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Occupy Somerville occupies MBTA



Photo by Andrew Firestone

Occupy Somerville held a rally of around 90 in anticipation of an official hearing last night, Feb. 28. Later they joined a throng of citizens and public officials in protest of the proposed fare hikes and service cuts at Centennial Auditorium in Somerville High School. Jonathan Davis, General Manager of the MBTA, withstood the wrath of the enraged crowd who angrily testified on the unfairness of the MBTA debt being foisted upon their shoulders.

- Andrew Firestone

TEDxSomerville set to impress

By Andrew Firestone

Get ready folks, here comes a real event. For the last few years, the world-renowned Technology, Entertainment, and Design (TED) non-profit out of Long Beach and Palm Springs has allowed their method to spread, spawning the TEDx program. Somerville organizers successfully applied to have Somerville get its own TEDx and now a new conference to discuss the state of the American city is set to premiere on Sunday, March 4. Sure to be a discussion to remember, this TEDx will feature 25 speakers of the 'Villen caste, along with five musical acts and 36 artists showing their work.

"The TEDx program, it's a platform for people to connect to people their ideas and stories," said Executive Director C. Todd Lombardo. "I think as Somerville goes through its continuous growth cycle, and experiences changes, this is one way of bringing a number of different communities together and connect people who otherwise may have not been connected and tell some stories that people may not have known."

Lombardo, who previously organized two such conferences during a year and a half stay in Madrid, Spain, said this

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Comedy craziness in Davis Square

By Harry Kane

On any given Thursday night, in the dungeon of Somerville Theater, a sketch comedy group brings a burst of laughter to the doldrums of everyday monotony.

At 8 p.m. the show begins with Matt Donaher, a geeky fellow with a nasally voice, who gives a diatribe of his sexual desires. It can get a little raunchy at times but it's good fun. His other jokes were good too. They go something like this: "I made the mistake of going into a Target on a Saturday wearing a red polo and tan pants. I spent six hours explaining the difference between an LCD and LED TV to a guy," Donaher joked.

Next comes one of many local improv groups. It's all over the place: Straight up craziness. This week it was Danielle Soto and cohorts in an improv group called Castus Conception.

Shaun Connolly, 25, stand-up comedian was hilarious. Connolly is a high school teacher; his bit involves the dramatization of one of his student's ridiculous writing mistakes on a homework assignment.

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NEWTALK

Candidate Maria Curtatone for Registrar of Deeds is having a “kickoff rally” at Brunello Bristro at 349 Broadway (Winter Hill Plaza), tonight, Wednesday, February 29, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you'd like to help her campaign out, this would be a great place to come to meet and greet Maria as well as the people in her campaign.

The monthly Chamber of Commerce after hours get together will be held this Thursday, March 1, at the Olde Magoun's Saloon in Magoun Square from 5-7 p.m. Again, it's a great business networking event. There will be free appetizers and a free business card drawing and cash bar. Hosted by Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours Co-chair Dana Iacopucci of Cubby Oil. Send your rsvp to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce “Government Affairs Breakfast” this month is Tuesday, March 6, 7:55 a.m., at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St. Sponsored by the Winter Hill Bank. This month's speaker is Massachusetts Department of Transportation Secretary Richard Davey. Again, email smackey@somervillechamber.org for reservations.

Our condolences go out to the family of Mary O'Dea who recently passed away. Mary was a member of the old New England Telephone Pioneers as well as a long time Somerville native. She had a lot of friends here in the 'Ville and she will sadly be missed.

Happy Birthday to some of Somerville's well known 'Villens and not so well known: Sean Fitzgerald is celebrating this week. Sean was a candidate for Alderman last year and we hear he might be next year as well. Also Nancy Trane, the popular better half of Alderman Bob

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Planners vote for Porter Sq. rezoning*

theTimmy says:

I understand the desire to capture some of the economic value of Porter Square on the Somerville side, but do not see any reason whatsoever to have 4-6 story buildings built. The vast majority of stores in Porter Square a single story, with no structures over 2 stories tall. Zoning that permits 4-6 stories is simply inviting a mall or Wal-Mart to Somerville. If the concern is truly to drive revenue to the city Somerville, focusing on the development of Assembly Square (Ikea?) is a better strategy than one that would displace existing residents of a residential neighborhood, and build commercial structures, possibly eye sores, that would lower property values.

J M B says:

Why was the “Option Two” not voted on? The way its described it seems like a fair compromise, or is this just the city imposing its will again? Glad to see two of the members were willing to compromise.

Foo says:

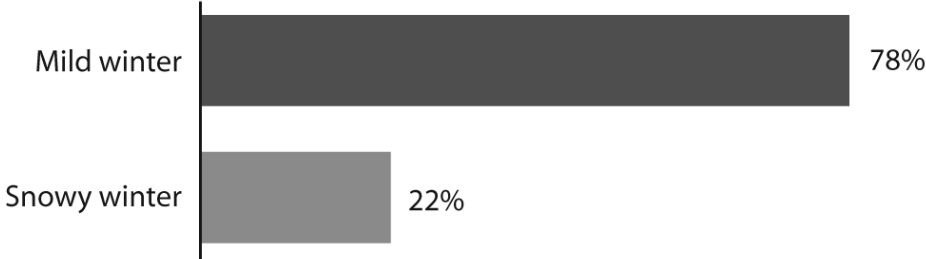
Well, I'm in favor. If that area ever was purely residential, those days are gone. Elm Street and Somerville Ave are large busy streets now with lots of through traffic — enough that single-family and duplex houses are no longer a good use. Businesses benefit from that location, but housing is compromised by it. I'm sorry for homeowners there on the grounds that their houses are now poorly located, but time doesn't run backward, some neighborhoods tip well and some poorly, and nothing can turn those streets back into residential areas now. Mixed-use buildings with ground-floor retail are a great use, and yes, 5-story is not “huge”. Office buildings are huge; these aren't them. I think this plan is a great part of Somerville's redevelopment.

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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 prefer a mild winter or a snowy winter. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

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New mural to grace skate park

By Harry Kane

Morse-Kelley Playground is receiving a hip and edgy makeover and with it, the parks department has commissioned a local muralist to create a wall painting.

Somerville artist Joe Barillaro is producing the mural. Based near Porter Square in Somerville, he'll work out of a small studio on the other side of the train tracks where two buddies, one a photographer and the other a silk screener, will allow him the use of their studio space to paint the several 4 by 8 panels for the mural.

City spokeswoman Luisa Oliveira had this to say about Barillaro: "Joe has been very good at listening to the community and engaging their ideas and feedback. He was chosen for his ability to meld positive messages though edgy street art and his murals are a great asset to Somerville's public art. We are excited to see the community's ideas interpreted through his artistic lens."

Two tentative designs for the mural are in sketch form but no decision has been made on the final concept, though there is a

consensus that the mural should be hip and edgy to go along with the new skateboarding elements introduced in the park. The park will be re-opening this spring.

Save Our Somerville, who has been at the forefront of making the dream of a skate park into a reality, helped with the design ideas for the mural in a meeting on Jan. 17.

SOS encouraged Barillaro to paint a memorial scene in the mural for all the kids whose lives had been cut short prematurely due to drugs.

There are "two glaringly different examples, and either they will meet at halfway or there will be more positive sentiment towards one or the other," Barillaro said.

The first design is a literal interpretation of fun activities in Somerville. It's a huge scene of children being mentored, playing sports, kids skateboarding, hopscotch, and Somerville landmarks.

Alderman Tom Taylor supported with the first design. "The mural should reflect the diversity of the city and perhaps reflect some of the activities that will be available in Morse-Kelley Park. That



Muralist Joe Barillaro was chosen to bring his unique style of design to the Morse-Kelley Playground skate park.

would be my preference."

The second design is more edgy and urban; a bold piece with a positive vibe fused with expressive and playful faces.

Barillaro may use cubism types of compositions, designing people in a cartoony and expressive way and orchestrating the figures and buildings in an abstract overlapping design.

An emphasis on back-

ground elements like shapes, arrows, bubbles or clouds would be prevalent in the second concept.

His color palette will depend on the concept, but once his framework is set the design of colors flow naturally. "I put one color in that I like, and every other color is a reaction to that. It just intuitively builds from that," Barillaro said.

"The graphic element is a big part. It's immediate gratification, a cohesive one solid image. I'm hoping to bring some life to the park...I'm hoping it will be a highlight of the park."

No matter what the design is, Barillaro feels that his skill will allow him to produce a successful eclectic mural that will help spotlight the playground.

Comedy craziness in Davis Square

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The show itself is called *Awkward Compliment Comedy Night*. They usually have 2 to 3 stand-up comedians and another improv or sketch group. The show ends with a 30-minute finale with the mainstay group.

Mark O'Connell, 38, is part of the mainstay group, *Awkward Compliment*. The group has been together for a little over 4 years now. It consists of Brian Dibello, Ryan MacFarland, Mat Dann, Stephen Serwacki, Patty Barrett and Mark O'Connell. The players are all in their twenties and thirties.

The routine they do is called *Awkward Cab Confessions*. Dur-

ing the set there are three different cab ride scenes that they use to generate ideas and characters for other scenes. The idea is that they establish memorable characters and put them in scenarios that the audience finds memorable and funny.

Memorable moments from last Thursday night's cab confessions included a bit called *Rupert the Swan*. It was ridiculously funny to watch a comedian portray a swan in a taxicab.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Youth assaults, threatens cops

Somerville Housing Authority investigators received a call from a frightened Memorial Road resident last week.

The caller reportedly indicated that whispered voices could be heard outside of the residence's front door, saying, "Pass me the knife," and speaking of breaking into something. The caller also reportedly stated that the peephole on the door seemed to be blocked.

An investigator arrived at the scene and reportedly spotted several individuals leaving the area as they arrived. One individual, a juvenile, was confronted by the investigator and he immediately became agitated, according to reports, and placed his hands in his pockets. The investigator felt that there was a possibility the suspect could be concealing a weapon, according to reports.

The youth was reportedly asked what he was doing, but he only shrugged his shoulders while keeping his hands in his pockets.

He was then ordered to remove his hands from his pockets but he reportedly refused to do so and began shouting obscenities and threats at the investigator.

After numerous requests to the suspect to remove his hands from his pockets the investigator attempted to forcibly remove them but the suspect attempted to head-butt the investigator in an attempt to get away, according to reports.

The investigator reportedly managed to detain the suspect and remove his hands from his pockets, even though the suspect reportedly continued assaulting and threatening the investigator.

A backup officer arrived on the scene and the young man was eventually subdued and handcuffed, according to reports.

Throughout the incident the investigators report that the suspect continuously struggled to break free and repeatedly threatened to shoot them.

The suspect was placed under arrest and charged with attempt to commit a crime, possession of burglarious instrument, threat to commit a crime, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, destruction of property over \$250, and assault and battery on a police officer.

The suspect reportedly continued threatening to kill the arresting investigators as he was transported away from the scene.

Somerville Police officer rescues workers in fire



Fellsway Automotive, an automobile repair shop in Somerville, was the scene of a fire Friday morning. Somerville firefighters battled the flames at the repair shop located next to the intersection of McGrath and Broadway. Somerville police officer Mike Wyatt entered the building by smashing the front glass and rescued workers that were in the burning building with the help of two customers of the repair shop. The building was destroyed. The fire is under investigation.

— William Tauro

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Steven DeGeorge, 48, of 268 Washington St., February 21, 9:33 a.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise.

A juvenile, February 21, 6:45 p.m., arrested at 25C Memorial Rd. on charges of attempt to commit a crime, possession of burglarious instrument, threat to commit a crime, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, destruction of property over \$250, and assault and battery on a police officer.

Michael Coneeny, 30, of 61 Essex St., Middleton, February 22, 10:39 a.m., arrested at Lexington Ave. on a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Jordan Harvey, 21, of 17 Cottage St., Saugus, February 22, 5:31 p.m., arrested at 500 Mys-

tic Ave. on charges of speeding and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Steven O'Brien, 22, of 23 Ernest Rd., Arlington, February 23, 8:06 p.m., arrested at Grove St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Janine Reid, 25, of 30 Canal Ln., February 24, 2:40 p.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug law, drug violation near a school or park, possession of a firearm without a FID card, heroin / morphine / opium trafficking, and cocaine trafficking.

Schuylar Oppenheimer, 21, of 406 Columbia St., Cambridge, February 24, 2:40 p.m., arrested at 30 Canal Ln. on charges of drug possession to distribute, conspiracy to violate

drug law, drug violation near a school or park, possession of a firearm without a FID card, heroin / morphine / opium trafficking, and cocaine trafficking.

Joseph Burke, 23, of 155 Bunker Hill St., Quincy, February 25, 3:35 p.m., arrested at Joy St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Stephen Pettigrew, 37, of 28 Parker St., Charlestown, February 25, 8:32 p.m., arrested at 24 Cambria St. on charges of assault and battery and destruction of property under \$250.

Incidents:

Theft:

February 21, 9:33 a.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

February 21, 1:43 p.m., police reported a theft at 532 Medford St.

February 21, 4:48 p.m., police reported a theft at West Adams St.

February 22, 6:12 p.m., police reported a theft at 257 Elm St.

February 22, 7:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Oliver St.

February 22, 8:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Campbell Pky.

February 25, 3:38 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

February 25, 12:28 p.m., police reported a theft at Fremont St.

Robbery:

February 21, 11:47 a.m., police reported a robbery at 212 Elm St.

Breaking & Entering:

February 21, 12:55 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at College Ave.

February 22, 4:10 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Heath St.

February 23, 2:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pinckney St.

February 23, 7:15 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

Vehicle Theft:

February 23, 3:22 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Fellsway.

Assault:

February 21, 6:45 p.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

February 23, 6:43 a.m., police reported an assault at Cambridge.

February 23, 8:06 p.m., police reported an assault at Grove St.

February 25, 10:40 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

February 25, 8:32 p.m., police reported an assault at Cambria St.

It all boils down to something sweet

Local maple syrup festival this Saturday

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Somerville second graders are gearing up for a truly sappy experience.

Since January they've been learning about all things maple. Now, this year's Maple Syrup Project is about to reach its steamy conclusion as 240 gallons of sap get boiled down at the Community Growing Center this weekend. And the public is welcome to join in the fun.

"It's a finale... a great way to cap off the experience in a really visual, hands-on way," said Tai Dinnan of Groundwork Somerville, the local non-profit that runs the project every year in conjunction with Somerville public schools, the Friends of the Community Growing Center, Tufts University and a team of community volunteers.

The main event at the Growing Center this weekend will be the transformation of all that sap into about five gallons of Somerville's finest locally tapped and locally-produced maple syrup. But the annual (and free) Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival this Saturday will also offer up plenty of hands-on, fun activities and entertainment, including

live music by local family-friendly band Animal Farm.

This year's project kicked off in mid-January when several dozen volunteers of all ages gathered to tap 10 sugar maple trees on the Tufts University Campus. Sap starts running when temperatures reach above freezing during the day, while still dropping below freezing at night, and Dinnan said trees were tapped nearly two weeks earlier than usual this year because of the unseasonably warm weather.

The annual Somerville Maple Syrup project introduces every public school second grader in the city to a traditional part of the environment and economy of New England, with a curriculum that combines science, math, social studies and reading. In weekly indoor and outdoor classes, students learn about the changing seasons, the anatomy of trees, and the legends, history and process of syrup making.

The project also promotes healthier lifestyles, by getting kids outside learning about the environment at a time of year when they're usually inside. And it's one more way to connect kids with food at the



How sweet it is, as Somerville kids get an opportunity to learn nature's ways and have a lot of fun at the same time.

source, encouraging them to eat locally grown food. Dinnan said kids are more interested in eating vegetables when they grow them in their school gardens, "but it's even easier when it's maple syrup, because everyone loves maple syrup."

Second graders who visit the Boil Down on field trips this

Friday will get a chance to put their "kids' seal of approval" on made-in-Somerville syrup. But anyone is invited to come out on Saturday to savor the sweet taste of something truly home-grown. Waffles, syrup, hot drinks and other items will be for sale at the festival, which will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

on Saturday, March 3, at the Community Growing Center at 22 Vinal Avenue.

And for anyone who still can't get enough of the stuff, Somerville maple syrup will be on sale throughout the year at Sherman's Market in Union Square, and at the Union Square Farmers Market.

TEDxSomerville set to impress CONT. FROM PG 1

conference would feature everything from local health initiatives to technology companies and globalization concerns, all while connecting the vast sub-culture of Somerville to a larger audience.

"We've really been trying to capture the essence of Somerville: where Somerville came from, where it is now and where it's heading and how cities like Somerville can help develop sustainably, and help

encourage more creative economies," said PR Manager Todd Van Hoosear.

The day will feature four different sessions of context: "protecting our past," "embracing our present," "solidifying the present" and "envisioning the future." Each will feature the wide berth of Somerville speakers, including local entrepreneurs and non-profit organization activists.

The speaker list is astonishing in its breadth. Among the

lecturers will be Prof. Sam Sommers of Tufts University discussing urban societal psychology, Planner Wig Zamore, an activist in economic development and public health, and Ezra Haber Glenn of the Somerville Community Corporation. The plan is to examine the whole breadth of what makes Somerville the diverse and dynamic community it is, keeping the nature of the melting-pot city at the forefront.

At heart will be an examination of the cultural clash between past and present Somerville, as well as the way forward.

"There are a lot of people in Somerville who aren't too happy about the gentrification and aren't too happy about housing prices going up," said Van Hoosear. "So how do we bridge that gap? How do we bring those two camps together?"

Those who cannot attend will be able to watch via live-

streaming. SCAT has teamed up with John Neely of Powderhouse Productions, and social media will be transmitted from the building through the "Aerva" platform.

A big draw, said Lombardo, would be the ability for TEDxSomerville to be featured on the TED website, viewed by over 500,000 people. In this way, Somerville could contribute to the avant-garde discussion of now.

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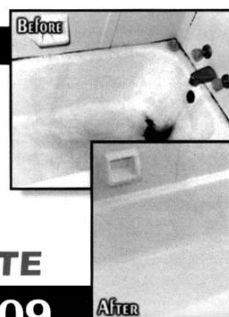
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Tufts class gets yummy

By Cathleen Twardzik

Last semester, a group of Tufts students researched the greatest needs of immigrant entrepreneurs, all of which run ethnic food establishments in various areas of Somerville.

The community-based course, which was taught by Deborah Pacini Hernandez, Professor of Anthropology and American Studies at Tufts University, was entitled Urban Borderlands. It built on Tufts' relationship with community-based organizations in Somerville, such as The Welcome Project.

A diverse world of restaurants, coffee shops and markets thrive on business from Somerville's immigrant population, as well as the significant population of "foodies," for whom Somerville has become a haven. Somerville boasts approximately 100 immigrant-run establishments.

A plethora of nationalities are represented in the mix. Among them are Ethiopian, Brazilian, Haitian, Latino, Portuguese, Nepalese, Tibetan and Salvadoran.

The group of 10 Tufts' students surveyed 40 immigrant-run food businesses to capture their experiences as an expanding group of entrepreneurs.

The students found that immigrant entrepreneurs must navigate a sea of obstacles, which are not faced as often by owners who were born in the United States.

Some owners, all of whom are operating on shoestring budgets, must depend on advertising via word-of-mouth, in lieu of using newspapers or the Internet.

There are also language barriers. As new entrepreneurs, many are unfamiliar with bureaucracy and process required if they want to serve wine and beer or make improvements within their buildings.

Additionally, the challenges that immigrant business owners face include parking issues and problems obtaining liquor licenses.

In general, those entrepreneurs were elated to be business owners and were happy to share their experiences, including their frustrations.

For example, Gus DaCunha, Owner of Ola Gifts café on Broadway would like to make some changes, but he has been hindered by the paperwork required for a permit. "I can understand. You have to have regulations, but they can be confusing," he said.

"The agencies have been aware of some of the challenges but do not have the time or resources to conduct a comparable survey. Now they have a quantity of information from which they can work," said Pacini Hernandez.

"I wanted to have students do research that would not just gather dust on a shelf. I wanted to have the work produced be of value to work in partnership, to leave behind something of value to the



Deborah Pacini Hernandez taught the course "Urban Borderlands" in which students researched the greatest needs of immigrant entrepreneurs.

community," she said.

"In the fall of 2011, we collaborated with The Welcome Project."

At present, The Welcome project is running YUM, which is a fundraiser.

The course required students to write blogs as part of the project. Blogs described the culture of each restaurant. Students' blogs will be transferred to The Welcome Project's Web site.

By participating in the project, students learned that "The city has given a lot of attention to Union Square and East Somerville," Pacini Hernandez said.

In addition, students were able to hone their research skills and to forge bonds with the community. After their research interviews, they compiled short digital narratives which may be streamed on the Internet.

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville is always a great community for young people.

The View From Prospect Hill



It is with considerable pride that we celebrate Somerville's fourth consecutive year of being chosen as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by the America's Promise Alliance. We certainly couldn't agree more with that assessment, and this past week-end's "Celebrate Somerville!" event held at the Somerville

High School gymnasium gave residents an opportunity to express their sense of satisfaction and accomplishment, as well as to just plain have a good time with the kids themselves. We know with certainty that the parents, educators, and administrators of our city have done everything in their power to make our communi-

ty a safe and nurturing environment in which our children can thrive and grow stronger and smarter with the passing of time. We are truly blessed that we can look back upon actions taken in the past, as well as plans we are making for the future, and realize at such a moment as this that we surely must be do-

ing something right. That "something" represents the future of our society, and that is as important a thing as can possibly be imagined. We may squabble and fuss from time to time over which policies to adopt and how best to expend our resources on education, recreation, and whatever else may be of benefit to our

kids. But at the end of the day we can rest assured that we have done the best that we can for them, and that is all that we can ask of ourselves. This honor that has once again been bestowed upon us is a testament to our commitment to making life as good as it can be for our children. Good job, Somerville.

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Trane, and of course Nancy is the better looking of them. Toby McGuire, a lifelong 'Villen here, and also Peter Miller who is also from here, we wish these and many others a Happy Birthday this week. If you'd like to have your name in the paper let us know. We try and put in as many as possible each week.

This Saturday from 10 to 2 p.m. The Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival will be held at 22 Vinal Avenue here in the 'Ville. Come watch and learn as sap from local trees is boiled down into pure maple syrup over a warm fire. Join us for syrup tasting, music, kids' activities, and more! Waffles, syrup, and T-shirts will be on sale.

Big time congratulations for a job well done to Jay Colbert, President of the Somerville Firefighters Union, who presided over his last union meeting this past week. He resigned that night. Jay is also Secretary Treasurer of the State Firefighters Union.

Again, keep the date of March 16 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Arts at the Armory, 191

Highland Avenue, for the renewed St. Patrick's Day Party here in Somerville. After many years of not having it, Alderman Sean O'Donovan has brought it back to the city. Featuring the famous Old Brigade Irish Band, light refreshments and dancing and sing-along songs all for only \$20 and a great night out here in Somerville. Years ago when popular former state representative from Somerville Marie Howe used to have this party every year, it packed the Armory wall to wall standing room only. She's still around the city and is thrilled that Sean has brought this back every year now.

The Somerville News is now going to have a special place with a picture here in the paper, "Person of the Week" - you never know it might be you. Look for it every week. Someone special who highlights what we are all about here in the 'Ville.

Look for a company change here in Somerville. A local long time Somerville real estate firm is changing hands and has some exciting news as well with it. Lots of great changes and some new and old faces as well.

Mark your calendar for March 23 to 31 at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square for the play "Pride & Prejudice" - cost is \$15, but students and seniors discounts are \$12. It's an all new adaptation based on Jane Austen's beloved novel.

Update on our good friend Bob Publicover: He recently underwent some minor surgery, but for a guy that's been through as much as he has, he looks fantastic. If you haven't seen him lately and didn't know about all the surgery he's had in the past six months you'd think he is a miracle guy.

Well, that big box bank that's located on lower Broadway, you know, the one that carries the bright red logo, just might need not value business here. We were told that a frequent banking customer at that branch was waiting patiently in line to see the Assistant Manager on Monday to open two savings accounts for his children when another person rudely cut in front of him and was seated with the Manager in her office. When the Manager was

asked about the person cutting in front, we heard she replied, "Oh, I don't control that." So the banking customer replied back to her, "Well, I control where I open an account and it won't be here." So the customer we're told went to another bank. We hope he went to see Jeannie at Century Bank. She's always helpful.

Our good friend Rod Kreimeyer, who owns Best Pest here in Somerville, is still down in Florida. He says he likes it when Newstalk mentions his name. We thought we would do it two weeks in a row.

Congratulations to Marty Martinez, who we we're told bought a condo in Ward 4 last year. Marty has run for Alderman several times and has managed various campaigns as well, none too successful we're sad to say. To us that live here in the Winter Hill area (and there a lot of us) we want to welcome him here. But at the recent Democratic Caucus he came over at first to Ward 4 caucus, saw there were no or not enough PDS members so he went over to the Ward 7

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Personal transformation: A Somerville story



By William C. Shelton

The quality that I love best about human beings is our capacity to transform ourselves. No other creature on earth can do it.

Yet we seldom embrace this potential. Doing so requires courage, persistence and a willingness to ask for help. Instead, we daily and thoughtlessly act out our ancient patterns. They may hurt us and others, but they are familiar.

I want to tell you about a Somerville guy who exemplifies this capacity for self-change. Clyde was born and raised across the street from the East Somerville Community School. His father died when his mother was two months pregnant. She was 18.

He graduated from the Northeastern middle school in 1985 with an appetite for drugs.

When his mother moved to New Hampshire to be with her new husband, Clyde stayed here, living with a neighbor where "there was no curfew."

During and following high school, drug use became a way of life. Addicted to cocaine, he was fired from a series of jobs, including stints with Mass DOT and the MDC.

His daughter was born in 1991, and he lived with her and her mother until 1993. Each day he would put her in a baby carriage and go shopping at local stores. "Shopping" involved stealing tools and appliances, concealing them in the carriage and then selling them for the daily \$150 that he needed to buy an eight ball of cocaine.

When his daughter and her mother left in 1993, he continued his routine, replacing his daughter with a doll. When he was chased, he would wing the carriage, run like hell, and come back for it later.

While he was not apprehended for these incidents, he was arrested in 1995 for two armed robberies that he did not commit. His mother put her house up to secure his bail.

Ultimately, the Commonwealth dismissed the case based on new and unambiguous evidence that he was not involved. He resumed his coke use the day that he got out.

His daughter returned to Somerville at the age of five, and Clyde tried his best to be a good father. He coached her soccer team, but during the games he was continually thinking about getting high afterwards.

In 2003 he got arrested running out of Filene's and plead out to 18 months in Drug Court. About this period, he says, "I was drug free, but not in recovery. I was unfaithful, dishonest, stealing...I wasn't working on myself."

A month after his Drug Court commitment ended, he felt the old urge and told himself that he would just do a \$40 bag. He spent the next two and a half years on crack.

His daughter called that first week asking for a ride to school, and he could not respond. He broke down, wept, and subsequently tried to kill himself.

He lost all motivation, along with his driver's license. He did little more than sit in a

room by himself, waiting for a call to get high, and stealing cans of Beefaroni to put something in his stomach.

In late 2008 one of those phone calls came from a woman who asked if he would sell her some crack. His desire to keep half of what he scored dominated his strong suspicions about her. She got him to do it twice more before arresting him. She had positioned the buys just within the thousand-foot legal designation of a school zone.

Meanwhile he borrowed \$500 from his best friend, telling him that his daughter needed an abortion. When they discovered the truth, his friend and his daughter both told Clyde that they never wanted to see him again.

He entered jail with 6 cents and profound depression. He couldn't buy anything from the canteen, so the County gave him a comb, toothbrush, and paste. When his public defender asked if he had applied for bail reduction, Clyde said there was no point, since he could not pay any amount and there was nowhere for him to go.

He applied after being goad-

ed, and the Court reduced his bail to \$600. Then an unanticipated IRS refund for the same amount arrived.

He could not pay for a bus ride on the day he got out. It was February 2009 and freezing. He begged his best friend to take him in. The friend relented for one night.

The following night he got a cot at CASPAR Inc.'s emergency services shelter. CASPAR staff admitted him to their ACCESS program, and after five weeks of evaluations, urine tests, and meetings with counselors, they gave him a room in their halfway house on Prospect Hill.

As he accumulated months of sobriety, Clyde yearned to change himself. He tells me, "I wanted not just to stay sober, but to be a different person. I wanted to learn how to be honest instead of conniving and manipulating. To give to people without expecting something in return. And to never forget where I came from."

He participated in something called "A Way Of Life," or AWOL. Ten guys met every week to support each other in working

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

The Somerville connection



Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon is a trivia game based on the concept of the small world phenomenon, and rests on the assumption that any individual involved in the Hollywood California film industry can be linked through his or her film roles to actor Kevin Bacon within six steps. (Thank you Wikipedia)

If you grew up in Somerville or spent at least the last 20 or 30 years here, you my friend are linked with more people than you think. This would be a great reason to take a deep breath before you curse someone out in traffic. Chances are that you know them or they know you.

I bumped into Somerville's official barber and all round nice guy Tony Alibrandi yesterday at Y-Not variety on Morrison Ave. My connection with Tony is that he used to cut my dad's and most of my uncles' hair. Then I went home and called my friend and colleague Rick Saunders who is the illustrious music director for the city's schools. I met Rick over 20 years ago when he played in a band with a fellow musician friend. That musician friend has

a son who works for the Somerville DPW who I have been pals with since he was eight years old.

It turns out that the woman whose family my parents bought our house from in 1961 is the grandmother of one of my son's fellow students. Her private little sitting room (formerly known as a sewing room), with walls plastered with 1950's teen heart throbs, is the very room I am typing this story in right now. It goes on and on.

I work with a woman whose sister I dated in the early 1970's, but it doesn't end there. We found out that we have cousins in common. Oh, and another cousin of hers is a much respected school administrator and very nice guy.

I have a friend on the fire department who is stationed at the same engine company that my uncle Joe spent many years at. Our kids are in the same class and his sister is one of my former radio partner's best friends. Every time I see Engine Seven I think of my uncle. People in the city are still talking about what a great guy Joe the glass man was.

A teenager back in 1980 used to sit around with a bunch of his friends and listen to a band called Fly By Nite re-

hearse in a cellar on Brastow Ave. One of the guys was a nut who used to change the words of the songs and do silly cartoon voices. Six years later that kid gets a job at a radio station and asks the silly singer to come in and record some crazy stuff. Because that kid was an astute Somerville visionary, he hooked me up and I enjoyed a 23 year radio career on four different Boston stations. (you didn't think I could write an article without tooting my own horn did you?) Want more? It turned out that my sister knew his brother long before we ever met. I still see the brother around Somerville.

Two of my junior high and high school friends ended up getting married. One of my sons had the wife as a teacher, and the husband retired last year after a stellar career, also as a high school administrator. A guy from that same class is a Somerville police officer. I have another old friend who is also a cop. He used to be quite the dancer, singer and actor when we were members of Project STAR in the 60's.

My last connection story starts at a Davis Square Somerville nightclub back in the 80's. I met this gentleman who needed a partner to do a karaoke act. I

was recommended to him by a fellow musician. We did our act for a while and then went our separate ways but kept in touch. Fast forward about 30 years and yadda, yadda, yadda his grandson is now a fan favorite on the national talent show *The Voice*. Because of that union 30 years ago, my sons and I have been hanging out with the talented grandson, talking and writing music and goofing around, and basking in his new and exciting celebrity status. Who knows what opportunities may come our way from a chance union in a Somerville club over 30 years ago?

The Somerville connection is a strong one. It stays with you forever. A Somerville friend is a friend forever. I love my old 'Villen friends and look forward to meeting new ones. Just be careful who you freak out on because there's a good chance they probably know you.

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

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in

the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

Beacon Hill Roll Call has obtained the official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by state representatives in 2011. The list reveals that representatives collected a total of \$362,981. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reported a few weeks ago that state senators in 2011 collected \$63,918 in per diems. The combined 2011 total collected by representatives and senators is \$426,899.

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

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

Supporters of the per diems argue that the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging.

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

The 2011 statistics indicate that representatives have received reimbursements ranging from \$144 to \$9,000 while 57 representatives did not list any days and did not request any per diems. This should not be construed to mean these representatives were never at the Statehouse in 2011. It simply means they so far have chosen not to list the number of days and not to request their per diems. State law does not establish an application deadline.

The representative who received the most money in 2011 is Rep. William "Smitty" Pignatelli (D-Lenox) with \$9,000.

Representatives rounding out the top ten include Reps. John Binienda (D-Worcester), \$8676; Paul Mark (D-

Pittsfield) \$8,370; Rep. Timothy Madden (D-Nantucket) \$8,300; Gailanne Cariddi (D-North Adams)\$7,920; John Fresolo (D-Worcester) \$7,848; Ellen Story (D-Amherst) \$7,680; Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown) \$7,474; John Scibak (D-South Hadley), \$7,260 and Benjamin Swan (D-Springfield) \$6,960.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' PER DIEMS FOR 2011

The dollar figure next to the representative's name represents the total amount of 2011 per diem money the state paid the representative. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the representative certified that he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period.

Rep. Denise Provost	\$1,550 (155 days)
Rep. Carl Sciortino	\$1,570 (157 days)
Rep. Timothy Toomey	\$0 (0 days)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BUFFER ZONE LAW UPHOLD - U.S. District Judge Joseph Tauro upheld the constitutionality of the 2007 law that established a permanent 35-foot buffer zone around a reproduction health clinic's entrances and driveways. It made approaching people in these zones for the purpose of passing out leaflets or engaging in oral protest punishable by up to a \$500 fine and/or three-month prison sentence for a first offense, with stiffer penalties for subsequent violations.

ILLEGAL ALIENS, LEFTOVER FOOD AND DOG TETHERING - The Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing at 1 p.m. on March 6. Bills on the agenda include increasing from \$500 to \$10,000 the fine imposed on employers who hire illegal aliens (H 1345); prohibiting owners from chaining or tethering a dog to any house or other structures for longer than eight hours in any 24-hour period (H 2809); and allowing restaurants and cafeterias to donate their edible leftover cooked and nonperishable food to local food pantries (H 3156). The measure allows the donor to take a tax credit or deduction and relieves the food establishment of liability for any harm a person suffers from eating the food.

COACHES MUST LEARN CPR (S 2109) - The Senate gave initial approval to a bill that would require all coaches to have a current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or other agency approved by the state's Department of Public health. The measure prohibits schools from being responsible for the costs of certification.

ORGAN DONATION (S 2067) - Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a bill requiring the state to adopt the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. The measure establishes revised rules and regulations for organ donations for transplantation or study.

Supporters say the bill would bring the state law into compliance with the changes in a federal law that has been adopted in 45 other states. They note this would clarify the process of making or revoking an anatomical gift, streamline the entire donation process and provide

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more availability of organs for transplanting. They argue the bill would save lives and reduce health care costs at no cost to the state.

PATRICK SIGNS DNA EVIDENCE LAW (S 1987) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill allowing individuals who have been convicted of a crime to request access to DNA evidence for forensic testing that could grant a new trial.

Supporters say it is time for Massachusetts to join 48 other states in making it easier for wrongfully convicted individuals to prove their innocence. They argued there have been 289 exonerations nationwide on the basis of post-conviction testing of DNA evidence. They note it would also lead to law enforcement pursuing the real offenders and saving the state the cost of incarcerating citizens who are wrongly convicted.

FREEZE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX RATES (S 2012) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a supplemental budget bill that includes freezing the unemployment insurance tax paid by employers at the 2011 level through the end of 2012 instead of allowing a scheduled increase to take effect. The payments go into a fund that provides unemployment benefits to laid-off workers.

Supporters say without this freeze, the average employer's 2012 per-employee assessment would jump by \$220 from \$715 to \$935. They note the freeze sends a message that Massachusetts is pro-business and will continue to work to grow the economy, stimulate business expansion, create job opportunities and get out of this recession.

END ABUSES AT STATE EDUCATION COLLABORATIVES (H 3889) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill making major changes in the regulation and operation of the state's 30 education collaboratives that help teach children with special needs. The bill is in response to last year's uncovering of the misuse of funds at the Merrimack Special Education Collaborative by former director John Baranco. He is accused of diverting \$11.5 million in public funds to the center to raise his pay and that of some top executives. He is also accused of illegally using the col-

laborative's credit card to charge some \$50,000 in personal expenses.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Per tradition, the Statehouse was a ghost town Tuesday, with most lawmakers in the district, on vacation or with their families as February's school vacation week began.” – *State House News Service*.

“As the elected representatives of a state in the grips of a growing opiate drug epidemic that was, we believe, touched off by the FDA's 1996 approval of OxyContin, we are very wary of the impact a new, powerful opiate will have on the Commonwealth's already high drug addiction rate.” – *From a letter signed by seven state senators, responding to news that the Food and Drug Administration is considering approving a new narcotic consisting of only pure hydrocodone, one of the ingredients in the current addictive painkiller Vicodin. The new pill would be several times as powerful as today's Vicodin, which is a mix of hydrocodone and acetaminophen, commonly known by its brand name Tylenol.*

“Nearly 16,000 Massachusetts jobs could be lost by 2016, and Massachusetts' real output could decrease by more than \$8.4 billion. Small firms would bear two-thirds of the job losses and more than half of the lost sales.” – *From a National Federation of Independent Business report on the costs if the Legislature approves legislation requiring employers to give up to seven paid sick leave days per year to their employees.*

“In these tough economic times, no one should have to lose income - or worse, lose their job - because they get sick, but it happens all the time.” – *Massachusetts Paid Leave Coalition's Elizabeth Toulon on her support for the sick leave legislation.*

“A pet is a part of a family, and pet owners expect their animals will receive quality care from a vet. Quality care includes using appropriate medication that has not ex-

pired. Pet owners need to be able to trust the veterinary marketplace.” – *Barbara Anthony, Undersecretary of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, commenting on the report that state investigators found expired medication at 20 veterinary offices out of the 104 they visited last year. The violations resulted in fines totaling \$3,800.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of February 20-24, the House met for a total of one hour and 55 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours.

Mon. February 20	No House session No Senate session
Tues. February 21	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
Wed. February 22	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. February 23	House 11:00 a.m. to 12:47 p.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 12:49 p.m.
Fri. February 24	No House session No Senate session

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through the well-known Twelve Steps. The process required profound self-revelation, and it built powerful bonds of trust.

He graduated from AWOL and began attending a daily Twelve-Step meeting. His essential decency and relentless determination to change himself won affection, praise and support from other regular participants. One of them put up \$6,000 to hire a decent lawyer.

The District Attorney had offered a plea deal whereby Clyde would receive a two-year sentence and serve one. His lawyer kept getting continuances, while Clyde kept changing his life.

He had determined not to become romantically involved with anyone until his new patterns of behavior were solid. Two years after getting sober, he met a lovely woman named Emma while riding a bus. Their first date was a walk around Castle Island.

After 811 days, he was wary of leaving the halfway house. But he and Emma moved into a Teele Square apartment this past October. The guys from his meeting helped furnish it, and Emma's daughter joined them in December.

This month Clyde's continuances ran out. The unequivocal evidence of his transformation

won over the Assistant District Attorney handling the case, but he did not have authority to change the plea deal. The ADA, his boss, and Clyde's attorney spent an hour and a half on a conference call hashing out a new deal. The resulting recommendation to the Court was that Clyde would receive a 60-day sentence, with credit for 40 days already served.

He submitted 84 character letters to the Court, among them, one from his daughter declaring her unconditional love. On February 15th, he and ten of his 12-step comrades showed up to learn his fate. The

judge approved the deal, the DA shook his hand, and the gang went out to celebrate-no alcohol or drugs involved.

Clyde is a model for how we can change ourselves. And essential to this model is that we can't do it by ourselves. He is unremitting in his praise and gratitude for his 12-Step allies,

Emma, his daughter, his running coach, and his sponsor, Anthony, whose loyalty, honesty, generosity, and spiritual way of life he hopes to emulate.

Clyde went in to serve his time yesterday. A lot of people will be waiting to embrace him when he comes out. I will be one of them.

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Residents, youth revel at 'Celebrate Somerville 2012'

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

The City of Somerville was recently recognized as one of the "100 Best Communities for Young People" by America's Promise Alliance for the fourth consecutive year. Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Superintendent of Schools Tony Pierantozzi held the second annual Celebrate Somerville at the Somerville High School gymnasium this past Saturday, February 25, to recognize the city's commitment to the education and betterment of its youth.

Many parents, students and community groups attended the event to rec-

ognize the collaborative efforts that have thus far paid off for Somerville, flexing the muscle of the city's youth support system. Local government and school system officials, as well as representatives of community-focused organizations, spoke on stage about engaging the youth through effective initiatives.

Mayor Curtatone recognized members of the public sector, groups such as Teen Empowerment, and the community at-large as paramount in the effort to improve the lives of Somerville residents, especially youths.

"We need your help, we want you to

get engaged," he explained to the cheering crowd. "We are putting every effort we have into our education system to build on all of our successes." The Mayor went on to express his gratitude toward the city's parents and teachers for their continued commitment to the younger generation.

Groups ranging from the local Kiwanis Club and the Tufts Educational Day Care Center to the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning and Culture were represented at booths in the entrance, while organizations like the Somerville Boxing Club and other youth sporting programs provided a stage for indoor soccer, batting practice and more in the

main gymnasium.

As expressed by the speakers and others in attendance, collaboration was key in attaining such a high stature among the nation's communities, as Somerville's elaborate web of advocacy groups, community-building organizations, public officials and residents worked together to build an effective system of advancing the lives of local adolescents.

Additionally, all agreed that they were excited to work just as hard throughout 2012 and beyond to earn the title as one of the "100 Best Communities for Young People" in the United States again in 2013.



Photos by Jeremy F. van der Heiden

Council on Aging Grandparents Week celebration

Somerville's Council on Aging held celebrations last week to commemorate Grandparents Day. Grandparents were encouraged to invite their grandchildren and in some cases great-grandchildren to a day of crafts making. Janine Lotti, Senior Project Manager and Vilma Sullivan, Somerville's own master gardener, led a project at each center in decorating planters and planting seeds for some fresh herbs and vegetables to enjoy this spring.



SOMERVILLE SPORTS

St. Clement High School Sports update

Boys Basketball

The St. Clement Anchormen secured another consecutive spot in the State Tournament and will play the Snowden High School Cougars on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Medford High School. Head Coach Leo Boucher will lead the Anchormen for the eighth time into the State Tournament.

Boucher is in his tenth year at the helm for the Anchormen. The Anchormen finished 11-9 overall and third in the Catholic Central League. The team had some tough slim point losses to Matignon and Marian at the beginning of the season, but battled back winning five out of seven of their last games to secure a repeat trip to the tournament.

Leading the way are Catholic Central All Stars, Juniors Kevin Foley (Medford) and Jesus Gambaro and Freshman Emaru

Pena. The threesome lead the team with points, assists, rebounds and play solid defense.

Girls Basketball

The St. Clement Lady Anchors finished 8-12 on the season just shy of a playoff berth, tying for fourth in the Catholic Central League. The team had a tough non-league schedule going 0-6 facing Ursuline, Austin Prep, and Maimonides, but collected lots of experience as they look to build for next year.

The team will graduate only three seniors, Elva Martinez, Diana Tran, and Beatrice Boisvert. "We had an incredibly young team this year. I knew it was going to be a rough start and knew the seniors we had were great leaders and we would be a totally different team in February then we were in December."

Head Coach Alyssa Jann looks ahead to next year excitedly, "We obviously have some big gaps to



The St. Clement Lady Anchors, despite a tremendous effort, finished their regular season just shy of securing a playoff berth.

fill, but I could not be more excited about the potential of all the underclassman. We have so many kids contributing at this

point, next year teams are going to have a hard time choosing who to stop!" Jann is a native of Westford and played Division 1

Basketball for Quinnipiac. She was named Player of the Year in 2006 and 2007 while at Westford Academy.

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SHS's Rolim sets new records

Last year, winning at the New England Championship meet, Andre Rolim ran the fourth best 600 meter race time ever recorded by a Massachusetts high school athlete (1:20.75), which was quite an achievement. This past Sunday at the MIAA All-State championship track meet, Andre took another step forward, following through with a plan that resulted in him breaking the Massachusetts All-Time record recorded by Christopher Bonner in 2002 (1:20.11).

Rolim, a Junior at SHS, led the 600m race from the start, hit all his predetermined split times and reached his goal of breaking 1 minute 20 seconds with a finish time of 1:19.94-almost 3 seconds better than his closest competitor. He is the new MIAA All-State meet record holder, besting Nick Wade's 2009 meet record time of 1:20.89. He becomes the new Massachusetts state record holder, besting Olympic trials qualifier and former Arkansas University All-American Said Ahmed-2001, along with Bill Speirdowis/Foxboro, 1998 and Chris Bonner, 2002, and two time MIAA All-State Champion.

Knowing he had done the work to reach his goal was certain and rewarding in itself but actually seeing it all come together in front of 4000 fans was priceless. Rolim will next run on Friday



Somerville High School Junior Andre Rolim's achievements continue unabated.

night at the New England Championship meet.

Also competing at the All-State meet was Lyndon Kaba, who placed 14th overall with a time of 6.77 in the 55m dash. Lyndon, who broke the SHS 50 yard dash record this year (5.5),

had some difficulty with his starting blocks. He was understandably frustrated knowing that running a time near what he recorded in the last two weeks (6.64) would have led him to a top six medal and a chance to compete at the NE meet.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Who was the actress that played opposite Patrick Swayze in *Dirty Dancing*?
2. Who was the first black actress to win an Academy Award?
3. What color are a zebra's stripes the first six months of its life?
4. What part of the eye gives it color?
5. In what field of studies would you use "CPO, PC, VDU"?
6. What divides Alaska from the rest of United States of America?
7. In what state in the U.S. would you find the Ozark Mountains?
8. What is the main color of the U.N. flag?
9. Every March 6, the birthday of what famous artist does the computer virus appear?
10. What is the only stone that will float in water?
11. If natural gas is odorless, how can leaks be detected?
12. What famous movie actress wrote the book *Nibbles and Me*?

Answers on page 23

Storck of Somerville Delivers 9000th baby

By Savath Yong

With an appropriately titled last name, Certified Nurse-Midwife Clare Storck of Somerville was on hand to deliver the 9000th baby born at The Midwives at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces, Emma Chen of Quincy was born to Mingna Liu (mother) and Hui Chen (father) at 11:01 p.m. three weeks ago. Storck says this is a big milestone for the practice. Having opened in 1983, it is one of the oldest community hospital-based services in Greater Boston.

Growing up, Storck was always passionate about the idea of pregnancy and labor and by the age of 30 she knew she wanted to pursue the job full-time as a profession. She wanted to be there for women before, during, and after delivery and went back to school to become a Certified Nurse-Midwife. Storck is also a postpartum massage therapist and a doula, one who provides non-medical support to women during labor, childbirth, and the postpartum period.

Storck works 12-hour call shifts and a typical workweek includes two days in the office, where she sees patients from any

point across their life span, women who are pregnant or are seeking to get pregnant. She got involved with working for The Midwives at Mount Auburn because she was impressed by their low rates of caesarean sections and epidural induced labors performed at the practice.

"It's so rewarding and fulfilling, even though there are times when it can be challenging"

According to Storck, the average epidural rate at the hospital is 44 percent and the national average is 80-85 percent. Their rate of children born by C-section is 17-18 percent and the national average is from 30-35 percent. She feels this is how she wanted to practice as a midwife and believes women should have options during an intimidating and vulnerable time in their lives.

While the Midwives at Mount Auburn Hospital delivered their 9000th baby, Storck is excited that she is closing in on her 100th delivery. "I love my job. It's so rewarding and fulfilling, even



Pictured left to right: Hui Chen, Clare Storck, CNM (holding baby Emma Chen) and Mingna Liu.

though there are times when it can be challenging. But the excitement of handing Emma's parents her 9000th baby shirt reminds me why I love my job. The midwifery services set our practice apart because we are a small community hospital serving families in Cambridge, Somerville and surrounding areas. Our patients love the small community feel and says it adds a personal touch to their experience."

The Midwives at Mount Auburn Hospital is made up

of 21 midwives led by Robyn Churchill, CNM, Director of Midwifery Services. For more information on the Midwives at Mount Auburn Hospital please visit www.mamah.org.

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The Somerville News Person of the Week



Pictured here is busy Jeannie P. Scarpa, recent winner of the Best of Somerville Award, Century Bank's own Vice President and Branch Manager of the Fellsway Office here in Somerville. Jeannie is very popular here in Somerville and is also this year's President of Somerville Rotary. She's never too busy, though, to talk to old and new clients of the bank. She's got that huge smile on her all the time, just ask anyone that knows her. Call her and ask her anything about the bank and what they have to offer at 617-629-0927 or email her at jscarpa@centurybank.com. This week Jeannie is our pick for Person of the Week, and every week we will have one person chosen as Person of the Week here in the 'Ville.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, March 14, 2012**, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

200 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2012-13) Applicant and Owner James Kirylo, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to expand a second story porch across the front of an existing single-family residence. RB zone. Ward 3.

1 & 2 Village Terrace: (Case #ZBA 2011-77) Applicant & Owner Douglas Beaudet seeks a Special Permit to establish 5 dwelling units under SZO §7.11.1.c in two structure with 5 parking spaces and a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under sec 4.4.1. The Applicant also seeks a parking variance for 3 spaces (\$5.5 & 9.5). RC Zone / Ward 2.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12E0016PP

NOTICE OF PETITION TO PARTITION

TO: Barbara Iarossi of Somerville in the County of Middlesex, and to all other persons interested.

A petition had been presented to said Court by **Dawn R. Quirk of Somerville in the County of Middlesex**. Representing that She holds as tenants in common a **ONE-HALF** undivided part or share of certain land lying in **Somerville** in the County of **Middlesex** and briefly described as follows:

The land with the building with the buildings thereon, situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being numbered 85 Cedar Street, and bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the Southeasterly side of Cedar Street at land now or formerly of P.W. Nevin and running Northeasterly on said Cedar Street, 45 feet; thence running Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Mary E. Eastman, 100 feet; thence running southwesterly by said land at Eastman, 45 feet to land of said Nevin; and thence running Northwesterly by said last named land, 100 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 4500 square feet of land.

The common title to said land is derived under-----deed of Barbara Iarossi and Dawn Quirk dated January 11, 2007 -----recorded with Middlesex South Registry Deeds, Book 48830 Page 46 will of N/A

Setting forth that the petitioner desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold **at private sale or public auction for not less than (\$500,000.00) FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS** and praying that partition may be made of the land aforesaid According to law, and to that end, that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-third of March, 2012 the return date of this citation.

Witness, HONORABLE PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court, this Tenth day of February, 2012.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 15, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

130 Broadway: (Case #PB 2012-03) Applicant, Fat Hen, LLC, & Owner, 130 Broadway LLC, seek a Special Permit to establish an approximately 5,000 sf restaurant (Use Cluster 7.13.D Eating and Drinking) with outdoor seating and an farmers' market (\$6.1.22.6.a) and a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5 to alter the facade and install signage. CCD55 Zone / 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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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 12-55

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:
Steel Slat Benches & Trash Receptacles.

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 27, 2012**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Monday, March 12, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.**, at which time sealed proposals 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 will be for a period of 1 year from 3/15/2012 through 3/14/2013, with two one-year options to renew.

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

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P0524EA

In the Estate of: Frances T Mimmo

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02145

Date of Death: 07/20/2010

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that

Peter M Mimmo of Somerville, MA
or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve.

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court
Date: February 7, 2012

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RFQF 12-47 Re-Bid

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The initial contract term shall be for a 3 to 4 month trial period, from March 2012 through June 30, 2012, with two optional one-year renewals.

Please contact **Angela M. Allen** amallen@somervillema.gov for information and proposal packages.

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2012-10 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: Rescind a portion of 2011-29 by removing the trial period for the loading zone at 1141 Broadway, space is now permanent

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P0765EA

In the Estate of: Anthony V. Smith Jr.

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02143

Date of Death: 12/30/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

Karl A Walczak of Lexington, MA
Karen J Walczak of Winchester, MA

be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court
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MIDDLESEX DivisionDocket No. MI 12P0837EA

In the Estate of: David F Dickerson Sr. a/k/a David Francis Dickerson

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02143

Date of Death: 03/18/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

David F Dickerson Jr. of Wakefield, MA

be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

Without Surety

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

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court
Date: February 23, 2012

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Lucy J. Budman, Esq.
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MIDDLESEX DivisionDocket No. MI 12P0557EA

Estate of: Mayda C. Dedieu

Also Known As: Mayda Dedieu

Date of Death: January 25, 2012

MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs:

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.

Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code Inventory and Accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but inter- ested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can Petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to Petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of the appointed Personal Representative.

Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond

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MIDDLESEX DivisionDocket No. MI 12A0012AD

In the matter of: Mackenzie Melissa Clough
To:
David E Mitchell

CITATION
G.L. c. 210, ss6

and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

Michele L. Lavigne of Wilmington, MA

Gregory K. Lavigne of Wilmington, MA

Requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

Mackenzie Melissa Lavigne

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WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court
Date: January 20, 2012

Tara E. De Cristofaro
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Jamie Mauritz James Esq.
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MIDDLESEX DivisionDocket No. MI 12P0837EA

Estate of: David F. Dickerson Sr.

Also Known As: David Francis Dickerson

Date of Death: March 18, 2011

MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs:

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.

Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code Inventory and Accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but inter- ested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can Petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to Petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of the appointed Personal Representative.

Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond

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News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

caucus. Marty is still active in the PDS but is no longer its President, we're sad to say. Some of us thought he was doing a great job.

We have a suggestion for the MB-TA on how to cut its deficit. In- stead of raising the fares, why not get rid of the 900 excessive hirings over the last three years. The pen- sion system at the MBTA is one of the best. You only have to work a certain amount of years, shorter than in the private sector, and you get one helluva pension. If the pri- vate sector ran their businesses like the MBTA does they would be bankrupt. Just a suggestion, which is much better than raising fares on the people who depend on the MBTA for work.

Friday, March 8, the Annual Fundraiser for the Memorial Day Parade will be held at the high school auditorium. This year's performance is by comedian Joe

Rocco, who does a great job im- personating Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. For tickets call the Mayor's office 617-625-6600 x 2100. Donation is \$20pp and it promises to be a great time. Sponsored by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Office of Vet- erans Services.

So, we hear that an Alderman has been acting like Mr. Nasty to sev- eral department heads at his com- mittee hearings held at City Hall. We're going to have special New- stalkers start attending these hearings to confirm for ourselves, but we hear this guy has been over the top regarding his requests. Not such a nice guy anymore. We know who it isn't but we'll keep you posted.

Speaking of Aldermen, we see that one Alderman in particular has not submitted his filings to City Hall. He's late again. Let's

hope this acts as a reminder. He's been slipping lately with remem- bering things.

We don't know how many got the recent mailing in Winter Hill (Ward 4), but new Alderman Tony LaFuente has already impressed many with the recent mailing he's sent out. It's a request card asking if individuals have any problems that the city can address or any other issue. Great work. We are sure other Aldermen are or have been doing this. If not maybe it's a good idea to? Good work, Alder- man LaFuente.

We see that our friend Steven MacEhrin is running for one of the seats on the Board of Direc- tors of the Somerville Muncipal Credit Union. We wish him luck.

And finally, a heartfelt Happy Leap Year to one and all! Just be sure to look before you leap!

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|February 29

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

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

Thursday|March 1

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

West Branch Library
Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party
3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

Friday|March 2

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

East Branch Library
Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party
3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Monday|March 5

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

Tuesday|March 6

East Branch Closed
Election Day

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

Wednesday|March 7

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

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

Central Library
Half Day Wednesday Movie: Holes
1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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Wednesday|February 29

Johnny D's
Los Fletcheros
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Adam Douglass Trio|Big Rhythm Wine|Skyfoot
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
Billy Wine|Radio Control|Forest Henderson|Pray For Polanski
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Citizens Komedý
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Gordon Michaels presents "Listen to my heart"
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|March 1

Johnny D's
Start Making Sense|Great White Caps
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Ethan Robbins & Cold Chocolate with The Klezwoods |6 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge
The Bridgebuilders|Celadour|The Famous Winters|Personal Finace
45 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
MySecretBoston & Fort Awesome's SXSW Sendoff Party|Featuring: You Can Be A Wesley|DJ TJ Connelly & special guests
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Sugar Snow, Airport. I,Pistol
381 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
WAAF's Bay State Rock Bistro Busk
7 p.m.|Café||191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
Andy Statman Trio with very special guest David Grisman
7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Friday|March 2

Johnny D's
Cheryl Aruda|Emergency Service|Sadie Sloe Gin
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m. Stan Martin Band | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Jimmys Down
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
The Grass Gypsies|Peace Beneath the City|Letterik|Dan Charness
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge
The New Warden|Poison Ivy League|Single Female Lawyer|Billy Raygun
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Jonny Monster Band
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Singer Songwriter Sessions
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|March 3

Johnny D's
Noam Weinstein| Rose Polenzani|Jess Tardy|Highway Ghosts|Swinging Steaks
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Family Jewels |6 p.m. The Wednesdays, The Pennies \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Running Down a Dream: Music vs. Cancer Benefit|Featuring: Jesse Dee, Banana Phonetic, B3 Kings,Brothers McCann, and special guests
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ every Saturday
9p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Mount Peru|Great Elk|Basement Band
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub
TBA
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
Crespo
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
SchoolTree Music
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|March 4

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Kevin Byrne Band |5 p.m. Casares Band|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Grunge Brunch|11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Sunday Night Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
It's Sunday The Funday Residency|Mark Pinansky|Rumors Of a Strange Universe
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
Chandler Travis
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
TEDx Somerville: Creative Economy Sustainable Community
9 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|March 5

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

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

The Burren
Bur Run|6:30 p.m. Big Night Out|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Remember|Bugsbunny|Huddled Masses|Arielle Natale
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Tuesday|March 6

Johnny D's
Questionnairey
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Kristen Ford Band with guests|8 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
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
The Honors
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
Youth Open Mic Night
6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 7

Johnny D's
Revolutionary Snake Ensemble
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Cowgill|Found Audio|Jake McKelvie & the Countertops
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
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

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Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177	Learn English at the Library Session 1 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.) Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.) 40 College Ave	9:30 p.m. Performance Hall 191 Highland Ave	Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.) 115 Broadway	Avenue
Rosebud Bar Citizens Komed 381 Summer St	Third Life Studio Roots and Rhythm 33 Union Sq drumzatlibana@gmail.com	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	Central Library Chess Night 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue	Third Life Studio Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. 617-628-7884 The Art of Singing Group 7 p.m.-9:15 p.m. 33 Union Sq 617-628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com
Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 6 p.m. Cafe 191 Highland 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	Sunday March 4 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 Beginning Hawaiian Hula 6 p.m. 781-729-2252	Wednesday March 7 Central Library Book Group: Mystery 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue
CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday February 29	Saturday March 3 Arts at the Armory Somerville Winter Farmer's Market	Monday March 5 East Branch Library Learn English at the Library Session 1 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.)	Tuesday March 6 Central Library Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 79 Highland Ave	Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 7:30 p.m. Level 2 33 Union Sq www.nadirajamal.com
Third Life Studio Beyond Beginners Belly Dancing with Nadira Jamal 7:30p.m. Level 2 33 Union Sq www.nadirajamal.com			Central Library Book Group: For Kids Cathy Piantigini 617-623-5000 x2950 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 79 Highland	
Thursday March 1 West Branch Library				

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Chair Massage - From 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Massage therapist Dell fisher will be giving chair massages at the Holland Street Center. \$15 will buy you 15 minutes of bliss and relaxation. Call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to book your appointments. March 1st and March 15th. Holland Street Center.

If you like to bowl and would like to meet new people, join Flo and a wonderful group of men and women at Flatbreads on Day Street at 1:00 - 3:00 pm. \$10 includes shoe rentals and dues.

Coming up in March

Join us for our monthly breakfast on March 5th at Holland Street at 9:30 am. Community Police Officer Maryann Manfra will be talking about scams and staying safe. Suggested donation is \$1.50 and reservations are required.

Do people say you can't hear them or are you saying "What?" a lot? Sign up for a hearing screening March 9th at Holland Street or March 27th at Ralph & Jenny. All screenings by appointment only.

Dance at the Holiday Inn - Get out your green, dust off your lucky shamrock and join us at the Holiday Inn on Monday March 13th. Admission is \$10 for a wonderful lunch, music with DJ Hank and fun times with old friends and new! Doors open at 11:30 am.

Musical conversations is coming to the Holland Street Center March 5th and March 19th from 12:30 - to 1:30 pm. This event is free and open to everyone. Alan Cohen, a professed music lover and musician, will be talking about music and the memories it brings back to us, As Alan says, "Music is the soundtrack that accompanies and evokes memories." Come listen to some wonderful music and conversation. Come to one or both. RSVP 617-625-600 ext. 2300.

Caregiver's Series - Are you caring for a parent, sibling or spouse with Alzheimer's or other form of dementia? You may be emotionally, spiritually and physically overloaded or overwhelmed. Come to our four-part series as we explore issues and concerns that you may be facing. Holland Street Center - Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 pm March 13th through April 3rd. RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Free Memoir Writing Course - One of the markers of a life well lived is the stories, experiences and memories that are told, retold, remembered and re-experienced. Join us for a free seven week course at Holland Street Center with two local writing instructors as they guide you through a 3 - 5 page story from your life with inspiring assignments, readings and coaching. Limited space - RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. March 22nd - May 3rd Time: 9am - 11am

Celebrate the Iranian New Year on March 26th - Join us in celebrating the Iranian New Year, Nowruz with food, dance music and conversation as the second part in our Cultural Mondays Program. Come learn about the Persian culture and enjoy a delicious meal, musical entertainment and cultural speaker. To reserve a space,

call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. Cost is \$2.00 for lunch.

The Olympics are here in Somerville with over 140 participants so far! Go for the gold by participating in 45 exercise classes between now and August 25th. You have lots of time to meet this goal and lots of exercise classes at all three of our centers. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be having a grand medals luncheon in September to give out the gold, silver and bronze medals. To participate, just come to a class and our center directors will sign you up! Check out our classes below listed with an (*).

Join us in our exercise classes:

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

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

QiGong - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 pm. Stretching and moving.

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers

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

Indoor Exercises - all three centers

February 29

Hanscom Air Force Dinner & Bingo

Holland Street Center
Flexibility & Balance *|9:30 a.m.
SHINE hours by appt. only|10 a.m.
Women's Group|10:30 a.m.
Qigong*|1:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center
Center Closed
Bowling*|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
Zumba Gold*|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

March 1

Holland Street Center
Current Events Group - new members welcome! Come join us as we discuss what's going on in Somerville, the United States and World events.|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercises* - note new time|11 a.m.
Chair Massages - call for your appt.|11:45 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Bereavement Support Group (sign up ahead)|9:45 a.m.
Strengthening with Geoff|10 a.m.
Portuguese Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo |12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

March 2

Holland Street Center
Indoor Exercise*|11 a.m. Note new time
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Center Closed

March 5

Holland Street Center
Monthly Breakfast - Sign up required.|9:30 a.m.
Somerville Singing Seniors|10:30 a.m.
Musical Conversation - RSVPRequired.|12:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center
Center closed

Ralph & Jenny Center
Indoor Exercises|10:30 a.m.|Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

March 6

Holland Street Center
Elections - Holland Street Closed
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

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

March 7

Holland Street
Flexibility & Balance*|9:30 a.m.
SHINE hours by appt. only|10 a.m.
Women's Group - new members welcome|10:30 a.m.
QiGong*|1:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street
Center Closed
Bowling*|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny
Zumba Gold|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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

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'Familiar Faces' at Brickbottom Gallery

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Brickbottom Artists Association's current show, entitled *Familiar Faces: Family and Self Portraits*, is described as "an invitation to artists and viewers to take a look at what we think we already know very well, our family and ourselves."

Something blue is not a requisite for the bride in Sherry Autor's portrait. Although she wears white, the decorative aquatic blue plus its darker hue of blue for her eyes bestows her with a touch of exposure to a downpour or seacoast. Is she dry enough for her big day or must she change into something less ostentatious, thereby losing the allusion but securing a partner in place of excess of color?

Most of this series Sherry worked on was possessed by flourishes that touched on everyday family photos - as is the general theme of the exhibit as a

whole - individuals and settings the artists are intimately aware of. Like Cynthia Maurice, she worked to capture the enterprising spirit of migration - from the old world to the new - with the ties of the traditional family, ties that constrain as well as enlighten. With these images crystal clear to Sherry, she does not hesitate to add her own touch.

Lois Fiore, the curator, takes on a similar autobiographical backdrop. She grasps the ethereal by the wrist and coaxes it on the journeys of two brothers. Dan, one brother, is seated on a front porch and is involved in serious contemplation. Wesley, the other brother, is looking back at the past, proud of his trials and achievements. Early on, when questioned about what style she would like to paint in Fiore responded to her teacher, "Springsteen! I want to paint the way Springsteen makes music."



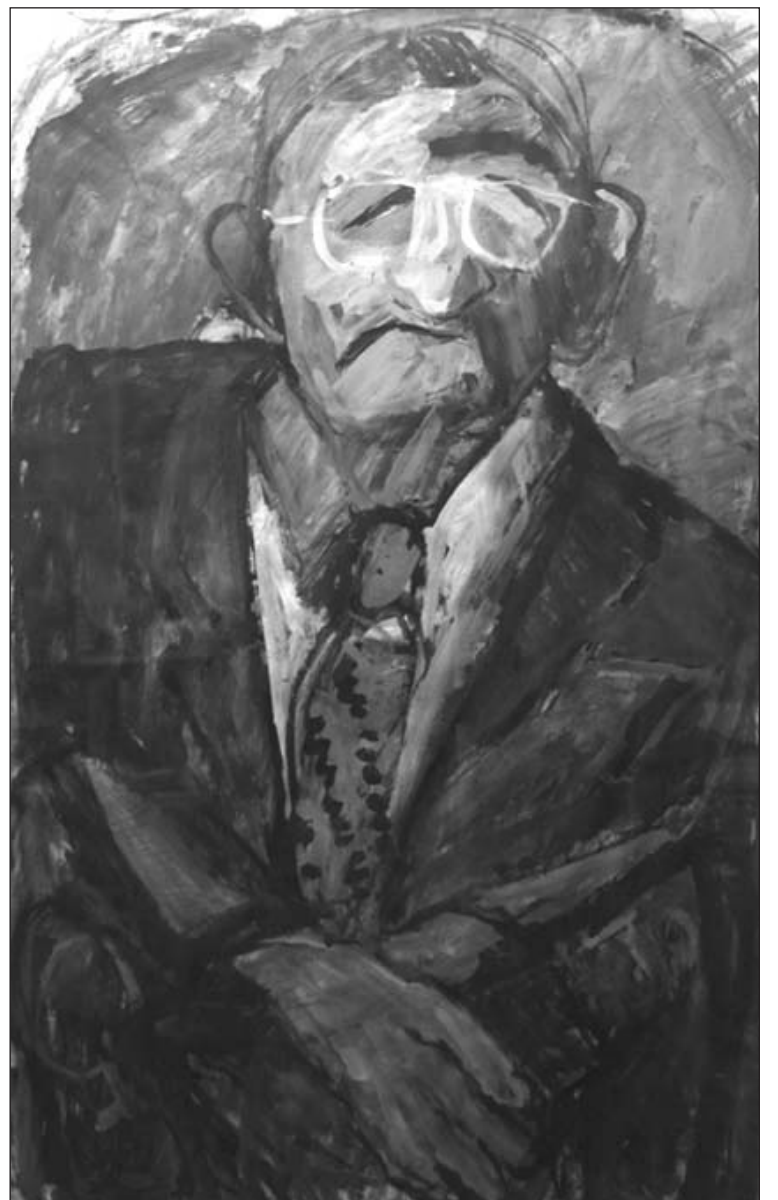
A *Familiar Faces* painting by Sandra Allick.

Cynthia Frost has two images of idyllic toddlers. They could be dolls with their rosy cheeks, or a sign of blood battered skin from an afternoon spent pouting or lying on one's cheek, only to every so often letting go with a wrenching cry that brings the red life force to their face. Frost has been painting for over 30 years. She uses a variety of materials. Creating an ambiance for her work paired with the songs of a similarly invested artist, she says, "Often I begin painting a session with music, but when it ends, I usually don't notice and work in quiet."

Sandra Allick's painting of a young boy facing a sea front is clearly telling which he prefers, sand or water. Upon such a dynamic angle that those elbows bend, he could only be meant for the sand. The blue of the sea here is very dreamlike, inspiring neighbors to stroll the ocean coast.

Cynthia Maurice's images are mainly in charcoal, or in the case of the painting of her grandfather, acrylic. The faces of her husband and daughter are photo-realistic. The painting of her grandfather is decidedly more abstract and experimental, although rich in layering that leans towards a three-dimensional quality. A founding member of Brickbottom, Maurice also traveled to Morocco for the Sister City program that Somerville participates in.

Michael Crockett has always known that he wants to be an artist. The particular brand of



Cynthia Maurice's grandfather.

artistry he works to unleash is the multi-media technique. The majority of his work offered for this exhibit is a portrait study of a young man, shirtless, roaming the clear white space of canvas. The hair is bold, the outline is bold, and the statement is daring. Would you accept this ruffian into your home sans shirt? Even if you do not,

Crockett is witness to his dashing good looks and his adamant refusal to shave.

Familiar Faces runs through March 3 at Brickbottom Gallery, 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville. Gallery hours are Thursday - Saturday, noon-5 p.m. For more information call 617-776-3410 or visit them online at <http://www.brickbottom.com>

Belated Chinese New Year celebration

By Harry Kane

On Monday, Feb. 27, The Somerville Council on Aging commenced their Cultural Mondays program with a kickoff celebration of Chinese New Year.

While the year of the Dragon has been in full effect for just over a month, it's never too late to start celebrating.

With almost 100 people joining in festivities a cultural influx of knowledge was imbued on the elders in a fun and educational way.

Eleanor Rances, 74, thought the day was wonderful. "It brought to me another dimension of their culture...and the costumes and the women were magnificent. I had never been that absorbed in their culture until now."

After a Chinese lunch-in, the Evergreen Team Performers led the audience through a cultural extravaganza starting off with a

talk on the "Year of the Dragon" and how animals became the names for the different years.

From there, the singing and dancing began with eleven performances ranging from a Chinese version of *Danny Boy* to Zumba with a Chinese twist.

"They loved the part when they all sang *Danny Boy* together because it's bridging between the two cultures," Outreach Coordinator Lisa Heyison said.

Tufts Senior Lecturer, Jinyu Li, spoke about linguistic challenges in a globalized world. She talked about breaking the gap between the languages.

"The program ended with all of us singing Happy New Year and good fortune to all," Heyison said.

The next Cultural Monday is March 26. The seniors will be exploring the Persian region of the world with food from the area, musical entertainment and a lecture on Persian culture.



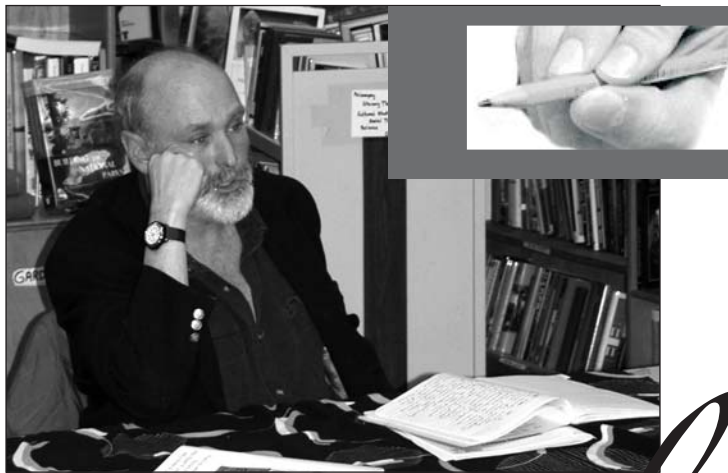
The Somerville Council on Aging's belated celebration of the commencement of "The Year of the Dragon" brought a colorful ambience to their latest Cultural Mondays event.

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, February 29			6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm (LIVE)		Tele Magazine	2:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING	1:00pm	Ablevision
6:00am	Flip Side	7:30pm		Somerville Rocks	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
6:30am	The Struggle	8:00pm (LIVE)		Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents...	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program
7:00am	Drug Awareness	9:30pm		Physician Focus	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Congressional Report w/Capuano		4:30pm	Inside Talk	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	11:00pm	Somerville Rocks		5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	4:00pm	Somerville Rocks
10:00am	Abugida TV	11:30pm	Henry Parker Presents...		6:00pm	Tele Magazine	4:30pm	Somerville Back In The Day
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	Friday, March 2			7:00pm	Henry Parker Presents...	5:00pm	Culture Club
1:00pm	Back in The Day	12:00am	Free Speech TV		8:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING	5:30pm	Talking About Somerville
1:30pm	Most Interesting Place	6:00am	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING		9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	7:00am	SCATV Promos		10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	7:00pm	Discover The Law
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	8:00am	Democracy Now!		11:00pm	GAY TV	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
3:30pm	Someville Housing	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs		12:00mid	Bongoman	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
4:00pm	Life Matters	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids		Sunday, March 4		8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading		12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	
5:30pm	Let's Talk About Hearing	11:30am	Back In The Day		6:00am	Show de Fe	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	12:00noon	Brunch w/ Senator Sanders		7:00am	Vida Na TV	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	1:00pm	The Expert Series		8:00am	Eckankar	11:00pm	Visual Radio
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	1:30pm	Somerville Housing		8:30am	Healer in Every Home	Tuesday, March 6	
8:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program		9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	12:00am	Free Speech TV
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	3:00pm	Cooking W/Georgie & Dez		10:00am	Christian Assemble Tabernacle	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	3:30pm	Somerville Rocks		11:00am	International Church of God	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking		11:30am	The Commonwealth Report	7:30am	The Struggle
11:00pm	The Garage	4:30pm	SCATV and Free Speech		12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.	8:00am	Democracy Now!
11:30pm	Art @ SCATV	5:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING		1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
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8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV		7:00pm	African TV Network	3:30pm	Active Aging
10:00am	Active Aging	10:00pm	SCATV Promo's		8:00pm	Tele Magazine	4:00pm	Portrait of Somerville
10:30am	Jeff Jams	11:00pm	Jeff TV		9:00pm	Watch This	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Saturday, March 3			9:30pm	Grill Dog	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
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2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	7:00am	SCATV		Monday, March 5		7:30pm	Greater Somerville W/ Joe Lynch
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	8:00am	Animal Agenda		12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
3:30pm	Art@SCATV	9:00am	Festival Kreyol		6:00am	Congressional Report w/Capuano	9:00pm	Interesting Places
4:00pm	Lets Talk About Hearing	10:00am	Tele Galaxie		7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Animal Agenda
4:30pm	A Healer in The House	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show		8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
5:00pm	Ablevision	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review		9:00am	GAY TV	10:30pm	The Gerry Leone Show
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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

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9:00am: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Osteoporosis Workout	12:30am: (13/16)	Shoveled Sidewalks: Winter Launch			1:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum
9:00am: (15)	MLK Jr. Concert at Argenziano	1:00am: (13/16)	MBTA Fare Hike Hearing	7:30pm: (13/16)	Government Affairs Breakfast w/ Congressman Capuano	1:05pm: (13/16)	Government Affairs Breakfast w/ Congressman Capuano
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12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 2/27/12	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	8:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	3:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - Argenziano
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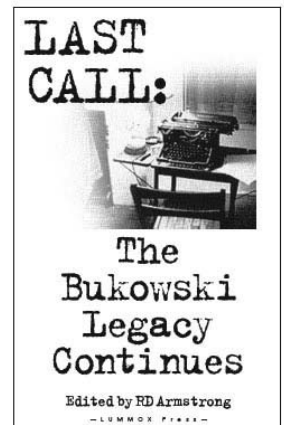
OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Last Call: The Bukowski Legacy Continues

Well...I was glad to be included in the poetry anthology *Last Call: The Bukowski Legacy Continues*. I know many a Somerville writer has cited the Buk--(the late, dirty old man of poetry)--and he remains an inspiration to the non-mandarins of the poetry world to this day. Reviewer and Somerville Bagel Bard Dennis Daly, a former columnist for *The Salem News*, piped in with this article.

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Hello young lovers wherever you are. Remember when you whisper those adoring cliches in the ear of the object of your affection--make sure you get it right. Endicott College Creative Writing student Meghan Perkins has a lesson for you in her poem "Moonwalk."

Moonwalk

The air is warm as it caresses the world beneath the moon;
The lights are out and not an eye winks from any window on the street;
Our footsteps and breathless laughter are the only sounds besides the hooting owl;
We walk hand in hand and you look at me and say,
"You have the most beautiful blue eyes."
With that confession, you lean in close, and the illusion starts to fade;
The practiced line echoes in my veins as I let you fall on my shoulder.
Bewildered, you stare at me – your first rejection –
"My eyes are green, dipshit."

– Meghan Perkins

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Here you will find shit jobs, mad women in miniskirts, junkies, cigar smoke, insomniacs, booze, broads, swollen testicles, and despair. Sound like the world of the late writer and poet Charles Bukowski. Well it's not. But it is an anthology inspired by him and Bukowski remains the central reference point throughout.

RD Armstrong edited this ambitious book (apparently his second attempt to get it just right) hoping to lay out the legacy and influence of Bukowski for all to see. Like their mentor's own work many of these pieces are angry and defiant in both style and subject matter. One of their repeated targets, and deservedly so, is academia.

Michael Ford's poem, Not Celebrity Bowling: Cerebrally Bowling, goes right to the heart of it,

spare me the hypocrisy of the gutless rituals of anthologized poetry; English Department ivory tower cowards publishing what they have turned the art of poetry into: bubbles on a fat vat full of bland oatmeal.

Mark Terrill puts it another way, but no less effective, in his poem Bukowski: 3/10/94,

..there are the
Great Living Poets
the Great Dead Poets
and then there's me
another two-bit guttersnipe.

In an obscenity- laced poem, appropriate to the book, FN Wright's Bukowski and Me makes the point that the underside of culture where Bukowski found his muses is not only alive and well but still a suitable setting for intense poetry,

I attract bad women
drunks
junkies
whores...
catholic girls gone bad
& Baptist minister's daughters
are particularly fond of me
unlike Bukowski
I am not
a great poet
but I'm damn good...

My Comrades, a poem by Joe Speer with a provocative title, needles the literary establishment. Speer allies the underclass, non-elite writers with luminaries such as Sir Thomas Malory, a prisoner, Cervantes, impoverished, Thomas Hardy and Emile Proust, self-publishers, William Faulkner, a rum smuggler, and others. He details his points of comparison thusly:

this one teaches
that one lives with his mother and cat
another pencraft master takes drugs, non-prescription and cleans house as his wife earns a living.

In other words, here are poets from the real world, not that rarified artificial world of artsy-fartsy elitism.

Poets, who emerge from this seamy world of damaged creative people, have advantages. In order to measure out the truth, they lie better than most. And that is only the beginning of it. Ellaraine Lockie in her clear-eyed

telling poem, Poets at Any Price, says,

They'll exploit
confessor, friend or family ...

And,

I tell you
Because I've been truth's victim
Verbal accounts reiterated
verbatim in someone else's poem
Secrets exposed as sonnets
Composites as transparent
as the silk panties I wore...

Plato was right: never trust poets.

The world of Bukowski and his acolytes is reduced to a piece of bruised fruit in an interesting piece by Doug holder entitled, It Is Late and the Fruit Is Bad. Beware there is a little bit of DH Lawrence's poem Figs here. Holder's persona chooses to eat in a way not acceptable in polite society. He says,

I take its flesh
deep into my mouth
digest the ferment
of its rotten skin
cut the lights

Cutting the lights seals the deal. We are among the vulgar. Not just everyman seeking satisfaction and a high, but an artist, who, even in miniature, meticulously records the truth of his appetites. If eating rotting fruit this way seems vaguely licentious, eating rotting fruit in the middle of the night in the dark seems downright obscene.

Another all-nighter was had by G. Murray Thomas. In his poem, To the Editor Whose Name Will Appear on my Next Rejection Slip, the poet says,

I sat up all night
drinking beer
and going over my
unpublished poems
searching for one written
in the cheap...

The poet tries to match expectations of a Bukowski --like poem. He finally gives up, becomes himself again and writes this poem chronicling the process. I wonder if the rejection letter he expected was from this very anthology.

Breaking the mood, but not the context, the short story by RD Armstrong, Two Drink Minimum, grabs you with its great musically obscene refrain. The refrain breaks up the story of a construction job gone bad. Add the battle of the sexes and the result is a hilarious read.

Another one of the stories is an odd but serious piece by John Macker, called Not Too far From the Maverick Bar. The protagonist has packed his dead dog's body in dry ice and trekked into the desert to bury him and seek redemption. The story takes a neat and satisfying turn at the end with Bukowski doing a cameo.

I found all the essays interesting, but one was especially memorable, A Buk Remembrance by Michael Meloan. Three quarters of the essay describes the legendary Bukowski alit with booze and on a rampage. The last quarter portrays a thoughtful, workaholic, with more than a touch of irony in his pronouncements.

That Charles Bukowski would really get a kick out of this book.

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Answers from page 14

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Answers

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| 1. Jennifer Gray | 7. Arkansas |
| 2. Hattie McDaniel – Best Supporting Actress in <i>Gone With The Wind</i> | 8. Blue |
| | 9. Michelangelo |
| 3. Brown | 10. Pumice |
| 4. The Iris | 11. Artificial smell is added to detect leaks |
| 5. Computer Science | 12. Elizabeth Taylor |
| 6. British Columbia | |

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