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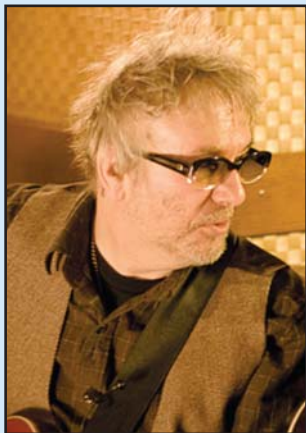
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## New member hired for Ward 1 School Committee



Photo by Harry Kane

Benjamin Echevarria is the new School Committee member representing Ward 1.

By Harry Kane

On Tuesday Jan. 22, at the Capuano Early Childhood Center, a public hearing, followed by an extensive interview process was held to choose a finalist among the three remaining candidates running for the Ward 1 School Committee member position.

In a vote of 5-3, the School Committee selected their newest member representing Ward 1: Benjamin Echevarria.

The other two applicants for the position were Steven Roix and Bonny Carroll.

Former Ward 1 School Committee member, Maureen Cuff Bastardi, had nominated Roix, after she became the Ward 1 Alderman.

But instead of the choosing Roix, the School Committee chose to hold a new open process, setting a precedent in the city of Somerville.

"The charter is silent; there are a lot of different logics for why you would choose one," said Ward 6 School Committee Member and former chairman Paul Bockelman.

Mark Niedergang, Ward 5 School Committee member, said, primarily Chairwoman Mary Jo Rossetti has laid out the process.

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## Celebrating 'Equality Through Access'

By Emmanuel Vincent

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s impact on America will forever be stitched into the fabric of society. On the national holiday in his memory, the city acknowledged the civil rights activist's efforts in the 10th anniversary celebration of his life at the Somerville Theatre.

The theme for this year's event was "Equality Through Access." It was a free affair as the public was more than welcome to come and enjoy a well pit together programming. The two-hour event was filled with performances, which featured youth from the city. Readings and spoken word were also a part of the programming.

In addition, awards were given out for the 2013 MLK youth essay winners. The audience was diverse, made up of people from different nationalities and various age ranges. It was a reflection of a society that Dr. King envisioned for our nation.

Mayor Curtatone was not present as he was attending the inauguration of President Obama. However, he had a message that was read for the audience stating that he

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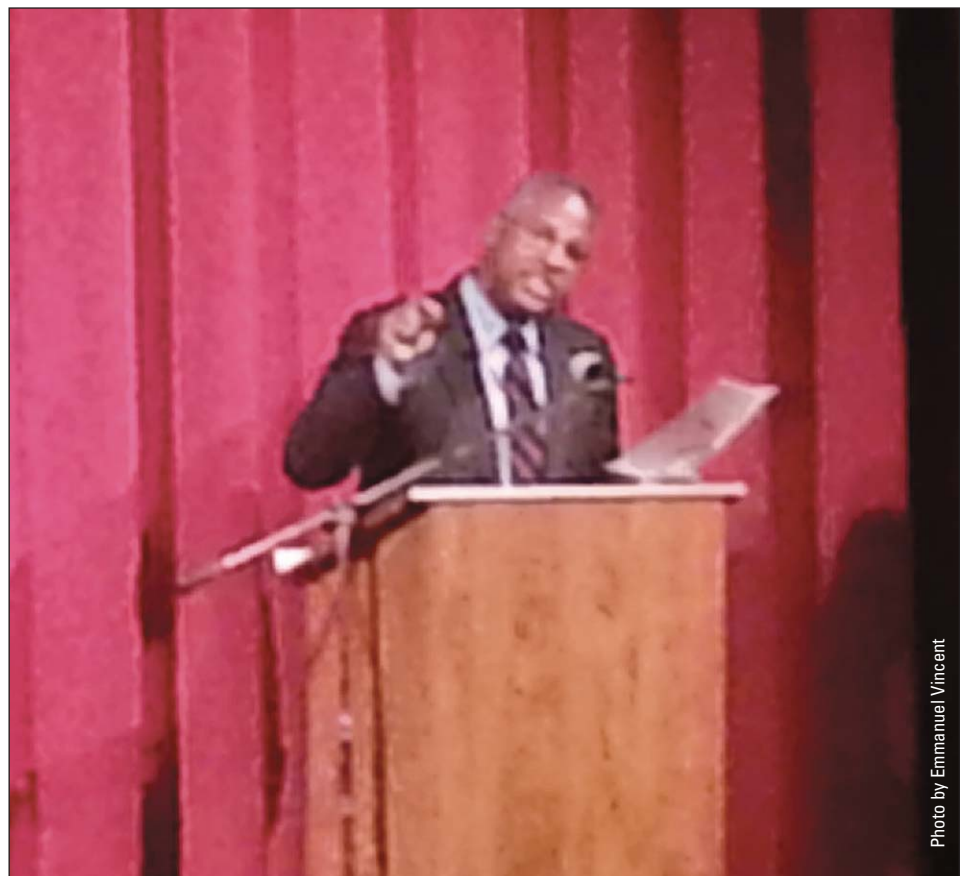


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Mr. Clennon King reads Dr. King's speech at the Somerville Theatre on Monday.

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# NEWTALK

There are still some adult evening classes available up at the High School. We're told if you are interested in the following classes, they still have openings: Medical Interpretation, Smart Social Security Planning for both boomers and beyond, calligraphy writing, ESL computer for beginners, Drivers Ed, Academic Recovery, furniture making, and cake decorating. Classes are also available for anyone interested in getting their Real Estate license, including a complete course to apply for the state exam. Sophia has worked very hard to get these courses available for people. If you're interested in any of the above or want to get more information go to the high school central building main office and register for any of these classes. Go to [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/eveningschool](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/eveningschool) for more information. While you're there say "Hi" to one of Somerville's finest and popular teachers, Sophia, who is the principal of the evening school. Go now and register for classes while openings are still there.

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The Nave Gallery is proud to announce the inaugural exhibit, PICNIC, at its secondary site, the Nave Gallery Annex in Davis Square, this Saturday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. until February 8 at 8:00 pm, Nave Gallery Annex, at 53 Chester Street, Somerville. The opening reception is this Saturday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. There will be performances by Dan Blakeslee, Tom Janovits and Audrey Ryan. The first 25 visitors receive a gift from Cuppow.

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Happy Birthday to a whole group of Villens this week: We salute Maryann Sinclair and Robert Mason; former Somerville Firefighter Cynthia Snow Murphy; Popular Attorney Bob Daut; great lady and Villen Dorothy DiMarzo's; Eric Lynch, who is in the U.S. Coast Guard; Stacey McKim; Adam Leal; and Joey Del Ponte, whose father is our own Jimmy Del Ponte. To all these and many other Villens we wish everyone the best this week.

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

### Response to Newstalk – January 16

charlie says:  
Not at all surprised by Superintendent Pierantozzi. He is a bully himself. I made an appointment to speak with him a couple of years ago regarding my child at the West Somerville School. I was floored when he stated "You shouldn't complain, be lucky that your kindergardener goes to full day school for free". I contacted the Mayor's office and they blew it off. Pierantozzi is real first class JERK.

### Response to Increased enforcement leads to reduction in serious accidents

mememe says:  
"There appears to be a direct correlation between the sharp reduction in serious accidents and mass killings in Conn." Pasquarello said.  
Correlation does not equal causation. Of course the cops are going to say it was them. Is this purely a publicity statement by the police dept, or is there some reporting involved?

TrueVillen says:  
More importantly mememe "There appears to be a direct correlation between the number of citations issued and revenue generated for the City" Whats next! Parking Control Officers tagging for expired inspection stickers and expired plates? Oh that's right, they already do that as well. Taxachusetts got to love it!

### Response to The Somerville Twinkie connection

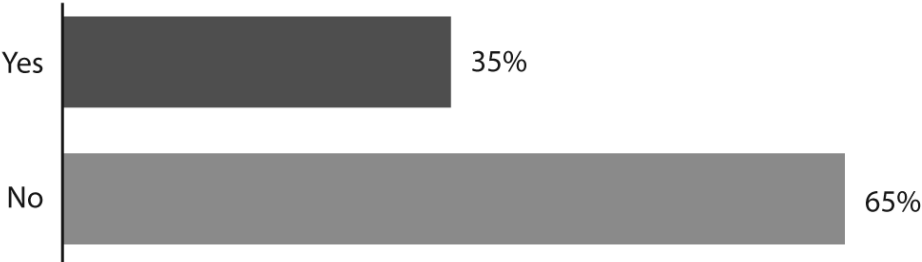
A. Moore says:  
All tis is pre 60 2s. Don t forget to put in the walks from Bingham with all the pupils to tour the factory and get free twinkies and milk. When I moved off Hinckley Street the next place we had Mitchells bakery in our backyard. Try those smells every day. Just bring over a shopping bag and a quarter and the bag got gilled up.

Log onto [TheSomervilleNews.com](http://TheSomervilleNews.com) to leave your own comments

## TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you would like to see Mayor Joe Curtatone run for Governor of Massachusetts in 2014. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

### Would you like to see Mayor Joe Curtatone run for Governor of Massachusetts in 2014?



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# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

**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 Middlesex; 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.

*Beacon Hill Roll Call* has obtained the 2012 official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature's 40 state senators from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. The list reveals that senators collected a total of \$58,304.

Under state law, per diems are paid by the state to senators "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse." These reimbursements are given to senators above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a senator resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The Legislature in 2000 approved a law doubling these per diems to the current amounts. The payments range from \$10 per day for senators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 per day for those in Nantucket. Senators who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They note many legislators spend a lot of money on traveling to Boston and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions.

Some opponents argue most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. Others say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes, the state is in the midst of a recession, and funding for important programs has been cut.

The 2012 statistics indicate that 16 of the state's 40 senators have received reimbursements ranging from \$1,040 to \$9,630, while 24 senators have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that senators must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The senator who received the most per diem money in 2012 is Sen. Benjamin Downing (D-Pittsfield) with \$9,630. Rounding out the top six and receiving more than \$4,000 each were Sens. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst), \$7,620; Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport), \$6,030; Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), \$4,472; James Welch (D-Springfield), \$4,422; and Daniel Wolf (D-Harwich), \$4,380.

## SENATORS' 2012 PER DIEMS

The dollar figure next to the senator's name represents the total amount of per diem money the state paid him or her for 2012. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the senator certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	\$0	(0 days)
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	\$0	(0 days)

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**\$1.9 BILLION TAX HIKE** - The big news coming out of Beacon Hill last week was Gov. Deval Patrick's tax package proposal that would raise the income tax from 5.25 percent to 6.25 percent to support education initiatives. Other provisions include reducing the sales tax from 6.25 percent to 4.5 percent and dedicating all of that revenue to a public works fund that will support transportation projects; doubling the personal exemptions; and eliminating a number of itemized deductions.

The governor defended the package as necessary to ensure there is a 21st century education and transportation network for this generation and the ones that follow.

Opponents said this is one of the biggest proposed tax hikes in the state's history and will hurt taxpayers who are already struggling during this recession and time of high unemployment.

**PATRICK FILES GUN LEGISLATION** - Gov. Patrick also made headlines when he filed legislation making several changes to the state's gun laws. Provisions require courts to transmit all relevant mental health records for inclusion in a national registry that all states access before issuing gun licenses; close an existing loophole in order to require gun purchasers to undergo background checks at gun shows; limit the number of weapon sales by licensed dealers to not more than one per licensed individual a month; create tiered punishments for possessing different weapons on school property. The legislation also gives police the authority to arrest without a warrant in order to quickly defuse a dangerous situation on school property.

Patrick also proposed a 3 percent increase in funding for the Department of Mental Health including doubling the budget for crisis intervention training for law enforcement and other community-based first responders. The governor noted that trained responders can better recognize, de-escalate and intervene with individuals who are in emotional distress or suffering from a mental illness and divert them to treatment they need.

**REP. APPLIES FOR NEW JOB ON ELECTION DAY** - Rep. David Sullivan (D-Fall River), unopposed for re-election last November, applied for the job as executive director of the Fall River Housing Authority on Election Day as unwitting voters were voting to send him back to Beacon Hill. According to Martha Gallagher, executive office coordinator at the housing authority, Sullivan's application was received at 12:54 p.m. on November 6. Sullivan, currently earning \$60,032 as a legislator, was appointed to the authority last week. He will resign soon to begin the housing authority job, which pays \$115,000, nearly double his legislative salary.

**QUOTABLE QUOTES** - Special "Gov. Patrick \$1.9 Billion Tax Hike" Edition



# Global warming awareness at the Armory

By Emmanuel Vincent

Global warming is considered by many to be a serious threat to our world as we know it. Those who hold this view feel that without the proper education and actions taken place regarding the subject matter, the Earth that we are familiar with will be foreign to us in the future.

This past Thursday, a presentation was held in an attempt to bring awareness of this topic to the people. Somerville Climate Action, along with Representative Denise Provost Film Series, presented *Climate Heroes: How Biodiversity Saves the Day!*

The event was held at the Arts at the Armory Mezzanine. The two-hour event was hosted by scientist and SCA member Jim Laurie. Short films were shown highlighting the effectiveness of natural systems and how certain individuals are doing their part by restoring biodiversity and reversing current climate trends.

After the short films, the floor was open up to the audience as they were able to give their input



regarding the subject matter and ask questions about anything that they needed clarified.

The audience learned that they have the ability to slow down the global warming process by not participating in the destruction of land and the tainting of life within the seas.

Overall, Jim Laurie thought that the event was a success. "I had fun. Most people stayed with it." He also expressed his interest in the global warming movement and why he feels the need to get the message across.

"There's no future. Our future is being contracted really fast as the Co2 number goes up to 400. It hasn't been 400 in about 2 million years. The last time that happened, the Greenland Ice Sheet melted to the point where the sea level was 80 feet higher than it is now."

A follow up presentation, *Reversing Global Warming while Meeting Human Needs: An urgently Need Land-Based Option* will be held this Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the ASEAN Auditorium in the city of Medford.

# Clarendon Hill Apartments fire



Firefighters worked to control a fire involving a generator in the parking garage of the Clarendon Hill Apartment complex at 1366-1374 Broadway on January 18. The blaze heavily damaged the generator and nearby electrical wiring and conduits. Firefighters responded to the fire at 10:47 a.m. and were on scene for approximately one hour. An employee of the company working on the generator suffered smoke inhalation but declined medical attention. Damage is estimated in excess of \$100,000 dollars.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Wrong way driver caught with stolen plate

A police patrol unit observed a pickup truck traveling the wrong way down Newton St., which is a one-way street, last week.

The vehicle was followed to an Everett St. residence and the operator was subsequently detained and questioned by officers.

When asked for his license,

the operator reportedly said that he did not have it with him and also that he had just bought the truck.

When asked for his name and date of birth the man reportedly told police that his name was Sam Young and he offered a birth date that did not match up to RMV records.

Although the man produced

a bill of sale for the truck, the plate on the vehicle turned up as having been stolen from another car. The man reportedly explained to officers that a neighbor had lent him the plate to pick up his truck after some work had been performed on it.

Upon examination of the vehicle's bill of sale, officers no-

ticed that the stated new owner's name was Devin Young. A query revealed that this was the man's true name, and also that his driver's license was currently under suspension.

Young was placed under arrest and charged with operation of an unregistered motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a sus-

pended license, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, uninsured motor vehicle, attaching wrong motor vehicle, and failure to stop or yield.

Based on a neighbor's testimony that his car's front license plate had been stolen, Young was additionally charged with receiving stolen property.

## Ex-boyfriend breaks into home

Police were dispatched to a Snow Terrace residence last week on a reported instance of breaking and entering at that location.

The female resident complained that her ex-boyfriend had broken in to her home a couple of hours earlier and that the man was now in the parking lot of Rite-Aid on Broadway.

The woman reportedly explained that earlier in the evening she returned home from washing her car to find the man, Michael Crawford, 47, of Cambridge, standing on her front porch with the front door to her home open. She had noticed that Crawford had been drinking and appeared to be intoxicated, police said, and she was

concerned because she had known that he was in a program for treatment.

The woman was also afraid because she reportedly saw that Crawford had one of her kitchen knives with him on the front porch, according to reports.

The woman called a family member to help her try to convince Crawford to leave, but

when he refused to go she then called police, after which the man vacated the premises.

While the woman was being questioned by police Crawford reportedly returned to the residence, in what officers described as a highly agitated state, insisting on being allowed to reenter the house.

As Crawford was detained outside, the resident of the

house showed police the basement door that had been kicked in after someone - presumably Crawford - had gained entry to the basement area via a small window.

Based on the testimony of the resident of the home, Crawford was placed under arrest and charged with felony nighttime breaking and entering.

## Police pop porch poacher

Reports of a person taking packages from porches brought police officers to Bay State Ave. last week.

Initial witness reports described the suspect as being male, wearing a blue hoodie and orange vest. However, after combing the area, police spotted a female individual at the corner of Bay State Ave. and Kidder Ave. wearing the same type of

clothing reported by witnesses.

The woman, Dina Dimartino, 34, of Medford, was subsequently stopped by police for questioning.

As Dimartino was detained, the reporting reportedly made a positive visual identification of her as being the person in question, according to police.

The reporting party told police that he had observed a suspi-

cious looking man walking down the middle of Bay State Ave., followed closely by Dimartino, according to reports.

The witness further stated that the two individual seemed to be scouting the front steps of the houses they passed, police said.

The witness reportedly told police that he saw Dimartino go onto the porch of a house on Bay State Ave. and go through

packages that were on the floor there, eventually placing them in her bag.

The witness also told police that he saw Dimartino carry one package by hand to the rear of a house, outside his line of sight, then return to the front, placing the package in a trash container. Police later recovered the package, which was found to be empty, according to reports.

When confronted by police, Dimartino reportedly admitted that the bag was hers at first, but denied it a bit later.

Many items belonging to area residents, easily identifiable because of receipts and packing slips found inside the bag, were recovered, police said.

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

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Steve Milice**, 20, January 13, 10:30 p.m., arrested at 20B Memorial Rd. on a charge of trespassing.

**Micheal Crawford**, 47, of 70 Bishop Allen Dr., Cambridge, January 14, 9:15 p.m., arrested at 3 Snow Terr. on a charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.

**Dina Dimartino**, 34, of 16 Willard, Medford, January 15, 2:21 p.m., arrested at 52 Bay State Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

**Devin Young**, 25, of 23 Wiltshire Rd., Newton, January 15, 6:24 p.m., arrested at Everett St. on charges of unregistered motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, furnishing a false name or Social Security number,

uninsured motor vehicle, attaching wrong motor vehicle, failure to stop or yield, and receiving stolen property.

**Dennis Orellana**, 27, of 353 Washington St., January 17, 6:45 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

**Timothy McGrath**, 30, of 321 Beacon St., January 17, 12:21 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

**Norman Jolicoeur**, 43, of 19 John St., Malden, January 17, 4:44 p.m., arrested at Crescent St. on a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

**Annabelly Diaz**, 37, of 16 Fisher St., Lowell, January 17, 4:55 p.m., arrested at 23 Cummings St. on a charge of sexual

conduct for a fee.

**Zachery Dacey**, 22, of 38 Melrose St., Arlington, January 18, 9:38 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of larceny under \$250 and larceny over \$250.

**Wadley Loussant**, 25, of 945 Centre St., Brockton, January 20, 4:55 a.m., arrested at 70 Union Sq. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked registration.

### Incidents:

#### Theft:

January 15, 9:33 a.m., police reported a theft at Gilson Terr.

January 15, 2:21 p.m., police reported a theft at Bay State Ave.

January 15, 3:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Myrtle St.

January 15, 5:01 p.m., police reported a theft at Heath St.

January 17, 10:20 a.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

January 17, 4:38 p.m., police reported a theft at Knapp St.

January 17, 7:26 p.m., police reported a theft at Vinal Ave.

January 18, 3:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Ossipee Rd.

January 18, 6:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Walnut St.

January 18, 8:12 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

January 19, 11:15 a.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.

January 19, 2:24 p.m., police reported a theft at 232 Elm St.

January 19, 5:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Laurel Terr.

January 19, 5:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Perkins St.

January 20, 9:46 a.m., police

reported a theft at Delaware St.

### Robbery:

January 15, 4:20 p.m., police reported a robbery at Grant St.

January 15, 5:12 p.m., police reported a robbery at Broadway.

### Breaking & Entering:

January 15, 5:08 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Dearborn Rd.

January 15, 6:04 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at College Ave.

January 17, 10:43 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Summer St.

January 17, 8:44 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Ibbetson St.

### Assault:

January 16, 9:04 a.m., police reported an assault at Stickney Ave.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Polluting our air and water by burning our trash is a horrible way to spend our waste management resources - but we're doing it anyway. As a new resident to Somerville, I've been inspired by local residents and businesses who value reducing waste and preserving our resources. From restaurant and residential composting to our zero-sort recycling programs, it's pretty easy to see how we can reduce the amount of trash we're throwing away.

Knowing that over 5 million tons of trash is going into landfills and incinerators each year is alarming, but the fact that over 50% of that waste could actually be eliminated or recycled is upsetting. We need the state to prioritize reducing our waste faster than they have been.

Recently, the DEP Commissioner, Ken Kimmell, said he's considering lifting a 22 year old moratorium on new incineration in Massachusetts. If he lifts that moratorium, he gives a

green light to more burning of waste. This would be a terrible decision, and the time to tell the Commissioner is now. Until February 15, the public can submit comments to DEP about their opinion of more burning.

Comments should be sent to: John Fischer at MassDEP via email at [dep.swm@state.ma.us](mailto:dep.swm@state.ma.us) or by mail to John Fischer, MassDEP, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108.

- Samantha Rose Gibb

## Increased enforcement leads to reduction in serious accidents

Serious traffic accidents in Somerville were reduced by 23.8% in 2012, Chief Thomas Pasquarello announced recently. "There appears to be a direct correlation between the sharp reduction in serious accidents and an aggressive effort by Somerville Police to step up traffic regulation enforcement in high-accident areas," Pasquarello said.

Excluding crashes that occurred on state highways, in 2012 Somerville saw 350 serious accidents resulting in per-

sonal injury or damage in excess of \$1,000. By comparison, there were 455 serious accidents in Somerville during 2011. Traffic volumes were comparable year to year. There were no motor vehicle related fatalities in Somerville in 2012.

Over the past two years, the Somerville Police Department have launched a department-wide effort to improve safety on city streets by targeting enforcement in areas where and when past traffic accidents

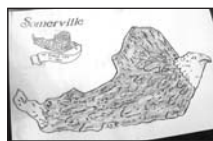
have occurred, especially those locations where accident investigations showed traffic violations were common contributing factors. The Somerville Police Department issued 11,076 moving violations in 2012 as compared with 8,239 in 2011. "Using smart enforcement to reduce accidents is making our streets safer for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians", said Chief Pasquarello. Funded in part by a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, the Somerville Police Traffic Unit has conducted specialized enforcement targeting pedestrian violations using plainclothes officers as the pedestrians, and a campaign to look for seat belt offenses by drivers who commit other violations. The Traffic Unit also initiated a campaign to target safety traffic violations by bicycle riders as well as enforce traffic laws intended to protect bike riders.

The Police Department has also worked closely with the Traffic and Parking Department and the Department of Public Works to identify roadway, signaling and signage improvements that can increase safety on Somerville streets.

"The results speak for themselves," said Pasquarello. "Enhanced traffic enforcement based on statistical analysis has significantly improved safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists across the city. In the year ahead, we plan to do even more with statistical analysis of trends and hot-spots, not only in the area of traffic enforcement, but in other areas of community policing."

- Somerville Police Department

## The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



### Eagle feathers #18

#### The Poet

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

"Bring me men to match my mountains, Bring me men to match my plains, Men with empires in their purpose, and new eras in their brains." These words of the extraordinary poet, Samuel Walter Foss, were inscribed in granite on the rampart entrance to the parade field of the United States Air Force Academy for close to forty years. The words can now be found in the American Pavilion at Walt Disney's EPCOT Center in Orlando, Florida. Foss was head librarian at the Somerville Public Library for 13 years, right up until his death in 1911 at the young age of fifty-three. His house was located at 249 Highland Avenue, just before Davis Square.



Every January, Somerville residents gather at Prospect Hill, where his poem On Prospect Hill is recited to remind us of the first flag ever raised on American soil. His most famous poem is perhaps House By The Side of the Road. The title is inscribed on the Chapel-Street side of the entrance to the Methodist Church on College Avenue.

Born in Candia, New Hampshire, Samuel grew up working on his father's farm and later attended Brown University. Foss's graduating class of 1882, of which he was its most distinguished member, would later honor him by donating to his alma mater a replica of a bronze memorial shaped to the likeness of Mr. Foss. The original memorial can be found in the Somerville Public Library. While Foss was best known for his contributions to literature, he was also a fierce advocate of Women's Rights. He was the first male in the city to advocate for women's suffrage and, after his death, was exalted by the Women's Suffrage League of Somerville.

Foss Park is named after his son, Saxton C. Foss, who graduated from Somerville Latin's class of 1908 before continuing on to Harvard University. A newspaperman by profession (a trade that his father also took part in for quite some time), the Boston Globe journalist served in the army in World War I and died for his country at the age of twenty-nine in France. He posthumously received the Distinguished Service Cross for Heroism.

Samuel Walter Foss, one of our city's most beloved citizens, was not just a friend to Somerville, but a friend to humankind.

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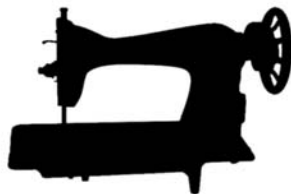
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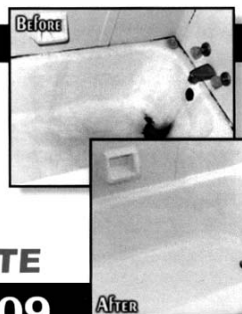
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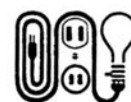


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# Munchkins and music and more! Oh my!

## High School presents 'Wizard of Oz' onstage

By Elizabeth Sheeran

A yellow brick road. An Emerald City. Ruby slippers. The colorful Land of Oz has captured imaginations for over a century. Now Somerville High School (SHS) will bring *The Wizard of Oz* to life onstage, from January 31 through February 2 at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square.

This adaptation of the classic tale is based on the epic 1939 film, which in turn was based on the 1900 book by L. Frank Baum. It features the most beloved songs from the movie, including *Over the Rainbow*, *We're Off to See the Wizard*, and *Ding-Dong! The Witch is Dead*. But the stage version also boasts new musical numbers and enough surprises to make it a whole new experience, even for frequent travelers to Oz.

"We all have an expectation based on the movie," said stage director Sarajane Mullins. "But this is live theatre, and there's nothing else like it."

*The Wizard of Oz* has always been a story enjoyed by audience members of all ages. But the teen cast members find it especially easy to identify with the young heroine Dorothy, navigating her way through a strange new world on her quest to find a way home. "It's a coming of age story," said senior Angelina O'Brien, who plays Dorothy. "The whole idea with Dorothy is innocence, but wanting something more."

That's not the only way the cast and crew can relate, since life imitated art in October: Rehearsing the story of a girl whose home is uprooted by a tornado, they suddenly found themselves without a performance space because Hurricane Sandy tore the roof off the high school auditorium.

Moving the performance off-site to the Somerville Theatre

presents all kinds of challenges for a cast and crew who are used to having months to master the space. But stage manager Caitlin Lewis, a junior, said the extra effort will be worth it because students will get the chance to work in a professional theatre.

"It's going to be really hard to get used to new space. We're used to practicing where we do the show so we're going to have to re-block the entire play in a way. But it should be fun. It's a new experience. I'm excited," said Lewis.

*"We get to sing so a lot of people can hear us"*

The more than 30 high schoolers in the cast and crew aren't the only ones excited about bringing *The Wizard of Oz* to Davis Square. This year the high school musical family has been expanded to include 33 third, fourth and fifth-graders from seven different Somerville public elementary schools, who play Munchkins in the Land of Oz.

"We get to sing so a lot of people can hear us," said Brady Sullivan, a third grader at the Winter Hill School. "It's at the Somerville Theatre and a lot of people will see it and a lot of people get to hear us sing."

Brown School third graders Amanda Hook and Carter Wood, who are both in the Munchkinland's "Lullaby League," said the best part of being in the show was getting a chance to act. "I like pretending to be these really cool creatures," said Hook. "We're really little and cute and we have squeaky high voices."

Wood said it's fun being in a show with high school stu-



Rehearsing the Munchkinland number in the high school's production of "Wizard of Oz" are Angelina O'Brien as Dorothy (center) and elementary school students from all around Somerville.

dents. "I also like watching the older actors performing their scenes when we're just sitting in the audience, but I really like acting too," she said. "I think it's just fun acting in it and being part of it."

*The Wizard of Oz* will be performed at the Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, on January 31 and February 1 at 7 p.m. and February 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 general admission, and can be purchased at the door.

The show is produced by Rosemary Sears, with stage direction, choreography and costuming by Sarajane Mullins, and musical direction and technical supervision by SHS Band Director Richard Romanoff.

The cast features Somerville High students Tara Jean-Baptiste, Michael Buckley, Connie Chan, Milton Diaz, Nickolas Eliadis, Judcine Felix, Loic Fitantes, Eliza Forrest, Nicole Gouveia, Tyler Jacques, Meghan Lynch, Julian Layton, Meghan Lynch, Gabi Mathews, Nickolas Menezes, An-

gelina O'Brien, Jennifer Silva, Talya Sogoba, Molly Swanton and Brianna Xavier.

Also featured are elementary school students Kларыssah Albani, Kailee Antimone, Jose Beriguete, Caroline Breen, Susanna Buckley, Emilee C. Butler, Claudia Cooper, Victoria de los Reyes Ortiz, Kamyla Domascimento, Makayla Fenton, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Ronan Fitzgerald, Jasmine Fridman, Kira Guardia, Amanda Hook, Sam Hook, Emily Howley, Domenic Hoxholli, Rio Hunter-Black, Shamiah Jenkins, Alexandra Jones, Leo Perez-Loynd, Isabella Milanowski, Natalie Morgan, Megan O'Leary, Aidan O'Sulli-

van, Tyler Pinheiro, Matthew Portle, Owen Sheehy, Brady Sullivan, Marco White, Calvin Wicks and Carter Wood.

Student crew members include Brian Andrick, Michael Andrick, Larry Barnes, Colleen Hennelly, Calvin Janik, Graham Lessard-Brandt, Brigid Long, Jennifer Matthews, Sean McMahon, Steven Moreira, and Matthew Sahlas. SHS musicians Brenna Forristall, Ruth Grossman and Celine Lessard-Brandt will play alongside the live professional orchestra that will accompany the production.

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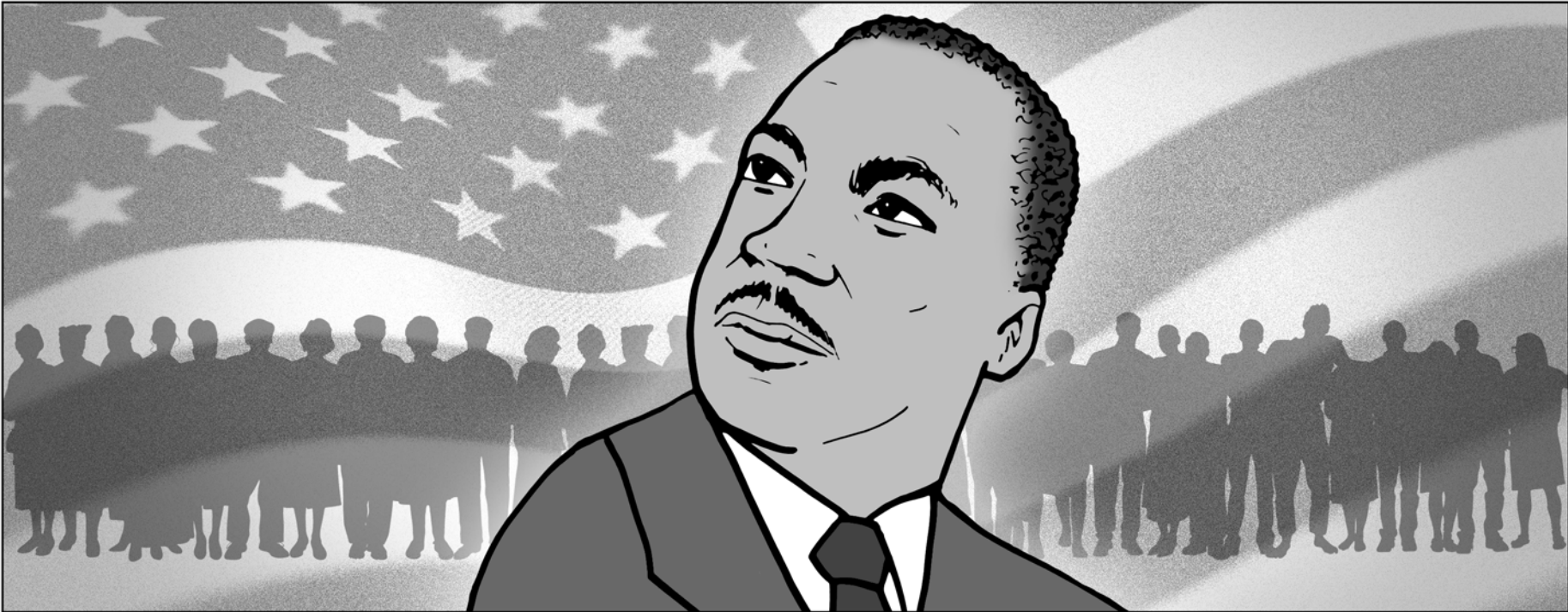




COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - reminding us to dream.

The View From Prospect Hill



The annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day reminds us of the importance of tolerance and embracing diversity in this modern age, just as it was in the days when Dr. King walked among us.

The civil rights movement of the 60s may seem like a distant and detached part of American history for some, perhaps as remote as the civil war itself in the minds of the young who did not live

in that time. And yet, there was never a time in our history when the principles involved in that struggle are more relevant and meaningful than today, and even more so as we step forward into the future.

The great melting pot that is at the heart of the American dream is constantly tasked with the challenge of people of mixed racial, ethnic, and national identity blending and working

together as equal partners with a common goal: to live freely and prosper in a land still stands as the best possible hope for so many.

As we all strive to surmount the wearisome onus of turning back the economic downturn that has kept many down over the past few years, and at the same time celebrate all that is good and count our blessings each day, the great equalizer remains in effect. We recog-

nize and embrace the common humanity in all of us.

The tireless efforts of those like Dr. King helped to teach us the importance of knowing these things. As we acknowledge and celebrate the man this week, let us take time to consider what has taken place in this country since he was taken from us. We are a better society now, and that should never be taken for granted.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

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A big shout out for a get well soon goes out to our good friend Patty Belyea who works at Somerville Inspectional Services Department. She was recently hospitalized and had a brain tumor removed on Wednesday. We here at Newstalk as well as everyone at ISD wish her all the best for a speedy recovery.

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**This week also celebrates Somerville Rotary Club's birthday here in the city. 89 years ago this week the club was started here in Somerville, they give so much back to the community. If you're interested and have a business here in the city and would like to join, the club meets every Tuesday at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant at 12:15 p.m.**

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Our condolences to the family of Timothy Toomey who passed away last week. Timothy was a nice guy, a retired Cambridge Police Lieutenant and father to our good friend State Representative Tim Toomey.

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**Congratulations to our good friend longtime eye doctor, Alex Russakovsky, of the Pearl Vision Center located in the Twin City Plaza. We welcome him to the City of Somerville as a new business owner. Dr Russakovsky purchased the Somerville business this past month and we thank him for investing and believing in our wonderful city.**

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This past Monday the Somerville community was joined together for the annual MLK Jr. Day Celebration event at the Somerville Theater in Davis Square. This year's theme was "Equality through Access." The keynote speaker was Lorraine Cordeiro, Assistant Professor and Family Research Scholar at UMass/Amherst. Soloist afroD performed spoken word, jazz, and trumpet along with children from Elizabeth Peabody House, the Somerville High School's Dance Group, and more. Refreshments were provided by the Somerville Public Schools. This year's MLK Jr. Award for an organization was presented to the Walnut Street Center and the Martin Luther King Jr. Award for an individual was presented to Ellen

Reisner. Congratulations to all!

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Last night the School Committee met and reviewed three finalists for the vacant seat in Ward One. After each candidate was allowed to talk for 20 minutes, the vote was taken. Sure enough, the vote occurred as predicted beforehand by some who were present. The first vote was a tie between Ben Echevarria and Steven Roix, with four votes each on the first round. Then, as predicted, one member, Christine Rafal of Ward Four, changed her vote and cast it for Mr. Echevarria, giving him the majority needed to be elected by the School Board. Now, some would call this an open process, but then how would you be able to predict the votes and select the winner on the second round, just like it happened. Christine Rafal told the audience present that she didn't want to be there all night so she changed her vote. Hmm...maybe so, but we heard more than a few predict what would happen. Consider Ward One. We now see that more than two - maybe three - candidates will run for the seat in the fall. Again, the leaders of

this rumored charade/farce was Mark Niedergang of Ward Five, Bockelman of Ward Six and Rossetti of Ward Seven. We wish Ben the best. He's a nice guy. But he'd better be up for a political race this fall. We hear that candidate Steven Roix might consider running.

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Congratulations to CAAS. It appears that they have a new Director taking over. We wish them the very best. It's a great agency that does a lot here in the community.

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A get well shout out goes out to our good friend Former Somerville Alderman Jim McCarthy who was recently hospitalized but now home on the mend. Jim's a great guy and we wish him all the best for a speedy recovery!

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Ward One Alderman Maureen Bastardi invites you to a neighborhood meeting to discuss a proposed residential development at 90 Washington Street (Cobble Hill Market Place). The developer is proposing a 159 unit building with both



## COMMENTARY

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### An Inaugural recap



**By Joseph A. Curtatone**

This week, we celebrated two important milestones: the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 50th anniversary year of his I Have A Dream speech, and, fittingly, the second Inauguration of our country's first black President - and former Somerville resident - Barack Obama. For the second time, my wife and I were honored to accept an invitation by President Obama to attend the ceremonies in Washington, D.C. and, once again, I returned home with a renewed sense of hope and pride, fueled by the inspiring words of

our Commander-in-Chief.

Under President Obama's leadership during the last four years, our country weathered the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, and is now once again starting to rise. We saw the end of the War in Iraq and some of the nation's bravest forces eliminated Osama Bin Laden. We also saw tremendous reform in health care, Veteran services, and other key issues that will open the doors to equality among all United States residents, including gay rights, which saw its first-ever mention in an inaugural address.

It is appropriate that our MLK Day celebrations here in Somerville this year carried the theme "Equality Through Access," identifying and discussing ways in which we must continue to address socioeconomic and racial disparities, on the day that our President featured the same issues so prominently in his national address. That we can highlight our progress in these areas 50 years after Dr. King infamously called our nation to ac-

tion in his Dream speech, and that we can do so through a leader who truly embodies Dr. King's dream is inspiring in and of itself. However, that we still need to discuss those disparities points to the work yet to be done. As President Obama rightfully noted, "...our journey is not complete until all Americans can enjoy the opportunities of this nation."

Any time discussions - or debates, as it may be - like these arise, they offer an opportunity to reflect on our own values here at home. Somerville is, after all, a true melting pot that reflects each and every demographic mentioned in the President's address. We are a mix of blue-collar families and young professionals, of third- and fourth-generation Somervillians and recent immigrants, of gay, straight, black, white and everything in between. We are all hard-working Americans. And yet we do not all enjoy the same basic freedoms, rights, and equal access to services. Our journey, therefore, is incomplete.

The desire to create a community that is a great place to live, work, play and raise a family, and the hope of inspiring others to work together toward this common goal is our orienting value here in Somerville. Whether we achieve this by maintaining an open, transparent government or by creating arts and cultural celebrations that foster shared learning and understanding of our various ethnic backgrounds, we believe that an inclusive community is the key to a happy and productive community, and the foundation upon which to build equality.

Working together, our achievements are notable: our city is cleaner, safer, and more energy efficient; our public schools are thriving; our streets are more walkable, bikeable, and more accessible for all residents; our local economy is growing and our business base is expanding. We have made great strides in the last decade, but we have done so by working together, by capitalizing on our existing partnerships and by forging new

ones in order to create an open and inclusive community for anyone who crosses our borders.

What we have gained in the half-century since Dr. King put a face to the fight for equality is increased respect and understanding. Our journey is far from over, but together, there has been great progress.

Nationally, access to health care and education is becoming an increasingly attainable goal for so many underserved Americans. Locally, we are working together toward shared goals such as increasing access to healthy foods and wellness resources. We know that collaboration is the key to success and, like President Obama, we believe that "America's possibilities are limitless, for we possess all the qualities that this world without boundaries demands: youth and drive; diversity and openness; an endless capacity for risk and a gift for reinvention. My fellow Americans, we are made for this moment, and we will seize it, so long as we seize it together."

### Life in the Ville by Jimmy Del Ponte

## Milkshakes and mercurochrome



Remember when your medicine cabinet contained bottles of paregoric and mercurochrome? On those old fashioned looking small bottles, you could barely make out the words Surabian, Grover, or Sordillo Drugs. There were many, many drug stores in Somerville at one time. Now, not.

A lot of us had our first lime or raspberry Rickey at one of them. Surabians was in Ball Square and it's the drug store that Dr. Harry Goldenberg sent my parents to with prescriptions. I still remember that "Lud" was one of the pharmacists and he was always smiling and very helpful.

The following is an account of what some Somerville people remember about those drug stores of old. I remember some of them, but if they aren't exactly correct it's because our memories aren't what they used to be (probably from too much paregoric as kids!). Just Remember, if some of the facts aren't correct, the paper was free! I'll tell you the name of the drug store and where it used to be, according to my sources.

Grover's was on the corner of Cross St. and Broadway. Winter Hill Pharmacy was on Temple St. and run by Jack Kaplan. He knew his customers by name and took care of people who had trouble paying. Sordillo's was in Magoun Square and at one time ice cream sodas were only 25 cents. Walnut Drug was on the corner of Sargent Ave. and Broadway, complete with a soda fountain (most of the old ones had them). Adams Drug was at the corner of Willow Ave. and Highland Ave. and their soda fountain had a beautiful marble counter. Kramer's Drug was on Somerville Ave. where China Delight is now. They used to deliver, too, as many did. In Teele Square there was Furbish and Shute and Kerner's was at the corner of Partridge Ave. and Medford St. On the corner of Morrison Ave. and Highland Road was Dick's drugstore where Ball Square kids went for sodas and comic books. Stone Pharmacy was at the corner of Broadway and Holland St. They had a mean vanilla Coke for 20 cents and an "all around" was a mixture of all the soda flavors in one glass. McNeal's (not sure of the spelling) occupied the space where Primo's Pizza used to be.

Berry and McDonald was at North St. and Broadway. It was robbed one time and the pharmacist gave the gunman some capsules with rat poison in them. Reeds was at the corner of Day St. and Highland Ave. We paid our utility bills there and stocked up on candy before going to the Somerville Theatre. There was a Rexall Drugs in the square also, but the site is confusing. Winter Hill had Paul Revere Drugs, and who can forget Goodell's in Powder House Square where Dunkies is now. Union Square had Cardillos and Janar Pharmacy (formerly Austin Drug) was also in Magoun Square. They served piping hot fresh Kemp's nuts. The owner of Janar's, Mr. Januario, would give neighborhood kids free ice cream for showing a good report card. Do you remember the creepy paintings on the walls of Cardillos depicting "medical miracles?" Lots of times you could bypass the physician and the pharmacist would just give you what he thought you needed after a short diagnosis. Armstrong Pharmacy was in Union Square and Scanell's was at the corner of Beacon and Washington.

Lots of memories were made sitting for

hours at the soda fountain in the old drug stores in the Ville. The pharmacists knew you and cared about you. They wore smocks and often were perched above the customers in a raised area. We were there after school, before school, and when we needed to pick up medicine. Often, we were there waiting for the new Batman or Superman comic. Today, we have CVS, Walgreens and Rite Aid, but nothing personal like in the old days. I'm not taking my final thought to the bank but I am pretty sure it's true. When LePore Drugs closed in Ball Square, a rug store took over the space. All they did was remove the D from DRUGS, and the sign read, RUGS!

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# Beacon Hill Roll Call

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“Meeting those (transportation) needs demands new revenue...This is the point in the speech when I knew silence would fall over the room.” – Gov. Patrick.

“In the coming weeks, I will be looking to my fellow representatives, advocacy groups and members of the public to evaluate and help us digest the details and implications of the governor’s plan.” – House Speaker Robert DeLeo. (D-Winthrop)

“Having been swept into office on the promises of no new taxes and a decrease in property tax, the governor and lieutenant governor have instead championed three massive tax increases and stood by as the average property tax bill has increased by nearly \$1,000.” – House Republican Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading).

“We must first fund the spending commitments we have already made. And there is a difference between what we may want and what we can afford without jeopardizing household budgets and job creation.” – Senate GOP Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).

“We enthusiastically applaud Gov. Patrick for propos-

ing significant new investments in public education from early education through college. His plan rightly recognizes that an educated citizenry is our greatest natural resource and the engine of the Massachusetts economy.” – Paul Toner, President of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

“Gov. Patrick is paving the road back to Taxachusetts with his proposals. The people of our Commonwealth are still waiting for their income taxes to be reduced to 5 percent, as they voted for over a decade ago. It’s time for the governor to start listening to the people’s wishes.” – Rep. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton).

**HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?** Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legisla-

tion 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 14-18, the House met for a total of three hours and 58 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 59 minutes.

Mon. January 14	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:28 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.
Tues. January 15	No House session No Senate session
Wed. January 16	House 6:04 p.m. to 8:03 p.m. Senate 6:49 p.m. to 8:01 p.m.
Thurs. January 17	House 11:07 a.m. to 12:43 p.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 12:41 p.m.
Fri. January 18	No House session No Senate session

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residential and commercial space and would like to show the neighbors their plans and receive feedback on the project. At the meeting will be Alderman Bastardi, the developer, their attorney, and a planner from the City of Somerville planning dept. The meeting will take place at the Ralph & Jenny Senior Center located at 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday, January 29 from 6:30 to 7:30. All interested neighbors are encouraged to attend and are welcome to comment on the project. If further information is required or if you are unable to attend but would like to comment please contact Alderman Bastardi at 617-764-5373 or AldermanBastardi@comcast.net.

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Attention all local businesses: The monthly Somerville Chamber of Commerce After Hours get-together

is Thursday, February 7, and will be at Dali Restaurant, 415 Washington Street (corner of Beacon and Washington) from 5-7 p.m. This month's get-together is sponsored by the Somerville Rotary Club. Bring your business cards. Get networking between businesses and also find out what Rotary is all about. Lots of members will be present.

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Somerville Daisy troop 77178 will be hosting a Girl Scout Cookie sale on February 3, 2013 (Super Bowl Sunday) in front of the Shaw's Supermarket in Porter Square from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m., while supplies last. Be sure to stop by before the game and get all your favorites! Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Lemonades,

Thanks-A-Lot and the NEW Mango Cremes. \$4.00 a box.

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Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston and The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), invite all interested community members to an informational meeting on the project design for the reconstruction of Beacon Street. The meeting will be held on Monday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Argenziano School Cafetorium, 290 Washington Street. For more information, please contact OSPCDat (617) 625-6600 x2500 or visit the project website at [www.somervillema.gov/beaconstreet](http://www.somervillema.gov/beaconstreet).

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The Friends of the Somerville Public

Library invite you to a screening of the archival documentary In The Blood. Creator Sumner McKane has scoured Maine's archives, museums and historical societies for films, photographs, and oral histories to explicate the life, work, and character of the Maine lumbermen and river drivers. The tales, stories, and interviews - told by the men themselves- are honest and raw, and invoke emotion and disbelief. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own stories or camp recipes to share. Bean supper to follow. The screening will take place February 9, 2:00 p.m., at the Central Branch of the Somerville Public Library, 79 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. For further information see <https://www.facebook.com/events/471967062841097/> or email James Fox at FriendsSomervillePublicLibrary@gmail.com.



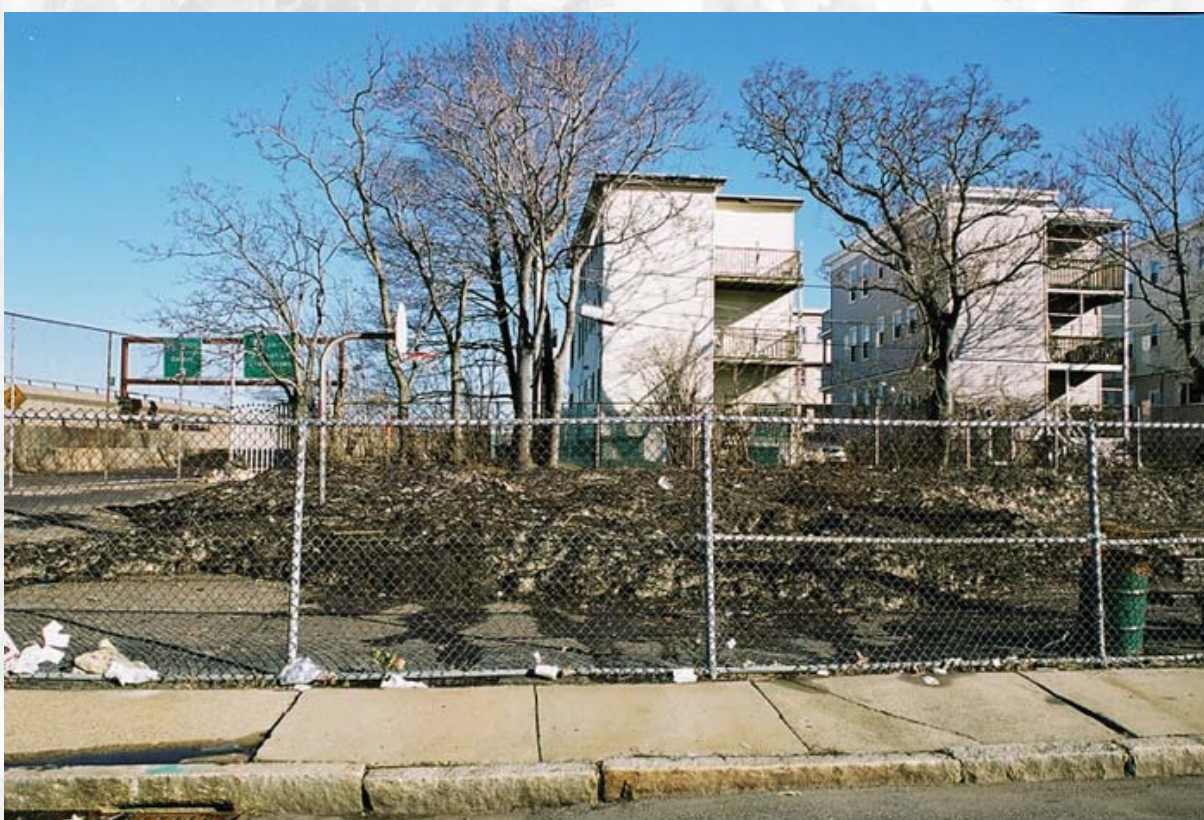
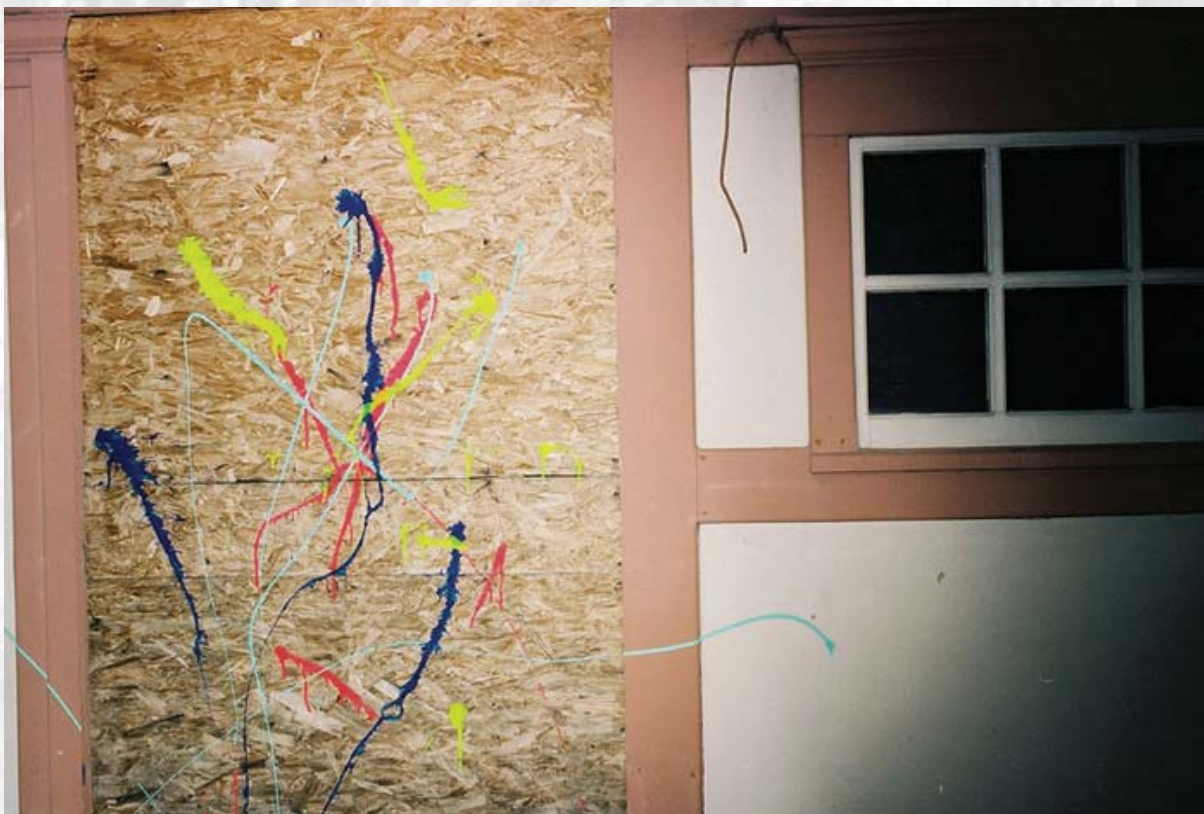
# Photographs by Matthew Corcoran

The photography of Matthew Corcoran will be on display at the Washington Street Art Center February 9–23, Saturdays 12-4pm and by appointment.

An opening reception will be held on Saturday, February 9, from 7–10 p.m.

The Washington Street Art Center is located at 321 Washington Street in Somerville.

For more information phone (617) 623-5315 or visit online at <http://www.washingtonst.org>.







Photos courtesy of Matthew Corcoran



SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Girls Track is two good with wins over Everett, Medford

Swimming wins back-and-forth battle

By Mike Stoller

It's been quite a run - literally and figuratively - for the Somerville High girls track and field team, which has won two straight meets and is looking forward to its big matchup with Malden tomorrow.

"Malden is a very good team, and it should be a very close

meet," Highlanders head coach Charlie O'Rourke said.

Suffice to say, Somerville is ready for the event, after defeating Everett, 67-17, last week, and squeaking out a one-point win over Medford, 43½ - 42½, in the prior meet.

"Our senior captains continue to set a great example for our young team," O'Rourke

said after the win over Everett, citing his two senior leaders, Gelynn Berger and Melina Garro-Duplisea.

"Gelynn has been sprinting very well, and Melina has been running the best races of her career," O'Rourke said. "Their leadership has set the bar high for the rest of the team."

The rest of the group has responded in kind. Against Everett, for example, Saragrace Magre, Samantha Simon, and Kaylee Lima, led the Highlanders to a sweep of the top three spots in the 300 meter.

"It was key race for us early in the meet," O'Rourke said.

The Highlanders also got significant contributions from Alison Kaba, who won the shot put, and freshman Melissa Sanon.

"Alison continues to be our most versatile contributor, running hurdles, throwing the shot put, running sprints, and high jumping," O'Rourke praised. "Melissa has impressed with her sprinting and improvement in the high jump."

The Highlanders also got wins from Maureen McNabb in the two-mile; Berger in the 50 meter dash; Catherine Nakato in the 600 meter; Garro-Duplisea in the 1000 meter; Delmi Hernandez in the mile; and the relay team of Nakato, Laxmi Spearing, Garro-Duplisea, and Berger.

In the win over Medford, the meet was decided in the relay

events, which the Highlanders won in a thrilling finish. Berger crossed as the fourth runner in the last relay to give Somerville the victory.

"Great win," O'Rourke said. "I wasn't sure how this young team would respond to having their first meet against a good Medford team. Our veteran girls stepped up and the new girls performed like seasoned veterans. This was a great win for this young team."

The coach noted strong performances by Garro-Duplisea in the mile; Kaba in the shot put; Delmi Hernandez in the 1000 meter; Magre in the 300 meter; Taija Clark in the high jump; and Berger in the 50 meter dash.

"But one newcomer really impressed me," O'Rourke added. Melissa Sanon jumping 4 feet, 4 inches in the in the high jump to get a tie for third place, and also getting a key third [place] in the 55 meter dash."

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Back and forth they went, and when it was over, the Somerville co-ed swimming team had defeated Medford, 84-73, in a pulsating Greater Boston League meet last week that saw the lead change five times.

"We were able to hold them off for the win," Somerville head coach Michael Williams said. "It was an outstanding effort by both teams and a great display of sportsmanship."

In the opening event, Medford took an 8-6 lead, winning the

200 medley relay in a time of 2:13.85. The Highlanders stayed close with second and third-place finishes. Harrison Grams, AJ Tulachan, Rafael Lima, and Henry Hover took second place with a time of 2:14.95. William Quan, Tenzing Kartsos, Carlos Flores, and RJ Bingham placed third.

Medford also won the 200 freestyle, but again Somerville proved to be neck and neck with the Mustangs. Cam Rumrill, Tsring Gesar, and Marisa Rafal took second, third, and fourth place, respectively, to pull the Highlanders even on the scoreboard.

The seesaw battle continued until Somerville took the lead for good in the 500 freestyle. Rafal won the race, with Quan finishing in second place. O'Rourke also noted a "strong fourth place finish" by Matt Damaceno.

Medford rallied with another first-place finish in the 200 free relay. However, a terrific showing by the Somerville team of Bingham, Flores, Kaitlin Doherty, and Vanna Loue helped the Highlanders keep the overall lead.

"Down to the last three events, it was still anyone's meet," Williams said.

Somerville sealed the victory with a first-place finish by Grams in the backstroke and second and third-place finishes by Tulachan and Kartsos in the breaststroke.

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1. Which country has the most lakes, Canada or Russia?

2. Who played Diane Chambers on the TV show Cheers?

3. Which of the three choices does the second "A" in NASCAR stand for? a) Automobile; b) Auto; c) Association?

4. What is achluophobia the fear of?

5. What U.S. state is called Old Dominion?

6. How many U.S states does Texas border?

7. What is brontology

the study of?

8. What is approximately the number of stars in the Milky Way Galaxy?

9. What year and what price did the U.S. pay for Alaska?


10. With the exception of the sun and moon, what object is brighter than any of the others in the sky?

11. What is the only letter that doesn't appear in the names of any U.S. states?

12. In football, what position is "S"?

Answers on page 21

1000 for Evora



Girls Basketball Senior Indira Evora scored her 1,000th point on January 1, 2013 vs. the Vikings of Winthrop. Evora led the team with 24 points beating the Vikings 66-55. Evora is one of three females in the history of the program to score 1,000 points for Somerville.

St. Clement Sports update

**Lady Anchors beat Lowell Catholic Crusaders in OT**

The Lady Anchors played their best game of the season Tuesday night against Lowell Catholic 64- 59. After a slow start, the Anchors found themselves in a 20 point deficit at halftime.

It looked like the Lowell Catholic Crusaders would have an easy win. However, in the second half the Anchors came out flying, cutting the lead to 8 after the third quarter.

Leading the way was the defensive intensity of senior captains Allison Caloggero (Medford) and Kristina Ofoedu (Methuen). Offensively, Sophomore center Sidney Cezil (Stoneham) had a breakout game collecting her first double-double of the year, scoring 14 points and collecting 20 re-

bounds.

To end regulation, down three, freshman point guard Katie Monestime (Somerville) hit a three off a sideline inbounds play as time expired. In overtime the Anchors had control the whole way and ended in victory 64- 59. This moved the Anchors up to second place in the Catholic Central League.

The Lady Anchors could not keep up the momentum and evened their overall record to 5- 5 and Catholic Central League record to 3-2 with stinging losses to league rivals Marian 41-34 and Pope John of Everett 49-24. This week, the Lady Anchors will face off against Maimonides and Cathedral.

**St. Clement Anchormen remain undefeated in Catholic Central League**

The St. Clement Anchormen remain undefeated in the CCL 6-0 and are closing in on a return spot in the State Tournament with an overall record of 9-2.

The Anchormen stunned Pope John of Everett with a thrilling win 57-56 on Friday night at the Anchormen.

Senior Forward Kevin Foley (Medford) lead the team with 23 points and 14 rebounds while Senior Guard Alberto Lopez (Chelsea) chipped in with 16 points and 8 assists.

Foley moves closer and closer to the 1000 point milestone earning an average of 19 points a game.

This week the Anchormen will face Maimonides and league rival Matignon High School on Friday night January 25 at St Clement High School at 6:30 pm.



# Somerville will have a mid-winter PICNIC

By Cathleen Twardzik

From January 25 to February 8, the Nave Gallery Annex in Davis Square will hold its first exhibit, called *PICNIC*.

An opening reception will be held on January 25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dan Blakeslee, Audrey Ryan and Tom Janovitz will perform at the event.

The gallery event is being sponsored by Cuppow ([www.cuppow.com](http://www.cuppow.com)). The first 25 visitors to arrive at the event will receive a gift from Cuppow.

The exhibit was entitled *PICNIC* because, "We wanted this exhibit to take people's minds off the discomforts of winter. We chose *PICNIC* as the exhibit name because having a picnic is the epitome of a perfect summer day," said Jenn Harrington, Organizer.

"Jenn Harrington, one of the Nave Gallery's most innovative curators, proposed the idea of *PICNIC*, a celebration of summer during the dark, gray days that make up January in New England. Just the idea and the excitement behind the idea was enough to convince us to start the Nave Gallery Annex," said Susan Berstler, Organizer.

*PICNIC* found a gallery space when Michael Ahern, owner of the building in Davis Square, which was used for the exhibit, came to the event's organizers about holding it in that venue.

Ahern is an artist, and he had long had a keen desire to provide a gallery area in his building.

The artists, all of whom will take part in *PICNIC*, include: Resa Blatman, Adam Gooder,

Charles Daniels, Sarah Meyers Brent, Marja Lianko, Brooke Mullins Doherty, Zach Horn, Brett Henrikson, Julie Martini, Laura Miner, Sophia Sobers, Cathy Moynihan, Anne Siems, Liz Nofziger, Neil Wyatt and Jesse Stansfield.

*"We wanted this exhibit to take people's minds off the discomforts of winter"*

The exhibit will display paintings, photography, sculpture, video work and installations.

Resa Blatman's artwork "is a throng of butterflies floating in bloom," Sophia Sobers's contribution showcases "growth" in an unanticipated area, and Charles Daniels's photographs depict dancers, all of whom are entangled in trees.

"The entire collection is alive, teeming with color and movement. In fact, the "Preserving Summer" project, where we have asked the public to preserve summer in a mason jar, will actually grow over the course of the exhibit, as submissions are encouraged throughout the time of the show," said Harrington.

Blatman has been an artist for her entire life. The surfaces on which she creates paintings and the materials which she utilizes span a wide range. "My paintings verge on sculptural instal-



"The Flowering" by Resa Blatman will be exhibited at the Nave Annex's first show.

lations," she said.

"My work is inspired by nature and environmental issues, and how our thirst for fossil fuels affects our landscape and our natural resources," said Blatman. "I always knew that I wanted to be an artist, even when I was a small child. And I make art because it gives me a purpose in life and makes me happy. I can't imagine

doing much else."

Additional information about Blatman's "concepts," as well as her artwork may be found at [www.resablatman.com](http://www.resablatman.com).

The closing reception will take place on February 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. To ensure that this new gallery location remains vibrant, there will be an auction that will be comprised of the

work that was included in the *PICNIC* exhibit.

Pie will be served and, as at the opening reception, the first 25 visitors to the closing reception will also receive a gift from Cuppow.

For additional information, interested individuals may log onto <https://www.facebook.com/events/423990814337723/>.

## Project SOUP grant



Jack Connolly (left), of Wedgwood-Crane and Connolly Insurance Agency, presents Mark Alston-Follansbee (center) and Kathryn Benjamin (right) of the Somerville Homeless Coalition with a check for Project SOUP, SHC's food pantry and meals program. His agency's donation was matched by the Arbella Insurance Group Charitable Foundation to help "drive out hunger" in Somerville.



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**Tuesday January 29**

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**Wednesday January 30**

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION**  
**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**  
Project File No 607209

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Beacon Street Reconstruction and Improvement project in the City of Somerville, MA.

WHERE: John F. Kennedy Elementary School  
5 Cherry Street  
Somerville, MA 02144

WHEN: Monday, February 4, 2013 at 6:30 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Beacon Street project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of roadway reconstruction, curbing, ADA compliant sidewalks and ramps, drainage, traffic and pedestrian signals, crosswalks, street lighting, street trees, and roadway safety and operational improvements. Bicycle accommodations will be provided by use of designated bicycle lanes and bicycle tracks. Removal of on-street parking is proposed on the north side of Beacon Street from Oxford Street to Museum Street and from Park Street to Washington Street.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of Somerville is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention.: Project Management Section, Project File No. 607209. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)

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In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

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MIDDLESEX DivisionDocket No. MI 13P0192EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:  
Valter DoCouto Sousa  
Also known as: Valter C Sousa  
Date of Death: 06/07/2012  
To all interested persons:  
  
A Petition has been filed by:  
  
Maria M Sousa of Pawtucket RI  
  
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
  
And also requesting that:  
  
Maria M Sousa of Pawtucket RI  
  
be appointed as Personal Representative (s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on 02/13/ 2013. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection. If you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.


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

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

Tara E. Di Cristofaro  
Register of Probate

Date: January 16, 2013

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**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:**

2012-65 - Article VII Section 7-10 "Prohibited Turning Movements" is amended as follows: No Right Turn onto Ivaloo St from Park St and No Left Turn onto Ivaloo St from Beacon St 7am-9am and 4pm-7pm

2012-66 Article VII Section 7-10 "Prohibited Turning Movements" is amended as follows: Glenwood Rd from Medford St 4pm-6pm for a 90 day trial period

2012-67 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: No Parking Anytime on Hall Av at College Av (both sides) for a distance of 30ft

2012-68 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: Loading Zone Mon-Sat 9am-6pm on Willow Av at Elm St, east side

2012-69 Article VII Section 7-19 "Stop Signs, Yield Signs, and Through Ways" is amended as follows: Stop Sign on Windsor Place at elbow in roadway

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MIDDLESEX DivisionDocket No. MI 12P5515EA

Estate of:  
William Francis Breault  
First Name Middle Name Last Name  
Also Known As: William F. Breault  
Date of Death: September 9, 2012  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of  
Petitioner Cheryl L Glejzer of Gilford NH  
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)  
[ ] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
[x] Cheryl L Glejzer of Gilford NH  
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)  
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [ ] with [x] without surety on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representative appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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## New member hired for Ward 1 School Committee CONT. FROM PG 1

"As the chair, it's really been her decision since the New Year about the process," said Niedergang. "This is a challenging thing to do because we had to make it up as we went along, and we had to do it all in public."

Niedergang continued to explain how the group of eight school committee members came up with the process.

"We banged it around last Monday for over an hour," he said.

And, last Tuesday the candidates were given an opportunity, in a public setting, to give speeches, indicating their qualifications.

Each candidate had ten minutes to explain why he or she are the best person for the position followed by questions from the school committee in the remaining time.

And on this Tuesday evening, each candidate had 20 minutes to highlight his or her perception and ideology pertaining to the position of Ward 1 School Committee member.

Originally there were ten candidates who were supposed to give statements at the open meeting last Tuesday, but one dropped out and another couldn't make it. So, eight individuals from Ward 1 spoke to the pub-

lic and the School Committee, giving a bit of insight into their lives and reasons for their desire to be the next Ward 1 School Committee member.

Like many of School Committee members, Niedergang had a long list of criterion, which was his basis for judging the effectiveness of the candidates.

In layman's terms, Niedergang was looking for the type of "people skills that would make them approachable to parents and other residents of the ward."

Niedergang went on to say, "You want someone in this position that can connect to all kinds of people."

Between last week and this week, "there was no discussion by the School Committee about the candidates publicly," said Niedergang, "and according to the open meeting law we are not allowed to have conversations with each other when not in public."

They had previously, as a committee, decided they would allow up to 5 finalists to move on to the next round, says Charwoman Mary Jo Rossetti.

After the voting was complete last Tuesday, of the ten qualified candidates, 4 received votes enabling them to move to the next round: Steven Roix, Bonny Carroll, Benjamin Echevarria, and



Photo by Harry Kane

Sitting School Committee members, as well as Mayor Curtatone, listened as the finalists presented their cases for appointment to the vacant seat.

Yvette P. Verdieu.

Each of the candidates possessed a certain, *je ne saia quoi* that gave them the momentum they needed to get into the next round.

Verdieu withdrew her application but wanted to "express her gratitude for the committee and the community," said Rossetti.

Melora Rush, president of the East Somerville Community School PTA read a statement during Tuesday's hearing, which included certain criteria the candidates ought to possess. In that

statement one of the criteria read, "Specifically, the ideal candidate will represent all of East Somerville, but must be able to connect fully with the 72 percent of families who are Latino."

As it turns out, the candidate who was chosen was Latino.

New Ward 1 School Committee member Echevarria feels that communication is the most important element of the job.

He likes the idea of trying new events such as a coffee hour.

"Ward 1 is a little bit different than some of the other Wards in

the fact that there is...a big diversity in the ward," said Echevarria.

Because Echevarria is Latino, some residents such as Consuelo Perez from Ward 6 feel it may give him an advantage to work within Ward 1.

Echevarria went on to say that he would take a "crash course" and spend time reading and calling people to learn the necessary skills to do the job.

In the end, after a tie, and a second round of voting, Echevarria got the job.

## Celebrating 'Equality Through Access' CONT. FROM PG 1

could not be there and acknowledging the importance of Dr. King's contributions to society.

In the welcoming portion of the event, BOA President William White suggested that although Dr. King would be pleased at the social progression that has been made over the years, there are still some things that he would find alarming. The two subject matters that he brought light to were gun violence and the imbalance within the social economics of America.

Another highlight of the event was speaker Lorraine Cordeiro, an Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts

Amherst. Cordeiro mentioned that she comes from a diverse background and credited Dr. King for his work and having an affect on her being in the position that she is in today. She challenged the audience members to be active in the community. "Show the commonwealth what equality means through your actions and service."

It is clear to Cordeiro that there is still work to be done and that we as a collective unit must keep King's dream alive. It would be a disservice to him if the people were to be passive and not continue to build upon the foundation that he put into place.



El Sistema Somerville Youth Orchestra's performance at the MLK Jr. Day celebration.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday| January 23

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

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

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

Thursday|January 24

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 25

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

Central Library  
Teen Movie Day  
Ron Castile|617-623-5000-2936  
3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Monday|January 28

Central Library  
Sing-along with Jordan!  
Cathy|2950  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|January 29

Central Library  
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 9-11  
Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216  
10 a.m.-12 p.m| 79 Highland Avenue

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

Wednesday |January 30

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

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

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

MUSIC  
Wednesday|January 23

Johnny D's  
Murali Coryell|The Spytones  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub  
The Nephrok All Stars  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
Free Pool|Game Night  
381 Summer St

Radio Bar  
Warp Speed Wednesdays featuring  
The Terminator and more  
379 Summer St

Thursday|January 24

Johnny D's  
Juliet & The Lonesome  
Romeos|Dennis Brennan  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's  
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band grassy  
Thursdays|7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

Precinct Bar  
Mass Mouth|Story Slams  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
LT and the Gypsies  
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar  
379 Summer St

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

Friday|January 25

Johnny D's  
Loose Change|Paranois Social  
Club|Mallett Brothers Band|Elcodrive  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's  
Stan Martin |6 p.m.  
Birds of Play and Friends |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar  
Audio Chemists & Rufaro present...  
X. Electronic DJ Night  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge  
Diamond Machine|Sam  
Mulligan|David Richardson|Steve  
Subrizi  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
Boston Blog Head  
381Summer St

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

Radio Bar  
Upstairs: Await Rescue, For Sleeping  
or Jumping, Mammothor;  
Downstairs: New Million Box, Airport,  
The Rotary Prophets  
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory  
ONCE in Valhalla!Helios Opera  
6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191  
Highland Ave

Saturday|January 26

Johnny D's  
JP Harris & The Tough  
Choices|Aquanutz|Slim Jim & The  
Mad Cows  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's  
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.  
Zevon Helm plays Uncle Tupelo,  
Subpar Co-Star, Steve Walther  
Orchestra|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar  
Scorpion|Beware the dangers of a  
goast|Gold Blood&the  
Associates|Scorpion  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge  
Ammonia Booking Presents!The  
Prowl|Tenenbrae|MFP|Foreign  
Bodies|Oblivionation  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's  
Members of Morphine - Tiffany's  
Bday Bash  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
Beta Phase|Faces in the Floor|Fouroint  
Restraints|Kick The Band|Maverick  
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar  
Upstairs: ROGUE Presents: Two Cow  
Garage, The Old Edison, OTP, Dave  
Wells \$9  
Downstairs: Electric Street Queens,  
Seamstress, Samosa, DJ Sanam  
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory  
The Modern Jazztet  
7:30 p.m.|mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|January 27

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.  
Jim Coyle & the Barroom  
Gentlemen|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar  
Elephant Music Group and Polk  
Records Present:Streight  
Angular|Little War Twins|Fiesta  
Melon|The Family Dinner  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen  
Sunday Brunch Live Country &  
Bluegrass  
Sunday Night Live Music  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar  
Karaoke  
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar  
Roy Sludge Trio 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Night Time Bill|On Man  
Alive|Fantastic Liars|Peachpit PLUS:  
Art, Air Hockey and Foosball \$8  
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory  
Jazz Jam Session - hosted by  
Morningside Music Studio  
1 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|January 28

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  
|7:30 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with The Duppy

Conquerors|10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Bur-Run|6:30 p.m.  
Set Dancing|8 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge  
Ginger Explosion 3  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar  
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Rosebud Bar  
Massmouth  
Movie Night  
381 Summer St

Radio Bar  
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory  
Knucklebones: For the Love of Play!  
9 a.m.|Performance Hall|191  
Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 29

JohnnyD's  
The English Beat  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar  
Krista Page y Los Super Gatos  
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  
Ninjavitis  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen  
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling  
Bee Night  
hosted by Victor and Nicole of  
Egoart.  
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar  
Karaoke  
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar  
379 Summer St

Wednesday|January 30

Johnny D's  
Wedding Band Showcase  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub  
The Nephrok All Stars  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
Free Pool|Game Night  
381 Summer St

Radio Bar  
Warp Speed Wednesdays featuring  
Starship Troopers and more Radio  
Down: Karaoke. 8 p.m.  
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory  
Greater Ease, Clarity & Connection in  
2013  
Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Wednesday|January 23

Central Library  
Tentative reservation for Tufts U.  
focus group  
Ellen Jacobs|617-623-5000 x2914  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday| January 24

Central Library  
ADD/ADHD and Executive  
Functioning Skills  
Anna Feagan|781-444-9115  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West 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  
40 College Ave

First Church Somerville  
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step  
program for people with problems  
with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30  
p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).  
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Third Life Studio  
Roots and Rhythm  
33 Unions Sq| www.libana.com

Saturday| January 26

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

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

Sunday| January 27

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

Third Life Studio  
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira  
Jamal  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union  
Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday|January 28

Central Library  
Tentative reservation for Tufts U.  
focus group  
Ellen Jacobs|617-623-5000 x2914  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East 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.  
115 Broadway

Tuesday| January 29

Central Library  
Learn English at the Library  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Session 1  
79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio  
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
The Art of Group Singing For Women  
with Susan Robbins,www.libana.com  
7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday| January 30

Central Library  
Tentative reservation for Tufts U.  
focus group  
Ellen Jacobs|617-623-5000 x2914  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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



## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

**Holland Street Center** - 167 Holland Street

**Ralph & Jenny Center** - 9 New Washington Street

**Cross Street Center** - 165 Broadway

**Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:**

**Culinary Arts Luncheon** has been changed to January 29. Limited space. Sign up early.

**Lunchtime exercise class for all in the community.**

**Belly Dancing has changed times.** It is during the day from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. This is a fun class with great arm and core exercises. Take a chance and join us. Open to men and women.

**LBT Community - NEW PROGRAM.** Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes with certified instructors. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available. Call Lisa for more info at ext. 2316.

**Looking to get and stay fit this year?** We have the program for you. Fit-4-Life General Group is a fitness/nutrition program on Wednesday and Friday mornings. This is a great fitness/nutrition program. There are a few spots open. Call Lisa if you are interested.

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

**Got a new camera for the holidays?** We would like to start a Photo Club. Any interest? Let us know.

**We heard you singing in the shower** - now join us in person. The Moonlighters meet every Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Holland Street. All levels welcome. No experience needed.

**Men's Club** - Recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our Men's Group and connect with your old friends or come make some new friends. Wednesdays at Holland Street Center. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All 55+ are welcome. Beginning February 6.

**Cards and Games hour** at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

**Do you crochet or would you like to learn?** Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

**Grandparents' Week at the Centers:**

**February 19** - Cross Street - Arts and Fitness Fun.

**February 20** - Holland Street - Storytelling through Dance.

**February 21** - Ralph & Jenny - Gardening and Fitness

Fun.

**Trip Corner:**

**Lunch at Culinary Arts** - January 29.

**Hanscom Dinner & Bingo** - February 13.

**Fuller Craft Museum** - February 15.

**Foxwoods** - March 11.

**Washington D.C.** - April 11 - 14.

**Wildwood, N.J.** - May 13 - 17.

**STAY ACTIVE:**

**QiGong** - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. \$3.

**Flexibility & Balance** - all three centers Strength with Geoff - Tuesdays at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny. \$3.

**Belly Dancing** - Tuesdays at 12:30 - 1:30 pm \$5

**Flexibility & Balance** - (R&J) Tuesday 10:30 a.m. (H) Thursday 10:00 a.m.

**January 23**

**Bowling at Flatbreads** 1 p.m.

**Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Qi gong|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street Center**

Closed

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**January 24**

**Holland Street Center**

Flexibility & Balance - NEW DATE!|10 a.m.

Current Events|10 a.m.

Bingo|1:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**January 25**

**Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B

Book Club - all welcome|10 a.m.

Indoor Exercise|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**January 28**

**Holiday Inn Dance**

**Holland Street Center**

Veteran's Group|9:30 a.m.

Singing|10:30 a.m.

English Conversation|10:30 & 12:30

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**January 29**

**Holland Street Center**

Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt|10 a.m.

Bellydancing|12:30 p.m.

Yoga/Meditation|2 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life Program|6 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**January 30**

**Bowling at Flatbreads** 1 p.m.

**Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

Qi gong|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street Center**

Closed

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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

**Check out our Facebook site** for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at [www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA](http://www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA).

## Pasta and Puccini



A wonderful afternoon was had at the Council on Aging's Holland Street Center last week, with a great lunch from Vinnie's and "MusicalConversation" with Alan Cohen (pictured here). Cohen shared some great Italian operas as he talked about the stories behind the music. Attendees sang along with some and shared their own memories of others. Cohen is coming back on February 7 with Broadway Love Songs.

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# Unlikely but serendipitously matched couple Amy Rigby and Wreckless Eric returning to Johnny D's

By Blake Maddux

It is the classic love story: American woman plays a gig in Hull, England. English man DJs for American woman at said gig, which is at the venue where he first performed his most famous song. After remaining in touch for a few years, American woman and English man meet again at Yo La Tengo Hanukkah concert and later get married.

"Not many Americans go to Hull," said Amy Rigby, the American woman in this tale. "That was a strange bit of serendipity, I guess," The English man is Eric Goulden, better known - and to many only known - as "Wreckless Eric."

Goulden was born in Newhaven, England, in 1954. He made a bit of a splash in the English punk and new wave scene in 1977 with a series of singles on Stiff Records that included *Semaphore Signals*, *Take the Cash (K.A.S.H.)*, and his most enduring composition, (*I'd Go the*) *Whole Wide World*.

The last of these songs has been covered in various capacities by performers as diverse as Marilyn Manson, Will Ferrell, the aforementioned Yo La Tengo, and the Scottish duo The Proclaimers, who Goulden said did the best version of it. He is also the author of an autobiography titled *A Dysfunctional Success: The Wreckless Eric Manual*.

"I would like to write a second part to the autobiography," Goulden says. "I should do that, really, because there's a lot more to talk about."

Amelia McMahon was born in Pittsburgh in 1959. She was a member of New York City-based bands The Last Roundup and The Shams, and was married to Will Rigby, the drummer of another 1980s cult band of sorts, The dB's. *Spin* magazine named her Songwriter of the Year in 1996, the year that she released her debut solo album. Rigby has also lived and worked in Nashville and Cleveland.

Goulden and Rigby recently moved to upstate New York after living in France for several years. They will be returning to Johnny D's on February 1, having previously played there last September in support of their 2012 album *A Working Museum*, the third full-length recording that they have done together.

Robert Christgau, so-called/self-proclaimed "Dean of American Rock Critics," has long written reverently of Rigby's work. His review of her 2005 album *Little Fugitive* reads, "It really is quite simple - no one of any gender or generation has written as many good songs in Rigby's realistic post-folk mode since she launched *Diary of a Mod Housewife* in 1996. She's the best, plus a fine singer in an apt doing-the-dishes mode."

Of the praise that music critics have long and consistently heaped upon her, Rigby says, "It's a double-edged sword, but it's certainly good that someone is interested. You can't take the praise too much to heart. If you believed every critical thing, you'd never do it again. By the same token, if you believe every complimentary thing, you'd kind of feel like, 'Oh, my work here is done. I don't have to do anything else'."

Although they were born five years apart on separate continents, 1983 turned out to be - in retrospect - a momentous year for both Goulden and Rigby. Rigby has a song called *The Summer of My Wasted Youth* on her 1998 album *Middlescene*. Each verse looks back nostalgically with sentiments such as "Summertime of '83, I didn't need a J-O-B/Cause unemployment kept me free to study country harmony."

On the other hand, 1983, sung by Goulden on the couple's latest release, contains the lyrics, "I wish that I could wipe out every trace of 1983. The clothes, the hair, the politics, and my beer-drenched memory."

According to Rigby, "It was his worst year. I wouldn't say it was my best year, but it was the year when so many things came together for me, like when I first started playing in a band. That was the year that he stopped playing in a band."

While Rigby opined that "the music in '83 was terrible," Goulden went a bit further about the entire decade:

"The 80s was the worst thing that happened to Western civilization. It was the worst decade that ever happened. It was the most appalling time. People turned into money-grubbing materialistic idiots."

How Goulden felt about the world at large and the people in it probably had a great deal to do with the fact that he was having a pretty difficult time personally.



"Wreckless" Eric Goulden and Amy Rigby will be entertaining patrons at Johnny D's on February 1.

"There's a line in that song [1983], 'No one I knew had a job'," he says. "In Amy's *Summer of My Wasted Youth*, they're kind of celebrating that. But I was a bit older, and to me it was kind of like I was pushing 30, and I've got no job, no hope, there's no future, and no one in the music business wants to know about me."

Surely Goulden would not take back all that happened that year. After all, as he explained, his daughter was born sometime within the first nine months of 1984.

As should be clear at this point, Goulden is spot-on when he says, "I have lots of opinions about stuff." This stuff includes, of course, music.

For example, U2: "I think they're detestable," he says. Who is the greatest punk band of all time? Not The Sex Pistols, not The Ramones, not The Clash, but the far lesser-known X-Ray Spex. What about Elvis Costello, his world famous Stiff Records label-mate from back in the day? "I have no interest in what he does at all."

Apparently though, his lack of interest was not enough to prevent him and his daughter from going to Mr. Costello's Wikipedia page to, as he says, "change stuff, just to prove it could be done."

But Wreckless Eric is not an all-around grouchy fellow. His sensitive side emerges when he thinks of some of his fellow musicians whom he knew when he started out.

"I talk to Nick Lowe when I see him, of course I do. Ian Dury [an English Singer-songwriter who died of cancer at age 57 in 2000] was a very close friend. It was a shame what happened, really,

Wilko Johnson [lead singer of the influential pub-rock band Dr. Feelgood] is now very ill. All these people that I knew from that time are dying, which is kind of, I don't know," he says, trailing off at the end.

Moreover, his happier side is evident when he discusses the use of his *Whole Wide World* in the 2006 movie *Stranger Than Fiction*.

"I thought it was great," he says. "I was thrilled to have a song in a film."

Unfortunately, this did not really bring him the recognition or financial reward that he has long so richly deserved. On this point, Goulden is poignant:

"I went to the premiere, and no one's looking out for you, like the record company or the publishing company anything. I would have liked to have met Will Ferrell, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Dustin Hoffman, al-

though I'm sure it wouldn't make an iota of difference to him, and Emma Thompson as well. And they were all there. Amy and I were invited to an after party, but it was one for the carpenters and the assistant undersecretaries (laughs). It was such a shame. Will sang my song and I never got to meet him."

Moreover, Goulden says, "On the back of that, *Whole Wide World* sold 150,000 downloads in the US alone in one year. I didn't make a fortune out of it. Between the record company and the publishing company, I think I made a pig's ear at the deal. I was pleased, really. Anything that will help to keep you on the map is fantastic."

As the happy couple makes its way to Somerville on February 1, they will obviously, as Amy Rigby says they always do, "have plenty to talk about in the van."

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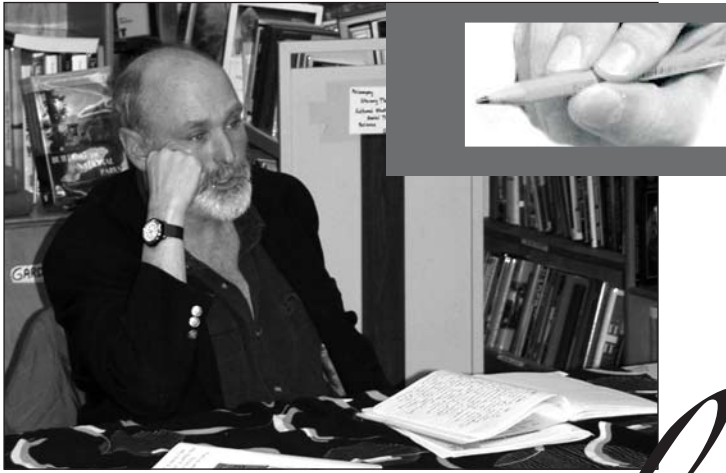
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6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:30pm	Esoteric Science	1:30pm	Art at SCATV
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8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	4:00pm	Boston Tango Festival	2:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Tonight's Special	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:00pm	Energy Theater	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
11:00am	Abugida TV	11:00pm	Creepy Castle	6:30pm	Rooster Tails	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	<b>Friday, January 25</b>		7:00pm	Couch's Corner	5:00pm	Culture Club
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	5:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day
1:30PM	Henry Parker Presents	6:00am	Road to Recovery	8:00pm	David Parkman	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
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3:30pm	Talking about Somerville	9:00am	Energy Theater	<b>Sunday, January 27</b>		8:30pm	Play by Play
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6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	12:30	Ablevision	7:30am	The Struggle	<b>Tuesday, January 29</b>	
6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	1:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	12:00am	Free Speech TV
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8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	10:30am	Basic Buddha	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	Noon	Gerry Leone Show	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	SCATV Pick of the Week	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	2:00pm	Healthy Hypnosis
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:30pm	Somerville Arts Festival
6:30am	International Church of God	9:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	African Television Network	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
7:00am	Physician Focus	9:30pm	Play by Play	8:00pm	Telemagazine	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
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8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	Tonight's Special	10:00pm	Nepali SCAT Studio Show	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00pm	The Steve Katso's Show	11:30pm	Somerville Rocks!	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Active Aging	<b>Saturday, January 26</b>		<b>Monday, January 28</b>			
10:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00am	Free Speech TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Real Estate Answer Show
11:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00am	Arabic Hour	6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	7:00pm	Art at SCATV
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2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	8:30am	King of the 'Ville	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Literary Scene
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12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 1/14/13	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	5:15pm	Our Schools, Our City: Registering for Kindergarten	1:30am	SHS Hockey vs Revere
2:30pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	12:30pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	7:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington - LIVE	3:00am	SHS Hockey vs Everett
7:00pm:	MLK Day Celebration	1:00pm:	The Mayor's Report	10:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett	4:30am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington
9:00pm:	BOA Meeting Agenda for 1/24/13	2:30pm:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	<b>Thursday, January 24</b>		12:00pm	Learning About Somerville Public Schools
<b>Thursday, January 24</b>				12:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington	1:00pm	Argenziano School Elementary Concert
12:00am:	MLK Day Celebration	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	1:30am	SHS Hockey vs Everett	2:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford
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9:00am:	MLK Day Celebration	8:00pm:	The Mayor's Report	12:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett	6:00pm	Learning About Somerville Public Schools
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	8:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 1/24/13	12:30pm	Learning About the Somerville Public Schools	7:00pm	Argenziano School Elementary Concert
12:30pm:	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions	<b>Monday, January 28</b>		2:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop	7:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford
12:40pm	The Gerry Leone Show	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	3:30pm	Our Schools, Our City: Registering for Kindergarten	9:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop
1:10pm:	2013 City Hall Midterm Ceremonies	12:30am:	The Aldermen's Hour	<b>Monday, January 28</b>			
7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	1:00am:	The Mayor's Report	12:00am	Learning About Somerville Public Schools	12:00pm	Our Schools, Our City: Registering for Kindergarten
<b>Friday, January 25</b>				4:00pm	Argenziano School Instrumental Concert	12:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington
12:00am:	Somerville By Design #3	1:30am:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY	6:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington	2:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere
1:30am:	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions	9:00am:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	7:35pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett	3:30pm	Parent Information Center's Kindergarten Primer
1:40am:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 1/24/13	9:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Cambridge	6:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Newton South
2:10am:	The Aldermen's Hour	3:00pm:	Somerville By Design #3	10:30pm	Learning About the Somerville Public Schools	7:30pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Malden Catholic
9:00am:	The Aldermen's Hour	7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - LIVE	<b>Friday, January 25</b>			
12:00pm:	MLK Day Celebration	10:00pm:	The Mayor's Report	12:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington	9:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford
2:00pm:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	<b>Tuesday, January 29</b>		12:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere	10:30pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Arlington
2:30pm:	Clean 'Ville of Health	12:00am:	Clean 'Ville of Health	1:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett	<b>Tuesday, January 29</b>	
7:00pm:	MLK Day Celebration	12:15am:	The Aldermen's Hour	3:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Cambridge	12:00am	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Newton South
9:00pm:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	12:45am:	Somerville By Design #3	3:30am	Learning About the Somerville Public Schools	1:30am	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Malden Catholic
9:30pm:	Clean 'Ville of Health	9:00am:	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions	9:00am	Learning About the Somerville Public Schools	3:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford
<b>Saturday, January 26</b>				12:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere	4:30pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Arlington
12:00am:	MLK Day Celebration	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	1:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett	9:00am	Parent Information Center's Kindergarten Primer
2:00am:	GLX Gubernatorial Press Conference	12:30pm:	Senior Housing Symposium	3:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington	12:00pm	Parent Information Center's Kindergarten Primer
2:30am:	Clean 'Ville of Health	2:00pm:	MLK Day Celebration	7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Malden - LIVE	12:30pm	Argenziano School Instrumental Concert
9:00am:	Clean 'Ville of Health	7:00pm:	Quincy Park Dedication	10:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Malden	1:00pm	Learning About Somerville Public Schools
12:00pm:	MLK Day Celebration	7:30pm:	Highlander Forum	<b>Saturday, January 26</b>		3:30pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
2:00pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	8:00pm:	The Mayor's Report	12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Malden	5:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Malden
2:30pm:	Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison	8:30pm:	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY	1:30am	SHS Hockey vs Revere	7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Medford - LIVE
7:00pm:	MLK Day Celebration	12:00pm:	Quincy Park Dedication	3:00am	SHS Hockey vs Everett	10:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Medford
9:00pm:	The Gerry Leone Show	12:30am:	Highlander Forum	4:30am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington	12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Medford
9:30pm:	Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison	1:00am:	The Mayor's Report	12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Malden	1:30am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop
<b>Sunday, January 27</b>				1:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere		
12:00am:	MLK Day Celebration	<b>EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15</b>		3:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett		
2:00am:	The Gerry Leone Show	<b>Wednesday, January 23</b>		4:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington		
2:30am:	Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City: Registering for Kindergarten	6:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Malden		
		12:00pm	Argenziano School Instrumental Concert	7:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere		
		12:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Revere	9:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett		
		2:05pm	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Everett	10:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington		
				<b>Sunday, January 27</b>			





## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Somerville Writer Dan Kimmel: A mix of Borscht Belt humor and Science Fiction

Well, since the predictions of the Mayans have failed to see the light of day, I was able to meet with Somerville film critic and science fiction writer Dan Kimmel. Kimmel is the author of a number of books including: *The Fourth Network: How Fox Broke the Rules and Reinvented TV*, and *I'll Have What She's Having: Behind the Scenes of the Great Romantic Comedies*. Since we spoke two years ago, probably at the same booth at the Diesel Cafe, Kimmel was nominated for a HUGO AWARD for his essay collection *Jar-Jar Blinks Must Die*. Kimmel also has released a science fiction novel *Shh! It's A Secret*. The novel concerns space aliens in the La La Land of Hollywood.

Kimmel is a resident of the Ball Square section of the city, and he teaches film at Suffolk University in Boston. He is a member of Temple B'nai B'rith on Central Street, and he told me he feels quite at home now in the environs of Somerville.

Kimmel revealed that a small press in Brooklyn Fantastic Books - a press that usually deals with reprints-took a chance on *Shh! It's A Secret*!

*Shh! It's A Secret* deals with a space alien who wants to be an actor. The alien has the unlikely name of Abe - maybe a Jewish alien? The story also involves Jake Berman, a Hollywood player who helps the alien realize his fevered dream. The book is a science fiction/satire of Hollywood-laced with Borscht-Belt humor. In fact, Kimmel, who is from the New York City area, worked at a Borscht Belt hotel in the Catskill Mountains outside of New York City, and such a hotel is used in his novel.

Kimmel has also written plays. One titled *The Waldorf Conference*, deals with the Hollywood Black List era. Such tinsel town luminaries as Louie Mayer and Harry Cohn make an appearance.

Since Kimmel has written extensively about ro-



mantic comedy films, I asked him what his favorites were. Kimmel favors the 1930s films: *Trouble in Paradise* and *My Man Godfrey*, as well as Frank Capra's *It Happened One Night*.

Kimmel's choices for more contemporary films are *Love Actually*, *Annie Hall* and *When Harry Met Sally*.

The formula for a good romantic comedy according to Kimmel is: "You have two characters who need something from the other. In the case of Harry and Sally, Sally is wound tight - and Harry is much more expansive - so they complement each other. They wind up helping each other. They eventually find that they are the same species.

Kimmel will be reading from his new book Jan. 27, 2013 at The Book Shop at Ball Square. I hope you can be there for his brand of humor and insight, not to mention the spinning of a good tale.

#### GUISEPPE

With the invasion of Anzio imminent,  
all leaves were cancelled. A performance  
of Tosca at the local opera house went on  
without my eager presence.

I was engaged in waterproofing our anti-aircraft  
cannons when he strolled by cranking out  
O SOLO MIO on his fiddle. I asked if he  
played musica classica. With  
pride he replied, "Si, signore". How grand it  
was for me to have a private concert while  
serving overseas.

Dismissing my gun crew mates, I volunteered  
to finish invasion preparations alone while enjoying  
music by Beethoven, Mozart, Bach  
played by an Italian street musician

Amid the roar of planes giving us cover,  
while swarms of small crafts loaded, churned  
the waters of the port of Salerno, he lifted  
his bow above the violin and waited for one full  
minute before playing Bach's concerto  
for violin #1.

Hours later he was wrung dry from playing  
beautiful music in an atmosphere far from  
the quiet dignity of a concert hall. I rewarded  
him in the only way I knew how, by drowning  
him with candy, smokes and army issue towels.

Before midnight, the 450th AAA battalion  
boarded an LST and steamed up the Italian  
coastline in the glare of a full moon to land  
behind Nazi lines at Anzio.

— Joseph A. Cohen

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### Red Cross active on MLK Jr. Day



The Somerville Red Cross provided a mobile donation vehicle located on Holland Avenue last Monday during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration. Donations for the Food Pantry were gathered as locals attended the festivities at the Somerville Theatre.



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