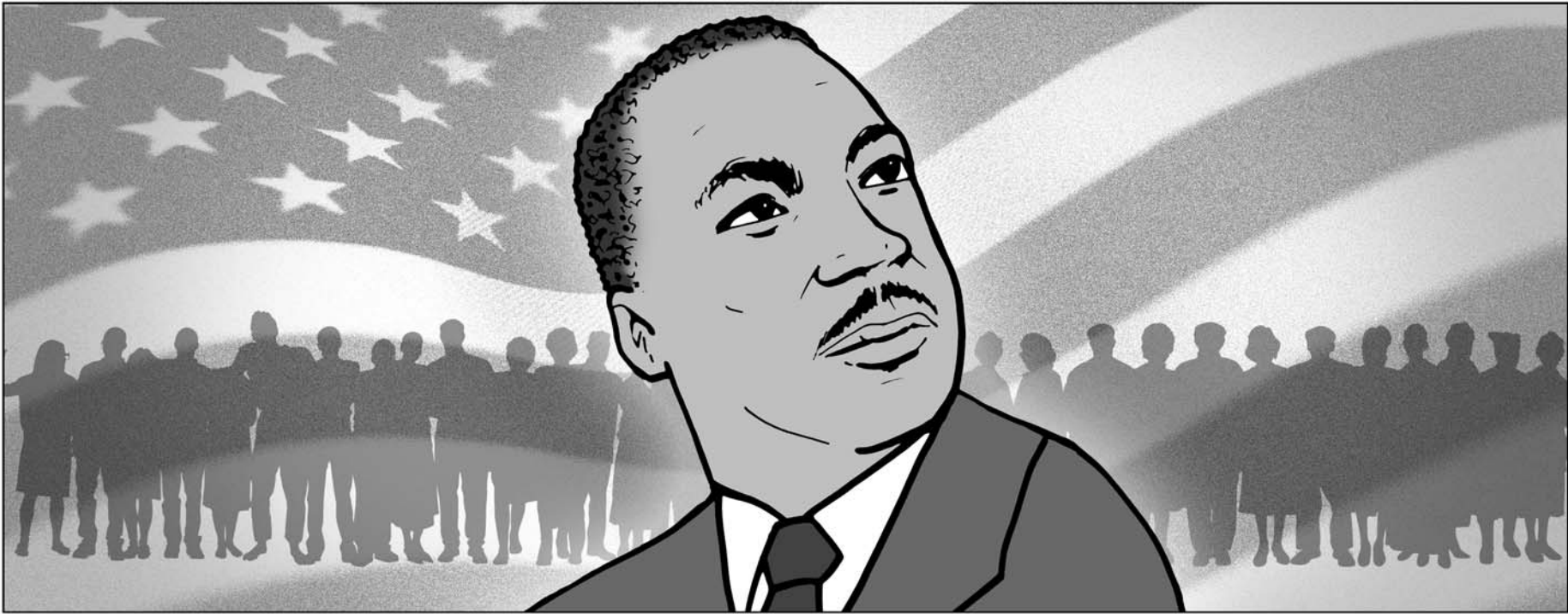
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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Remember The Dream.

The View From Prospect Hill



This past Monday, January 16, we once again came together in the spirit of community fellowship to honor the memory and enduring legacy of civil rights champion Martin Luther King, Jr. As people across the nation celebrated the official day of

commemoration, we here in Somerville held our own ceremonies, chiefly the “A Call To Action” event at the Somerville Theatre organized by the Somerville Office of Commissions and the Somerville Public Schools. Dr. King’s contributions to our

society are immeasurably immense. As a staunch and fearless civil rights advocate he fought alongside the thousands who challenged the old status quo and helped to break the bonds that held millions of Americans at bay for generations. In the end, he made the supreme sacri-

fice as the victim of a hateful attack on his very life. The Holy Bible says, in John 15:13: “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” As a man of the cloth, Dr. King was more than simply aware of this concept. He lived it in his un-

failing commitment to improving the society we live in. His memory stands as an inspiration to the present and future generations who will strive to continue the forward advancement of civilization. He was, indeed, a friend to us all.

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Very big Happy Birthdays to some our fans out there this week. First of all to Cynthia Snow Murphy, a good friend of the paper; Chris McGovern who is also celebrating this week; our good friend Bill Rogers down at the Winter Hill Yacht Club; local attorney Bob Daut, who is one of the nicest guys around; to transplant Villen Phil Forsyth, who lives in Texas now; Ken Kotch over in Spring Hill is also celebrating this week as he and his wife Mona are expecting in a few

months, so 2012 is going to be a year to remember for them. And to former School Committee member from Ward 6 Julie Tarpey DiPasquale who celebrated last Saturday. Julie has been involved with the city for many years and still is. Happy birthday to our very good friend Robert Mason who is celebrating the special day partying all over the Ville! Robert is a great guy and we wish him all the best. **Remember, we are growing. To get an update on the papers we are starting up go directly to our new web site, www.bostonnewsgroup.com - soon to be on Face book as well.**

Little Sisters of the Poor are asking for your help. Their handicapped van was a 2002 Ford model and was donated to the home several years ago. It has served them well, but it has outlived its usefulness. They are in desperate need of a new van as the current one has needed repeated repairs and has been in the garage several times in the last six months. The van is used on a daily basis to transport residents to doctor’s appointments. There is a van that includes a power fold down ramp for easy access to the van but they need \$40,000 to purchase this type of van. If you would like to help make their special wish for 2012 come true for their

residents please contact Sr. Mary Vincent at 857-928-3548 or email her at smdonations@littlesistersofthepoor.org. You can also donate via their web site www.littlesistersofthepoorgrboston.org. **Third Life Studio will be holding their monthly Opensound concert Saturday, January 21, at 7 p.m. Opensound is a monthly concert series that explores improvised and experimental music, bringing artists from disparate backgrounds together for unique events in Somerville. Third Life Studio is located at 33 Union Square. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., music at 8 p.m. - \$8 admission.**

ZBA Summer St. decision appealed CONT. FROM PG 1

exist in the residential district, and that the combination of the residential and commercial zone the condominiums would occupy is illegal. The lot currently is com-

prised of a parking lot and an empty, grassy plain. The neighborhood, despite bordering the busy square, is mostly one or two family homes. The suit follows a long peri-

od of discontent and infighting between the neighbors against the developer, beginning in Summer 2010 after a bizarre incident in which environmental documents not filed with the proposal before

the ZBA, despite a neighbor finding out their existence. Many aldermen have voiced their dislike of the developer, Roberto Arista. Some have even questioned their motives in proposing the VFW

post swap, claiming that it intentionally brought the veterans into the issue to garner sympathy. The suit will go before a judge, who will act as the deciding voice.

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COMMENTARY

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Mitt, Bain, and vulture capitalism



By William C. Shelton

Last week, Newt Gingrich and Rick Perry attacked Mitt Romney's claim to having created 100,000 jobs as owner of Bain Capital. Instead, they said, Romney had practiced "vulture capitalism," neither venture capitalism nor free enterprise.

With Perry, this was a case of the pot and the kettle, since he claims that because of his governorship Texas has led the nation in job "creation." In fact, Texas's net gain in jobs has been largely due to companies leaving other states to take advantage of Texas's anti-worker policies, inferior environmental protections, and low wages.

Republican leaders quickly counterattacked, outraged that two of their own would criticize any large corporation. However cynical Gingrich was, he shined light on the private equity sector. These shadowy firms own com-

panies that employ one out of ten American workers.

To my mind, venture capitalists produce tangible and sustainable benefits. They support entrepreneurs who would not otherwise obtain needed capital. They invest in companies that succeed only if they produce innovative products and services. Venture-capital-funded companies frequently generate exponential job growth. And they contribute much-needed federal, state, and municipal tax revenues.

For all of benefits that venture capitalists produce, private equity firms produce the opposite.

They kill jobs. They reduce service and product quality while increasing prices. They burden companies with enormous levels of debt, first to buy the companies and then by borrowing even more to pay themselves lavish "dividends."

U.S. tax code allows them to deduct all of the interest on the debt, so they pay taxes at about half the rate of their competitors. And when they sell those companies that they have not driven into bankruptcy, they pay taxes on their profit of only 15%. They cost the government about \$10 billion per year in

lost tax revenues.

Under Mitt Romney, Bain Capital pioneered of these practices. In 1984, Romney and T. Coleman Andrews III became Bain Capital's first chief executives. In 1992, Bill Bain, principal owner of the consulting group Bain & Co., gave 100% of the firm to Romney in return for his help in rescuing the consultancy from bankruptcy.

Under Mitt's leadership, Bain Capital went from being a venture capital firm to being almost exclusively a private equity firm. The latter was much more lucrative.

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

The junk drawer



It may be in your bureau, nightstand, or coffee table. Maybe it's in the kitchen or dining room. It's the junk drawer. It's the place where bits and pieces of our past accumulate. It's the stuff that we just can't part with. All clumped together. It may be in a plastic bin in the back of your closet, but we all have that place that holds the things we have kept.

Actually, I have several different places

that house my stuff. In there is my plastic Somerville High School ID, with a guitar pick-sized hole in it. A key and a lock that doesn't match. The ignition key (with the Plymouth logo on it) from an old Dodge. My brother's fourth grade school picture. More photographs, matchbooks, cufflinks, business cards, buttons, a bow tie, two old MBTA tokens, and a Somerville tie clip with the Powder House on it. I also saved my draft card and the very last report card from Somerville High School in 1971. It wasn't pretty, but at least I

graduated. There is also a receipt for my orthopedic shoes I had to wear in the eighth grade. Lots of old stuff, stuffed into drawers and boxes.

My parents' old jewelry box, minus any real valuables, is still on the bureau. It was in my parents' large bureau that we have kept upstairs (maybe because it's all too old and heavy to move). The drawers still have some of their things in it. A few religious medals, some Masonic pins, and the Western Union telegram that my mother, sister, brother and I

sent to my father congratulating him for 30 years at his job at WR Grace. It was dated 12/5/77. A plastic shoehorn that has been hanging around the house for decades. Sometimes it shows up in the kitchen and sometimes it makes its way back upstairs.

I wonder what would happen if I called the number scribbled on the back of this folded old Dunkin Donuts napkin? A yellow plastic 45 rpm disc that fit inside a record sits next to a silver coin my mother brought me from

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Senator DiDomenico Recounts Last Year's Accomplishments

Friends,

As we begin the second half of the legislative session this January, I want to update you on some of the major initiatives that my colleagues and I in the State Senate have been working on during the past year.

Last year, the Senate worked hard and enacted a number of important bills which I was proud to support, including restructuring of the trial court, anti-human trafficking legislation, state finance reform and alimony reform. We also passed legislation focused on job creation, education, veterans' issues, strong fiscal management, public safety, transportation initiatives, elder services, housing and economic development.

In the fall, the legislature quickly passed a supplemental budget to provide fiscal relief to some of the Commonwealth's most vulnerable residents and protection to key programs. One of my top priorities throughout the budget debate was to restore funding to the children's clothing al-

lowance, which had been cut from \$150 per child to \$40 per child because of the difficult budget year. I was especially proud that this budget directed additional funds to provide the full clothing allowance and insured that children were able to access this essential necessity.

I also filed a number of pieces of legislation that will improve our communities and will foster the growth of small businesses. One such bill is the Community Development Partnership Act which will create jobs, encourage "community-centric" development and help to strengthen our neighborhoods. I also co-sponsored a bill to extend the Community Preservation Act, which will continue to help local municipalities shape their communities to improve the quality of life for their residents. Because of my advocacy and contributions to community planning, I was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association. In addition, during the gaming debate I protected small business interests by filing two amendments, which were included in the final version of the bill, and ensured that they would

play a sustained role in casino planning and development.

One of my top legislative priorities this session has been a bill I filed to establish a workplace violence prevention and crisis response plan for all social workers and human service workers. These individuals work selflessly to help our most vulnerable populations and, as highlighted by the recent tragic death of Stephanie Moulton, we have seen too many cases where their safety on-the-job has been brought into question. This legislation takes the steps necessary to shield them from workplace violence.

Another priority of mine has been modernizing our election laws so that our youth have a greater voice in the electoral process. I filed legislation that would allow qualified 16 year-olds to pre-register to vote, so that they will be already signed up to vote once they reach their 18th birthday. I have also co-sponsored a bill that would establish an online voter registration and another that would ensure that the Registry of Voters has the most updated information available by automatically register-

ing voters who have moved within the Commonwealth. During the upcoming year, I will continue to work actively and passionately for the passage of these bills and others which would increase civic participation and further engage our youth in this process.

Lastly, I want to tell you how honored I am to serve as your State Senator. I have attended hundreds of events throughout the district and have had the opportunity to speak to thousands of residents about their concerns and hopes for the future. You can be sure that your voices have been heard, and I will work each day to improve the lives of the people of my district and throughout the Commonwealth. This has been a productive year in the Legislature and I look forward to continuing to represent you in the Senate. As always, I can be reached at (617) 722-1650 or via e-mail at sal.didomenico@masenate.gov and greatly appreciate your feedback, questions and support.

Best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy New Year!
Sincerely,
State Senator Sal DiDomenico

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local senators on two roll calls from the week of January 9-13. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middle-

sex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

END ABUSES AT STATE EDUCATION COLLABORATIVES (S 2101)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill making major changes in the regulation and operation of the state's education collaboratives that help teach children with special needs. The bill is in response to last year's discovery by the state auditor and inspector general of misuse of funds at the Merrimack Special Education Collaborative by former director John Barranco, who is accused of diverting \$11.5 million in public funds to the center to raise his pay and that of some top executives. He is also accused of illegally using the collaborative's credit card to charge some \$50,000 in personal expenses.

Provisions include requiring each collaborative to maintain a public website; requiring collaboratives to file annual reports; authorizing the State Education Department, auditor and Department of Revenue to periodically audit and review the records of each collaborative and address the conflicts of interest surrounding collaboratives and their related nonprofit organizations, through which many of the abuses took place.

Supporters said last year's abuse was outrageous and argued the bill would create accountability and transparency to begin to prevent deliberate abuse of funds from ever happening again. They noted the measure would help thousands of families of special needs children across the state who depend on these important services. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (S 918)

Senate 34-0, approved and sent to the House legislation that would require employers with more than 50 employees to allow workers who are victims of domestic violence or who have a family member who is the victim of stalking or sexual assault to take up to an annual 15-day leave of absence to address issues arising from the incident. Employees can use the leave to obtain medical attention, counseling, housing, protection orders and other necessary legal assistance.

Employers would decide whether to pay the employee for the days of absence while employees would be required to provide documentation that he, she or a fami-

ly member has been a victim of abusive behavior.

Supporters said this long-overdue measure would allow survivors to take a leave of absence and get help without fear of being fired. They noted these victims should not be further victimized by being forced to choose between their jobs and their safety.

While no one voted against the bill, Sen. Robert Hedlund (D-Weymouth) voted "present" and explained the other side of the issue. He said this was a mandate businesses cannot afford during this difficult economic time. He expressed concern that the new requirement could be a hindrance for companies interested in relocating to Massachusetts. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAN HANDHELD CELL PHONE USE - The Transportation Committee's hearing on several proposals to ban the use of handheld cell phones by drivers (H 1817, H 3069, S 1732 and S 1764) attracted only one person to testify. The measure, which would allow use of cell phones with a hands-free headset, was pushed by the lone testifier, Jerry Cibley whose son died on Mother's Day 2007 when using his cell phone while driving. Cibley said his son dropped his cell phone, took off his seat belt to retrieve it and then hit a tree. Lawmakers themselves filled the remainder of the hearing and several legislators gave their opinions on the proposals. Current law prohibits text messaging while driving and bans drivers under 18 from using any type of cell phone or mobile electronic device.

MISUSE OF WELFARE FUNDS - Four bills dealing with welfare reform were scheduled to be heard by the Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Two of the bills (S 68 and S 1838) filed in January 2011, would prohibit welfare recipients from using their electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards to purchase products not allowed under the law, including firearms, tobacco, lottery tickets and alcohol. The bills were not necessary because the Legislature in July approved and Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law similar legislation. When no one showed up to testify on those two proposals and the two others, committee Co-Chair Sen. Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport) adjourned the hearing.

LIMIT SEIZURE OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN (S 856) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on legislation prohibiting state and local governments from taking private property by eminent domain unless it is necessary for the possession, occupation and enjoyment of land by the public, the functioning of public utilities or where the use of eminent domain removes a public nuisance or a structure that is beyond repair or unfit for human habitation or use. The legislation has been pushed unsuccessfully for several years in response to a 2005 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allows communities to seize private homes and businesses solely for commercial purposes. The ruling also allows states to establish laws prohibiting the practice.

FORECLOSURES - A large crowd packed a Judiciary

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Committee hearing on several pieces of legislation dealing with foreclosures, including a bill that would allow homeowners to remain in their homes after a foreclosure, until the bank sells the property to a new owner (H 493). Another measure would require banks to hold in-person mediation sessions with homeowners, in order to try to restructure the mortgage, before finalizing a foreclosure (S 865). It also allows those homeowners to seek judicial review in a court if an agreement between the bank and the property owner is not reached.

Supporters of mandatory mediation and court review said Massachusetts is the only New England state without a foreclosure mediation law. They argued the bill would ensure that homeowners have opportunities to plead their case and take some power away from the banks. Opponents said the court system could not handle the tens of thousands of cases.

BAN STYROFOAM PACKAGING (S 1034) - The Municipalities and Regional Government Committee will hold a hearing at 11 a.m. on January 24 on a bill allowing cities and towns to ban the commercial sale and use of any Styrofoam and other polystyrene containers. Styrofoam is the Dow Chemical Company's brand name of polystyrene. These containers are the familiar white plastic foam ones that supermarkets, fast food and other restaurants use to package and serve food and drinks. The proposal allows communities to ban the use of the containers unless the retailer recycles them. Supporters say this material is not biodegradable and is bad for the environment. They also note that polystyrene production uses chemicals that harm air quality.

CONSTITUENTS WITHOUT A STATE REP - Some 80,000 residents in two representative districts might be without a state representative for the next year until a new one is elected in November and sworn into office in January 2013. Rep. William Brownsberger (D-Belmont) will be vacating the 24th Middlesex seat that is comprised of Belmont and parts of Cambridge and Arlington. Brownsberger was recently elected to fill the seat left vacant by former Sen. Steven Tolman, who resigned to become president of the Massachusetts AFL-

CIO. Also, Rep. Vincent Pedone (D-Worcester), who represents Worcester's 15th District is resigning to become the executive vice director of the Council of Presidents of the Massachusetts State University System.

There is controversy over whether to hold special elections to fill the seats. Supporters say these 80,000 residents should not be without representation for a year. Opponents say a special election is too costly and note it would be based on districts that would be defunct because the Legislature has carved out new districts that will be effective for the November 2012 election.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Anybody putting one of those things in their hand while driving is potentially committing suicide." – *Rep. James Miceli (D-Wilmington) on his support of a ban on the use of all handheld cell phones while driving.*

"If my son had been on a hands-free device that day, he would be here. He would be alive. I wouldn't be going through misery. I promised my son in his eulogy that we would do something. We would save lives. I'm asking you. I'm begging you." – *Jerry Cibley, whose son died on Mother's Day 2007 when using his cell phone while driving. Cibley was testifying in favor of a proposal that would ban the use of handheld cell phones by drivers and would allow use only with a hands-free headset.*

"Under no circumstance should homeowners not be able to quickly find out who owns the note to what is oftentimes their most valuable asset." – *Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy) on his newly filed bill that would require banks and mortgage lenders to record every residential mortgage transaction with the local Registry of Deeds and prohibit them from secretly selling or reassigning mortgages.*

"State oversight of the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) program has been far too lax, and has allowed recipients to manipulate the system at the expense of the

taxpayers who fund these benefits." – *Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) on his continuing efforts to pass legislation that cracks down on illegal use of EBT cards by welfare recipients.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say 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 the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of January 9-13, the House met for a total of three hours and 21 minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 26 minutes.

Mon. January 9	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.
Tues. January 10	No House session Senate 1:25 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.
Wed. January 11	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. January 12	House 11:00 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. Senate 1:15 p.m. to 2:54 p.m.
Fri. January 13	No House session No Senate session

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Somerville sounds 'A Call to Action'

Remembers the work of MLK

By Andrew Firestone

The Ninth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Celebration was held at the Somerville Theatre. This year's theme for the event was "A Call to Action" and the air was brimming with the spirit of idealism that King strove for many years ago. The show began with Mayor Joseph Curtatone introducing the festivities, including the many speakers, both students and public officials, while trying to impress the need for public service and human decency throughout the community.

The students chosen to speak were Kajal Patel of the fifth grade, Wyatt Westlake of the fourth, and Christian Santos and Donovan Palmer of the eighth grade.

"As one of the most diverse communities in the nation, we certainly understand the importance of his ideas and power," said Curtatone.

A surprise speaker turned out in the form of Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian. Koutoujian spoke of a conversation he had had with his eight-year-old son that morning, in which his son repeated the story of how Rosa Parks was told to sit in the back of the "school bus."

"The beautiful thing about my children or any child is that they are born with a blank slate," he said. "They are born without prejudice. They don't understand why anyone would ever considering putting someone at the back of this bus or why anyone else would have to drink at a different fountain."

Koutoujian said that Dr. King's 'Letter from a Birmingham Jail' personally influenced him, as it was a testament to "why it is so important that we in public safety never lose sight of our true purpose to help our fellow man."

"As [Dr. King] said 'law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice, and when they fail in this purpose, they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress.'"

"It is my firm belief that by engaging those who have found themselves on the wrong path from a place of accountability, coupled with compassion and direction, we can put them on the right path towards participating in a positive way in their society once again."

Later, William "Mo" Cowan, Governor Deval Patrick's Chief of Staff, delivered the keynote address. In his address, Cowan stressed the need to continue striving for a better community, and urged the audience to give back as much as they could to a society that was built upon human dignity and fairness.

"Dr. King was a man of immeasurable courage and deep conviction," said Cowan. "He had a vision of a world where hate has no place. Where opportunity and equality reign above all. A place where he called the 'beloved community'. In Dr. King's beloved community, we will not stand for poverty, hunger and homelessness, because human decency will not allow it. In his beloved community, all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be wiped away by deep and sincere respect for each other and our diversity."

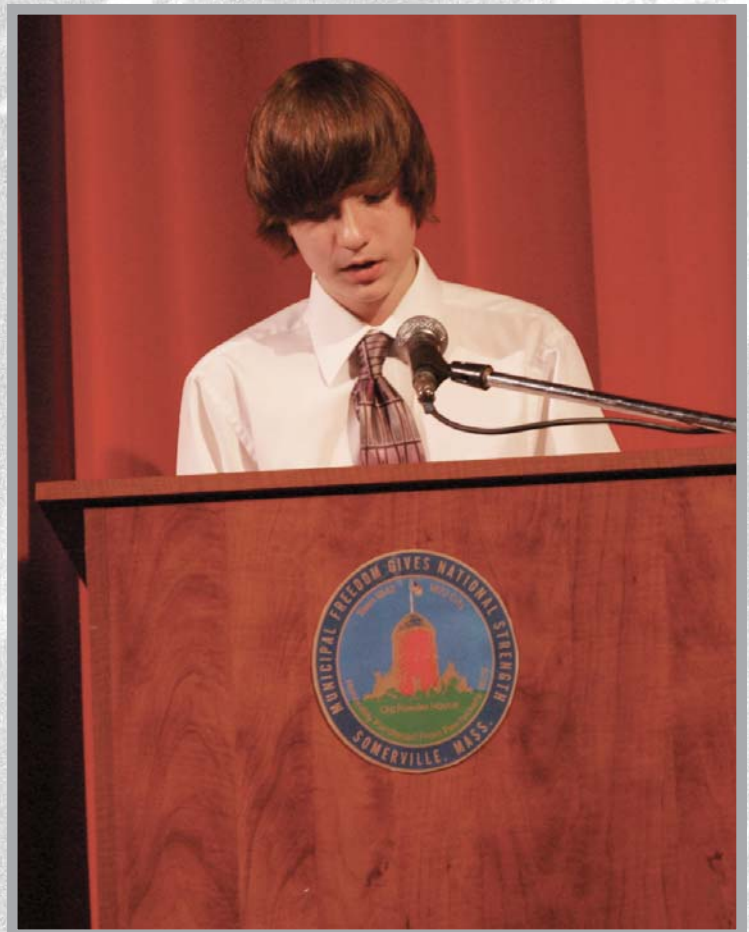
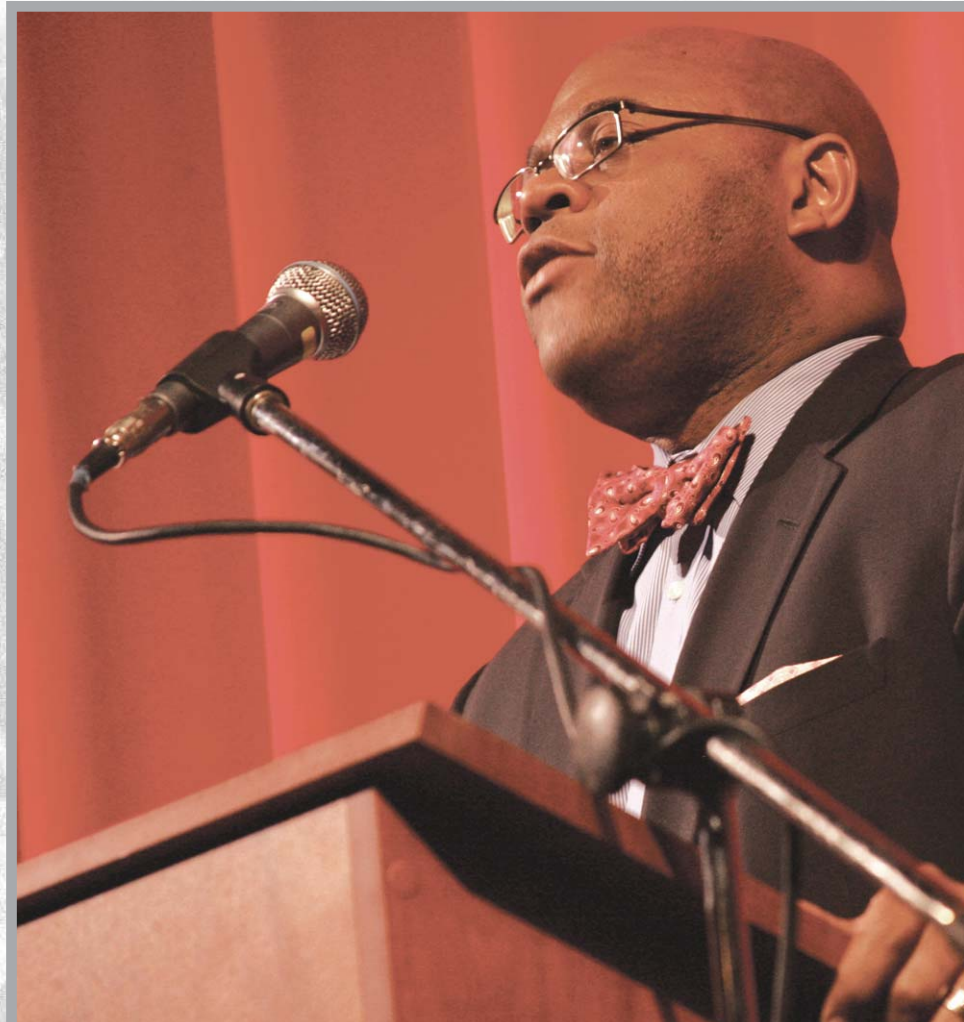
"The journey to this beloved community is not without pain and sacrifice. Dr. King showed us this. At every turn, he was confronted by hatred and too often violence. Yet he stood his moral ground and led us forward."

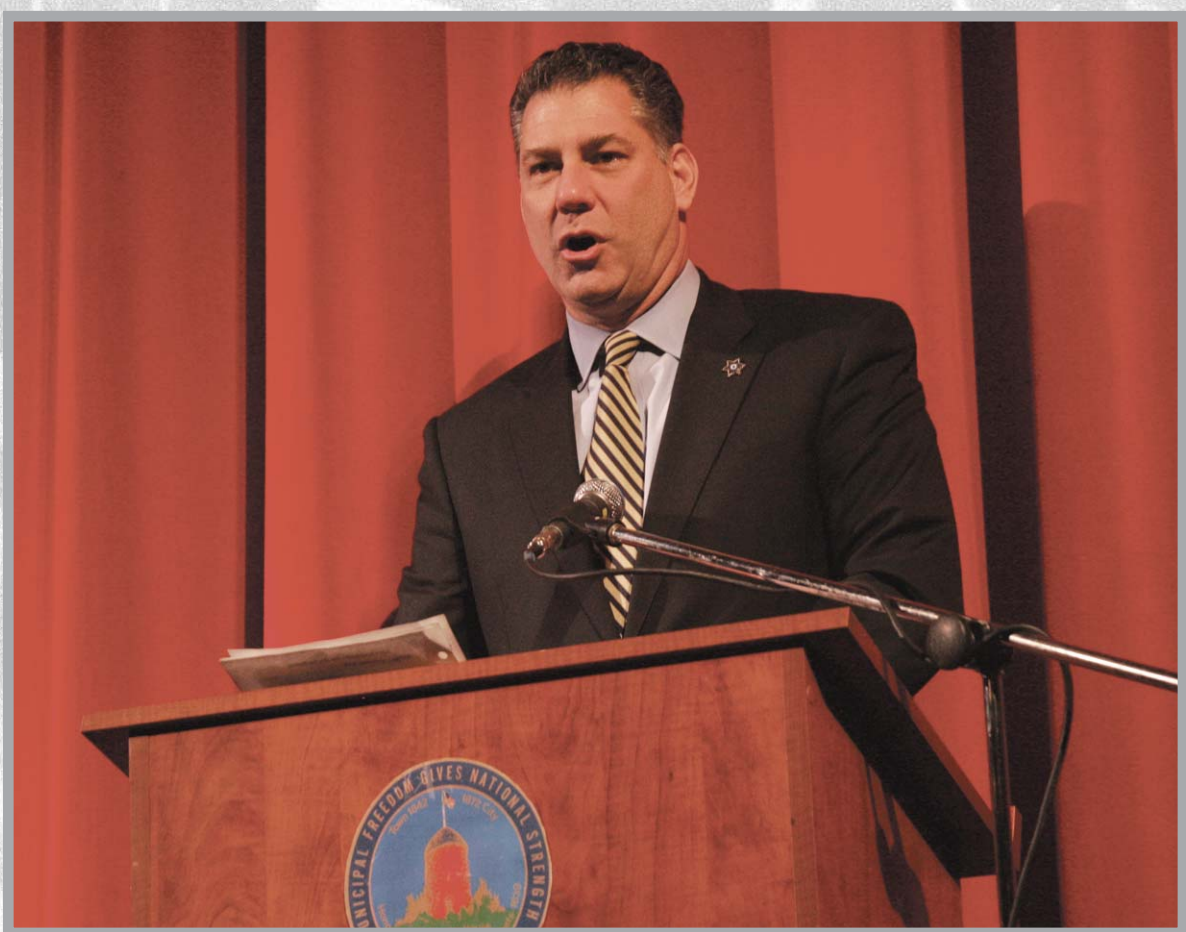
Cowan related that his community in North Carolina remained a segregated community even years after Dr. King's death. He remembered that the Ku Klux Klan still had a presence, and decades after King's speech; he saw a cross burned in his neighborhood.

As for the fight for equality today, he said the battle continued into new and more treacherous territory. "You need look no further than the daily news reports describing the growing income disparity among us and the ballooning poverty rates."

Community service, he said, was the way forward, and he concluded by quoting Dr. King. "Let us rise up with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination and let us move on in these power days, these days of challenge, to make America what it ought to be."

The assembly also included performances by the Somerville High School Chorus, the Y We Prayze dance group, and JG of the Meggatoons. This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Awards went to individual Lisa Davidson, with the organization award going to the Somerville Homeless Coalition, and a posthumous award going to Lou Ann David.





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

SHS girls track update

At the Dartmouth College Invitational on Saturday, January 7, Nicole Genard placed fifth in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.59. She also finished 8th in the long jump with a jump of 16' 9". She was the only girl to score.

Also Competing were: Gelynn Berger-55m dash-8.7; Michel-le Meranda-300m-44.4; Kaylee Lima-300m; Pristine Mei-1000m-3:30; Melina Garro-Duplisea-1000m-3:31; Maggie Langwig-mile-6:18; Rita Musello-Kelliher-6:31; Natalie David-shot put-28'8.

Results of the first East Coast Track Championships held at the Providence Career and Technical School in Providence, RI: Although it was not a meet with

large numbers, it had a lot of quality performers, which usually happens in a first time meet.

There were a few Massachusetts teams, some from Connecticut, but mostly Rhode Island teams. Finishers in the top six earned medals. Finishers in the top eight earned all-east coast honors and certificates. 55m hurdles-Nicole Genard-1st-8.39 Two mile-Pristine Mei-5th-in a personal best of 12:41. Melina Garro-Duplisea-8th-also in a personal best of 13:12. 400m-Michel-le Meranda-6th-63.92. 4x200m relay-4th-1:50.94-Miranda DeSaulniers, Gelynn Berger, Michel-le Meranda, Nicole Genard.



All-East Certificate holders (from left to right) Pristine Mei, Miranda DeSaulniers, Nicole Genard, Michel-le Meranda, Gelynn Berger, and Melina Garro-Duplisea.

St. Clement girls basketball wins again

The St. Clement Lady Anchors basketball team won their second game on Monday, January 9, versus Mount St. Joseph Academy 44-31. The Lady Anchors came out strong leading 25 to 13 after the first half. Elva Martinez (Somerville) continued to lead the Anchors defensively

with nine rebounds and nine steals. Allison Caloggero (Medford) was a huge contributor scoring nine points, grabbing six rebounds to go along with three assists. Jessica Popken (Medford) led the team offensively scoring 23 points, including four from long range. Adding two



The St. Clement Lady Anchors continued their winning ways with a victory over Mount St. Joseph Academy last week.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. If you want to see Toontown, Critter Country, and Main Street U.S.A. where would you go?

2. What is the name of the poem by T.S. Eliot that begins with "April is the cruellest month?"

3. What word would mean to make fun of, belittle, humiliate?

4. What is the fancy word for boxing or fighting?

5. Who wrote the opera *Porgy and Bess*?

6. What day of the week is Inauguration Day in the United States always held on?

7. How did the letters written by the kid at Camp Granada always start?

8. Who was the Goofy guy known for his goo-goo-gally eyes?

9. What soda manufactured by Pepsi features a root beer drinking bull dog on the label?

10. What is the name of the coffee chain named after a character in Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*?

11. In baseball, who was the first player to have his number, 4, retired in 1939?

12. What is the expression used for high rollers by casinos?

Answers on page 23

more from long range was Diana Tran (Somerville) who also played great on defense recording 4 steals. The junior varsity team also secured a convincing 42-33 win. Captain Erika Lydon (Medford) nearly had a double double scoring 20 points with seven steals and nine assists. Senior Nicole Cella (Charlestown) had nine rebounds and Maria Martinez (Medford) assisted with 10 steals and six rebounds.

The team also faced league undefeated rival Pope John. The Anchors put up a good fight and took the game right down to the wire losing 31-50. The game was

back and forth before the Anchors had to foul down the stretch. Stepping up for the Lady Anchors was Katie Monestime (Somerville) who led the team on both ends with 17 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Also playing well for the Anchors was Kristina Ofoedu (Somerville) who came up with two huge steals and a fast break layup in just a minute's time in the 3rd quarter. Elva Martinez (Somerville) continued to supply the energy on defense, guarding Pope John's towering center. Sidney Cezil (Everett) came up with a few huge blocks that really

got the Anchors going. The JV team upped their overall record to 3-2 with a dominating win over Pope John 34-8. Eight grader Erika Lydon (Medford) led the pack again with 20 points, six assists and five steals. Senior Nicole Cella (Charlestown) supported the effort with six points, seven steals and five rebounds, while Junior Judy D'Haiti (Cambridge) had 12 rebounds and 4 points.

This week the Lady Anchors will travel to Framingham to face the Marian Mustangs and will face off against the Cathedral Panthers at home on Friday, January 20, at 5 p.m.

St. Clement to host acclaimed speaker

Saint Clement School announced today that Mr. Phil Fogelman, Director of the World of Difference Institute, of The Anti-Defamation League, New England Region will visit Saint Clement

School on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.

We celebrate Dr. King's Birthday on Monday, January 16, and as part of that important celebration, Mr. Fogelman will speak to students, faculty

and staff. In addition to referencing ADL and its significance in the Boston area, he will engage students in an interactive discussion and activities about prejudice, bullying and human rights.

SHS indoor track and field news

Medford @ Somerville
(1/11/2012)

Somerville 45 – Medford 37

Despite winning three of the past four Indoor GBL championships, there is a long way to go to be able to battle the likes of GBL favorites Malden and Cambridge this year.

The team came together well, however, versus a much improved Medford squad and looks to improve again next week versus Everett High.

The relay effort was relentless and provided a huge exclamation point to a great battle that in-

cluded 21 1/2 of 45 points from first year athletes on the team.

According to Coach Dickerson, "It was good to get a league meet in after the long break and having a bye the first week of the season. We need the competition to get us ready for the big league meets later in the season. Our veterans looked good and the new comers on varsity got some experience. Overall it was a good first outing."

Next Event:

Wednesday, January 18

Everett @ Somerville

6:15pm



Andre Rolim (left) scored 6 1/4 against Medford.

Mitt, Bain, and vulture capitalism

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The mattress industry provides an excellent case study of private equity firms' impacts on American business and on Americans. Between 1986 and 2004, four private equity firms bought and sold the company that owned Sealy, and four bought and sold Simmons, achieving a 320% return on investment in the first case, and 370% in the second.

When private equity firm Wesray bought Simmons, it closed down factories, fired workers, and used the cash to pay down much of its debt. It then created an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and, on paper, sold the company to the employees.

Having bought the company for \$120 million, Wesray borrowed \$249 million to fund the ESOP. After paying off the balance of its prior debt, Wesray took half of the remaining profit

from the "sale" of the company. It had created the ESOP because, by selling the company to it, Wesray was not required to pay taxes on its profit.

The first tactic of the new Sealy owners was to raise prices. But during the 1989-91 recession, this didn't work. It's next tactic was to increase the quality of its mattresses, and increase prices even more. This produced some success. Simmons followed suit. Because, together, they controlled half the U.S. mattress market, they did not compete on price.

In 1997 Mitt Romney decided to partner with Charlesbank Capital and buy Sealy for \$791 million. Bain put \$140 million down and borrowed the rest.

Sealy then brought in workers who spoke only Spanish. It put in place a Spanish-speaking general manager to persuade them

to vote to decertify the Furniture Workers Union. The attempt failed when the Spanish-speaking workers joined the union.

Ultimately, both companies became more profitable by reducing the quality of their products while increasing their prices. They created the one-sided no-flip mattress.

Between 1998 and 2006, they raised prices by 54%, over twice the rate of inflation. Their arrogance eventually caught up with them, and both companies lost market share to foam-mattress companies like Tempur-Pedic. Simmons reached a point where it could not service the interest on its huge debt, and Sealy's private-equity owner had to lend it money and restructure its debt.

The U.S. economy went through a profound shift in the 1980s. Wall Street reasserted its

control over American business, forcing it to adopt practices and a culture that has hurt both business and society.

Private equity firms were a key force in this change, although their senior partners in wrongdoing, investment banks, have received much more attention. Mitt Romney was a pioneer in these practices.

His claim that he "created" 100,000 jobs goes back to when Bain was a venture capital firm, before he owned it. If one factors in the jobs that Bain subsequently eliminated, the number is most likely negative.

But Mitt's net worth is estimated at a quarter-billion dollars. He declines to release his tax returns, with good reason. They would be deeply disturbing to most Americans.

In Forbes magazine-no leftist

organ-John McQuaid writes that Mitt's electoral campaign is "spinning us a tall tale...that ignores the past generation of economic change that he championed, a kind of fantasy capitalism where the economy grows and jobs are created and government restrained, all at no cost to anyone but some bureaucrats.

Also writing in Forbes, Josh Barros says that the role of business leaders is only to make profits for their shareholders. It's a rationale that Goldman Sachs executives offered during Congressional hearings. But Barros goes on to write that "while the human effects of these economic shifts are not properly the concern of business executives, they are the concern of government officials, and Romney wants to be president."

The junk drawer

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Mexico. I also have a postcard I sent home to mom when I was living in Florida in the early 80's.

There have been many times I have tried to clean the drawers, and somehow certain items are just glanced over and left alone. To me, they have become precious heirlooms. When I'm gone my kids will look at the

things and decide whether to keep it or throw it out. I will have to make them aware of the various drawers and boxes.

Look at this! It's a few old checks from Bay Bank. I also found some Art Award ribbons from the Art Fair at St. Clements. I think that was the year I won for drawing a "whirly

bird helicopter." It was underneath a kerchief slide clip from Boy Scout troop 71.

We also have a small wooden music box that still plays, "east side, west side" (*The Sidewalks of New York*). Inside is a relic that has been there for many years. It is a small piece of wood with some writing scrawled on it. It

says, "October 12, 1946...Somerville does it again...beats Medford 20-12...piece of goal post."

I can see myself sitting in a rocking chair in a few years with a box of my treasures on my lap. I am still adding things to my collection of stuff. There are some things that we just cannot

throw away and never will.

Jimmy is available to host your event, play music, or just spice up any party or function. Call 617-623-0554 or jimmydel@rcn.com

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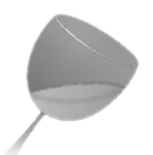
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elisee La Brecque and Eadwine P. Abrams to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender", Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. and its successors and assigns dated February 8, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 44611, Page 473, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 10:00 AM, on February 10, 2012**, on the premises known as **7 Quincy Street, Somerville, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

the premises known as 7 Quincy Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, further bounded and described as follows:

the land with the buildings thereon situated in Somerville in said County of Middlesex, being the premises now known as and numbered 7 Quincy Street in the present numbering of said street, and shown as a portion of Lot 33 on a plan entitled "Plan of Building Lots in Somerville belonging to the heirs of Robert Vinal", A.F. and N. N. Sargent, Surveyors, dated May 1, 1869, and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 16, Plan 67, and bounded and described as follows:

NORTHWESTERLY: by Quincy Street, forty (40) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY: by Lots 34 and 35 on said plan, ninety (90) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY: by Lot 37 on said plan, forty (40) feet; and

NORTHEASTERLY: by the remaining portion of said Lot 33 and by a line parallel with and twenty feet distant from the dividing line between Lot 33 and Lot 32 as shown on said plan, ninety (90) feet.

For title reference, see deed at Book 44579 Page 298.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and, to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$10,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 229 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.
Present holder of said mortgage


Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2005-14, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-14
by its Attorneys
Guaetta and Benson, LLC
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire
P.O. Box 519
Chelmsford, MA 01824
January 12, 2012

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The Annual Meeting of the Somerville Home will be held at the Home, 117 Summer Street, Somerville, Massachusetts on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year and to act on any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Helen S. Corrigan
President

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 2, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

130 Broadway: (Case #PB 2011-02-R1-(1/2012) Applicant, Bernard H. Pucker, and Owner, S & B Realty Trust, seek a revision to Special Permit PB 2011-02 (SZO \$5.3.8) in order to alter a condition to keep an existing curb cut on Glen St. The original permit was to alter the façade of the building including window and door openings and a special permit to establish Medium Retail and Service uses in the building totaling approx 18,000 sf. The proposal also includes site renovations to the rear parking lot where 19 parking spaces would be located. CCD 55 zone. Ward 1.

230 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2012-01) Applicant George Moussallem and Owner TYR TWO Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$7.13. Use Cluster A to establish a research and development use of approximately 11,000 square feet. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

Copies of these petitions are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
To be published in the Somerville News 1/18/12 & 1/25/12.

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The Somerville Licensing Commission is accepting applications for two available All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant Licenses (City Owned-Non Transferable) Interested parties may obtain applications from the City Clerks Office, first Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. Applications are being accepted until
Monday, January 30, 2012 until 4PM

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, February 1, 2012**, at the **Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor Community Room** at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

99 Dover St: (Case #ZBA 2012-01) Applicant, Bright Horizons Family Solutions, and Owner, 99 Dover St, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$9.13.b to modify loading design standards in order to establish a by-right child care facility. CBD zone. Ward 6.

33-35 Dimick St: (Case #ZBA 2011-98) Applicant and Owner Steven Courtemanche, seeks a Variance under SZO \$5.5 for relief from the rear yard setback requirement and a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to enclose porches in the side and rear yards of an existing three-family dwelling. RB zone. Ward 2.

Copies of these petitions are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases may not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA. 02141
(617) 768-5800

MIDDLESEX Division **Docket No. MI 12P0088EA**

In the Estate of: Carolyn M. Dicenso

Date of: Somerville, MA. 02144

Date of Death: 05/02/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that

Dean A. Dicenso of Tewksbury, MA
be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT;
Cambridge
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON:
02/08/2012

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court
Date: January 11, 2012

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

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NOTICE OF LAWSUIT: EDVALDO DASILVA a lawsuit has been commenced against you by Donald Wykstra. It has been filed in the Massachusetts District Court, Eastern Hampshire Division, 205 State Street, Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-323-4056. The Court has allowed plaintiff's attorney, Glenn Keiderling, Jr., of Hannon Lerner, 184 Main Street, Lee, MA 01238, 413-243-3311, to publish this Notice. The lawsuit and has been assigned docket number 1198CV313. It is requested that you respond to the subject lawsuit pursuant to Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure and that you contact Attorney Glenn Keiderling at 413-770-1380.

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City plans face-lift for Foss Park CONT. FROM PG 1

Broadway and Interstate 93, is currently under the jurisdiction of the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which is responsible for its management and maintenance.

The Mayor's goal is to reach an agreement with DCR this year to transfer operational control to the City of Somerville, in the same way the city took over Veterans Rink in late-2010 and Dilboy Field last summer. City officials say it is too early to comment on any specific details of negotiations with the state. But under both prior agreements, the DCR upgraded the facilities before turning them over to the city.

At the same time, the Mayor has also had preliminary discussions with the Somerville YMCA, to explore the possibility of a new multi-service recreational facility to be built on the grounds at Foss Park. But no matter what Somerville has planned for the park's fa-

cilities, the first step will be to transfer control from the state to the city.

Current facilities at Foss Park include a playground, as well as an outdoor pool and adjacent pool house, which are only open during the summer months. The rest of the park consists mostly of playing fields, used by Youth Soccer, Little League, and the Somerville High School soccer and football teams.

"The park's definitely getting used," said Somerville Recreational Superintendent James Halloran. "Unfortunately, it's in terrible shape. Really, it's a dirt field."

Matthew Condon has lived across the street from the park for two decades. "On a windy day, there's a dust storm blowing across McGrath Highway," said Condon, a long-time member of the Friends of Foss Park, a residents group formed together 10 years ago after a woman was sexually assaulted in the park.

Members of the group, whose stated mission is "crime preven-

tion through park restoration," say Foss Park was not even on the state's radar when they first started lobbying to get officials to pay more attention to it, but the situation has gradually improved, particularly over the past five years.

Condon lauded a joint policing agreement reached between the state and the city. And neighbors said DCR staff will now respond to their regular calls to address issues like graffiti or trash, even though it can still sometimes take weeks to get problems addressed. Condon said it's telling that the DCR website does not even list Foss on its directory of state parks.

Peter Ungar, president of Friends of Foss Park, said the park still does not appear to be included on any kind of regular DCR maintenance schedule, since seasonal maintenance often does not happen unless residents call to request it.

"The DCR has come a long way, but it's still got a long way to go," said Ungar.

Both Condon and Ungar said the City of Somerville is the best candidate to manage the park longer term, given its track record so far on facilities like Veterans Rink and Dilboy Field. They said that is especially important now, since new residential development in the nearby Assembly Square area will increase the number of residents using the park.

"I know it's the city that's going to make the investment for the citizens of Somerville and not the state," said Ungar.

City Parks Director Arn Franzen said bringing the park under city control is the key to unlocking "the potential for Foss to be a much better park than it is."

"Somerville has so little open space to begin with, and there's this huge parcel that's sitting there. If the park was under city management, we could do so much more with the programming," said Franzen.

William Murphy, executive director of Somerville's YM-

CA, said a new multi-use recreational facility at the site could be a win-win for both the city and the Y. He said the Y was looking at various options for replacing its aging building on Highland Avenue, but it would most likely join the recent wave of YMCAs in the state that have formed public-private partnerships in order to build new facilities.

"Both the city and the Y recognize that we could really use a state-of-the-art fitness facility for the city, and we're looking at working together to get it done a lot faster than we can do it on our own, or than the city can do it alone," said Murphy.

For residents, a year-round facility at Foss Park would be just one more step in the right direction.

"When there are a lot of good things going on, that flushes out the bad elements," said Ungar. "It's what's needed to be done to keep this a safe and welcoming family-friendly area. It's what the area demands."

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.

The Olympics are coming to Somerville! Go for the gold by participating in 45 exercise classes between now and August 25th. You have lots of time to meet this goal and lots of exercise classes at all three of our centers. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be having a grand medals luncheon in September to give out the gold, silver and bronze medals. To participate, just come to a class and our center directors will sign you up! Check out our classes below listed with an (*).

New exercise classes:

Chair Yoga - Tuesdays at the Ralph & Jenny Center from 9:30 - 10:30. \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

Zumba Gold - Join the craze and dance your way to fitness. Ralph & Jenny Center from 10:30 - 10:45 \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

January 18

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance with Janine*|9:30 a.m.
SHINE hours (by appt.)|10 a.m.
Computers are easy|10:30 a.m.
Women's Group|10:30 a.m.
Qigong*|1:15 p.m.

Cross Street Center

Bowling*|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.
Zumba Gold*|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 19

Holland Street Center

Walking with Judy*|9:30 a.m.
Senior discussion|10 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

SHINE (by appt.)|9 a.m.
Posture Screening (sign-up)|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Closed
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 20

Holland Street Center

Indoor Exercise*|9 a.m.
Book Club - "The Help" - all welcome|9 a.m.
Low Vision Group|10 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Flexibility and Balance with Didi*|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny

Center Closed

January 23

Dance- Holiday Inn

Holland Street Center

Veteran's Group|9:30 a.m.
Somerville singing Seniors|9:30 a.m.
167 Holland Street

Cross Street/Ralph & Jenny

Closed for Dance

January 24

Holland Street Center

Strengthening with Geoff*|9:15 a.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Chair Yoga*|9:30 a.m.
Flexibility and Balance *|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

January 25

Holland Street Center

Flexibility and Balance with Janine*|9:30 a.m.
SHINE hours - by appt. 617-625-6600 ext. 2300|10 a.m.
Women's Support Group|10:30 a.m.
QiGong*|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Bowling*|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.
Zumba Gold*|10:30 a.m.
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Upcoming Events in January

1/19 & 1/30 Posture Screening? Are you having back pain? Do you feel like you slouch? Have our Chiropractor Dr. Molly Ouellette check it out for you! 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. 1/19 Cross Street (10:00 am) 1/31 Holland Street (9:30 am)

1/19 Chair Massage is coming to the Ralph & Jenny Center! \$15 for 15 minutes for the ultimate relaxation. Call 617-666-5223 to book your appointment. 11:45 - 1:15.

1/20 Book club "The Help" all new members welcome. Call Janine to sign up. 617-625-6600 ext. 2321

1/23 Monthly Dance at the Holiday Inn - Put those dancing shoes on and join us for some great music and food. RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

1/26 Bereavement Support Group begins. Have you lost someone close to you? Maybe it has been a few months or several years but you still feel like it is yesterday. A bereavement support group can help you to express, understand and cope with difficult emotions associated with grief and loss and aid your healing journey. Pre-registration is required. 857-294-0052.

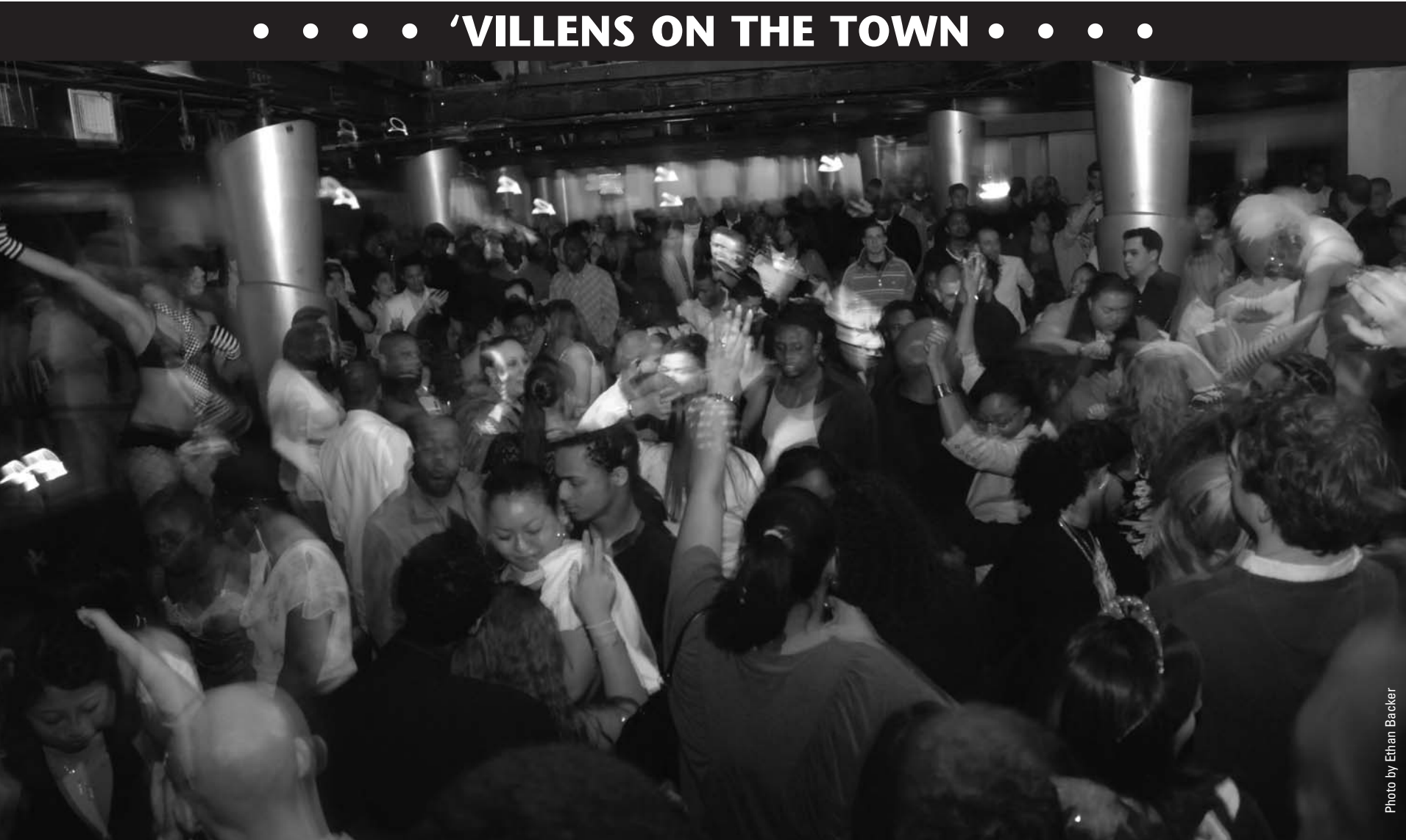
1/31 Luncheon at the highlander Café at the High School Atrium. \$9.00 for Chicken Parm or Baked Haddock. Check in at 11:30 am. RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Coming up in February

Twin Rivers! - Wednesday February 8th - \$16.00. Trip includes motorcoach transportation, \$7.00 food credit and \$10 free bonus play. RSVP at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

Grandparents Day at the Centers - Come join the fun and festivities with crafts for all and gift bags for the little ones. Pizza, juice and cupcakes for lunch. RSVP is a must. 617-625-6600 ext.2300.

2/21 - Tuesday - Cross Street
2/22 - Wednesday - Holland Center
2/23 - Thursday - Ralph & Jenny



FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|January 18

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

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

Thursday|January 19

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

East Branch Library
Good Crafternoon
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|January 20

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

Sunday|January 22

Central Library
Top Secret Science
2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|January 23

Central Library
Preschool: Sing Along with Liza Kitchell
11a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 24

West Branch Library
Preschool:Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library
Book Group for Kids
Cathy Piantigini
617-623-5000 x2950
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|January 25

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

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

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Wednesday|January 18

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

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

The Burren
PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Traces of Empire|Moga|Snidely & Whiplash|A OK
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
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Kong
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
Nick Palms Comedy Showcase
381 Summer St

Bloc 11

11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Arts at the Armory
The Somerville Arts Council
Salon: Artists Inspired by Film
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|91 Highland Ave

Thursday|January 19

Johnny D's
Oneal Armstrong|HD & RnB
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Birds Of Play & friends|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge
Noms|Holy Sheet|Fashion Snake
|House Party
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live music starting at 8:00pm from Maxi
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
Adam Payne|Afro d All Starz
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

PJ Ryan's
Live Music
239 Holland St|617-625-8200

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St.

Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square|617-625-5700

Friday|January 20

Johnny D's
James Montgomery|W/ Barrence Whitfield
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Larry Flint & His Road Scholars |6 p.m.
Okie Weiss CD release party with special guest Josh Panda \$5 cover | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Swerve
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live Acoustic Music
8 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
Sam Otis Hill & Co|The Newton Gang|Patrick Coman|Seth Wonkka
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge
The Skot Veroczki Paradigm|Surf's Up Spicoli|Waveriders|Corey Brothers
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live music starting at 8:00pm. Featuring Dave Scott and friends
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Michael's Bar
Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

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

Arts at the Armory
An Evening with Fellswater
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|January 21

Johnny D's
Quincy Mumford|Dirigo|Big Trees|Comanchero|Chaparrals
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Josh Lederman & The CSARs
|5:30 p.m.
One Thin Dime |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Red Square
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
The 4th Annual Boston Molasscs Disaster Rock Benefit|Loadin|Fashion Snake|Hot Molasses|Battleship Cometh|Whistlejacket
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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9p.m.|65 Holland St

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97 Washington St|617-623-3364

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
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Somerville Theatre
Aimee Mann (sold out)
55 Davis Square

Arts at the Armory
ONCE in Valhalla
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
OPENSOUND: Adventures in Sound
8 p.m.|33 Union Sq|
www.opensound.org

Sunday|January 22

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, Trusty Sidekick |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Grunge Brunch
Sunday Night Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Somerville Theatre
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra
4 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Arts at the Armory
Hot Songs for a Cold Winter's Day
3 p.m.- 5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
OPENSOUND: Adventures in Sound
8 p.m.|33 Union Sq|
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Monday|January 23

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike|7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors|9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Big Night Out
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Collin Oberndorf from Prickly |Lilia Halpern|Tanya Palit from MEML|Evelyn Pope
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

Tuesday|January 24

Johnny D's
Klezmer|Naftule's Dream|Rob Rubin's Half- Jewish
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Kristen Ford Band with guests
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

PA'S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday of the month
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
"Beer and Mussels" Night
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Wednesday|January 25

Johnny D's
Brad Byrd|Jeff Conley|Ryan Schmidt
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Billy Wine|Talking About Commas|Preamble
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
Little Other
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Bull McCabe's Pub
Kong
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Nick Palms Comedy Showcase
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|January 18

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

Thursday|January 19

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

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Union Sq|
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

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|January 21

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Winter Farmer's Market
9:30 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|January 22

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|January 23

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

Central Library
Friends of the Library Meeting
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Third Life Studio
Beginning Hawaiian Hula
6 p.m.| 781-729-2252

Tuesday|January 24

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

Third Life Studio
Taketina: A Movement
Meditation Workshop with Elaine Fong
Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.
7 p.m.- 9 p.m.| enf1234@att.net
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
srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|January 25

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



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'Adventures Close to Home' - art in action

By Savath Yong

Adventures Close to Home, an art exhibition and silent auction, presented by Boston Ladyfest and the Snow Project kicked off its opening day celebration on Friday, January 13 at the Washington Street Art Center in Somerville. The auction will take place throughout the month of January and aims to raise funds to benefit the Ladyfest Boston, a three-day festival that takes place February - 5 at the Cambridge YMCA. All proceeds from the festival will be donated to the Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Access Fund.

The auction will showcase artwork donated by local feminist artists, including works of abstractions, printmaking, drawings, illustrations and paintings of different mediums. In addition to the opening party, there will be two additional events held at the Washington Street Art Center to benefit the festival. A screening of *Who Took the Bomb?: Le Tigre on Tour* documentary will be held on Sunday, January 22, at 4:00 p.m. and will include free popcorn with a suggested door donation. A "Noise and Experimental Show" showcasing local acts Donna Parker, Citizens for Confetti, Avoidance, and more will be held on Friday, January 27. The auction will be open to all who attend.

The events aim to bring a likeminded community of feminists together and to demonstrate what they can do collaboratively and creatively to accomplish raising money for a worthy cause. According to Rachel Rizzo, a Ladyfest Boston committee member, the auction encourages local feminist arts of any gender orientation to donate their work to support the EMA Fund, an organization that offers immediate services to people that are in need of funding and who do not have resources or access to health insurance.

"Feminism is a hot button word and everyone has their own personal definition. For me, it's about equality and not limiting or alienating any gender. More importantly, this event shows how active men and women are in our community and neighborhoods. Everyone has been so supportive and it's wonderful seeing all this creative energy displayed in our artwork," said Rizzo.

The Washington Street Art Center is located at 321 Somerville Ave. Somerville, MA 02143. URL: <http://washingtontst.org>.

For more information about Ladyfest Boston, email Boston.ladyfest@gmail.com or check out their blog, <http://ladyfestboston.blogspot.com>.



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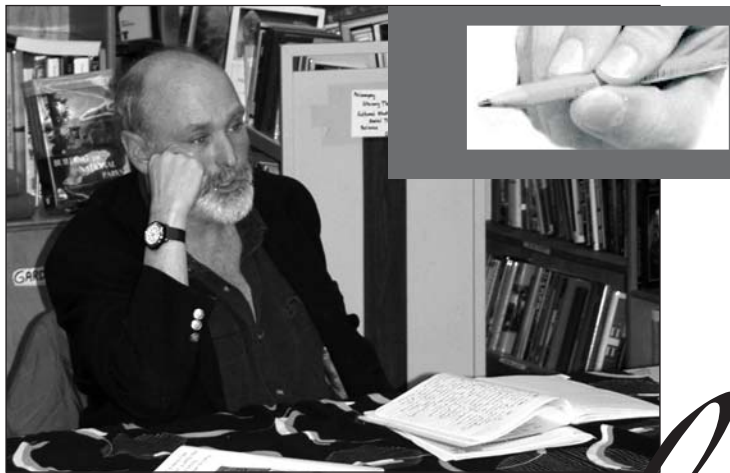
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Wednesday, January 18		5:30pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program
6:00am	Flip Side	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
6:30am	The Struggle	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
7:00am	Drug Awareness	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	7:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	4:00pm	South of the Mystic
8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Physician Focus	8:00pm	Blunt Truth	4:30pm	Somerville Back In The Day
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	10:30pm	Sonic Lobotomy	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	Culture Club
10:00am	Abugida TV	11:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	5:30pm	Talking About Somerville
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	Friday, January 20		11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV	12:00mid	Bongoman	7:00pm	Discover The Law
1:00pm	Back in The Day	6:00am	Live Response	Sunday, January 22		7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
1:30pm	Most Interesting Place	7:00am	Road to Recovery	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	8:00am	Democracy Now!	6:00am	Show de Fe	8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs	7:00am	Vida Na TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
3:30pm	Interesting Places	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
4:00pm	Life Matters	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:30am	Healer in Every Home	11:00pm	Visual Radio
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	11:30am	Back In The Day	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday, January 24	
5:30pm	Let's Talk About Hearing	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Christian Assemble Tabernacle	12:00am	Free Speech TV
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	1:00pm	The Expert Series	11:00am	International Church of God	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program	11:30am	The Commonwealth Report	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Cooking W/ Georgie & Dez	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.	7:30am	The Struggle
8:30pm	Culture Club	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	12:30pm	Nepali Festival	8:00am	Democracy Now!
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	4:30pm	Money On Your Mind	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	5:00pm	SCATV and Free Speech	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
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2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:00pm	Interesting Places
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	9:00am	Recovery Roundtable	9:30pm	Animal Agenda
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4:30pm	A Healer in The House	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	JuPrey Productions
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Wednesday, January 18		1:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	2:15pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	2:15am (13/16)	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions
9:00am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	7:00pm: (13/16)	MLK Jr. Day Celebration	7:00pm: (13/16)	2012 Organizational Meetings of School Committee/BOA	9:00am: (13/16)	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Writer Janet Mendelsohn: Bringing her passion to the passion of her subjects

Janet Mendelsohn is a passionate writer who writes about other people's passions. This Davis Square resident has the ability to hone in on her subject like some predatory literary bird, and peck out what makes them tick—to strain an analogy. I met Mendelsohn on a warm October morning in one of my favorite haunts in Union Square, the Sherman Café.

Mendelsohn told me she and her husband love Somerville. Their children live next door in Arlington; her husband likes the quick commute into Boston, and they both love the stimulation and diversity that the Paris of New England generously provides.

Mendelsohn has had many roles in her impressive career. She has worked for a number of non-profits, and was more often than not a Public Relations person. Now she is a freelance writer and writes for the Boston Globe Travel Section, the Wellesley /Weston Magazine, Maine Boat, and other publications. She writes about people as diverse as a group of needlepointers in Wellesley, Mass. or an artist and his timber- framed home in the wilds of Maine.

Mendelsohn has a degree in Journalism, and an MFA in Creative Non-Fiction from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. She describes Creative Non-Fiction as a genre in which the writer becomes part of the story. The writer does not have to be as objective as he or she would in a standard journalistic piece.

I asked Mendelsohn about her work on a book about the history of Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Mass. This was an in-house publication that she worked on during her tenure there some years ago. She told me about the hospital that lies in the shadow of Mass. General and other behemoths:

"Mt. Auburn has a very fascinating past. It was founded by a Civil War nurse, Emily Parson. It has a strong connection to the literary community—Longfellow was an early supporter of the hospital and Robert Lowell contributed his work to a book that was used as part of a



fundraiser for the hospital."

Mendelsohn makes no bones about the valuable work she did as a PR person. I asked her how she would answer people who would say that this line of work was all about hype—sizzle with very little steak. She said:

"This makes me mad. When I was working for non-profits, hospitals, Wellesley College, etc.... I always felt it was my job to tell the stories about the institutions, and get the reporters to report about them. The press is too often fixated on scandals. I wanted them to know about the projects, the faculty, students, doctors, etc... were working on."

As we ended our interview, Mendelsohn started to informally interview me about my Bagel Bards literary group. It is obvious her passion for people and their stories plays a defining role in her life.

For more info go to: <http://www.janetmendelsohn.com>

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edited by Doug Holder

What better place for a memorable kiss than in Union Square across the street from the Sherman Café? Poet/Performer Marc Zegans captures this moment—and I can feel the steam rising.

Somerville

When I kissed her under the streetlight
in Somerville, across from the Sherman
off Union Square, I felt my feet dissolve
followed in quick succession by my knees
thighs, hips, neck, arms and head, leaving only
my lips. Lidless, I could see everything
the blue smoke surrounding her lips, drifting
cool through the space where our bodies had been
the teenagers ricocheting from light post
to light post, Bally's silver "Balls a Poppin"
before draining in a chain down Webster
the lines of cars, the strings of bars, and her
long blond hair dancing samba with the smoke.
When was the last time a girl melted me
this way, and me her, a double dissolve
into the preternaturally warm
November New England night, sea salting
her delicious, expatriated lips?
That question would have to wait for morning
because we were kissing in Somerville
B.B. King was gone, and we had the thrill.

— Marc Zegans, December 31, 2011

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