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Happy St. Valentine's Day

from the publishers and staff of The Somerville News



A city hunkers down, then digs out

By Jim Clark



City workers and independent contractors worked around the clock over the weekend clearing streets in Somerville. Turn to pages 12-13 for more photos from the Blizzard of 2013.

A massive snow storm cut a huge swath of freezing tribulation across much of the northeast last week, leaving roads blocked, schools closed, and many wondering, "When will it end?"

The City of Somerville was not spared the cold slap of the blizzard's intensity, as more than two feet of snow fell over most of the area, making serious work for Department of Public Works employees as well as independent contractors and average citizens hoping to achieve a return to normalcy sooner than later.

Crews worked through the weekend clearing roadways and sidewalks. Local residents put their backs into the clearing process as well, shoveling out sidewalks, driveways, fire hydrants and parking spaces.

The declared snow emergency, originally scheduled to be lifted on Monday, was extended due to the massive amounts of snow that still needed to be removed

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Native Somervillian is living on the air in Chattanooga

By Blake Maddux

Last April, comedian and radio host Brian Joyce moved from one of the most politically liberal areas of the United States, Boston, to one of the most conservative ones, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"The county that we're in is called Hamilton County, and it is generally regarded as one the most politically conservative and religiously conservative counties in the entire country," the native Somervillian said. "This part of Tennessee, and north Alabama and north Georgia, has veered about as far to the right as any region in the United States."

One might expect a person to experience a bit of culture shock in transitioning to such a deep blue territory to one that is so bright red.

However, this has not been an issue for Mr. Joyce.

"Being somebody who's moved around to so many different places - I went

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NEWTALK

Happy Valentine's Day to all our readers out there in the Ville. We hope that everyone is both on the giving and receiving end of a Valentine's Day gift.

Lots of snow fell this past weekend. The city did a great job considering how the other cities and towns look. Just take a ride through Medford, Cambridge, Arlington and you'll see that our own Mayor Joe Curtatone, along with DPW Commissioner Stan Koty, did a great job as well as all the men and women of the DPW who spent long hours going up and down the many miles of streets and roads here in the Ville. Some challenges, for sure, but a good job well done by all. And you'll be seeing more and more work still being done.

Happy Birthday this week to some of our fans: To Anelise Paduch Tubinis, who works here for the school department. Joe Hart is celebrating this week. He lives on the west coast but was raised in Winter Hill. To a good friend of us here at The News, we salute Boston Police officer Tommy Yung. Happy Birthday to our good friend Krissi Dunne Ali. Also, Happy Birthday to Brooke Metivier who is celebrating her fifteenth birthday in the Ville this week. Joan Rajchel is also celebrating this week.

Be sure not to miss out on the Somerville Council on Aging's (COA) Annual Senior's Valentine Party taking place on Valentine's Day this coming Thursday. This years' party promises to be another good event for our seniors and its taking place again at the Winter Hill Yacht Club located on Foley Street in Somerville. The good people of the WHYC have been sponsoring many COA events for our seniors throughout the years and we thank them for being such great hosts and friends to our seniors.

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Growing up in the Ville*

robert pignone says:

that's was excellent..really captured many of my childhood memories of growing up in somerville..thanks.

Gerald Hagerty says:

Jim, once again you brought a tear of nostalgia to my eyes. Thanks

Mario T. says:

Jimmy, I remember listening to you at Khourys with a band called the Echos.You guys were great. Glad you're still active... I love Somerville..Class of 78 .

Diane G. says:

As a member of the class of 1960, I have the same fond memories. "Somerville Leads the Way"

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you feel stricter gun control laws will keep you and your family safer and if you think our DPW did a great job clearing the streets of snow this weekend. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you feel stricter gun control laws will keep you and your family safer?



Do you think our DPW did a great job clearing the streets of snow this weekend?



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SHS student's first novel published

By Cathleen Twardzik

Since the time that Dea Dodi, Author, was in third grade, she craved a chance to write poetry or prose. At present, Dodi, who constantly writes various types of pieces, is a senior at Somerville High School.

Her first novel was published this summer in Albania, which is her native country. In that nation, Dodi was the first student to perform an internship in the prime ministry.

As a rising freshman, she planted the seeds of what would eventually become a book. Each year the work expanded, and it acquired different "identities." Finally, after approximately 3 1/2 to four years, she produced a form that she considered to be finished.

Dodi's inaugural novel proves intriguing.

"The Story of Her tells the tale of 15-year-old Amalda, a girl who feels a major discrepancy between her physical world and the way she thinks about and perceives life. Her strong will and character are put to the test when Angelo, her three-year-old brother, falls desperately ill. She finds comfort and

support by spending time with her father and her best friend, Lara," said Dodi.

"Amalda's reality is, again, turned upside-down when a dangerous gang abducts Lara. Instead of allowing her experiences to close her off from the world, she learns to view every challenge as an opportunity to grow and have a positive influence on other people."

"Whatever I tackle, I like my writing to be emotionally and soulfully electrifying"

Although, the accounts in the novel are fictional, "at times, they mirror my own various experiences," said Dodi.

At the onset, the process of publishing a book was akin to "going on a scavenger hunt. In time, I got my thoughts together and looked into different publishing houses in Albania. Once I found a publishing house I felt comfortable with, the book took



Photo by Cathleen Twardzik

Dea Dodi, Author and current Somerville High School Student, has written her first novel, which was published in Albania and is entitled *The Story of Her*.

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a physical life," she said.

Another book is on the horizon for Dodi. At this time, ideas are circulating around in her head.

"I might start to work on an autobiography, although I think I'd like to experience several more years of life before I publish something like that, or write a novel that relates to human gender studies or about human rights abuses. Whatever I tackle, I like my writing to be emotionally and soulfully electrifying."

Besides writing, Dodi enjoys

"music-filled" evenings with her friends in the Boston area. "I heartily enjoy the presence of people and try to make people laugh whenever I can," said Dodi.

In college, Dodi wishes to major in international relations/political science and minor in psychology. However, she is positive that she will pursue literature and writing courses.

After her scholastic experience has come to a close, she is interested in holding a career in a diplomatic field.

Dodi's future goals, especially on a professional level, are imperative to our species. "In simple terms, I want to be a major driving force for good in the world. My life, your life, our lives are all built of human communication and interaction. We are all interconnected in this web of life. I want to focus on a career that is built on these beliefs, such as diplomacy. I want to make an impact in politics, human rights and focus on general social concerns, domestically and internationally," she said.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Marital dispute gets nasty

Police were called to a Josephine Ave. residence last Saturday on a reported domestic dispute. The reporting party had told police that John Takvorian, 48, had been verbally abusing his wife. Upon arrival, officers were met by Takvorian and he let them into his house. One officer stayed with Takvorian on the ground floor while another officer went upstairs to speak with the man's wife. The woman reportedly told police that her husband had been out, but when he came back home he was intoxicated. She said that he began arguing with her and throwing things around. Police reportedly noted that several items were strewn around the kitchen floor. The woman further stated that Takvorian struck her in the head with a closed fist and threw her to the floor, according to reports. The woman also reportedly said that Takvorian threatened to kill her, their children, and their dog if she tried to call the police. At that point she said that she ran upstairs to be with her daughter, who had heard the argument taking place. The daughter then called a friend who in turn told her mother about the incident, and she then phoned in the report to police. The woman said that she felt afraid for her own safety and that of her children, police said. When questioned, Takvorian reportedly said that there was only a verbal argument and that he never physically attacked his wife. The investigating officers reported that Takvorian appeared to be intoxicated. Based on the information gathered, the officers placed Takvorian under arrest. He has been charged with assault and battery, witness intimidation, and threat to commit a crime.

Intoxicated customer takes on restaurant

A reported case of disorderly conduct by a drunken customer brought police to El Potro restaurant at 61 Union Sq. on Thursday evening, just past midnight. A restaurant employee met with officers as they arrived and pointed out a man, later identified as Mario Rodriguez, 33, and said that he was the problem. Officers approached Rodriguez for questioning, but he reportedly ignored their inquiries and failed to produce identification. He reportedly made exaggerated hand gestures and told them loudly that his identification was left at his home. When asked to turn towards a wall and submit to a search, Rodriguez reportedly complied at first, but then turned quickly, causing officers to restrain him. After a brief struggle Rodriguez was handcuffed. The manager of the restaurant reportedly told police that Rodriguez had been inside and began shouting at other customers for no apparent reason. Rodriguez was escorted outside by restaurant staff, according to reports, and since it was closing time the doors were locked. Police were told that Rodriguez made his way back into the building by damaging the front doors, whereupon he commenced to pick a fight with one of the employees. Some glasses and other items were reportedly broken in the skirmish. Based on witness accounts, Rodriguez was placed under arrest and charged with felony nighttime breaking and entering and destruction of property over \$250. Warrant charges of resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, and disorderly conduct were also booked at the time of arrest.

Unlicensed hit and run driver apprehended

A police traffic unit was dispatched to 852 Broadway last Thursday on a reported incident of hit and run driving. A description of the suspect vehicle was broadcast to patrolling units and it was soon spotted and placed under rolling surveillance. The operator of the vehicle that was struck reportedly said that a vehicle driven by a woman had hit his vehicle from behind and that the woman left the scene without communicating or waiting for police to arrive. The driver of the stricken vehicle complained of back pain and was transported to Somerville Hospital, police said. The suspect vehicle was stopped and the driver questioned about the incident. The woman reportedly told police that she had accidentally bumped the rear of the struck vehicle and waited for the driver to come out, but he never did. It is then, she said, that she left the scene. After determining that the name she had given police was that of her sister, the woman was eventually identified as Andreana Parziale, 19. She reportedly admitted to police that she gave a false name because her license was suspended. Parziale was placed under arrest and charged with leaving the scene of personal injury, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Denys Firmino, 21, of 422 Mystic Ave., February 5, 12:14 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Eduardo Jimenez, 63, of 33 Bailey Rd., February 5, 11:06 a.m., arrested at home on charges of threat to commit a crime and abuse prevention order violation.

Jonathan Machado, 28, February 6, 10:46 p.m., arrested at 273 Broadway on warrant charges of armed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Mario Rodriguez, 33, of 184 Tremont, February 7, 12:15 a.m., arrested at 61 Union Sq. on charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering and destruction of property over \$250, and on warrant charges of resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, and disorderly conduct.

Lisa Medeiros, 38, of 240 Al-

bany St., Cambridge, February 7, 3:30 p.m., arrested at 1 Davis Sq. on warrant charges of sexual conduct for a fee, larceny over \$250, shoplifting by asportation, and possession of a class C drug.

Jesus Carrasquillo, 19, of 47 West Street, Boston, February 7, 10:05 p.m., arrested at 500 Mystic Ave. on a charge of armed robbery.

Andreana Parziale, 19, of 49 Moore St., February 8, 12:06 p.m., arrested at 49 Richdale Ave. on charges of leaving the scene of personal injury, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

John Takvorian, 48, of 20 Josephine Ave., February 10, 10:16 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery, witness intimidation, and threat to commit a crime.

Joseph Cabral, 50, of 79

Heath St., February 11, 1:30 p.m., arrested at 185 Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Edward Scannell, 39, of 30 Richdale, February 11, 7:01 p.m., arrested at 4 College Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Incidents:

Theft:

February 5, 5:55 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

February 5, 9:59 p.m., police reported a theft at College Ave.

February 6, 10:55 a.m., police reported a theft at Tufts St.

February 6, 12:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Josephine Ave.

February 6, 5:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

February 11, 2:05 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

February 11, 3:03 p.m., police reported a theft at Newton St.

February 11, 4:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

February 5, 7:19 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bolton St.

February 5, 10:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

February 6, 1:49 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Taylor St.

February 7, 12:12 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Ossipee Rd.

February 7, 2:23 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Tennyson St.

February 10, 2:29 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

February 11, 8:52 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

Vehicle Theft:

February 7, 10:31 a.m., police

reported a vehicle theft at Cross St.

February 8, 8:36 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Lee St.

Assault:

February 5, 12:14 a.m., police reported an assault at Mystic Ave.

February 8, 9:48 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

February 8, 12:38 p.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

February 9, 7:08 p.m., police reported an assault at Gordon St.

February 9, 8:33 p.m., police reported an assault at Marshall St.

February 9, 10:34 p.m., police reported an assault at Josephine Ave.

February 11, 11:55 a.m., police reported an assault at Walnut St.

Volunteer Open House



Two of COA's wonderful volunteers: Sue Fontano and Alan Cohen.

Volunteer at the Somerville Council on Aging and make a difference.

Here is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of older adults in the community. You may be an older adult who wants to volunteer or you may want to volunteer with older adults. Either way, come to the COA's Volunteer Open House.

"The greatest energy of the Somerville Council on Aging is from both our participants and also our volunteers," says Cindy Hickey, Executive Director of the Council on Aging. "Our volunteers range from working professionals, graduate students to community volunteers of all ages. We always welcome new volunteers."

This is your chance to meet up with current volunteers and to learn about

the different volunteer opportunities. It may be assisting in the office, making coffee and greeting people as they come in, helping with a monthly mailing or being a friendly visitor or caller to an isolated senior in the community. You may also have a skill that you would like to share with others in the community such as computer skills, photography or painting.

Come to the Open House on February 20 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center at 167 Holland Street. Meet the staff at the Council on Aging, current volunteers, and learn more about volunteer opportunities. Call the COA if you have any questions or for more information at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 or email Mitchell at mkrigest@somervillema.gov.

Jealous boyfriend turns violent

A reported domestic dispute brought police officers to a Mystic Ave. apartment last week.

A woman reportedly told police that she had been arguing with her boyfriend and that he became violent, kicking her leg and throwing her to the ground.

Officers noted that there appeared to be red marks on her face and that she was walking with a limp, according to reports.

When asked what brought on the argument, the woman reportedly told police

that it was a case of jealousy.

Officers went to the boyfriend, Denys Firmino, 21, and asked him to give his side of the story.

Firmino reportedly told police that the argument had started over something having to do with Facebook.

When asked whether or not he had assaulted the woman, Firmino reportedly admitted to police that he had kicked her a number of times.

Firmino was placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery.

CORRECTION:

In last week's edition of The Somerville News, in the Historical Fact of the Week feature, the following was incorrectly printed: "Ancient Wharf. Here, Governor Winthrop launched The Blessing of the Bay, the first ship built in Massachusetts, July 4, 1631." There are many reminders of the ship and the vicinity including The Blessing of the Bay Boat House on Shore Drive, the Blessing of the Bay painting on the liquor store at the corner of Temple Street and Broadway, as well as being featured in the children's wall mural on Mystic Avenue.

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Stop & Shop Acquires Johnnie's Foodmaster



Photo by Bobbie Toner

According to a press release, the Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC announced that it has acquired the Johnnie's Foodmaster lease at 105 Alewife Brook Parkway in Somerville. "Stop & Shop's history began in the Somerville community and we're pleased to have an opportunity to serve another part of the city," said Joe Kelley, president, Stop & Shop New England Division. Stop & Shop is currently working on the renovation plans and the schedule for reopening has not yet been determined.

Safety Day at the COA



The Council on Aging had a special breakfast on February 4 as it focused on safety. Topics included fire prevention, MySenior Center photo registration photos and updates, and the Police Department's WRAP (Web-based Registry Anti-theft Program). Chief Tom Pasquarello and Captain Paul Trant (pictured here), and Fire Captain Michael Anzalone spoke at the event.



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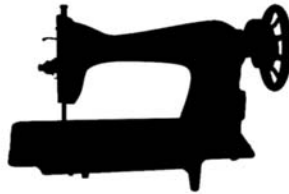
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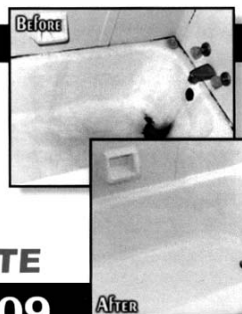
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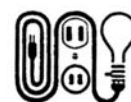


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Celebrate Arts at the Armory on Saturday

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Somerville comedian extraordinaire Jimmy Tingle will be the emcee at *Amore at the Armory! A celebration of Arts at the Armory*, this Saturday, Feb. 16. There will be music, food and classes including art lessons.

For a donation of \$25, you can be a part of the celebration of 2012 events at the Armory, now well into 2013, a date that defied doomsday predictions, and with the Armory's contribution, plainly showed that that new kick in your step was just you being yourself, adding a little style and whimsy into your life.

"My material will be quick hits of topical comedy bits and news and information about the venue, the cause and the bands who are performing. My job as emcee is to keep the evening moving forward in an upbeat and funny way," says Jimmy Tingle.

Patrick Coman knows a little bit about art's devotion to just about anything uplifting. "They've provided a great space for the community to present an excellent and very unique range of arts programming, he says," recognizing the Armory's contribution to the community.

"In addition to providing an excellent performance space, it also offers classes in dance for children and young people, a lovely cafe with a small stage,

and it houses one of the most loved studios in the area, Hi & Dry. It is a multi-faceted facility that is much needed in Somerville," says jazz musician Gabrielle Agachiko, who, along with Coman's self-styled Americana rock band and the a cappella group Hornography, is among the musicians that will be playing at the event.

"Arts at the Armory offers space for community events and community-oriented non-profits. We're particularly grateful for the winter farmer's market and for all the music they host," says Louis Epstein of Hornography.

Speaking of food, the Armory has opened their doors for participants to enjoy food tasting with a \$40 VIP pass.

Jimmy Tingle, always the activist, puts the event into perspective as being a fundraiser and a celebration of arts in Somerville: Tingle says that he has to inform about "the challenges the venue faces and remind the audience of why we are here and how grateful we are for their attendance and participation. Finally, to introduce the bands and educate the audience about them and their merchandise and email lists and ways the audience can support the bands and the venue moving forward."

Whole Foods, Spindler's



Photo by Jodi Hilton

Jimmy Tingle presides over the festivities at *Amore at the Armory! A celebration of Arts at the Armory* this weekend.

Confections, Pretty Things Beer and Ale Project, and City Chicks are among the VIP sponsors. Conversing with each about their favorite dishes revealed their enthusiasm to be a part of this event and showed that with a little bit of sugar, beer, and meat the world's problems could be solved.

The musical performers are just as intrigued with the upcoming event. "We're a big group, so rehearsals tend to be a little rowdy and a lot of fun. Since we read off parts,

we spend time fixing the arrangements and playing through things in preparation for upcoming gigs," says Hornography.

Similarly, Agachiko sports a plethora of jazz and classical performers and talks about their rehearsals fondly. "Usually lots of fun, though with six guys, all with outrageous personalities and senses of humor. Sometimes I must approach rehearsals with a whip and a chair," joked Gabrielle. All three, including Coman,

have new music coming out this year.

"Really looking forward to a great night for a great cause," says Jimmy Tingle.

Amore at the Armory! A celebration of Arts at the Armory, Saturday, Feb. 16, 6-11 p.m. The Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, Suite 1-A, Somerville, MA 02143. \$25 general admission, \$40 VIP. Phone: 617.718.2191; web: <http://www.artsatthearmory.org>; email: info@ArtsattheArmory.org.

A city hunkers down, then digs out

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from the roads and other vital spaces.

The storm brought the city and its environs to a virtual standstill. Vehicular traffic was halted for all but emergency usage. All modes of public transportation were shut down through the weekend. Public schools were closed and many just stayed home from work, playing it safe in the comfort of their homes.

Some made the best of a bad situation by creating a party atmosphere in the midst of a major weather event. Sledding and

snow sculptures dotted frosty hillsides, and a dance party even sprang up in Union Square.

As the work in the streets made further progress early in the week, it was decided that the snow emergency would be declared over and that schools would reopen on Wednesday.

Temperatures are expected to remain above freezing over the next few days, allowing a gradually melt-off of snow. Although a light snowfall is forecast for Thursday, it looks as though the worst is over as far as snow accumulation is concerned.



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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Everyone is doing a bang-up job dealing with the snow storm.

The View From Prospect Hill



So, we did it again. Faced another ravaging blast from nature's mighty wrath and we live to fight - and shovel - another day. And knowing that which doesn't kill us makes us stronger, we feel all the stronger for having gone through it. Just a little sore and tuckered out for the time being. While we fought our own small battles in our walkways, driveways, and curbsides, the city as a whole took on one of the toughest snow clearing tasks in recent memory. Tireless hordes of city workers and independent contractors worked on through the weekend and beyond, helping to get our community back to some viable state of functionality. The DPW, headed by Commissioner Stan Koty, worked hard and did a great job clearing the streets. It wasn't perfect. Some areas received much attention while others waited patiently to be dug out of the freezing slush. Ultimately, the city as a whole has come through it all relatively unscathed. Yes, there is still a lot of the white stuff to be cleared, and quite a bit of it lays piled up waiting for its uncertain fate. And the prospects for even more snowfall soon are a better-than-even probability. So, it's far from over. Still, after all is said and done, we know that we can get through these kinds of things. It may not be easy, and we have the backaches and blisters to prove it. But we are all the stronger.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

The Un-Valentine's Day Karaoke & Dance Singles Mixer at the Rosebud Bar and Grill in Somerville takes place this Friday night. It sounds like a great time for all those who have special valentines or are looking. It starts at 9 p.m. No cover and lots of karaoke for that person out there who thinks they are the next Elvis or Adele.

We would like to recognize and thank John Baldasaro and our many good friends at Asphalt Services Inc. (ASI) who stepped up to the plate and volunteered to plow out the tons of snow that buried the entrance as well as the parking area to the King Solomon's Masonic Lodge on Highland Avenue after the lodge's snow removal efforts so were overwhelmed by Nemo. When asked, they came, they dug them out, and all with a smile. Good deeds in these times are always well appreciated.

Alderman Bastardi from Ward 1 was seen riding around in a snow plow during the height of the storm making sure the streets in her ward were plowed properly and later was seen in the neighborhoods helping clear fire hy-

drants to make them accessible.

Amore at the Armory! A community fundraiser for the arts, this Saturday, February 16, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Join local artists, performers, foodies and lovers of the arts for a very special fundraiser for Arts at the Armory. Jimmy Tingle serves as emcee for a night of performances, tastings and celebration. Whole Foods and Olde Magoun's Saloon will provide both sweet and savory noshes for your enjoyment. Pretty Things Beer & Ale Project, Spindler Confections and City Chicks will be on hand providing tastings to all you Very Important People (\$40 VIP tastings).

So far this year, for the city elections we have the following races that will happen: In Ward 1 Alderman seat, Ward 5 Alderman seat, and Ward 7 Alderman seat all three incumbents are being challenged. As for the Ward 1 School Committee member, nothing official, but we hear there is going to be a race. Ward 5 School Committee member is a race, but one possible challenger, we hear, might run for At large. For the At Large, we hear, the four incumbents

(maybe one will be leaving because he might be getting a job), but there are two challengers so far. The one we hear that's not official is for Ward 3 Alderman. We hear that maybe, just maybe, there might be a new candidate. Now, we also hear that should Congressman Markey get elected as Senator our own Rep. Carl Sciortino might be running for the seat.

Our condolences to the family and friends of long time resident here in the Ville Timothy L. Moore who recently passed away. He was a quiet man and a nice man who will be missed.

Another lifelong resident passed away recently and we give our condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Diane Marie (McIntyre) Trant, who passed away recently from cancer. She was a nice lady who will be missed by a lot of people here. Mrs. Trant was also an employee of the city and shop steward for AFSCME union.

Now, a personal note. A very special Valentine's Day greeting to Patti Norton, the wife of Donald Norton, 45

years and counting being married, through sickness and health. Both loving and supporting each other since that memorable day, September 1, 1967, in sunny Columbia, South Carolina. In the early years, Donald was sick with a bone disease and was taken care of by Pat. Now Pat going through some heavy stuff and Donald is making sure she's being taken care of. Pat, I love you always no matter what!

Happy Valentine's Day to wonderful lady, Cam Toner who runs Ms. Cam's Olio and the legals here at The News. She's a wonderful lady and a young 80's. God Bless and thank you from The News. To Bobbie Toner, the one that keeps it together and knows all that's going on. She's one hard worker and we are again blessed here at The News. And finally, to Jim Clark and his lovely wife Chrissie. We wish them many more years of happiness and health and thank them for an awesome job that Jim always does.

The Somerville Rotary is also excited to participate in an annual Polio Plunge, which was scheduled

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One for the history books



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Until last Thursday, it had been a full two years since we last declared a snow emergency in the City of Somerville. As if to make up for the long respite - or perhaps to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the infamous blizzard of 1978 - Mother Nature

slammed us with one of the most historic snow storms in the state's history, but despite the challenges presented by more than two feet of snow, high winds and the like, Somerville has weathered "Nemo" quite well (pun intended).

Over the weekend, our DPW crews logged more than 5,500 man hours in blizzard conditions, utilizing upwards of 150 pieces of equipment, from plows to sanders to backhoes and everything in between. That doesn't include the Customer Services Representatives who fielded more than 3,000 calls in three days, nor does it include the various employees from several departments dedicated to fielding requests via social media, ensuring that

residents received important information in real time. And it certainly doesn't include the number of hours employees will continue to log throughout this week, working quite literally around the clock to clear squares and neighborhoods, streets and sidewalks of snow and ice that create treacherous walking and driving conditions.

Their efforts have been nothing short of heroic, especially considering the unusual challenges posed by Nemo's duration, intensity and timing.

Even in a typical snow event in a typical urban community, it's never easy to find places to put excess snow. When more than two feet of snow is dumped on the most densely populated community in the northeast, it

can be nearly impossible to traverse already narrow sidewalks and secondary roads made treacherous by snow-banks and -piles up to six feet high. We therefore upped the ante in terms of our response. We called in extra contractors, immediately increasing our capacity to move snow off of our streets and public ways and implemented a multi-stage assault that began with main intersections and squares, and gradually worked toward schools and secondary roadways. (Since much of the snow must simply be carried away, I want to thank Federal Realty Investment Trust for generously allowing us the use of one of their vacant parcels of land at Assembly Square as a storage area.)

As I write this, I am happy to report that, thanks to the hard work of DPW employees and to higher temperatures over the last several days, snow removal efforts are proceeding much quicker than initially expected. Which is why, by the time you read this column, our snow emergency and parking ban have been lifted, school is back in session, and we're slowly beginning the climb back to normalcy.

We recognize there are many areas throughout the city still in need of relief, and therefore our work will continue. In the meantime, if you've had the opportunity to travel to other cities and towns in the region, you've seen how difficult we are all finding it to dig out from this storm. You've

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What we can learn from the School Committee's selection process – Part 2: Implications



By William C. Shelton

Last month the School Committee chose a replacement for their colleague, Maureen Bastardi, who had been appointed Ward 1 Alderman. They did so through an open process that involved soliciting interest from potential candidates and pub-

licly interviewing them.

The process brought praise from the parents and guardians who have been most active in efforts to improve Somerville Schools. It evoked dismay and criticism from those who favor the traditional method, whereby the outgoing School Committee member selects her own replacement.

Stepping back from the arguments for and against the School Committee's actions affords us a broader perspective. It reveals how decades of demographic shift are beginning to change Somerville's political culture.

That culture evolved in a time when rich networks of extended families, neighborhoods, churches, unions, fraternal organizations, youth sports, ethnic groups and civic organizations intertwined to weave a strong community fabric, as well as to fulfill many functions now performed by government. They provided multiple ways for people to know each other and to discuss the day's politics.

Those politics were personal in several senses. They were about whether your garbage got picked up, your street got

repaired, or your kid got a summer job. Through relationship networks, voters personally knew politicians who, in turn, maintained influence by developing personal loyalties and dispensing favors.

Broadly shared values and assumptions ensured relatively little conflict regarding public policy. Politics resembled competition among sports teams more than conflict over policy choices. When one "team" won the mayor's office, they could reward loyalty with jobs and the delivery of city services.

Three institutions put con-

straints on the enormous powers that the city charter gives the mayor. Aldermen regularly initiated substantial legislation. They vigorously debated proposed measures, often deciding them by votes of 6-to-5. And they did not hesitate to criticize mayoral actions.

The Somerville Journal covered issues in depth and was tenacious in pursuing evidence.

In the 1970s, Citizen groups like Somerville United Neighborhoods, Citizens for Participation in Politics, and the Somerville Taxpayers' Association fought

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Winter Ville



How can you tell a snow storm hit Somerville? Kids have to eat dinner outside because their dining room set is saving the family parking space. This comment was posted on my Facebook page when I asked what were the strangest things people saw during the Blizzard of 2013 and its aftermath. The following are bits and pieces (Dave Clark Five, 1964) of what went on around the Ville during the recent whiteout.

A snowed out Somerville had lots to observe as residents scurried to dig themselves out and try to resume their

schedules. Mayor Joe Curtatone helped shovel out the first three residents who tweeted him and his valiant effort made the *Sunday Herald*. Somerville DPW crews worked around the clock and are still out there cleaning and clearing.

We see a lot of different oddities when a blizzard snows us in. Saturday morning I saw a huge tractor-trailer bomb blindly around the corner onto College Ave. from Broadway, ignoring the stop sign. The trucker didn't know that there would be several vehicles stopped in the street as their drivers went into Dunkies. It could have been ugly.

It seemed that the minute the driving ban was lifted at 4 p.m. on Sunday, all the

lead foots were speeding around the city. "Hey look at me, I have four wheel drive!" Yes, but it is the stopping that is difficult. The Governor said to only drive if it was absolutely necessary. Well. It was absolutely necessary for me to get a sub at Angelina's at 4:30 Sunday! Some of my DPW buddies told me that drivers were actually cutting off the huge plows they were driving. I was being tailgated by a little foreign hot wheels car. What do Somerville people do when someone is on our butt? Correct! We slow down to 5 MPH! Fun in the snow! Pedestrians had to walk in the street but do you think drivers slowed down? Nope.

There seems to be a problem with ab-

sentee landlords making sure their properties' sidewalks are shoveled. There are so many professional and private people just dying to clear driveways and sidewalks for a buck. Email me and I will give you a few numbers. It's treacherous trying to get around for pedestrians and commuters. And here I go about the joggers! MOVE OUT OF THE WAY OF THE TRAFFIC! Thank you. And would you believe one guy was jogging in shorts and a T-shirt? Some geniuses were riding bikes during the storm and afterwards on Sunday. Someone saw a young lady trying to melt the snow away with a bucket of steaming hot water. Another guy says his neighbor

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on seven roll calls from the week of February 4-8. There were no roll calls in the 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.

DECLARING RESIDENCY NOT VALID (H 55)

House 38-119, rejected an amendment providing that “self-declaration of residency” not be accepted as a valid form of residency verification for people seeking taxpayer-funded benefits from the state.

Amendment supporters said many people are cheating the welfare system by being allowed to simply state their address without it being verified. They argued this crackdown would save the state millions of dollars.

Amendment opponents offered no arguments. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment requiring more than self-declaration. A “No” vote is against requiring it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

LOWER TUITION RATES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 55)

House 123-31, approved a Democratic-sponsored amendment indefinitely delaying a Republican-sponsored proposal to prohibit illegal immigrant students from paying the preferred, lower in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts colleges and universities. The amendment would replace the proposal with a study of the issue by the Higher Education Committee.

Some supporters of the study acknowledge they oppose the ban and favor the study because it kills the ban while avoiding a direct vote on it. They said many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They noted some hardworking students are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are up to five times higher than the in-state rate.

Opponents of the study said the “study” is a blatant, age-old tactic by Democrats to kill the ban by studying it “to death” and avoiding an up or down vote on it. They noted past experience shows that none of these alleged studies are actually done. They argued that the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. Some argued it is outrageous to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens from outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state school. (A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

STRIP WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF POLICING POWERS (H 55)

House 43-112, rejected an amendment requiring the development of a plan to strip the Department of Transitional Assistance (Welfare Department) of its power to police welfare fraud and transfer it to the State Inspector General. The proposal comes on the heels of a recent report by Inspector General Glenn Cunha’s office that an estimated \$25 million in money is going to people who aren’t eligible to collect welfare.

Amendment supporters said the Welfare Department is obviously incapable of policing itself. They argued the inspector general would do a much better job and save the state million of dollars.

Amendment opponents said they are concerned about the cheating and the loss of \$25 million. They argued the issue should be addressed in a comprehensive way in the future instead of a quick knee-jerk reaction amendment. (A “Yes” vote is for the plan to strip the Welfare Department of its powers. A “No” vote is against the plan.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

\$500,000 FOR SCHOOL SAFETY (H 55)

House 29-126, rejected an amendment providing \$500,000 to suburban and rural schools to improve school safety and security. The measure creates a \$25,000 per school competitive grant program for school districts with fewer than 5,000 students.

Amendment supporters said this is a response to the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut. They argued that urban communities are currently eligible for federal grants and smaller communities are not.

Amendment opponents said they are supportive of increased school safety but urged the House to wait until a comprehensive plan for school safety and security, perhaps including these grants, is considered later in the year. (A “Yes” vote is for the \$500,000. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

RESTORE SOME LOCAL AID (H 55)

House 29-126, rejected a proposal to provide \$5.25 million to reimburse communities for the cost of transporting homeless students to and from their school, \$11.5 for extraordinary special education costs and \$1 million to regional school districts for the transportation of pupils. The funding would only take effect if tax revenue receipts exceeded the revenue estimates.

Amendment supporters said these funds were cut by Gov. Deval Patrick in December to try to balance the current state budget in light of decreased state tax revenue. They argued the programs are important and funding should be restored if revenues pick up.

Amendment opponents said the state cannot afford the funds. They noted that even with the cuts, all three ac

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counts are funded at higher levels than last year, and that the homeless student funding did not even exist last year. (A “Yes” vote is for the funding. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

FREEZE UNEMPLOYMENT TAX IN 2013 AND 2014 (H 55)

House 29-125, rejected an amendment that would freeze the unemployment insurance tax paid by employers at the current 2012 level through 2014, instead of allowing a scheduled increase to take effect. The amendment would replace a proposal to freeze only the 2013 rates. The payments go into a fund that provides benefits to laid-off workers.

Amendment supporters said a two-year freeze would save employers an estimated \$1 billion and make Massachusetts more business friendly. They argued employers could use the savings to grow their companies and create jobs.

Amendment opponents said the one-year freeze would save an estimated \$500 million. They argued a two-year freeze is premature because no one knows what the state's financial picture will bring. (A “Yes” vote is for the two-year freeze. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 55)

House 141-13, approved and sent to the Senate a fiscal 2013 supplemental budget to fund several programs including \$30 million for costs of the investigation and response related to the evidence tampering scandal at a state drug testing lab. The measure provides \$44 million for the state's emergency shelter system and \$25 million for public lawyers to represent indigent defendants. The proposal also draws \$200 million from the state's Rainy Day Fund and makes \$25 million in cuts to non-executive branch agencies.

Supporters said the package is fiscally responsible and funds necessary programs. They argued the draw from the Rainy Day Fund is necessary to balance the budget.

Opponents said there is waste in the budget. They said many attempts by the Republicans to make the budget better were defeated. (A “Yes” vote is for the budget. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

LEADERSHIP TEAM REMAINS THE SAME -

As the 2013 session begins to gear up, House Speaker Robert DeLeo chose to reappoint the same leadership team that he had in 2012. They include Majority Leader Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy), Speaker Pro Tempore Patricia Haddad (D-Somerset), Assistant Majority Leader Byron Rushing (D-Boston) and Second Assistant Majority Leader Kathi-Anne Reinstein (D-Revere). He also renamed Rep. Brian Dempsey (D-Haverhill) as chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

THE GOVERNOR AND A.G. ARE BACK ON THE RADIO -

When former talk radio station WTKK changed its format from talk to music, the talk show hosts were not the only ones who were pulled off the air. For several years, Gov. Patrick and Attorney General Martha Coakley had both appeared monthly on the show hosted by Jim Braude and Margery Eagan. They lost their gig when the station changed formats. But now they'll be back as Braude and Eagan have landed a new gig on public radio's WGBH 89.7 from noon to 2 p.m. beginning February 25.

ELECTIONS GALORE IN A NON-ELECTION YEAR -

For an off-election year, there are an unusual number of vacant seats and special elections in the state. The big one is the special election to fill the Senate vacated by John Kerry's departure to become Pres. Obama's secretary of state. The primary is April 30 and the general election is June 25. Other special elections include a March 5 primary and April 7 general election to fill the seats of the late Rep. Joyce Spiliotis of Danvers, who passed away on November 29 and former Rep. Stephen Smith of Everett, who resigned, as well as a May 28 primary and June 25 final to replace former Rep. Marty Walz of Boston and former Sen. Jack Hart of Boston, both of whom resigned to accept jobs in the private sector.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“We have two more years. I’m an impatient governor as you know. I want to make sure we have done everything we can to leave the Commonwealth better than we found it.” – Gov. Patrick

“Reform and results.” – Republican U.S. Senate candidate Rep. Dan Winslow (R-Norfolk) explaining what the “R” designation next to his name means.

“You’re always going to have a system that may have some fraud that may be involved. I think it’s up to the powers that be and for us watching over them to make sure that we keep that fraud to a minimum so that those people who should be getting the money get the money.” – House Speaker Robert DeLeo on the recent discovery that \$25 million in welfare money is going to people who aren’t eligible to collect it.

“A majority of students need help paying for college, and we are making it abundantly clear by our actions that we are committed to ensuring access and affordability by channeling unprecedented amounts of our resources into financial aid.” – UMass President Robert Caret on the record \$169.2 million of its own funds UMass gave students in financial aid during the current academic year.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of February 4-February 8, the House met for a total of seven hours and 49 minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 48 minutes.

Mon. February 4	House 11:06 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 2:46 p.m.
Tues. February 5	No House session No Senate session
Wed. February 6	House 11:05 a.m. to 6:41 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. February 7	House 11:09 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:06 a.m..
Fri. February 8	No House session No Senate session

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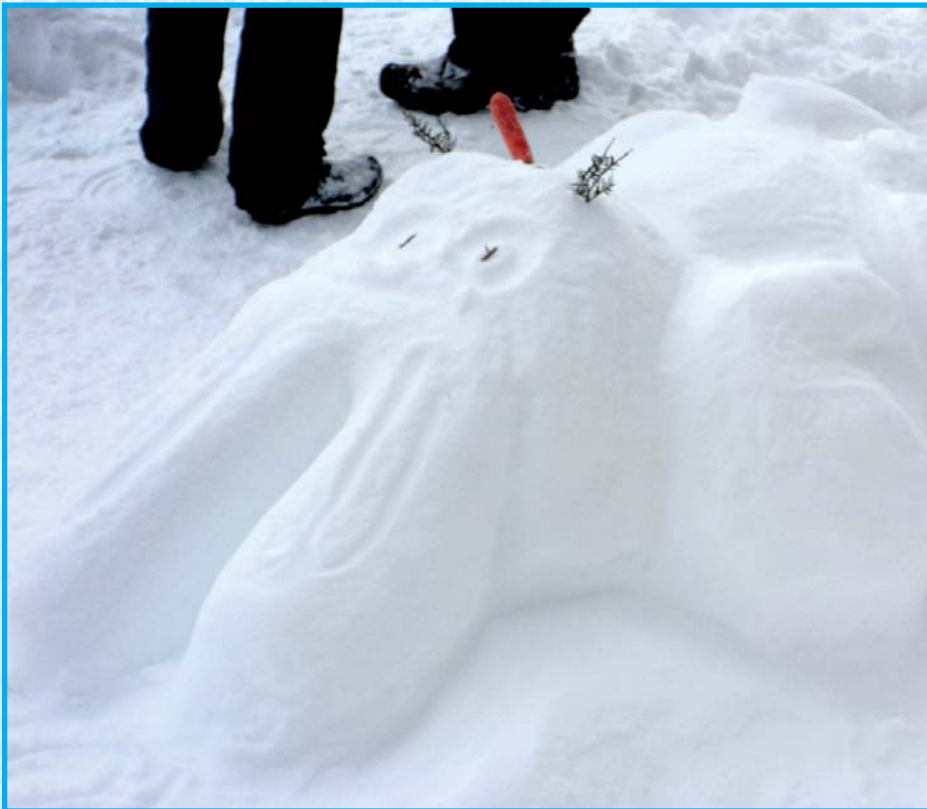
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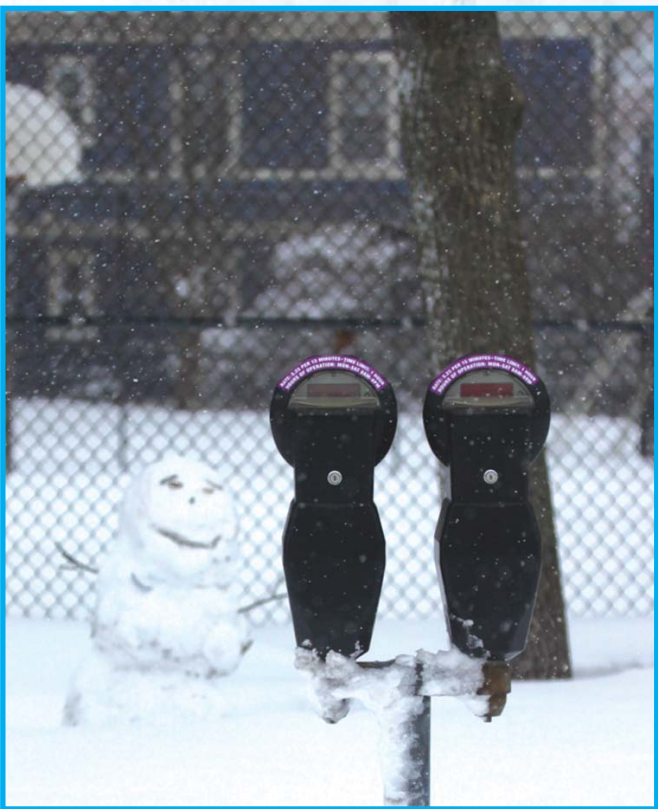
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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Hockey takes GBL title with win over Medford

By Mike Stoller

Celebrate good times, come on! That refrain to a 1980's hit song would have been an appropriate backdrop to Somerville's huge 4-1 win over host Medford last week as the Highlanders captured the Greater Boston League hockey title for the first time in, well, about a quarter of a decade.

And so it was that Camara (we'll get to that) and the gang who were the cool ones on a night that decided which king would be crowned. Both

Somerville and Medford entered the contest with 4-0-1 league records.

"It was great for the kids, especially the seniors, who hadn't beat Medford," Somerville head coach Chuck Allen said. "They finally get to do it. I'm proud of the kids and happy for them to be able to celebrate like that."

Nothing was remotely decided after a scoreless first period. But, the Highlanders, led by Dan Camara, who had a goal and two assists, took a 2-0 lead in the second stanza, and finished nicely

in the third.

"I'm happy with the effort, the focus, and the little things that win or lose games," Allen said. "We try to explain to the kids that in a college or pro game, what do coaches say when they lose? They say, 'We didn't do the little things, get the puck in deep, stay under control.' But that stuff, they really did. I'm proud of them that they played three great periods, and that's all you can ask for."

Somerville had more scoring chances in a back-and-forth first

period, but the Mustangs held tight to keep the game even.

It wasn't until the middle of the second period that the Highlanders broke loose, when Camara scored on a breakaway. Camara took a nice lead pass up ice from Troy Martini, and deked the goalie low to the far side for a 1-0 lead.

Then, with three minutes left in the frame, C.J. Albanese went top shelf off a scramble in front for a 2-0 advantage. Camara was credited with an assist on the play.

The Highlanders put the

game away in the third period. First, Martini tucked home a feed from Camara just two minutes in.

The Mustangs made it 3-1 late in the third, before Albanese sealed the victory for Somerville with an open net goal in the waning moments.

Sophomore goalie Sergei Markorov proved strong in net with 20 saves for the Highlanders.

Somerville, which improved its record to 8-4-3 overall, is slated to visit non-league foe Boston Latin Academy tonight.

Ms. Cam's
Olio
Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #355

1. Who served as the 33rd President of the United States, 1945 to 1953?	weddings in the U.S.?
2. What are the seven numbers from 0 to 100 that look the same when written upside down?	7. What unit of time is a fortnight equal to?
3. What color would you mix with blue paint to make green?	8. Who did Helen Hunt star with on the TV sitcom <i>Mad About You</i> ?
4. How many red stripes are on the American flag?	9. How many spaces are on a Scrabble board?
5. Who played Perry Mason on the <i>Perry Mason</i> TV show?	10. What does the "B" in the car company "BMW" stand for?
6. What is said to be the least popular month for	11. How many square inches are in a square foot?
	12. What is pictured on the back of the Massachusetts state quarter?

Answers on page 17

St. Clement School offering Basketball Clinic



Saint Clement School announced it is offering a skills and drills basketball clinic for boys and girls during February vacation. The dates for the clinics are February 18 thru February 22nd. The clinic will be located at Saint School Gymnasium, 579

Boston Avenue, Medford.

The age groups for the clinic are as follows: Girls grades 3, 4 and 5 from 9-11 a.m. Girls in grades 6, 7, and 8 from 11a.m.-1 p.m. Boys grades 3, 4 and 5 are from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Boys grades 6, 7 and 8 are from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Area coaches will teach kids

the proper skills on how to ball handle, shoot, pass and play defense.

Cost for the program is \$50 and includes a T-shirt.

For more information, please call the Athletic Director Ryan Murphy at 339.221.1006 or email him at Ryanmurph3@aol.com.

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Native Somervillian is living on the air in Chattanooga CONT. FROM PG 1

to college in the south, I've lived in Europe, I've lived back home in Boston - so that's not really something that crosses my mind," he said. "But, I will say the longer I've been here, the more I do see a lot of the cultural, political, religious differences."

Brian Joyce was born in Somerville, and grew up on Pearson Avenue near Ball Square. He fondly remembers some of his favorite places including Victor's Deli - "they've been feeding me since I was a kid" - and The Paddock, which still serves what he describes as "some of the best pizza on earth" and which "still looks the exact same way that it did in 1979."

His mother, who taught at Somerville High School for more than thirty years, and older brother still live in the city.

Joyce first left Somerville when he was 18 to study at Davidson College in North Carolina. He attended the school on a half academic, half athletic scholarship. He majored in Classical Languages and played four years of NCAA baseball.

In fact, his lifelong commitment to baseball, which began with Babe Ruth Baseball and Little League in Somerville, almost culminated in a professional career in the sport.

"I had tryouts with the Cubs and with

the Royals," Joyce explained. "I was hoping to get drafted or signed. It didn't happen after my senior year. At that point if you're not drafted or signed, you can go and play in an independent league, which is something that was suggested to me, and I had a few of my friends who went and did that."

Joyce continued, saying, "In retrospect I kind of regret not doing it because I would have liked to play professionally at some level just to say I did and just to see what would have happened."

Although he never played in the pros, he did make quite a name for himself as a college athlete. In fact, he was once at a Davidson College game when the announcer read a trivia question to which he was the answer: "What Davidson player holds the record for most stolen bases in a game, a season, and a career?"

Despite whatever slight regrets he may have, he wanted to do other things after 10 years - including prep school at Belmont Hill School - of "hitting the books and hitting the field." Among these things was to travel.

Therefore, he moved to Dublin, Ireland, where he has family, after graduating from college. He lived there for one year before returning to Somerville and later moving to South Boston.

In 2004, Joyce said, he "was working as an analyst on a credit derivatives desk, and I would just analyze spreadsheets all day long. It wasn't very stimulating work."

Therefore, he decided to go to an open mic night and try stand-up comedy for the first time.

That same year, however, he moved back to Ireland, this time staying for two years. In 2006, he returned to South Boston. While performing stand-up comedy professionally, he worked several odd jobs to supplement his income. These included substitute teaching in Somerville.

Three years after returning to Boston, Joyce decided to pursue work in radio. His first show was with fellow comic Derek Gerry at WMFO, the Tufts University station.

"We started a weekly talk show, and it was called The Whole Truth," Joyce said. "We did that every Wednesday night from 2009 to 2012. We had lots of good guests on the show. We had Marc Maron before he even had his podcast. We had Janeane Garofalo, Paul Provenza, Rob Riggie, and guys from the Dropkick Murphys."

A year of hosting this show lead to fill-in gigs at WTTK in 2010 and at WRKO (AM 680) in 2011.

"Around 2010-2011," Joyce recalls, "I started sending out my tapes and résumés to different national job listings."

Joyce now hosts "Live and Local," which airs from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday on 102.3 FM in Chattanooga.

According to Joyce, "It's a typical talk show in the sense that I cover politics, stuff in the news, pop culture. I'll even branch out and cover a sports story or an entertainment story if it's relevant. Basically whatever Americans are talking about that given day, that's what I want to talk about on my show."

Joyce is aware that his political views are much more "left-center" than those of his listeners.

However, he explains, "for this part of the country, you can be considered a flaming liberal just by admitting, 'Obama, I think, is American.'"

Joyce is also very well aware that "If you go to the far most liberal pockets of the country, in many ways you'll see a lot of the same insanity, where it's, '[George W.] Bush is a war criminal and his family blew up the twin towers.'"

Despite the ideological divide between him and his average audience member, he proudly declares that "The typical feedback that I get from my listeners is, 'I don't really agree with much of what you say, but I really like your show.'"

One for the history books CONT. FROM PG 9

probably also noticed, however, that by comparison, Somerville's crews have done an exemplary job plowing and otherwise clearing snow. Our DPW workers, and contracted workers, should be commended for a job well done despite some harsh conditions.

As we continue our snow removal efforts, there are ways in which residents and property owners can be helpful, and I'd ask you to please consider taking the following precautions and actions to help us ensure our streets and sidewalks remain safe:

- Make sure that sidewalks in front of your property are shoveled to a minimum width of 42". This allows residents in wheelchairs to safely pass.
- Call 311 to report unshoveled side-

walks. We will log and track these properties, and issue fines on a daily basis as allowed by law to any property owners failing to properly clear sidewalks.

- Shovel out fire hydrants. There are approximately 2,000 hydrants citywide, and although members of the Somerville Fire Department have been searching for and shoveling out hydrants each day, if you are able to identify and clear paths to hydrants near your home, this will greatly increase response time in the unfortunate event of an emergency.

- Keep young children safe by preventing them from play on or near high snow banks that abut the street. The high banks create visibility issues for motor vehicles, and can cause dangerous accidents.

- Make sure your venting systems, in-

cluding tail pipes of your vehicle, remain free from snow and ice. Carbon Monoxide can build up and be extremely dangerous.

The community response to this storm - both in terms of feedback and assistance

- has been tremendous, and I thank each of you for working with us, holding us accountable, and for continuing Somerville's streak of fun and innovation. (That was quite a snowman show in Union Square!)

'Awesomeness!' at the library

The Somerville Public Library is doing something no other public library has done before. In a partnership with the Harvard Library Innovation Lab, the SPL is the first public library to have an "Awesome Box."

Awesome Boxes are located near the regular return area in each library. If you have particularly enjoyed a book, CD, movie, or any other item, you can return that item to the Awesome Box and it will then be listed on the library's Awesome Box page (<http://somerville.awesomebox.io/>).

If something on the page interests you, click on the item and the site will send you to the Library's catalog, where you can read more about the item, find out if it's currently available, and place a hold on it. So library users can share what they find interesting and discover what their neighbors enjoy.



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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, February 21, 2013** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

Amendment to add waiver to Assembly Square PUD-PMP (Case # PB 2006-59-R2 (1/2013)) Applicant/Owner FR Sturtevant Assembly Square, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Street Retail, INC, in its individual capacity and under power of attorney on behalf of FR Sturtevant Street, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, and SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC and IKEA Property, Inc. seek a amendment to the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 under SZO Article §16.11.3. The amendment will add a waiver is to construct a building with in the 150 foot setback of the Mystic River bank. ASMD / Ward 1

Assembly Square Block 2A (74 Foley Street, 100 Foley Street) (Case #PB 2013-01) Applicant/Owner FR Sturtevant Street LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Street Retail Inc, a Maryland Corporation, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of “Block 2A” of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct an approx 3,605gsf single-story building for retail or food service use as approved in the PUD-PMP. ASMD / Ward 1


Assembly Square Block 2B (74 Foley Street, 100 Foley Street) (Case #PB 2013-02) Applicant/Owner FR Sturtevant Street LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Street Retail Inc, a Maryland Corporation, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of “Block 2B” of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct an approx 132,708 gsf, 4-story building. The building will have a mix of uses consisting of retail, restaurants and office. Parking will be located on the street and on Blocks 3, 4, 5 and 6. The Applicant and Owner also seek a special permit for signage under §5.1 and §6.4.14 to install signs that are over 35 feet from finished grade and larger than the by-right size. A waiver is required under SZO §6.4.12 and §16.5.5 for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7. Applicant/Owner is also seeking a waiver for the location of the building that within the 150 foot setback from the Mystic River bank through a Planned Unit Development - Preliminary Master Plan application. ASMD / Ward 1


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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, February 20, 2013**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

5-7 Wilson Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-01) Applicant and Owner, Christopher Antonelli, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to modify an existing rear addition which includes heightening the rear gable and constructing a shed dormer on the left side of an existing two-family residence. RB Zone. Ward 5.

40 Montrose St: (Case #ZBA 2013-02) Applicant/Owner Darrell Morrow seeks a special permit to construct a dormer within a nonconforming side yard of a single-family home under SZO §4.4.1. RA zone. Ward 3.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-19

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

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The Invitation for Bid (IFB) may be obtained via the City's website at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or through the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, 2/13/13**. Sealed bid responses will be received at the above office until: **Monday, 3/4/13 @ 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for one (1) year from 3/15/13 to 3/14/14 with two (2), one (1) year options to renew.

Please contact Michael Gauthier via email: mgauthier@somerville-ma.gov for any questions or any additional information

Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 ext. 3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-66

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

The Supply and Delivery of Ready-Mix Concrete.


An invitation for bid (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, February 11, 2013**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Tuesday February 26, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of one year from 3/1/2013 through 2/28/2014, with one (1), one year option to renew.

Contact Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager for bid packages and information, via email- odeluca@somervillema.gov or visit our website - www.somervillema.gov

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-67

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

Snow Fighting Equipment

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, February 11, 2013**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 11:00A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 03/15/2013 through 03/14/2014, with two (2), one-year options to renew.

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Wednesday February 20, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application Foodmaster Super Markets, Inc. d/b/a Johnnie's Foodmaster, 47-49 Beacon St., Somerville MA to transfer the Wine and Malt Package Store License to McGrath Beer & Wine, Inc. at 14 McGrath Highway.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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Laguna, Oriana	61	Sofa, Furniture, Boxes, Chairs, Bed	\$571.80
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Ringland, Christi	67	Bike, Table, Wooden shelf, Boxes	\$907.70
Robinson, Allen, Patricia	559	Bar stools, Boxes	\$751.30
Chambers, Nakia C	101	Sofa , Chairs, Boxes, Bed, CD'S	\$1, 596.30

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA. 02141
(617) 768- 5800

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 13P0499EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Imaculata Concetta Lifrieri
Also known as: Imaculata Lifrieri
Date of Death: 11/29/2012

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by:

Giuditta Houhoulis of Boxborough MA and
Nancy Patsios of Andover MA

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

And also requesting that:

Giuditta Houhoulis of Boxborough MA and
Nancy Patsios of Andover MA

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

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the
Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this pro-
ceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appear-
ance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on 03/04/2013.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file
a written appearance and objection. If you object to this proceed-
ing. 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 expens-
es of administration.

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

Tara E. Di Cristofaro
Register of Probate

Date: February 04, 2013

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFQF # 13-68

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites
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The Request for Qualifications & Fees (RFQF) may be obtained
via the City's website at <http://www.somervillema.gov/depart-ments/finance/purchasing/bids> or through the Purchasing
Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143
on or after: **Thursday, 2/7/13**. Separately sealed price and non-
price bid responses will be received at the above office until:
Tuesday, 2/26/13 @ 11:00 A.M. The Purchasing Director reserves
the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment,
the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so
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Please contact Michael Gauthier via email: mgauthier@somerville-ma.gov for any questions or any additional information

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1992	Toyota	Pick-up	Vin# 4TARNS81P9NZ023732
2008	Honda	Civic	Vin# 2HGFA16568H535195
1988	Lincoln	Town Car	Vin# 1LNBM81FXJ7704493

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OBITUARY

TRANT, Diane Marie
(McIntyre) - of Somerville,
surrounded by her family,
passed away peacefully on
Feb. 9th from cancer at her
home in Somerville. She
was 59.

Mrs. Trant was born and
raised in Somerville, and
was a lifelong resident. Re-
cently retired, she worked
for over 20 years as a food
service worker for the City
of Somerville. During that
time she was a shop steward
for AFSCME union. She
worked for the City of
Somerville as a precinct
warden for the Elections
Dept. for several years' right
up until last November's
elections. She will be re-
membered most for her
thoughtfulness and concern
and caring of others. She
donated regularly to chari-
ties each month. Diane en-
joyed spending time with
her family, annual trips to
Florida, summers at the cot-
tage in NH, playing crib-
bage, and doing word search
puzzles. Diane will be great-
ly missed by her family and
friends. Devoted wife of
David M. Trant of
Somerville. Loving mother
of Scott Trant and his wife
Tiffany of Tewksbury,
Katherine Rosania and her
husband Mark of Clinton,
and the late Danielle Trant
of Somerville. Beloved
Nana to her five grandchil-



dren; Teagan, Trace, Tier-
ney, David, and Patrick.
Daughter of Catherine
(Mehigan) and the late
Clarence McIntyre. Sister
to Maureen Colton of Cam-
bridge, Gail Arnold of
Somerville, Margaret Var-
rasso of Plymouth, and
John McIntyre of Malden.
Sister-in-law and aunt to
many extended family
members.

A Funeral procession will
be held from the George L.
Doherty Funeral Home,
855 Broadway (Powder
House Sq.) Somerville, Sat-
urday morning at 8 a.m.,
followed by a Funeral Mass
in St. John The Evangelist
Church, North Cambridge
at 9:00. Relatives and
friends invited. Calling
hours Thursday and Friday
4-8. Interment Holy Cross
Cemetery, Malden.

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| 1. Harry S. Truman | 8. Paul Reiser |
| 2. 0, 1, 8, 11, 69, 88,
and 96 | 9. 225 |
| 3. Yellow | 10. Bavarian |
| 4. There are seven | 11. 144 |
| 5. Raymond Burr | 12. 1788 Minute
Man, The Bay State
(nickname for
Mass.), picture of
the State |
| 6. January | |
| 7. 2 weeks (literally
14 nights) | |

Winter Ville

CONT. FROM PG 9

was using a wet-vac to try to get the
snow off of his stairs. One lady cracked
her windshield trying to scrape off the
ice. CALL GIANT GLASS!

My friend was driving her car Sun-
day afternoon in the gleaming sun-
light the day after. She decided to
open her sunroof to enjoy the sun-
shine, forgetting that there was still
some snow on top of the car. When
she had to stop short, she got a lap-
ful of snow. She laughed it off.

I love this one. "The young guy on
the second floor in the house next
door to us was yelling at my 85 year
old father to turn off his snow blow-
er and do it later. He wanted to
know if he had to do it then (so ear-
ly), and those of you that know my
father (seasoned true Somerville
guy) can only imagine what his
comeback was. In the old days the
young used to offer help, now they
want you to clear out your driveway
when they wake up at three in the af-
ternoon. Unbelievable!"

Somerville folks stayed close to
their computers and mobile devices
over the weekend. At 7:30 p.m. on
Saturday I posted a trivia question
about Captain Kirk's middle name
(Tiberius) on Facebook. That post
led to 147 more comments involving
Gilligan's Island, *Star Trek*, and *Three
Stooges* trivia. It may also have led to
a new romance! We'll see about that.

By the way, most men prefer Ginger
over Mary Ann!

So, as Somerville continues to clear
the snow and resume normal life, we
should all try to be patient and cour-
teous. If you are clearing your car off
and mess up someone's clean side-
walk, clear it off when you are done.
And if you put furniture in a parking
spot to hold it, remember this. I
once furnished an apartment back in
the late 80's by taking furniture from
parking spaces!

I vividly remember hanging out
with my pal Jay Wilcox during the
Blizzard of '78. We walked around
the whole city visiting friends and
acting crazy. That blizzard was
more fun than this one for me!

In closing, urban legend or truth?
There is a story going around that a
snow plow was doing its thing during
the height of the storm (around mid-
night Friday) while its radio blasted
Queen's Fat Bottomed Girls.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday| February 13

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

Central Library
Book Group for Kids
Cathy|x2950
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Harry Potter Marathon!
10 a.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|February 14

Central Library
Reading Group for 6-8 Year Olds
Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216
3 p.m.-4p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Homeschool Games Program
Lauren Bell|617-718-0501
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library
Maple Syrup Workshop
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

Friday|February 15

Central Library
Teen Game Day
Ron Castile|617-623-5000-2936
3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday|February 16

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

Central Library
K & A Auditions
Michael Madden
508 498 2150
1 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday|February 18

President's Day - Libraries Closed

Tuesday|February 19

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

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

Central Library
Anime & Manga Meet-up (Rescheduled)
Cynthia Mitchem, Youth Services Librarian
617-623-5000-2936
2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|February 20

East Branch Library
Storytime for Kids of All Ages
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library
The Story of Ferdinand, a Puppet Show with Nicola McEldowney
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Avenue

East Branch Library
Many Moons, a Puppet Show with Nicola McEldowney
2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Discovering the Magician Inside Us!
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

MUSIC
Wednesday|February 13

Johnny D's
Valentine's Pre-heat: Local bloggers, Writers & musicians play their favorite love & anti love songs
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
Bar is open
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Climate Action and Rep.
Denise Provost Film Series
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|February 14

Johnny D's
Kelly Willis & Bruce Robison
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Flatt Rabbit 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
Happy Valentine's Day|Peach Pit|Man Alive|Lisa/Liza
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
Kay|n Rock|Orca Age|Saraswathi Jones
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
Anngelle Wood Presents: Lounge Act
379 Summer St

Friday|February 15

Johnny D's
Billy Dodge|Eleanor & The Tasties|Ted Billings|Sammy Witness Protection Program|Nemes
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars
|6 p.m.
Birds of Play and friends|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents|Slack|Happy Time Harry|Red Sky Mary|Found Audio|The Goodfellas
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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 with special guest Jesse Dee
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
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
Down: Boston Bloghead Punk Showcase with Steve Knowles: Hookerclops|The Sour Doo-Dahs|Western Powers|Babydriver \$7
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Saint Valentine's Day Massacre - Songs of love gone wrong
7 p.m.-10 p.m.|mezzanine
Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|February 16

Johnny D's
James Montgomery Band|Three Day Threshold|Tsunami of Sound
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Josh Lederman and the CSARs|6 p.m.
One Thin Dime|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Oh Snap! 80's 90's DJ Dance Party!
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Doze|You People|Job Creators
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's
Ronan Quinn Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Big Bad Bobby and the Shoehorns|Catalin|Dylan Sevey and the Gentelmen|Lowman|SWYM
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
Down: Tenaflly Vipers, Give Up|Bad Sex|Spectrehawk|chrissey Spoiler Acoustic to open|DJ Mike in Between sets \$5
UP Parade Grounds(NYC) Personal Finance|Swearwolves
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Amore at the Armory!
6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|February 17

Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam featuring Hot Sauce BPS|4:30 p.m.
Ken Stringfellow of the Posies|REM|Big Star|Corin Ashley
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.
Natalie Flanagan Band, Trusty Sidekick, The Lowsparks|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
Bookkeeper|Big Girl|Danger I Reckon|Old Hat
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
UP: Roy Sludge Trio, 4p.m., Free Down:PJ Westin Comedy open-mic 7-9 p.m free
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Somerville Copy Cat Festival - Now 2 sessions!
12 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|February 18

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
2nd Annual Zombie Night
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
Wishes & Thieves
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Rosebud Bar
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
2013 pARTicipate! School Break Program
8:30 a.m.|Performance Hall/Cafe Salsa Basics with Mambo Soul!
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|February 19

JohnnyD's
Yani Batteau & The Styles
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Kevin Byrne|9:30 p.m.
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
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
The Lousy Instruments
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

Arts at the Armory
2013 pARTicipate! School Break Program
8:30 a.m.|PerformanceHall/Cafe First and Last Word Poetry Series
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|February 20

Johnny D's
The Reunion Band
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
Bar is open
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
2013 pARTicipate! School Break Program|8:30 a.m.|Performance Hall/Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|February 13

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

Thursday|February 14

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). For more info call: 781-762-6629

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq| www.libana.com

Saturday|February 16

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|February 17

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|Febraury 18

President's Day- Libraries Closed

Tuesday|February 19

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| February 20

Central Library
Census Bureau Testing
Franciso Jimenez|617-319-6769
9 a.m.-1 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

Volunteer Open House is February 20 - learn about volunteer opportunities at the Council on Aging. Friendly visitor or caller, office assistance, share a skill, event set-up and more. Holland Street. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All 55+ are welcome.

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Mosaic Project - Thanks to a grant from the Somerville Arts Council, we are happy to present a three-part series that will culminate with a group mosaic that will be hung at the COA. Starts February 26 from 10-11:30 a.m. Limited enrollment. Sign up early. With artist Emily Bhargava.

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.

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:

Hanscom Dinner & Bingo - February 13.

Fuller Craft Museum - February 15.

Culinary Arts - February 26.

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 - Tuesday 9:15 at Holland and Thursdays at Ralph & Jenny. \$3.

Belly Dancing - Tuesdays at 12:30-1:30 p.m. \$5.

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

February 13

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Holland Street

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

MEN'S CLUB! NEW!|12 p.m.

Intergenerational QiGong - all welcome|1 p.m.

QiGong|1:30 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

February 14

Winter Hill Yacht Club - Valentine's Day Luncheon

Holland Street Center

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

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

February 15

Fuller Craft Museum

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B

Indoor Exercise|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

February 18

President's Day

All Centers Closed

February 19

Twin Rivers

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.

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

Caregiver's Group|6:30 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.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center

Grandparents Day|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway

February 20

Volunteer Open House

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Grandparents Day|10:30 a.m.

Volunteer Open House|12:30-1:30 p.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

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

for February 9 at Long Beach in Gloucester has been postponed until Saturday February 23. So there is still time to donate and support Kara Darde-no Mathieu and Frank Scarpa who will plunge to help Rotary International to eradicate polio in the world. This has been a major goal of Rotary's international work for years and, while there are

only three countries left that still have a few cases, Rotary seeks everyone's help to finish the job. To support the plunge please go to the Somerville Club's plunge page: <https://www.fundraise.com/activity/the-rotary-foundation-of-rotary-international/rotary7930-polar-plunge/team?show=somerville>. For any questions please call Mark Alston-Follans-

bee, Club President, at 617-623-6111.

Call for short films and videos for screening during Somerville Open Studios on Thursday, May 2. Somerville Open Cinema is a mini film and video festival that is held during Somerville Open Studios. Submissions are now be-

ing accepted for the 2013 festival taking place on Thursday, May 2 at Somerville Community Access TV in Somerville, MA. They seek any moving image works under 10 minutes. It's free to enter. Email membership@access-scat.org for questions. Mailing address for submissions: SOC Festival c/o SCATV, 90 Union Square, Somerville, MA 02130.

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Practice safe shoveling

By Kyle F. Coffey, PT, DPT

It just takes one stubborn snow bank to put you in pain for the rest of the winter. Shoveling is a burden all New Englanders have to bear, but you don't have to put the burden on your back.

Throughout the winter months, the number of people who experience acute low back pain typically increases. Acute low back pain can be caused by trauma such as lifting something too heavy, twisting the wrong way, a sudden jolt, or by medical problems such as arthritis or a disc herniation.

While this might seem severe, acute lower back pain should go away relatively quickly and can often be treated at home. Most people who suffer see their pain subside between a few weeks and three months. Symptoms can range from muscle aches, shooting pain, nagging pain, limited flexibility, decreased range of motion, or an inability to stand straight.

Many cases of acute low back pain can be treated at home. Keep in mind, however, that there is no one-size-fits-all solution to back pain. Here are a few suggestions for at-home treatment:

- Bed rest should be limited to one to two days at most: it's im-

portant to stay active and restore proper muscle function and strength

- While on bed rest, get up and walk around every few hours: even if it hurts, the movement won't damage your back

- Use either heat or ice to decrease pain and inflammation: the general rule is ice for the first two days and either heat or ice afterwards, depending on which provides the most relief for you

- Take over-the-counter medicines like Ibuprofen (Advil), Acetaminophen (Tylenol), or aspirin as needed

- Exercise as tolerated and stretch prior to performing any physical activity

Depending on the severity or the duration of the low back pain, you may need to make an appointment with your doctor for a thorough exam. In most cases, your doctor might prescribe medications to help reduce pain or inflammation. However, if you experience loss of muscle strength or feeling in your legs, loss of bladder or bowel control, increased pain after two days of bed rest, have chills or a fever over 102°F, have a burning feeling when urinating or have blood in the urine, or experience stomach pain, you should contact your doctor immediately.

Maintaining good posture and beneficial lifestyle habits such as regular exercise, weight control and stress reduction can help prevent injury and maintain a healthy back. When exercising or performing strenuous physical activity, always stretch beforehand and only stay active as long as you can tolerate any pain you may feel. How your "hold" your body can play a major factor in back health: always maintain good posture while walking, standing or sitting. Mattresses and chairs with good lumbar support can also positively impact your back health.

When clearing snow this winter, remember to lift using your legs and not your back. With these tips and more information, found at www.harvard Vanguard.org, you'll be ready to face whatever winter has in store.

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Copy Cat Festival



The Somerville Arts Council presents an event to celebrate the profound cultural contributions of cats. Inspired by the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, which held an Internet Cat Video Festival last year that was attended by over 10,000 people and featured in the New York Times, we proudly announce the Somerville Copy Cat Festival. Yet our feline extravaganza will feature not only cat videos - produced locally and globally - but also cat stories, cat limericks and a slideshow of local cats. Emcee will be Jef Czekaj, who will kick off the event by reading his book *Cat Secrets* for cat-crazy kids. There will also be a cat costume table and most likely an appearance from a famous local cat. Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. Sunday, Feb. 17, 4-7 p.m. - SOLD OUT. NEW SHOW ADDED: 12-3 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

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What we can learn from the School Committee's selection process

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patronage, exposed backroom deals, and opposed waste and fraud.

In the context of a relatively homogenous electorate, limited policy conflicts, a thriving industrial economy, and vibrant nongovernmental organizations that met many community needs, this was an efficient form of government.

But over time, a mass exodus of Old Somerville families, and the economic necessity that required both adults in those families who remained here to work outside the home, unraveled the dense relationship networks. The citizen groups faded away, and corporate out-of-towners bought the *Somerville Journal*, steadily reducing its staff.

Immigrants and people who make their living as professionals replaced departing families. In 1970, 15% of people living here were foreign-born, almost all of whom were of European descent. In 2010, 29% were foreign-born, and 9% from Europe.

In 1970, 7% of 'Villens over age 25 held bachelor's degrees. Today, that proportion is 53%.

Immigrants have not become a political force. Many

are ineligible to vote, and many others' attention is dominated by the demands of economic survival.

The newcomer professionals brought political expectations at odds with Somerville's favor/relationship-based political culture. In their view, government should identify key challenges, review all available evidence to craft solutions, and work to implement those solutions as cost-effectively as possible.

But until recently, those newcomers were politically inert. Most remained unaware and uninvolved in local politics. Too often, they moved to the suburbs when their children reached school age, selling their Somerville homes for top dollar.

So the favor/relationship-based political culture continued, while many of Old-Somerville civil-society's moderating influences did not. Today, the Board of Aldermen rarely initiates significant legislation and rarely opposes the mayor's wishes.

Patronage is alive and well. Those unfamiliar with specific cases can find objective indicators in the proportion of mayoral campaign contributions

donated by city employees, and the time that employees take off to work on elections.

Personally, I like many of the changes that I've seen in our city since Joe Curtatone became mayor. But those changes have had minimal impact on power relationships and substantive decision-making.

The city's Comprehensive Plan, for example, models the kind of process favored by professionals-participatory, data-driven, analytical, transparent, and prescriptive. Yet the Plan has little force when a mayoral preference is involved. Witness the Planning Board's unanimous vote last month to amend the Zoning Ordinance so as to enable development of a one-story 100,000-square-foot big-box store in Assembly Square.

But demographic and economic forces are bringing newcomer professionals into the local political process. Since the turn of the millennium, an increasing number of them have chosen to put down roots and raise a family in Somerville. And since the 2008 financial meltdown, they find it more difficult to accumu-

late equity in their homes, sell out, and leave.

Between 2001 and last year, Somerville Schools' enrollment dropped by 18%. Now that trend is reversing. Our city's birthrate declined to an historic low in 2006, but has been increasing since. It will probably continue to grow because, at 30%, the proportion of Somerville's population that's in their child-rearing years is well above average.

Concerned about their kids' education, many younger professionals have entered the public sphere and begun to acquaint themselves with Somerville politics. They have become active in parent teacher associations, school councils, youth activities, and in establishing networks to exchange information and mobilize. In doing so, they are advocating for immigrant families as well as their own.

Mobilize they did when the Ward 1 School Committee position became vacant, successfully lobbying the Committee to reject the tradition of the outgoing member's choosing her successor.

This offended some members of the old guard. Alderman Sean O'Donovan complained that it was "political," as if in the past, resigning aldermen and School Committee members did not confine their replacement selection to those who were on their "team." He should know, having been initially appointed, rather than elected, to the School Committee and then the Board of Aldermen.

The parents who lobbied the School Committee, publicized the vacancy, and recruited candidates are influential beyond their numbers. They express that influence through emerging networks like Somerville-4-Schools and Progress Together for Somerville.

It makes intuitive sense that schools would be the political entry point for newcomers. Indeed, this has been the pattern in middle-class communities across the U.S.

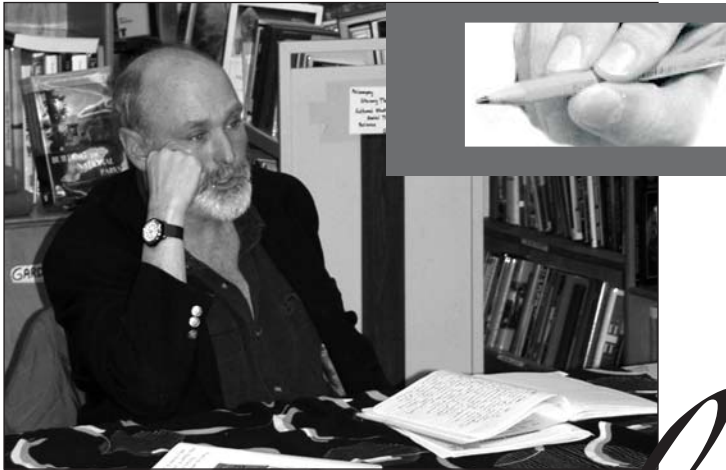
Once involved, the activists tend not to confine themselves to education matters. If this pattern holds true here, we can anticipate changes in how the people's business gets done and who does it.

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6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Esoteric Science	1:00pm	Ablevision
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	1:30pm	Art at SCATV
7:30am	Life Matters	7:00pm	SCATV Annual Producer Awards Ceremony	4:00pm	Boston Tango Festival	2:00pm	Talking about Somerville
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Tonight's Special	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:00pm	Energy Theater	6:30pm	Talking with Deval Patrick	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
11:00am	Abugida TV	Friday, February 15		7:00pm	Couch's Corner	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	5:00pm	Culture Club
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1:30PM	Henry Parker Presents	7:00am	The Origins of SCATV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
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2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Critical Focus
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	9:00am	Energy Theater	Sunday, February 17		8:00pm	Grill Dog presents
3:30pm	Talking about Somerville	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Play by Play
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	11:00am	Talking with Deval Patrick	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking.	Noon	Talking about Somerville	7:00am	Flipside	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	12:30pm	Ablevision	7:30am	Talking with Deval Patrick	11:00pm	Creepy Castle
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7:30pm	Basic Buddha	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	10:30am	Basic Buddha	7:00am	Outdoor Adventures (SCATV Special)
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
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10:00am	Active Aging	6:00am	Arabic Hour	Monday, February 18		6:30pm	Real Estate Answer Show
10:30am	Talking with Deval Patrick	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Art at SCATV
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1:35am:	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:30pm	Highlander Forum: SHS Mediation	12:30pm	Argenziano School Instrumental Concert
2:30am:	Somerville By Design #3	12:30pm:	The Mayor's Report	8:00pm	Our Schools, Our City: STEM Education	1:00pm	Our Schools, Our City: STEM
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12:00am:	2013 City Hall Midterm Ceremonies	1:00am:	Prospect Hill to Salisbury Prison	10:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Burke HS	1:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
1:10am:	Quincy Street Park Dedication	1:55am:	The Gerry Leone Show	Saturday, February 16		3:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett
1:20am:	The Aldermen's Hour	2:25am:	Hard Target	12:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Burke HS	6:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs New Mission
1:45am:	Somerville By Design #3	9:00am:	Senior Housing Symposium	1:30am	SHS Hockey vs Medford	7:30pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop
9:00am:	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:50am	SHS Girls Basketball vs NDA	9:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Burke HS
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Writer Thomas R. Bransten Brings a Novel of Abduction, Intrigue and Romance set in France to the Paris of New England

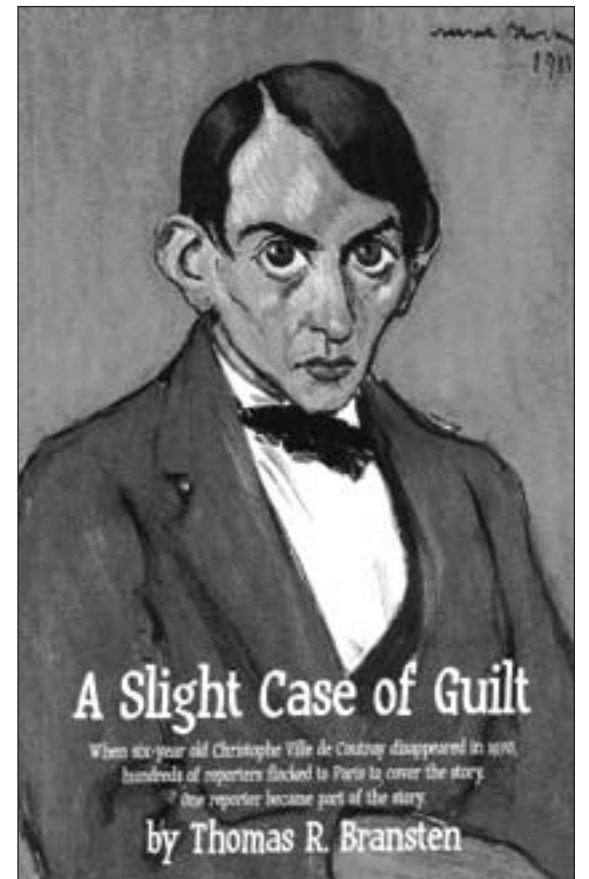
A Somerville writer acquaintance of mine took me to task recently for using the phrase “The Paris of New England” to refer to Somerville. He said anyone who would compare Somerville to Paris has not been to Paris. And he is right, I haven’t been to Paris. So I was a glad to meet Somerville resident Thomas R. Bransten at meeting of the Somerville Bagel Bards. Bransten was in Paris working as a reporter for the United Press International and the International Herald Tribune where he covered among other things the protracted French war with Algeria, and two kidnappings: one of four year old Eric Peugeot, heir to the automobile fortune, and the kidnap-murder of seven year old Philippe Bertrand, which had most of the world in a state of shock and outrage. The novel Bransten wrote *A Slight Case of Guilt* also involves a kidnapping of a young boy from a prominent family.

Bransten has lived in Somerville for a number of years and moved from San Francisco to Massachusetts with his wife so she could pursue her PhD at Harvard. For a long while he was an agent of Prudential Prime Properties in Somerville, run by Somerville native sons John and Jim Duccelli. Bransten lauds the civic spirit of Somerville, and its easy accessibility to Boston and the outlying environs.

Bransten, 81, went to France in 1959 “To look for a woman I thought I was in love with,” he said. He studied psychology at the Sorbonne, but realized he needed to make a decent living when he started a family. So he decided to try journalism, and after striking out numerous times he managed to secure an unpaid internship of sorts with the International Herald Tribune.

Eventually he was offered a job on the night shift, where he worked from 11 p.m. to 10 a.m., 6 days a week. Later he graduated to the day desk, and went on to write many important stories.

Bransten recalled his days covering the Algerian



War for Independence from France. Not only did Algerian rebels commit terrorist acts in Algeria, but they bombed cafes and buildings in Paris. Bransten told me he was minutes away from being killed by a bomb planted outside the offices of the newspaper Le Monde. Because he got sidetracked, he missed walking by the building by minutes.

His novel *A Slight Case of Guilt* is loosely based on a kidnapping that took place during his stint as a journalist in France. For the purpose of the novel it is set in the Burgundy wine country where a young heir to the Ville De Courtray fortune is abducted.

Bransten will be having a reading of his novel at the Book Shop at Ball Square Feb 24, 2013 1P.M, smack dab in the Paris of New England.

Malden and Somerville residents serve up compassion at local homeless shelter

Project Bread's Ali Dellea of Malden and Arielle Jackson of Somerville helped prepare healthy meals at the Pine Street Inn, a Boston-based homeless shelter and one of 430 community organizations funded by The Walk for Hunger.

“The kitchen at the Pine Street Inn was pretty impressive,” explained Ali, one of the 13 campaign associates who helps organize the community of 40,000 Walkers. “The scale of the operations is huge in order to serve 600 meals a day.”

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For more information, visit www.projectbread.org, www.facebook.com/projectbread. Registration is now open for the 45th Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 5th. For details, go to www.projectbread.org/Walk.

Here is a poem that goes right to the heart by Susan Tepper, perfect for Valentine's Day.

HEARTS

Determined to stop all feeling
we drive our hearts
deep into winter

as if they are the hearts
of vampires

And, we, the mighty
possessed of hammer & stake
have the right to banish
this crude interloper

this heart
done-up in scarlet, no less-

A fusion of veins and vessel of
dreams sweet and bitter
this heart

destined to follow its
natural course

dragging bewildered body
behind in its wake,
or simply sitting still
as a statue in the park.

Dare we sentence it
to wither
alone
in dank chambers

— Susan Tepper

HEARTS was previously published in Susan Tepper's poetry chapbook “Blue Edge” (Cervena Barva Press, 2006)

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