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Healing begins after bombing ordeal



MIT patrol officer Sean Collier, a Somerville resident, gave his life in the line of duty, shot by the bombing suspects as they fled from justice.

By Harry Kane

Last week's marathon bombing in Boston on Patriots' Day left three dead and scores of sidelined spectators wounded. What proceeded next was a manhunt for the two suspects caught on video surveillance – a 26 year old wearing a black hat and a 19 year old wearing a white hat - both carrying backpacks, allegedly with pressure-cooker homemade bombs.

At 2:50 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013, the first of two bombs exploded beside the Boston Marathon finish line on Beacon Street, Moments later, a second bomb detonated on the same side of the street, only a stone's throw away. According to reports, some 170 people were injured in the blasts, almost 20 of which were critically injured.

The aftermath: blood soaked streets, lost limbs, ruptured eardrums, and other injuries, mostly on lower body extremities from shrapnel like BB-like pellets, ball bearings, and carpenter nails.

Plumes of smoke from the explosions created a haze of confusion while emergency workers carried bloodied spectators to safety across shattered glass from storefront windows. Screams of terror from disoriented Continued on page 5

Somerville youth improve community

By Pamela Cyran

She witnessed her mother get hit by her father for the first time. It is a memory she will

"My eyes saw a hand, my heart felt a thump," Stephanie Santiago of Somerville said in a poetic recitation at Late Night with Teen Empowerment, Somerville's 7th annual peace conference.

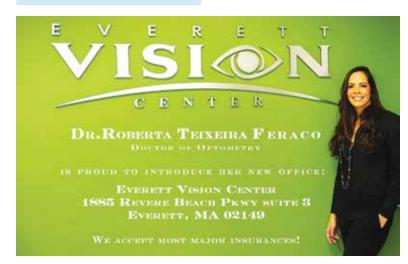
The 18-year-old youth shared the story of when she was younger, and was paralyzed with fear over the domestic violence occurring in

"My eyes water, but my body does still not move," said Santiago. "Is this what love turns into after so many years?"

The peace conference held April 6, 2013, was the kick-start to what will now be known as Peace Month. Lasting through April, the month evolved from what had been a single day event. Sponsored by Somerville's Center for Teen Empowerment, Peace Month is a time when different organizations come together to host several events for the city's youth. Continued on page 17



In Stephanie Santiago's spoken words titled "Heavy Hands," she tells a story of fear and triumph. Santiago witnessed her mother getting abused by her father, until one night, her mother pushed back. "Her eyes say it all, enough is enough," said Santiago.





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NEWSTALK

Mayor Joe Curtatone wants everyone to know that his kickoff party which was scheduled for tonight, Wednesday the 24th, has been cancelled until later in May on the 22nd at the Armory. He's doing this because it's so close to the recent events in Boston and he feels this week simply isn't the time for a political event.

Join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone for the annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. - noon at several locations throughout the city. The annual cleanup is sponsored by Comcast, and this year Comcast will also partner with Groundwork Somerville for a cleanup at three additional sites, as well as the SomerGreen Festival to be held at the Blessing of the Bay Boat House on Shore Drive following the Cleanup. A rain date has been set for Sunday, April 28. Volunteers should meet a ward captain at 10:00 a.m. See the city's web site for more information and a list of locations, http://www.somervillema.gov/

Lots of things are in the rumor mill this week. A few more Aldermen are considering not running for re-election. One Alderman at Large recently confirmed they are seriously thinking of not running and that would leave an open seat. And if that's so, we hear that Ward Seven School Committeewomen Mary Jo Rossetti would likely throw her hat in the ring for the vacant seat, along with Sean Fitzgerald. They would both be looking to fill the seat and/or remove one of the present Alderman At Large members. Then again, who knows? More candidates might jump in around the city. There is still time. In Ward One we have three candidates for the Alderman seat. We hear Ward 3 will be an open seat with Tom Taylor not running. There are strong rumors that former Mayor Dot Gay is making calls in Ward 3 and is seriously considering running. This race could be interesting because another popular person in Ward Three, lifelong resident Bob McWaters, has been approached to run, and everyone in the political circles knows that if there ever was a campaigner that will knock on every door in Ward Three not once but several times its Rob. He would make a formidable candidate even against Dot Gay. Although we know she has a name, would she

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Massachusetts voters are in charge

A. Moore says:

100% percent agreement except for "Massachusetts voters are NOT STUPID!". They put Deval in twice and I will stop there as the list is long. I will continue to vote in every election big and small and hopefully one day the other voters will finally get it and go out and do the right thing.

Snoop Hedgehog says:

A lot of shady characters endorsing this guy. Guess I'll have to vote the other way.

John Kerry's Ghost says:

I really don't understand why liberals are so excited about Markey. He's just another John Kerry: a soft, waffling pol who's opinion changes with the wind. He voted for the war in Iraq when it was politically expedient, then voted to de fund the war when it was unpopular. He has this supposed great track record on the environment but his signature legislation failed to get passed, so what has he actually done? He's known as the pro choice candidate, but his views have also evolved as Popular opinion has changed. This isn't to say Im a huge Lynch guy, but I definitely feel he's more honest. If any liberals out there can tell me why Markey is God's gift to the progressive movement I'd like to hear it. But from where I sit Markey is just another hack who will not make tough decisions without taking a poll.

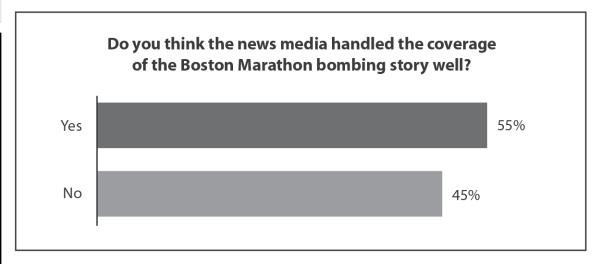
Boston Strong says:

Where has Markey been in the past week? I haven't seen him involved in anything related to the marathon attack. He's probably in DC, his true home. I've seem lynch all over the place, though.

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The Somerville News.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 think the news media handled the coverage of the Boston Marathon bombing story well. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.





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Committee on Confirmation of Appointments questions Courtney O'Keefe

By Donald Norton

Recommendation was made to the full Board of Alderman to vote on Courtney O'Keefe's appointment to the seat in Ward 5 recently vacated by Alderman Sean O'Donovan.

The Committee on Confirmation and Appointments met on April 16 with Alderman Bruce Desmond presiding over the committee of the whole. Seven aldermen attended, making a quorum.

The only item on the agenda was that of Courtney O'Keefe and her nomination to fill the Ward 5 Alderman seat.

Aldermen present were Bruce Desmond, Bob Trane, Maureen Bastardi, Maryann Heuston, Rebekah Gewirtz, Dennis Sullivan and Bill White.

O'Keefe had a resume and cover letter submitted to the committee that outlined her reasons why she should be confirmed for the seat.

Alderman Bruce Desmond gave an opportunity for each of the aldermen present to ask their questions. The questions were thorough and thought provoking, and each answer given by O'Keefe appeared to please each of the aldermen present.

The aldermen all seemed genuinely pleased and impressed with her knowledge of the Ward and city as a whole, as well as what she would do as an alderman facing many issues, and was she ready to fight to retain her seat on the board this coming fall. O'Keefe gave each question a thorough and complete answer.

The meeting was brief, with all present seemingly impressed by O'Keefe's qualifications. Alderman Desmond asked for a vote to send the matter to the Board of Alderman, with a unanimous "yes" as the result.

O'Keefe's name will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board of Alderman, scheduled for April 25.

After the meeting was adjourned O'Keefe was quoted as saying she was pleased with the meeting and can't wait to be voted on by the full board, and is looking forward to working hard for the residents of Ward 5.



Courtney O'Keefe and her parents.

Hard work pays off



Vinicius Cafer with Principal of Somerville Evening School Sophia Carafotes, along with Mariana Mac-Donald and Scott Weaver celebrate and congratulate Vinny for completing High School. Cafer should be proud of his hard work and dedication.

Somerville Spring Clean-Up



Deputy Director of Communications for the City of Somerville, Jackie Rossetti (right) presents Somerville resident Thomas Barton with a \$250 prize for his winning design of the new Somerville Spring Cleanup logo.

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A rain date has been set for Sunday, April 28th. Volunteers should meet a ward captain at 10:00 a.m. at the following locations:

WARD 1: Cross Street Senior Center Zero New Washington Street (OLRA) WARD 2: Union Square Parking Lot @ SCAT Building

Albert F. Argenziano School @ Lincoln

South Street Farm, 100 South Street WARD 3: Somerville High School Concourse

Nunziato Field, Vinal Avenue (OLRA) WARD 4: Blessing of the Bay Boat House, Shore Drive Continued on page 14



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By Jim Clark

Suspected heroin users caught with the goods

While engaged in an ongoing investigation of alleged heroin trafficking at an East Somerville residence, members of the Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit made observations of reportedly suspicious activities last week, leading to the arrest of several individuals on drug violation charges.

During the afternoon of April 17 police took notice as a vehicle parked a short distance away from the target residence, even though there was plenty of parking available at the location itself.

A man identified as Ryan Kanode, 25, of Wakefield, reportedly exited the vehicle and waited at the entrance of the residence while speaking on his cell phone.

Police said that two other individuals, later identified as Jesse Peloquin, 23, of Westwood, and Lauren Stefano, 28, of Quincy, remained in the vehicle.

Kanode was let into the residence and a short time later returned to the parked vehicle,

according to reports.

Surveillance officers reportedly observed Kanode passing something to Peloquin before starting the vehicle and driving away.

A marked patrol unit was alerted and the suspect vehicle was stopped a short time after leaving the target residence.

The patrol officers noted that the occupants of the vehicle were behaving in a "furtive" manner after being stopped, and they were subsequently ordered out of the vehicle for search and questioning, police said.

Upon questioning, Kanode reportedly denied visiting the target residence, however, all three suspects reportedly admitted to being users of heroin.

In time, Peloquin would admit to having a small quantity of heroin hidden on her person, according to reports, and a female police officer retrieved the packet that was hidden on her person.

Peloquin further reportedly

admitted to receiving the packet of heroin from Kanode after he had returned to the vehicle.

All three of the vehicles occupants were placed under arrest. Kanode was charged with distribution of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug law. Peloquin was charged with possession of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug law. Stefano was charged with conspiracy to violate drug law and being present where heroin is kept.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Steve Milice, 21, April 15, 6:19 p.m., arrested at 135 Bailey Rd. on warrant charges of armed assault to rob, extortion by threat of injury, and conspiracy.

Edward Medeiros, 58, of 52 Union St., Cambridge, April 15, 10:19 p.m., arrested at 43 Dane St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Elaine Ramirez, 54, of 240 Pearl St., April 16, 10:26 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Peter Reynolds, 35, of 84 Hudson St., April 16, 4:00 p.m., arrested at 518 Medford St. on charges of uninsured motor vehicle, attaching wrong motor vehicle, and revoked license, and on warrant charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Ryan Kanode, 25, of 11 Crescent Hill, Wakefield, April 16, 1:35 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of distribution of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Jesse Peloquin, 23, of 102 Greenacre Rd., Westwood, April 16, 1:35 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of possession of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Lauren Stefano, 28, of 75 Palmer St., Quincy, April 16, 1:35 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and being present where heroin is kept.

Timothy Santos, 24, of 117 Elm St., April 18, 4:49 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

David Kotowski, 44, of 4 Sanborn Ave., April 18, 4:52 p.m., arrested at 5 Washington St. on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

Jamal Escobar, 19, of 3 Snow Terr., April 19, 8:30 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of resisting arrest and on a warrant charge of possession of a firearm without a FID card.

Dewayne Pires, 29, of 3 Wesley Park, April 19, 8:30 p.m., arrested at 3 Snow Terr. on charges of assault and battery and resisting arrest.

A juvenile, April 19, 9:58

p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of a person under 21 in possession of liquor.

Joseph Meserve, 18, of 602 Broadway, April 20, 1:39 a.m., arrested at Sydney St. on charges of a person under 21 in possession of liquor and violation of city ordinance open

John Campbell, 34, of 13 Alston St., April 20, 6:31 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault with a dangerous weap-

Peter Campbell, 33, of 13 Alston St., April 20, 6:31 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault.

Joseph Dixon, 52, of 278 Powderhouse Blvd., April 20, 9:33 p.m., arrested at 225 Elm St. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Adriana Sousa, 19, of 48 Laurel St., April 21, 6:15 p.m., arrested at 20 Charlestown St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Amilton Reis, 52, of 150 Cross St., April 21, 9:12 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Incidents:

Theft:

April 15, 2:55 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

April 15, 4:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

April 16, 12:20 p.m., police reported a theft at Wheatland St.

April 16, 6:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Glenwood Rd. April 17, 10:49 a.m., police

reported a theft at Dimick St. April 17, 2:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Victoria St.

April 17, 4:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville

April 20, 9:33 p.m., police reported a theft at 225 Elm St.

Robbery:

April 20, 12:46 a.m., police reported a robbery at Pearl St. April 20, 12:51 a.m., police reported a robbery at Walnut St.

Breaking & Entering:

April 16, 2:12 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pitman St.

April 16, 8:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Banks St.

April 17, 7:38 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at

Broadway.

April 17, 9:22 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at North St.

April 17, 11:04 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Summer St.

April 18, 9:35 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at School St.

April 20, 6:25 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Illinois Ave.

April 20, 11:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

Assault:

April 16, 3:45 a.m., police reported an assault at Medford St. April 19, 4:35 a.m., police reported an assault at Moreland St. April 19, 1:37 p.m., police reported an assault at 90 Washington St.

April 19, 8:30 p.m., police reported an assault at Snow Terr. April 20, 6:31 p.m., police reported an assault at Alston St.

Drug Violations:

April 17, 1:35 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

April 18, 4:49 p.m., police reported a drug violation at McGrath Hwy.

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The ban on polystyrene: Economic consequences vs. health consequences

By Izak Shapiro

On April 22, 2013, in the Aldermanic Chambers room of the Somerville City Hall, The Board of Aldermen held a public hearing on the movement to ban the use of polystyrene - or Styrofoam - by Somerville restaurants and food and drink take-out venues such as Dunkin Donuts. Previously in the State of Massachusetts, the cities of Amherst and Brookline banned such use of polystyrene due to the consequences of the material on both the human body and on the environment as a whole.

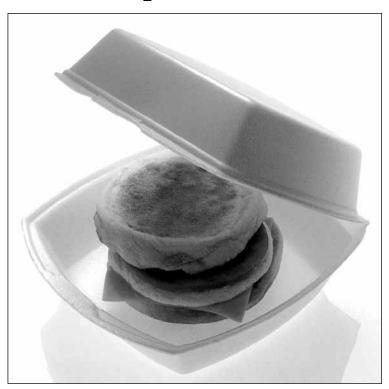
A ban on Styrofoam, however, could have severely negative economic consequences on both the multitude of Somerville food take-out venues and on the average Somerville food consumer. The battle between negative eco-

nomic consequences versus negative health and environmental impact forms the core of the debate amongst the Aldermen.

Any sensible child remembers the lesson learned somewhere along the way that Styrofoam should never be placed in the microwave. Remove your food from the take-out container, put it on a plate, then heat it up. Simple. The explanation for why we do this, however, is not so easily understood. Polystyrene contains the toxic substances Styrene and Benzene: overexposure to these toxins can result in severe illnesses. Hot foods and liquids, as well as alcohol, begin the breakdown of these toxins in Styrofoam.

"Exposure increases risk of leukemia, lymphoma, and other cancers," said Melissa Lowitz of Somerville Climate Action, who then highlighted her environmental concern. "And after the city of San Francisco banned polystyrene, they had 36% less waste."

Yet nobody had concrete evidence of exactly what levels of exposure lead to a greater risk of these cancers and other illnesses. Nobody disputed the connection, but the details of the science remain at large, in part because our country's scientists and medical personnel cannot be sure yet either. Before making his decision on whether or not to ban polystyrene, John M. Connolly, Vice President of The Board of Aldermen, said he needs more knowledge of the presented health concerns. He also said he needs more knowledge of the presented economic concerns if the board were to implement the ban.



Be careful what you bite into. That synthetic clamshell could be toxic.

"Some institutions have longterm contracts with foam distributors," said David Lutes, direc-

tor of Somerville Sustainability. "While others have a lot of foam inventory." Continued on page 11

Healing begins after bombing ordeal **CONT. FROM PG 1**

runners and onlookers echoed the fears of panic stricken Bostonians.

Shortly after the blasts on Beacon Street, in an apparent unrelated event, the John F. Kennedy Library's mechanical room had a fire, but nobody was injured.

Cheryl Fiandaca, bureau chief of public information at the Boston Police Department, tweeted at 5:46 p.m. on April 15 that the FBI had "taken over the investigation." Federal, state and local Law Enforcement evacuated Copley Square and began the search for other devices, going over the crime scene with a fine toothcomb, looking for any more bombs that may have been left in trashcans along the race route.

Victims were taken to various hospitals for surgery. Some had sustained "complex lower extremity trauma," according to Peter J. Fagenholz, a trauma surgeon on duty at Massachusetts General Hospital, who answered questions during the press conference.

President Barack Obama addressed the nation from the White House shortly after 6 p.m. "We will get to the bottom of this...any responsible individuals, any groups will feel the full weight of justice."

And then, the search was on for the "persons of interest" who were responsible for the act of terrorism. While the whole country waited, the joint terrorism task force scoured metro Boston for any leads.

The media released the identities of the three individuals who lost their lives in the bombing: Martin Richard, 8, Lu Lingzi, 23, and Krystle Campbell, 29.

Several days would pass before the surveillance video was released in an effort to find the persons of interest. During a press conference on April 18 at approximately 5:20 p.m. the FBI released pictures and video of suspect one and suspect two. It wouldn't take long before the Marathon bombers were identified, and a massive manhunt was underway.

At 10:20 p.m. on Thursday night, reports of a robbery at a 7-11 on Massachusetts Avenue tipped off police to the suspects' whereabouts. While it is unclear whether the two Marathon bombers had anything to do with the robbery, they were identified as 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev, and 19-year-old Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev. They were brothers.

One theory from renowned criminologist James Allen Fox of Northeastern University proposed that the Chechnyan brothers had been radicalized by Islamic anti-American ideologies on terrorist sponsored websites. "There are so many anti-American websites that one could gravitate to," said Fox, on the Fox News Network.

Shortly after the robbery, MIT patrol officer Sean Collier, 26, of Somerville, was shot and killed in the line of duty. "He was assassinated in his cruiser," said Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis. Collier had worked for the MIT police since Jan. 2012.

Learning of Collier's death, Somerville Mayor Joseph A.

Curtatone issued the following statement: "Our hearts are broken today, as we learn about the death of one of our own, Sean Collier. Sean had been a dedicated civilian employee in the Somerville Police Department, working to become a Somerville Police Officer. Sean was a tremendous young man, and we grieve for his family and friends in Somerville, and in our Department. Similarly, we grieve for the families and friends of all victims of this week's acts of senseless violence, and hope that we can continue to unite in support of all affected."

Alderman Bob Trane commented to The Somerville News on the passing of Sean Collier: "I learned of Sean's passing during the night and I am still in shock by this devastating news. I have never met a young man so dedicated to law enforcement. He showed a maturity well beyond his years. It was obvious to me from the moment I met him that he was a special person. He so wanted to help people and serve his community. This is a tragic loss for all that knew him, my thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends."

Following the cold blooded murder of Collier, the two brothers carjacked a Mercedes SUV at gunpoint on 3rd Street in Cambridge, taking a hostage, but later releasing him unharmed. The pursuit went into a residential neighborhood and 90 minutes later the car was spotted in Watertown.

A shootout between police and

the suspects ensued, leaving the older brother riddled with bullets. The younger brother, Dzhokhar, escaped the shootout in the car and allegedly drove over his brother's body as he fled the scene. Dzhokhar later ditched the car and ran away on foot.

Another officer had been critically wounded during the shootout in Watertown. MBTA Transit Police Officer Richard H. Donohue, 33, who had been on the force for 3 years and had attended the same academy as Collier was rushed to the hospital.

Following a violent night of gunfire, much of metro Boston went on lock down.

A door-to-door dragnet within a 20-block perimeter of the shootout in Watertown brought law enforcement officials from all areas to canvas the area in search of the suspect. Authorities searched every "nook and cranny" but were unable to turn up any "fruitful" leads.

At approximately 6:05 p.m. Gov. Deval Patrick lifted a stayin-door request. But less than an hour later, David Henneberry, resident of 67 Franklin St. in Watertown, discovered blood and a tear in the tarp of his boat parked in the backyard. The suspect had been hiding in the bow of the 22-foot Seahawk cruiser, only two blocks outside the 20-block perimeter. Henneberry called the police. The police arrived and exchanged gunfire with the suspect in the boat.

At nightfall, the FBI tactical command team took over and surrounded the boat. They used flash bang grenades to stun and disorient the suspect before capturing him. Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev was taken into custody at 8:44 p.m. on April 19.

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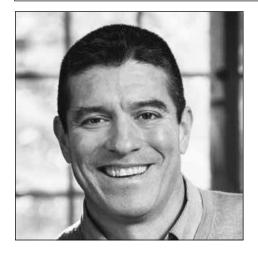
Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Republican candidates speak to the voters

The Republican candidates for the primary election for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by former Sen. John Kerry were asked to provide a 500 word or less statement for voters.

They are presented here in alphabetical order based on candidate's last names.



By Gabriel Gomez

Gabriel Gomez is a new generation of Republican leader with a great American story.

Gabriel, 47, was born in Los Angeles and is the son of Colombian immigrants. With his mother only knowing a few words of English, Gabriel grew up speaking Spanish before learning English. Like so many other new American families, his parents overcame

hardships to create a better life for their children. Gabriel's upbringing in a grateful, first generation American family instilled in him a duty to give back to his country and led him to successfully seek appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Graduating from Annapolis with merit, Gabriel began his Navy service by earning an invitation to flight school and quickly earned his wings. Gabriel served the country flying E2-C Hawkeyes and C2-A Greyhounds off aircraft carriers.

With a growing sense of obligation and duty, Gomez pursued a transfer into the Navy SEALS, an elite unit where only 20 percent of applicants complete the arduous training. Gabriel was warned that if he failed to make the cut, he would lose his status as a Navy pilot. He succeeded as a SEAL with distinction, becoming the class leader during training and a platoon commander upon completion.

During Gabriel's first detachment as a

SEAL platoon commander, he met his wife, Sarah, who was a Peace Corps volunteer as a special education teacher in the West Indies.

Leaving the Navy in 1996, Gabriel went back to school, received his MBA from Harvard Business School and put his leadership and teamwork experience to use in the private sector. As a Principal with Boston-based investment firm Advent International, Gabriel helped pension funds, endowments, and retirement systems invest for their members' retirement. He also helped grow smaller, regional businesses into national, household names - like apparel company Lululemon. He experienced how onerous taxes and excessive regulation are barriers to job creation. He also learned what it takes to help businesses and employees prosper and thrive.

Settling in Cohasset with his wife Sarah and their four children, Gabriel coaches for the Cohasset Youth Base-

deliberately designed to do so. Taxes

ball and Softball Association. He has also served as a volunteer on a number of town committees, and is the President of the Navy SEAL Foundation of New England.

Today our country is in trouble. We are deeply in debt, our budget is out of control, and we face numerous global threats. Gabriel sees politicians in Washington more willing to bicker and fight than to listen and learn, and too little gets done. Now more than ever, Massachusetts needs a leader in Washington with Gabriel's experience working with others to deliver results.

All his life, Gabriel Gomez has been blessed with great opportunity and has fought for, and earned, what he's achieved. Now he will fight to earn the people's vote for the opportunity to become the next United States Senator from Massachusetts.

For more information on Gabriel Gomez go to www.gomezforma.com



By Mike Sullivan

The concerns of the people of Somerville, across the Commonwealth and across this nation are concerns about the future of our economy and the future of our jobs market. People need to get back to work and to do so we need to fix our overall economy, starting with our spending and debt. We need to take responsibility in solving the problem by enacting real reductions in federal spending.

We need to make the regulations on small business less cumbersome. In my view, many federal regulations and policies could hardly be more hostile to growth and opportunity if they were have gone up, and there are so many new rules, regulations and penalties on small business, people can hardly keep up. We need to do everything we can to reduce the burdens that are creating an obstacle to job growth and lowering take-home pay. Every community in Massachusetts

is unique in its heritage and function. Somerville lays claim to being the home of where Fluff was invented by Archibald Query. And, in 1914, the city became the home of the original Economy Grocery Store, which lat-

er grew into the Stop & Shop grocery chain. Invention and industry cannot be left in the annals of history for this city and to ensure it won't be, we must foster business and employer growth. 2012 was witness to the closings of several businesses in Somerville including restaurants and even a large supermarket. This is the wrong direction.

As a United States Senator, reinvigorating the economy for communities like Somerville, will be my top priority.

For more information on Mike Sullivan go to www.mikesullivanforsenate.com



By Dan Winslow

Regardless which party you affiliate yourself with, it is clear that the political narrative in Washington is stagnant. With neither party willing to find an inch of common ground, what's needed is a candidate like myself who's willing to go down to Washington with a record of leadership, and an open mind towards creating solutions for the difficulties facing our country.

Many Americans are still suffering from the economic downturn that hit the nation in 2008, coupled with crushing debt that is nearing \$17 trillion. The most recent jobs report released for the month of March showed that while the unemployment rate decreased to 7.6%, the reduction wasn't caused by growth but rather by a shrinking of the work force. I feel it is imperative to select a candidate who has a plan to grow our economy and provide jobs to those who are looking for employment. I'm the only candidate in this race

that has a plan to provide jobs for people across the Commonwealth.

My plan to reform a convoluted tax code in a revenue neutral way, would start with cutting the corporate tax rate from 35%, the highest in the world, to 26% while stopping corporate welfare and taking power away from the million dollar lobbyists that have far too much clout in DC. Small businesses will see a lower marginal tax rate, making the climate more conducive for doing business and hiring employees.

There also needs to be a long term budget plan to ensure that we are spending in a responsible manner, just like adults who have to manage a household budget. We shouldn't mortgage away our future on pet projects and earmarks that

only help certain portions of the country. Our problems won't be solved by adhering to the status quo; they'll be solved by someone who isn't afraid to go against the grain and push bold, sensible policy ideas. I've also proposed an idea to fund merit-based scholarships for college students through a national lottery program. Leadership is a trait I've carried throughout my career as a judge, chief legal counsel to the Governor, and now in my current position in the state legislature. It is this trait, along with my record of dedication that makes me the ideal candidate to represent Massachusetts in the United States Senate.

get. We shouldn't mortgage away our For more information on Dan Winslow go future on pet projects and earmarks that to www.danwinslow.com

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Democratic candidates speak to the voters

The Democratic candidates for the primary election for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by former Sen. John Kerry were asked to provide a 500 word or less statement for voters. They are presented here in alphabetical order based on candidate's last names.



By Congressman Stephen Lynch

Bringing your voice to the Senate

When I was a kid, my dad used to joke that sometimes things were so bad we, "had to save up to be poor." We lived in the Old Colony housing projects in South Boston, and my parents often struggled to provide for my five sisters and me. We were short on material wealth, but we always knew we would

be OK, because we were raised to believe in a better future.

For too many families in Massachusetts and around the country, that better future is slipping further out of reach. Unfair trade deals create foreign markets for American jobs, but not American products. The cost of higher education prices kids out, or burdens them with tremendous debt. Insurance premiums keep rising, while income levels are stagnant. Even Social Security – the safety net that provides a basic retirement for our seniors - is under attack.

Unfortunately, Americans looking for help cannot rely on the Washington establishment. Partisan gridlock has ensnared Congress, and party politics push members to further extremes of the left and the right, leaving no room for common sense solutions in the middle. During my time in Congress, I have tried to vote in the best interest of my constituents, and that has sometimes put me out

work for Nancy Pelosi, and I won't work for Harry Reid. I work for the people of Massachusetts, because I understand your concerns.

For 18 years, I strapped on my work boots and climbed the iron as an ironworker - I know what it's like to stand in an unemployment line, never knowing when that next job will come. I put myself through college and law school - I know what's it like to struggle under the weight of student loans. My parents live just down the block - I know what it's like for seniors to worry if Social Security will be enough to protect them in retirement. Like many working families in Massachusetts, I spent many days worrying about jobs, schools and paying the bills.

The U.S. Senate is called the world's most exclusive club. The average Senator is worth \$13 million. Very few of them have worked in the real world.

of step with party leadership. But I don't Fewer still have ever struggled in life. The Senate is in desperate need of people who have shared the burdens of the people they represent and understand what average Americans are facing in their daily lives.

> In the Senate I will work to create jobs by investing in infrastructure and supporting fair trade deals that eliminate incentives for companies to ship jobs overseas. I will lead efforts to establish universal preschool and make college more affordable. I will ensure that our veterans have the services they need when they come home. And I will fight to defend Social Security and Medicare against any cuts.

> Most importantly, I will work to restore your faith in a better future. I am Stephen Lynch, and I will bring your voice to the Senate, and make sure it's heard.

> For more information on Congressman Stephen Lynch go to www.stephenflynch.com



By Congressman Ed Markey

As voters go to the polls for the special election primary on April 30 to fill Secretary of State John Kerry's vacant Senate seat, they also will decide who they believe will best deliver action on the issues that matter most to Massachusetts.

Somerville's neighboring congressional

district in the U.S. House of Representatives to take on the tough issues to move the Commonwealth and the country forward.

I believe we should invest in our roads, bridges and transit systems - the building blocks that make businesses grow and communities thrive. I agree with Mayor Joseph Curtatone that our economy here in Massachusetts can't reach its full potential without a first-class transportation system to support it.

In the Senate, I will advocate for transportation projects, including the Green Line extension that Mayor Curtatone and the community have fought so hard to make a reality.

Nothing demonstrates transit's importance to economic development more than the new Orange Line station at Assembly Square, which has unleashed \$1 billion in private investments, adding I've been honored to represent 23,000 permanent jobs and thousands more construction jobs.

I believe health care is a right and not a privilege, which is why supporting President Obama's health care bill was the proudest vote of my career. The historic law cracks down on insurance company abuses, like denying Americans health coverage based on pre-existing conditions and charging women more than men for the same health plan. It ensures all kids have health coverage and that families aren't bankrupted with medical bills if a loved one gets sick.

I also believe we owe it to the next generation to protect our planet. That's why I've led the fight in Congress on climate change. I co-wrote a bill to cut dangerous carbon pollution by 80 percent by 2050. That legislation passed the House of Representatives, but with influence from Big Oil and corporate polluters, it failed to advance in the Senate. If I'm elected, I will champion comprehensive climate legislation in the Senate.

I believe women's rights are human

rights. I have been a cosponsor of the Violence Against Women Act and was proud to vote for the Lily Ledbetter Act that addresses inequalities in pay for women. I support a woman's right to choose and expanded access to preventive health care services like contraception.

The act of terror we endured at the Boston Marathon was horrific and a senseless tragedy for our community, state and nation. As we continue to send our thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families, I hope that, together, we will renew our resolve to move forward with a common purpose to create a safer and more secure future for generations to come.

That will be my mission in the United States Senate, and that's why I ask the residents of Somerville for their vote on April 30.

For more information on Congressman Ed Markey oo to www.edmarkey.com



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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Thank you local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responders for everything you have done.

The View From Prospect Hill



We encourage all eligible voters here in Somerville to vote this coming Tuesday, April 30 for Stephen Lynch for U.S. Senator.

As we watched the televised democratic senatorial debate Monday night on WBZ we were hoping we would get a spark of life out of someone in this boring a campaign, and in our opinion we thankfully did.

Stephen Lynch was clearly the winner as the Democratic independent voice that we need in Washington D.C. Lynch constantly put Ed Markey on the spot for his far left extremist votes against homeland security.

Ed Markey, who has spent his entire

adult life in politics and about 30 years now in Congress, runs on the strict party line, still blaming Bush for everything. No wonder he's the poster child who was handpicked by the Democratic Party bosses and elitists down in Washington D.C. who have chosen Markey as the heir to Sen. Kerry's vacant seat.

You may not agree with us, but we think that our best chance to get things moving down in Washington is to send a message that the elitist democratic bosses don't hand pick and decide who can run in Massachusetts, the voters will decide.

We think Stephen Lynch is the real deal, a family man who was brought up like most of us, poor. And although we

might not have known it, we worked a crowd at the polls, and may take you hard for what we have, and so didn't Stephen Lynch.

Stephen grew up in the projects of South Boston, was a union worker for 18 years and - you've seen the commercials he attended law school nights and works hard every day to represent his district.

Just like our own Congressman and former Mayor Mike Capuano, who doesn't forget where he comes from, neither does Congressman Stephen Lynch, who still lives in South Boston and is at home there in the district every week and knows how and what we feel.

We hope that you get out and vote this coming Tuesday. It's not going to be

about 10 minutes out of your day, but this election is crucial to all of us in Massachusetts and in particular all of us here in Somerville.

Vote Stephen Lynch for U.S. Senator and we will have a strong voice and an independent one when it pertains to issues of our state and city, first.

We proudly say and take a stand that we here in Somerville agree with his commercials: "I am Stephen Lynch" and "we are Stephen Lynch."

We hope the people and voters of Somerville and Massachusetts as a whole vote this coming Tuesday for Stephen Lynch.

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walk Ward Three and do what Rob can do? We hear through the grapevine that Alderman Bob Trane might be stepping down at the end of the year as well. We also hear that Joe Capuano, the son of former Mayor and current Congressman Mike Capuano, would run for Ward Seven Alderman. Come January we just might see 3-5 new faces on the Board of Alderman. And potentially 2-3 on the School Board. Of course, competition is good for the residents here in the city, and if more and more candidates jump in the various races it would prove to be very beneficial to Somerville. We need more candidates for Alderman and School Committee, debating the issues and understanding who will best represent each part of the city.

Happy 86th Birthday to everybody's good friend in Somerville Ed Ciampa, with his long history of dedication and

love for Somerville, we wish him all the best and many more happy years.

Happy birthdays to many more Villens here in the Ville: Former Somerville Alderman from Ward Two Frank Bakey. Our good friends Ken Webb, Kaitlyn Cargill, Bob Finos, and Marco Mariano, all the way from Brazil to the Ville. Alderman at Large Jack Connolly is celebrating this week. Patrick O'Connell turns 17 years old. Lifelong resident Mike Nionakis, who works at the Sheriff's department. Chip Koty is celebrating his 33rd birthday this week, hard to believe. A fan of The News, Julie Phelan-Brady. Also Karen Chaille Tamagna, who is at Green Cab here in the city, from the famous Challie family. And finally, a HB to Roger Desrochers Jr., of Pop Warner fame.

Please save the date for this street dedication: for Virgil "Virgie" Iannacone

on May 11, 1:00 pm at the intersection of Central and Summer Streets in Somerville.

This Friday and Saturday, is the official start to the 2013 Somerville Little League Baseball season. There will be two Majors Games on Friday, 5:30 p.m., at Conway Park, and then on Saturday there is the traditional Opening Day Parade and First Pitch Ceremonies, with a full slate of exciting games to follow. The Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at the High School Concourse, continues down Highland Avenue to Central Street, and onto to Conway Park. There's also a Pitch, Hit and Run competition Saturday at Trum Field from 3-5:00 p.m. For more information, visit http://www.somervillelittleleague.org/.

Don't forget that this Sunday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the Somerville

Lions Club Annual Charity Breakfast that has transformed into a wonderful catered brunch this year and it is being held at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway in Somerville. Only \$15 per person and well worth every cent. This is a "must go" event because you don't want to miss it. Proceeds from the event go to benefit Lions Club Charities. Tickets will be available at the door or just ask any Lion. At the Lions Brunch the club will be raffling off their famous "Wheelbarrow Full of Cheer" to some lucky winner. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. For raffle ticket sales contact Billy Tauro at (617)293-2016 ******

Another great event coming up for a good cause is the Somerville Lions Club "Comedy" event and the date to save is Thursday, May 23 for their Annual Somerville Lions Club "A Night of Comedy & Fun" at "Giggles Comedy Club on Rt. 1 South Continued on page 19

COMMENTARY

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Boston strong, Somerville strong



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Last week, I wrote with a heavy heart as I recalled learning of the tragedy at the Boston Marathon, monitoring the unfolding events, and especially explaining to my children that something terrible had happened. After that, we held a community vigil and healing ceremony outside our front steps at City Hall on Wednesday evening. We honored the victims, prayed for peace, and

joined as a community to hope for swift apprehension of those responsible for the bombings. I never imagined what was yet to

Like many other Bostonians, I am having difficulty coming to terms with the events at the Boston Marathon and in the days that followed, especially Thursday night when we lost Officer Sean Collier. Focusing on "normal," everyday activities is difficult. Sleeping soundly and peacefully is tough. Remembering is painful, but forgetting is not an option.

Yet I have found small ways to begin the healing process. I take overwhelming pride and comfort in knowing just how brave and how dedicated our first responders and public safety officials are in this Commonwealth. I remember to feel fortunate that we have some of the best healthcare facilities, just steps from the finish line of the Marathon, and that such highly skilled committed healthcare professionals worked through unthinkable circumstances to assist and reassure victims and prevent any additional loss of life. I am grateful to live in a place where we, as a city, region, state, and country have united in support of the victims of the Marathon bombings and their families. I am awed by the words of love and peace that continue to spread widely and rapidly across social media and in messages left throughout the City of Boston. These acts of kindness have, albeit slowly, started us on the road to recovery.

But that recovery will be long, emotional, and, at times, painful for everyone in this community. While many of us have rallied around the motto "Boston Strong" this week, seeking strength just as we seek answers, it is important to remember that it is also perfectly acceptable to be vulnerable, sad, and yes, weak in that search for strength. As we continue to mourn the losses of and pay our final respects to Martin, Krystle, Lingzi, and Sean, and as we continue to pray for and support the more than 200 injured individuals as they face the long process of healing, I want to remind our residents

that there are valuable resources and support services available within the City of Somerville, and outside of our borders, offering help for dealing with traumatic loss and coping with difficult circumstances.

As part of the Somerville Health Department, we have a Trauma Response Network with a team of trained, professional counselors and health professionals available for services as needed. For more information on response to trauma, you can visit our Health Department, the Office of Prevention, the Trauma Response Network, and the Riverside Trauma Center (www.riversidetraumacenter.org). The American Red Cross offers a Continued on page 11

Walkable Somerville

Part 1: What it is and why it's in the news



By William C. Shelton

University of Michigan research finds that about a third of American homeowners would like to live in walkable urban neighborhoods such as those that comprise most of our city. But only 5-to-10% of metropolitan housing is located in such neighborhoods.

While demand for walkable neighborhoods is increasing across most demographic groups, it's growing fastest among millennials—young adults born after 1980. 64 percent of them decide where they want to live, and only then look for a job. 77 percent say they want to live in an urban core. As this would imply, walkable communities have an advantage in attracting the most talented workers.

In its simplest terms, "walkability" is a measure of how much a neighborhood encourages, motivates, and supports walking. It's a hot topic among city planners, developers, economists, government officials, and neighborhood activists.

Economist Joe Cortright has coined the term "walkability dividend," which accrues to cities that encourage walkable neighborhoods. He analyzed data from 94,000 real estate transactions in 15 major markets and found that walkability translates into higher home values. And walkable cities' property tax revenues increase, because property values increase.

Their city services costs go down as well. Over decades, transportation planners have learned the hard lesson of "Induced demand." When they try to reduce congestion by expanding traffic capacity, they get more congestion—and more cost.

Brookings Institution Fellow Christopher Leinberger is a developer as well as a scholar. He says that real estate and infrastructure development are in the midst of a structural change comparable only to what took place following World War II. "We in real estate are fundamentally re-tooling how we design, plan, regulate, and finance to serve this pent up demand" for what he calls, "walkable urbanism."

Epidemiologists tell us that

people live longer, healthier lives in walkable neighborhoods than in nonwalkable neighborhoods, and in cities and towns rather than in sprawl. They are less obese, have lower levels of diabetes, and suffer less cardiovascular disease. The American Cancer Institute says that urban design should encourage walking because it reduces cancer rates.

Sociologists tell us that walkable neighborhoods provide more opportunities for social interaction and their residents have more friends and associates. They also have greater pride in their communities and they volunteer

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Life in the Jimmy Del Ponte

Scurry to The Surrey



The backroom lounge area of the Rosebud Diner in Davis Square was once called The Surrey Room. One of its nicknames was The Sorry Room. When I asked people to share

their Surrey Room memories a lot of them said, "Sorry, can't talk about it." There seems to be a code of silence that some past patrons still abide by today. Here's what I know from my own experience and from talking to some friends.

There was always something happening there. There were large wrought iron (or plastic) images of horse drawn carriages also known as surreys on the wall, thus the name The Surrey Room.

One the bartenders (no names please!) was the nicest guy in the world, as long as you didn't mess with him. I saw him spin a guy up over his head once. I'm not great with specific dates but I started playing in bands at the Surrey Room sometime in the late 70' and early 80's.

There was a disco ball on the ceiling over the dance floor. One of my friends remembers being scolded time and time again for dancing with a drink in her hand. They solved the problem by making her a bartender.

One lady recalls walking out of there sideways a lot, and many other people

don't remember leaving at all. A few of my Greek friends recalled receiving VIP treatment since that was the owner's nationality. Supposedly you might (just might) have been able to pick up a six pack there back before it was legal to sell booze on Sunday.

Yes, The Surrey Room had it all. My friend Rick played with the Marie Michaels Band in 1977. A fight broke out on the dance floor and the cops actually told the band to keep playing while they dragged the combatants off. I believe it was a KC and the Sunshine Band song! (Get Down Tonight?) They held "The Bong Show" where patrons would sing and slur, and compete for prizes. It was

the era of platform shoes, and shirts with huge, pointy collars.

It seems that on occasion, you might even get in if you were under aged! What a shocker! A friend's father was a cop on detail there and he asked a girl for her ID. She told him that her dad was also a cop. When he asked what her father's name was, she gave his name. He said, "I have five daughters, and you're not one of them!" A lot of girls were flat out not allowed to go to The Surrey Room. Needless to say they went anyway. It was the Studio 54 of Somerville with all the trimmings.

In the wild days of The Surrey Room here are some of the Continued on page 17



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Last week was April vacation week for all public schools in the state. Keeping with tradition, each branch held only brief, informal sessions during school vacation weeks.

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.

This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local senators on four roll calls from recent debate on a Democratic leadership-sponsored transportation package that includes \$500 million in tax hikes. Increases include a 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's current 21-cent-per-gallon gas tax, which, beginning in 2015, would also be indexed to inflation; a \$1 jump in the current \$2.51-per-package cigarette tax; an increase in the tax on cigars and smokeless tobacco; imposition of a 6.25 percent sales tax on computer system design services as well as modification of prewritten software; and a change in the way utilities are classified for tax purposes.

Supporters defended the package as one that will begin to solve many of the structural and financial problems that plague the MBTA and the state's financially ailing transportation system. Opponents said the proposed tax hikes were outrageous and would hurt already overburdened taxpayers.

The House approved a different draft of the bill, and a House-Senate conference committee will next work out a compromise version.

Here are four of the key votes on the bill. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* urges you to read the roll calls carefully and be aware that in some cases, the amendment would eliminate a proposed tax hike. In those cases, a "yes" vote is for eliminating the hike (and therefore against the hike), while a "no" vote is for the hike.

DEFER GAS TAX HIKE (S 1766)

Senate 7-24, rejected an amendment creating a special legislative task force to investigate and study cost-savings reform measures for the MBTA. The amendment also delays implementation of the 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's current 21-cent-per-gallon gas tax, which, beginning in 2015, would also be indexed to inflation, until the Legislature approves and the governor signs into law a bill making some reforms. (A "Yes" vote is for delaying the tax. A "No" vote is against the delay and favors the tax hike.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ELIMINATE ALL TAX HIKES (S 1766)

Senate 4-29, rejected an amendment striking all the tax hikes in the bill. (A "Yes" vote is against the hikes. A "No" vote is for the hikes.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ANOTHER 3-CENT INCREASE (S 1766)

Senate 10-23, rejected an amendment that would trigger an automatic additional 3-cent increase in the gas tax in 2015 if projected revenue falls short. (A "Yes" vote is for the additional 3-cent hike. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALTERNATIVE GOP PLAN (S 1766)

Senate 3-31 rejected a Republican-sponsored bill that would replace the transportation package and its \$500 million tax hikes. The GOP bill would not increase taxes. Provisions for raising revenue include legalizing Internet gambling; allowing single drivers to pay tolls and use the high-occupancy vehicle lane; permitting the MBTA to sell to private companies the naming rights to all subway, bus and commuter rail stations; and giving the state the authority to issue up to 300 new state taxicab medallions. (A "Yes" vote is for the "no new tax" GOP package. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ELECTION LAWS COMMITTEE HEARING ON MAY 15TH AT 2 P.M. - The Election Laws Committee has a hearing coming up in Statehouse Room A-2 on May 15th, at which the public may weigh in on proposed laws. Among the bills are:

ELECT PRESIDENT VIA NATIONAL POPU-LAR VOTE (H 591) - Repeals a 2010 law that made Massachusetts a member of the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. The agreement would require states that join the pact to cast all of their electoral votes for the presidential candidate who wins a majority of the national popular vote in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The pact would become effective when states representing at least 270 electoral votes - a majority of the 538-vote Electoral College - join this compact. States currently have a number of electoral votes equal to the number of senators and representatives that the state has in Congress. This endeavor is led by Fair Vote, a national group that says California, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, Vermont, Washington have already joined the agreement. These states possess 132 electoral votes - 49 percent of the 270 necessary to activate the agreement.

REQUIRE PAPER BALLOTS (S 324) - Requires the use of paper ballots in Massachusetts and prohibits the use of all electronic voting machines.

NO SCHOOL ON ELECTION DAY (S 251) - Prohibits public schools from being used as polling places in presidential general elections.

ACCOMMODATE VOTERS UNABLE TO SPEAK ENGLISH (H 577) - Allows voters who do not speak English to have a translator accompany them into the voting booth.

VOTE AT 17 (H 583) - Allows 17-year-olds to vote in local city and town elections.

NONE OF THE ABOVE (H 642) - Gives voters the option of voting for "none of the above" on all election ballots.



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REVENUE COMMITTEE HEARING ON MAY 9TH AT 9:30 A.M. - The Revenue Committee will have a hearing at the Statehouse Room A-2 on May 9th at which the public may put in its two cents on the following proposed laws:

TAX BOTTLED WATER (S 1398) - Imposes a new 5 percent tax on the sale of bottled water.

RECYCLED MATERIALS (S 1428) - Provides a tax exemption on the sale of recycled materials.

EMERGENCY TAX CREDIT (H 2569) - Establishes a Disaster Emergency Tax Credit, giving taxpayers a 25 percent tax credit of up to \$1,500 to repair their principal residence when it is damaged during a Presidential Declaration of Emergency or Disaster.

ELECTRIC CARS (H 2594) - Promotes the use of electric vehicles through exempting from the sales tax the first \$8,000 of the cost of the vehicle and the entire cost of replacement parts. The measure also allows any electric car, even with a single passenger, to use the high-occupancy lane to pay a toll. Another provision requires parking lots with 100 or more spaces to have at least one space restricted for use by electric vehicles and to provide an electric vehicle charging system at that space.

EARTH DAY TAX EXEMPTION (H 2679) -Exempts from the sales tax all Energy Star products as well as hybrid and electric motor vehicles, purchased on Earth Day.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I am in awe of the bravery shown by our police, fire, and

emergency personnel. I am so proud of the medical providers, volunteers, and spectators who rushed towards the noise and smoke to help the injured even as they themselves remained in imminent danger." - U.S. Sen. William "Mo" Cowan (D-MA).

"Our city, our Commonwealth, and our country have been through a grim ordeal. We have seen terror before. But we will not be afraid, and we will not let it change us. Bostonians are tough. We are fighters and we will not be broken." - U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).

"Our office received reports just this morning that a mere four hours after the attack at the marathon, over 125 domain names were registered to collect money for the victims and several fraudulent twitter accounts were opened asking for money as well. It is unspeakable that anyone would sink to capitalize on Boston's sorrow as we recover from this tragedy. We remind consumers to exercise caution and do their homework before reaching out to help." - Undersecretary of Consumer Affairs Barbara Anthony.

"This is an unconscionable tragedy and our thoughts and prayers go out to all victims and their families ... All local, state and federal law enforcement partners stand in solidarity in our resolve to find those responsible for this horrific attack and bring them to justice." - Attorney General Martha Coakley.

"Within an hour, I had calls from business leaders and local philanthropists who, like me, were heartbroken by the impact this hideous tragedy has had on individuals, their families, and friends. And they want to do everything they can to help these people physically and psychologically in the future." - Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, on the creation of The One Fund Boston, a group raising money to help those families most affected by the Marathon tragedy. To contribute online, go to one fund boston.org.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of April 15-19, the House met for a total of three hours and 51 minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 57 minutes.

Mon. April 15 House 11:05 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. No House session Tues. April 16 No Senate session Wed. April 17 No House session No Senate session Thurs. April 18 House 11:03 a.m. to 2:49 p.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 2:53 p.m. Fri. April 19 No House session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

No Senate session

The ban on polystyrene **CONT. FROM PG 5**

What would the city have these companies do with their extra Styrofoam and long-term contracts, contracts most likely implemented into any long and short-term already-made financial plans? The Board has yet to construct an answer to these questions. Some board members believe these issues should be handled once, or, if the ban is imposed, while other

members do not feel comfortable imposing the ban until these questions can be adequately answered.

Grover Taylor, owner of a Somerville food and drink business, highlighted the issue of health concerns versus economic and functionality concerns. "We are a green business," said Taylor, who brought examples of takeout food in the alternatives to

Styrofoam. "But foam is the one thing I can't give up. It's the best for the food."

Taylor also complained that if he were forced to use a Styrofoam alternative, his inventory costs would rise, meaning food prices would rise. So the cost of the food would rise while the quality of the takeout food could decrease. David Lutes echoed Taylor's business

concerns, stating that for food businesses, purchasing alternatives to Styrofoam cost them 1.5-3 times more than when they use the polystyrene mate-

The Board of Aldermen must answer other questions too, such as how to implement polystyrene recycling programs, because polystyrene takes at least five-hundred years to biodegrade. It's in our parks, it's in the Charles River, and it's on our streets. The major question, economic risks versus health and environment risks, has yet to be answered. Once that question is answered, the details, hopefully, will fall into place.

The public record on this issue will be open through April 30. The Board welcomes any and all information.

Boston strong, Somerville strong **CONT. FROM PG 9**

toll-free Disaster Distress Help- agencies to apprehend two iden-1-800-985-5990, which provides immediate counseling to anyone who needs help in dealing with the aftermath of this tragedy, and the Cambridge Health Alliance offers counseling services in the Somerville-Cambridge area. We have a tremendous network to help our residents cope with this and any other tragic event, and I encourage you to utilize these services if you need them.

As we begin this first "normal" week in the aftermath of last week's events, I also find comfort in recognizing the amazing work of law enforcement officials from across the state and the country. The efforts of our local, state, and federal law enforcement

tified suspects in just four days with extraordinary cooperation by the public is an incredible and valiant feat, and will allow the families of all those affected to begin the healing process, and to lay their loved ones to rest. Thanks to the courageous and tireless efforts of the Boston Police Department, Homeland Security, State Police, FBI, ATF, DEA, local Police, MBTA police, and all other related law enforcement agencies, we can rest easier knowing that those responsible for these senseless acts - these acts of terrorism - have been found and will be brought to justice. Celebrations, however, were quickly dampened as we faced the most somber reality, the tragic loss of life.

This week, officers lost one of their own, and while this in no way diminishes the losses of Martin, Krystle, and Lingzi, nor the very real loss endured by the living victims, the death of MIT Officer - and soonto-be Somerville Police Officer - Sean Collier is proof that these first responders put their lives on the line each and every day to serve and protect our communities.

For me, the loss of Sean hits even closer to home. For the last five years Sean worked with and for the City of Somerville, whether as a civilian records clerk, or by developing websites for various city departments and programs, or by volunteer-

ing his time with youth at the their lives to protect, serve, and Somerville Youth Development and Boxing Club and with the Somerville Auxiliary Police Department. He moved to Somerville and dedicated his young life to fulfilling his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer, a dream that was to be fulfilled in June of this year.

Sean, you are and will always be a member of the Somerville Police Department.

In the days and weeks that lay ahead, I hope that we can continue to work together to support one another, to promote peace and unity, and to remain "Boston Strong." Remember to thank the first responders, the doctors, nurses, caregivers, and all those who selflessly risked

care for us last week, and every day. Remember that the kindness and support we've extended to one another in the wake these events should and must continue in the weeks and months ahead as we all continue to heal in our own way. Above all, remember that courage, love, and community must rule over fear, hate, or anger. There are many questions we all want answered, and we must have faith that, just as they did last week, our law enforcement officials will see that those responsible are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

For now, stay strong, stay united, and stay safe. We are Somerville Strong. We are Boston



Vigil in Somerville to remember bombing victims

By William Tauro

Hundreds of people turned out at the Somerville City Hall concourse last Thursday evening for a candlelight vigil in memory of the Boston Marathon bombing victims. Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone and United States Congressman Michael Capuano led the vigil with inspirational words of support. Musical selections were performed by Tufts University acapella group S-Factor and by a local bagpiper. The Somerville Police and Fire Honor Guard were also present.

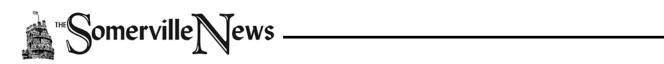








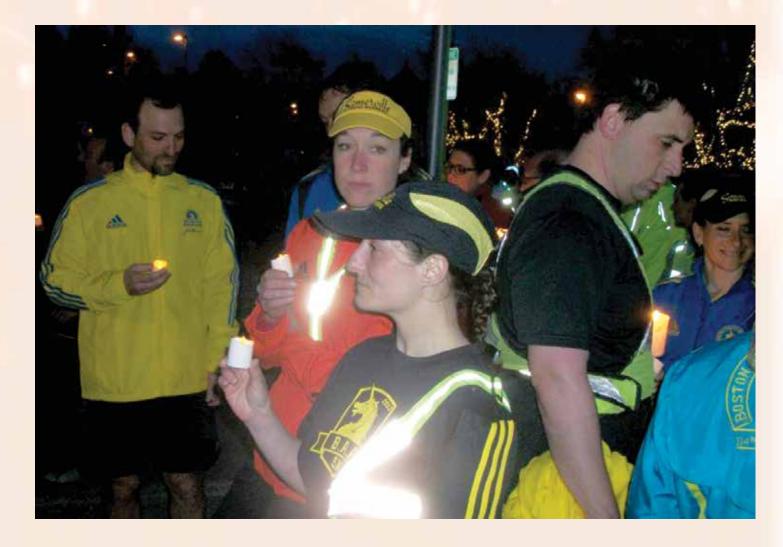
















Photos by Bobbie Toner & William Tauro



SPORTS

Young talent shines for track and field

By Mike Stoller

The Greater Boston League freshman/sophomore and field meet gave the younger talent a chance to shine, and did it ever for the Somerville High squad.

"Overall a super day for our youngsters," Somerville head coach Charlie O'Rourke said. "I am very happy with our young athletes and the progress that they have made during the season, especially in the field

events, where we have so many first-year competitors. They could be the key to our success later in the schedule."

Leading the way for the Highlanders was sophomore Saragrace Magre, who had a terrific outing with two individual first place finishes and a top spot in a relay race. Magre won the 400 meter hurdles in 77.5 seconds and the long jump with a leap of 13 feet, 7 inches, and was part of the winning group in

the 4 x100 relay along with Valencia Augustin, Leighann Nguyen, and Melissa Sanon that finished in a time of 55.5

Sanon also had an individual first place finish in the triple jump with a combined leap of 28 feet, 3 inches, and placed second in the 100 meter run in 13.9 seconds.

Also impressing were freshmen throwers Bianca DeBarros, who finished first in the javelin toss with a heave of 73 feet, 9 inches, and Theodora Babilye, who took first in the discus throw with a personal best toss of 69 feet, 5 inches.

The 4 x 400 relay team of Miranda Rego, Catherine Nakato, Maureen McNabb, and Delmy Hernandez finished in second place.

"Although there is no official score kept, we far outscored the other GBL teams in this meet," O'Rourke said.

Augustin also competed in the 200 meter (31.3) and the long jump (10'5).

Other Highlanders competing included, in the 100 meter, Jennifer Jeune meter (16.0), Kayla Batista (16.4), Karlee McCarron (16.4), Ila Lama (16.0), Joanne Simon (15.5), and Tamika Michel (20.0); in the 200 meter, Taylor Corning (38.0); in the long jump, Oneda Lalaj (10'5); and in the javelin throw, Lovetelene Leneus (35'6), Aminata Keita (33'0), and Shayla Tran (38'8).

Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

1. What is a polygon with four equal sides called?

mixture, hodgepodge

- 2. What word describes a number system with a base of two?
- 3. What was Neil Diamond's first top ten single hit?
- 4. When was the first Boston Marathon run and what was the length of it?
- 5. In what year were women allowed to run in the Boston Marathon?
- 6. What Sport do we associate with Grant Hill?

- Keaton, the nickname "Buster"?
- 8. Who lost both Presidential elections to Dwight Eisenhower in the 1950's?
- 9. What position is LB, in football?
- 10. What did the Mason and Dixon divide?
- 11. What U.S. President was born August 19, 1946?
- class is limited to 190

7. Who gave Buster

12. What boxing weight pounds?

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COA bowling group



Stay active and join the COA's bowling group every Wednesday at 1:00 at Flatbreads. Call to RSVP at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Somerville Spring Clean-Up Healey School

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WARD 5: Community Path @ Cedar St

Albion Street Park

WARD 6: Davis Square, Statue Park

WARD 7: Dilboy Field, pool parking lot

Participants will receive a complimentary t-shirt, light snack, and a Mayor's Fitness Challenge Coupon Book. This is also an opportunity for Mayor's Fitness Challenge participants to earn an extra point toward their individual and team total.

Following the Cleanup, all par-

ticipants are invited to attend the SomerGreen Festival, sponsored by Groundwork Somerville and Comcast, to be held at the Blessing of the Bay Boat House on Shore Drive from noon to 2:00 p.m. The Festival will feature a community BBQ, opportunities to learn about agricultural and green initiatives, a scavenger hunt and other family-friendly events along the Mystic River.

"We're excited to be part of this event. We'll be building, painting, planting, cleaning and more at the Groundwork sites like the South Street Farm. This

is a good chance to get in on the ground floor of Urban Agriculture in the City, and you will help Groundwork raise some money just by showing up," said Executive Director of Groundwork Somerville, Chris Mancini.

The City of Somerville is currently accepting donations for the event, including cleaning supplies, rakes, gloves and garbage bags. For more information about participating in the Clean-Up or making a donation, please contact Anna Ciccariello-Sherwood at 617-625-6600 x 2600.

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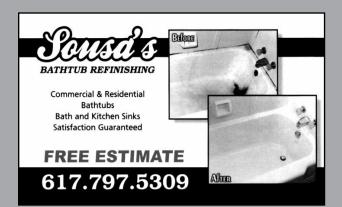
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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION**

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

11 Linden Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-27) Applicant and Owner Linden Tree Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 to construct a second principal structure at the property containing two additional dwelling units and a Special Permit under SZO \$9.13.b to modify parking design standards. RB zone. Ward 5.

514C Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2013-22) Applicant, Pennypackers Fine Foods, and Owner, LAB Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a to establish a fast order food establishment and a Special Permit under §9.13 for 3 spaces of parking relief. NB

314 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-23) Applicant, Union Square Animal Hospital, and Owner, CT & M, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.8.11.a to establish an approx 800 sf office of veterinarian, RC zone, Ward 6.

141-143 North St: (Case #ZBA 2013-24) Applicants and Owners, Alexandra Hatzopoulos and George Michael, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a new dormer on the left side of an existing nonconforming two-family dwelling. RA zone. Ward 7.

57 Dane St: (Case #ZBA 2013-25) Applicant and Owner, Tanis Teich, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure to enclose a rear porch of an existing two-family dwelling. RB zone. Ward 2.

779 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-26) Applicant and Owner, Ralph Malin, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.5.1 for a change of in nonconforming use from a retail store (§7.11.9.5.a) to an office (§7.11.7.1.a). RB zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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

Docket No. MI13P1397EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of:

Charlotte Race Bissell Middle Name First Name Last Name

Also Known As: Charlotte Bissell

Date of Death: <u>January 11, 2013</u>

To all persons interested in the above -captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner <u>Jeffrey</u> Race of Somerville First Name MI Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Jeffrey Race of Somerville MA First Name MI Last Name (City/Town)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [] with [X] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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

Docket No. MI 12A0241AD

CITATION G.L. c. 210, ss6

In the matter of: Hayden Bradford Derocher

To: Lamar Taylor, of Parts Unknown, and

Any unnamed or unknown parent or 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:

Dorothy Helen Butler of Somerville, MA Andrew Decost Butler of Somerville, MA

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child

be changed to **Hayden Bradford Butler**

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT; Cambridge

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WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 2 2013

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

290 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2013-07) Applicant, Jose Garcia, and Owner, Fabrizio Realty Corp, seek a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22, for new signage. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in the Somerville News 4/17/13 & 4/24/13.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

NOTICE AND ORDER:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. MI 13P1652GD

In the interest of Ariel Carrasquillo

of Somerville, MA

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1)Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 04/03/2013 by

Maryann Valentin of Somerville, MA

will be held <u>05/09/2013 9:00-AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing</u>

Located at 208 Third St. Cambridge St. Cambridge, MA. 02141 Courtroom #4

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing;

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)

IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Apnointment of Guardian of a minor be served in hand on the minor (or more years of age and not the petitioner), the guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, IT IS ORDERED that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the date of the hearing listed above.

If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in **Somerville News Somerville** Newspaper

publication to be at least **Seven (7)** days prior to the hearing date.

If required, service on the United States Veteran Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least **Seven (7)** days prior to the hearing

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: April 3, 2013

Tara E. Di Cristofaro **Register of Probate**

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF SOMERVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) TENANCY STABILIZATION PROGRAM**

The City of Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund (SAHTF) is soliciting Proposals to operate and administer the Tenancy Stabilization Program in an amount of up to \$50,000, of which up to 15% may be allocated to administrative fees. The contract term will be from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund has operated a version of the Tenancy Stabilization Program since 1992. The program was developed to provide stabilization to low-income households who found themselves in rent arrears and at risk of eviction. The goal of the program is to provide emergency assistance in the form of a repayable loan that would allow applicants to either remain in their apartments or obtain new appropriate housing. Since 2007, the SAHTF has been contracting out the administration and operation of this program to a qualified local agency/entity.

Proposals must be submitted to the SAHTF, c/o Kelly Donato, City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145 by 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

Copies of the Request for Proposals may be obtained at the City of Somerville, at the above address, beginning at 3:15 p.m. on Monday April 22, 2013.

The SAHTF reserves the right to extend the deadline for submission of Proposals, to request supplementary information and to reject any or all Proposals if in its sole judgment the best interests of the SAHTF would be served in doing so.

For further information contact Kelly Donato at the City of Somerville by telephone at (617) 625-6600, x. 2560; by fax at (617) 666-8035; or by e-mail at kdonato@somervillema.gov.

Dana LeWinter, Director, Housing Division

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS SOMERVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND JOSEPH A. CURTATONE

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY **Grants for Housing Assistance Programs**

The Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund is accepting applications for grants to carry out programs that address the housing needs of low and moderate-income households in Somerville. Applications will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at the OSP-CD Housing Division (Attention: Kelly Donato), 50 Evergreen Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145 or at kdonato@somervillema.gov. To download the full notice please visit www.somervillema.gov and follow links to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

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Scurry to The Surrey **CONT. FROM PG 9**

songs that remind me of the wild times. I'll Always Love My Mama, by The Intruders, Don't Take Away The Music by Tavares, Love is In The Air by John Paul Young, Emotion by Samantha Sang, and of course Disco Inferno by The Trampps.

One of the best things about The Surrey Room was that it was within "stumbling distance" of that great after hours breakfast spot, Kay and Chips. And if you could make it across Elm Street you could try to get into Ming Toy Chinese restaurant for an after inebriation snack.

By 1987 an new era of music was playing in The Surrey Room with local bands like The Sleddogs, of which I was a proud member. The platform shoes were gone but the craziness remained for a few more years. In The Surrey Room's heyday, the booze flowed, the music pumped, and the people partied. When reminiscing about the old days of The Surrey Room, a Led Zeppelin song comes to mind: Good Times Bad Times. For the real juicy stories, ask someone

who was there and be prepared for some wild tales.

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Somerville youth improve community

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The Center for Teen Empowerment is an organization with a mission to empower youth and promote social change. It hires youth ages 14 to 21 to plan and promote community events and to raise awareness of community issues. It has multiple locations, two in Roxbury, one in Dorchester, one in Somerville, and one out-of-state in Rochester, NY.

Director of External Relations Stephanie Berkowitz calls the youth "social change agents." According to her, the city of Somerville struggles with violence, bullying, substance abuse, and especially the youth/police relationship.

"What are the strengths youth have? What are their talents?" said 36-year-old Berkowitz of Brookline. "We believe they could be the solution to those problems."

Currently, the Somerville center currently employs ten youth organizers that started in the fall for a one-year term, and hired an additional 16 youth associates for an 8-week term specifically for the peace conference.

Santiago, who is a youth organizer, said a friend introduced her to the center and she "fell in love" with it.

"Not all of us have a voice, they actually gave me a voice...the power and adrenaline to speak," said Santiago with a lot of enthusiasm. "Teens that have worse problems than me, they need that."

Santiago's story of domestic violence had a bittersweet ending.

"Daddy stop!" shouted Santiago as she retold the memory of that night. Her mother finally defended herself, her eyes said, "enough is enough." Santiago heard in her ear her mother's voice, "it's all OK now."

Santiago said the message is to make people aware that they can stand up for themselves. She said the center gives her the drive to succeed.

"I wasn't listened to before coming here, maybe I didn't say it in the right way, but they teach you how to say it," said Santiago, who will be studying international business at Suffolk University in the fall.

Santiago is not alone, and her story is not uncommon. Youth in Somerville are learning to stand up for themselves and bring peace to

the community, said Berkowitz.

Iesha Guerrier is a 16-year-old youth associate. She performed spoken words titled "Blooming Warrior" at Late Night with Teen Empowerment. Guerrier said her name represents just that.

Loud, ghetto, fat, gorilla, worthless...the names pushed Guerrier to think she was cursed.

"Why me, Lord? Why freaking me?" Guerrier shouted during her performance at the peace conference.

Guerrier says people see her like that without getting to her, but she won't change to be who they want her to be.

"You can be my friend or not, but I won't change who I am," said Guerrier.

"But who am I? I'm a blooming warrior," were the last words of her performance. The boisterous crowd chanted her name.

Guerrier knows she has a lot more growing up to do, but said The Center for Teen Empowerment brought her to where she is today.

Teddy Thelemaque, a 16-year-old youth organizer, said what he learns from the center he brings to school.

"I'm more organized with Teen Empowerment," said Thelemaque. "They teach you how to be a better

Jamie Lederer, program director, works closely with the city to help move the program forward. The center is a part of the Youth Worker Network, where more than 20 organizations come together to collaborate on youth issues and how to address them.

One method the center uses is through Youth/Police Dialogues. Youth and police come together to talk and break down the stereotypes they have for one another.

"We didn't give them a voice, we helped them find one," said Lederer about the youth of Somerville. "They have a voice, they have the right to be heard,"

Throughout Peace Month, the youth will meet with the Somerville Police Department for more Youth/ Police Dialogues.

Berkowitz said the problem lies within the way youth and police perceive each other.

"Both look at each other as one entity," said "It influences their reactions and it escalates into one youth getting an unnecessary record and the police not getting information on the crime they were investigating in the first place."

Similarly, the youth will meet with Somerville Aldermen for Youth/ Alderman Dialogues to discuss city issues and solutions.

"We truly believe they can, and they do, make an important change in their communities," said Berkowitz.

Duvinson Norestant, who played the host of Late Night with Teen Empowerment, said the center helped change is life of crime to a life of community service. At 21-yearsold, Norestant is now looking for ways to give back to the community by helping others.

"Youth have a voice, they just need to learn how to use it," said

At the peace conference, his message was clear.

"Every youth makes a mistake, but you have to have the desire to get back up, and it's never to late to get back up," said Norestant.

Rounding out Somerville's Peace Month, the Armory is hosting the Villens' All-Out Bash! Friday April 26, 5 - 10 p.m. at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave.



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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday April 24

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

Central Library

Homework Help for Teens: Math & Science Ron Castile 617-623-5000 x2969

3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink Free public skating

12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Thursday April 25

Central Library Homeschool Games Program

Lauren Bell|617-718-0501 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Teen Room Annex

2:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday | April 26

Central Library Teen Movie Day

Cynthia or Ron|617-623-5000-2936 3 p.m.-5:30 P.M.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Saturday April 27

Mayor's Spring Cleanup

10 a.m.- noon|for locations check the city's web site

6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

SOS Kids' Art Show: Opening Reception 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.|cafe Somerville Open Studios: Kids' Art Show

Monday|April 29

Central Library

Sing-along with Steve! Cathy|2950

11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory

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

Tuesday | April 30

Central Library

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

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

11a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

Central Library

Homework Help for Teens: English & Ron Castile|617-623-5000 x2969

4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday | May 1

Veteran's Memorial Rink Free public skating

12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

MUSIC

Wednesday | April 24

Johnny D's The Wedding Band Showcase

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Pub Quiz|8 p.m

Comedy|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

Lykaion Cult Productions|Hellgoat|Cold Northern Vengeance|Nachzehrer|Witch

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Trivia 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar

3penny Open Mic (No Cover)

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub The Nephrok All Stars

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen TI The DI Presents The People's Karaoke

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Free Pool|Game Night 381 Summer St

Radio Bar

Down: Apathy Cycle|The Warning Shots|The Drunk Nuns|The Black Cheer 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

SAC Salon Series: Intellexploitation 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday | April 25

Johnny D's

Jon Langford|Marc Pinansky & The Bored of Health 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |7:30 p.m.

Sally O'Brien's

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

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

PA'S Lounge

Kaiti Jones Reverend J. Walter Weatherman|Annalise Emerick 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211 **Bull McCabe's**

Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar Avenue Kings|Boston Blogheads|OC45

381 Summer St. Somerville Theatre

Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night

Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Radio Bar

Down: Freak Flag Ppresents|Trach|Animal City|State Champion|Kal Marks|\$5 Up: Coleen Green|Fat Creeps|The Fedavees|Ronnie Nordac \$7 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Classical Cafe: Ensemble 451 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday | April 26

Johnny D's Jen Kirkman|"I Can Barely Take Care of

Myself" Book Tour Los Fletcheros 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Radioactive Rustlers | 6 p.m. Ian Miller Presents SWYM, Nihility \$5 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Cherry Bomb

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar

Vanessa Kafka & The Sunday Spins|Todo Bien|People On fire 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge

Jimi Halfdead and the Die Alongs|Devlyn Sydus|Potsy|The Silent Order 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Jess Tardy Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar Billy Rath's Street Pirates|HIXX|JetSet

381Summer St

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Up: Cortez|Infernal Overdrive|Cult 45|Sum-

Down: Automatic Death Pill|bdsx|Anamalech|Panic Candy 379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory

Villens' All-Out Bash

5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | April 27

Johnny D's

K's Choice|Booty Vortex 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

cover |9 p.m..

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents The Brooklyns, Mundo's Crazy Circus, The Bargains \$10

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar Nicholas Burgess|The I Want you|Hookerclops|Do Not Forsake Me My Darling

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke

65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge Continuous Improvement|I Am Next|The

Guilty Sparks 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Dave Wells Presents

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

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

Bloww Blue Ball 381 Summer st

Tensor 1p.m. \$7

Casey's Entertainment every Saturday

Radio Bar Day Show: The Pity Whores|The Radicals|Mike Woo's Raging Bone| Ivy League|

Night Bill: Down: Bucky Fereke And The Freelancers| Tristan Omand|Whistle Jacket| Heavy Petals UP: Gente Dante and The Future Star-

lets|Daniel Ouellette and the Shobijin,

379 Summer St

Cooling Towers|Plumerai \$8.

Arts at the Armory SOS Kids' Art Show: Opening Reception 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.|cafe

Somerville Open Studios: Kids' Art Show 6 p.m.|Café Under the Roof: A Benefit for the Somer-

ville Homeless Coalition 6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Sunday | April 28 Johnny D's

Open Blues Jam featuring Hot Sauce BPS The Howlin' Brothers|Cannibal Ramblers 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m. Natalie Flanagan, Eric Martin & the Illyri-

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

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

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

Precinct Bar 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub 366A Somerville Avel617-440-6045

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

Highland Kitchen

Rosebud Bar Karaoke

381 Summer St Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night

Down: The Mighty Fevers|The Monsieurs| White Pages| Funeral Cone 8PM, 21+, \$7

Arts at the Armory

379 Summer St

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Roy Sludge Trio 4PM, No Cover

Strings of Hope - A Haitian musical feast! 7 p.m.|Performance Hall

7 p.m.|café|191 Highland Ave

Monday April 29

Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike |7:30

Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.

Set Dancing 8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar

70 Union Sq|617-623-921 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

Rosebud Bar Movie Night

381 Summer St Radio Bar 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory Salsa Basics with Mambo Soul!

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Tuesday | April 30

JohnnyD's

Meszecsinka 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Honky Tonk Masquerade country & western swing

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 Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Optic Yellow Felt|The Roman Numeral Three|Honest Blood

Highland Kitchen

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Precinct Bar

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

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

The fun starts at 10:00p.m

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Karaoke 381 Summer St

PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200 Radio Bar Wholly Karaoke with Magic Gus

379 Summer St

Wednesday | May 1 Iohnny D's

The Cliks|Eytan & The Embassy 17 Holland Stl617-776-2004

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Precinct Bar

Sports Trivia

3penny Open Mic (No Cover) 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211 Bull McCabe's Pub

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Highland Kitchen

The Nephrok All Stars

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar Free Pool|Game Night

381 Summer St

Radio Bar Up & Down: BENEFIT FOR THE MARA-THON BOMBING VICTIMS: Crooked Mirror| Dave Wells| Death Waltz '76| Fantastic Liars| JJ and Thee Cuban Heels The Old Edison, Old Hat, Penalty Kill. FREE FOOD. 1

FREE PBR per person. All money made at the door, as well as a percentage of all money made at the bar, will go to helping victims of the marathon

bombing. 379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

Wednesday | April 24

Third Life Studio Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira

7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.

Central Library

1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue **Central Library**

Central Library

GOP Meeting

Brian McCarthy|617-718-1828 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue **Central Library**

Kristen Marriott|508-265-5626 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Cub Scout Leader Meeting

debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday | April 27

Third Life Studio

Mayor's Spring Cleanup 10 a.m.- noon|for locations check the city's

General Meeting for Somerville Democratic City Committee Lee Palmer|781-330-1740

Central Library LIFT focus group Tanya Stepasiuk 617-797-3053

to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland

Unity Church of God

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

nadirajamal.com Tuesday | April 30

Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. The Art of Group Singing For Women

Central Library

BUSY

9 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com

7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.

7:30 p.m.|Café Somerville Open Studios Fashion Show 7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

Thursday | April 25

Drop-In Meditation Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 x2910

Rhoda Augarten|617-623-5000 x2955 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and

Roots and Rhythm 33 Unions Sql www.libana.com

web site **Central Library**

9 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly

Sunday | April 28

Third Life Studio

Third Life Studio

nadirajamal.com

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement. Third Life Studio Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.

Wednesday | May 1

Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!



APPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

DATE CHANGE: Men's Club will be meeting May 8 at Noon at the Holland Street Center. Great and welcoming group.

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

April 25 brings two free programs. Aparna of Navarasa Dance will be leading an intergenerational program of dance and will have some of her students demonstrate a short performance at 11:00 a.m. Please join us. At Noon, Alan of Musical Conversation will join us for a delightful half hour of music and conversation. FREE. Holland Street Center.

Nutrition Fair - May 2 at Holland Street Center from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Samples from local markets and restaurants. Ways to eat healthy. Free. Pre-registration required.

Men's Club - Recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our Men's Group and connect with your old friends or come make some new friends. Wednesdays at Holland Street Center. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All 55+ are welcome. May 8.

May 6 - Get a taste of Tuft's Osher Lifelong Learning Program with a brown bag lunch with Yvonne Abraham from the Boston Globe. Limited space.

Foodie Tour - April 24.

Twin Rivers - May 7.

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

Culinary Arts - May 21.

Davensport Yacht Club with Charlie Thomas & The Drifters - June 11.

STAY ACTIVE:

Flexibility & Balance - Tuesday 9:15 a.m. at Holland and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. \$3.

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

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

Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings. Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.

April 24

Foodie Tour

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

Holland Street

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B Intergenerational Fitness|11 a.m. Yoga/Mediation|2:30 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

April 25

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance 10 a.m.

Current Events 10 a.m.

Intergenerational Navarasa|10:45 a.m.

MusicalConversation with Alan 12 p.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Strengthening Exercise 10 a.m. Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

April 26

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

April 29

Cultural Day

Holland Street

Veteran's Group - All are welcome. 9:30 a.m.

Singing|10:30 a.m.

English Conversation 10:30 a.m.

Cultural Day|11:30 a.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Indoor Exercise 10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 30

Holland Street Center

Strengthening w/ Geoff|9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt. 10 a.m.

Belly Dancing 12 p.m. Bellydancing for adults 12:30 p.m.

SHINE by appt|1 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life 6 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

Older Americans Appreciation Day at Winter Hill Yacht Club

Check out our Facebook site for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

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in Saugus. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with three top comedians, raffles and all the pizza and salad that you can eat. All proceeds support Lions Club charities and programs. Tickets are \$25 per person and available by contacting Billy Tauro for both tickets and RSVPs.

Our condolences go out to the family of Patty Belya, who sadly passed away on Tuesday morning. Patty worked for the City of Somerville Inspectional Services

Department and was the nicest person that you could every meet. Patty will be sadly missed by all here in the Ville.

Congratulations to former Ward One Alderman Bill Roche and his wife Jean who became grandparents for the 7th and 8th time on Monday, April 22. Bill's daughter Kelly Roche Langkorpf and her husband Jonathon Langkopf are the proud parents of twins. The twins, a boy Caden 7 lbs.-6 oz. and a girl Kylie 6 lbs.-2 oz. were both 19.5

inches long. Jean now has two more to add to her babysitting duties and Bill has two more to add to his agenda of sporting and school events to attend.

Our former Editor George P. Hasset has finished writing his first book, Gangsters of Boston, which is available on Amazon.com for pre-order. A formal book signing is coming up on June 19 at Ball Square Book Store. You can also follow George on Twitter @boscrimewriter. We of course wish George the best of luck with this book.

Rx Strength Training of Somerville, in association with the Miss Boston & Miss Cambridge Scholarship Organization, will be holding the #BOS-TONSTRONG Boot Camp Benefit on 4/27/13, from 10 a.m.-noon, to help generate funds and aide the Collier family during this difficult time. As a team, as a community, we can make this fundraiser a great success and really help this family.

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walkable neighborhoods have markedly lower crime rates.

Biological scientist Craig Stanford tells us that upright gait and walking have been vital to the development of the human brain, raising the question of whether a century of driving has made us stupider.

Climate scientists and climate-change advocates tell us that a New York City resident has one-fifth the carbon footprint of a Dallas, Texas resident. And exhaustively reviewing the scholarly literature, urban researchers Reid Ewing and Robert Cervero tell us that, "Almost any development in a central location is likely to generate less automobile travel than the best-designed, compact, mixed-use development in a remote location."

For all these reasons, walk-

ability is an essential focus of Criminologists tell us that the city's Somerville by Design Initiative, a participatory effort to conserve neighborhood character and wisely plan the areas around new Green Line stations.

> from the Somerville Theater to the Rosebud Diner in Davis Square versus one from the Somerville Avenue Target Store to Twin Cities Plaza. In the former, the built environment participates in and enhances the experience. In the latter, the environment constrains and disrupts the experience. Thinking about why goes a long way toward understanding what makes for walkability.

> Perhaps the most important factor is having someplace to walk to, and through. In Made for Walking, Julie Campoli illustrates how walkable neighborhoods offer a density and diversity of such places

restaurants, health services, retail financial institutions, stores, civic functions, entertainment, recreational facilities, schools, jobs, parks, and transit stops, all in walking distance.

Given desirable places to get to, walkability requires a means of doing so. This involves a density of street and path connections with many short links and many intersections. In other words, something like Somerville's street grid. It also involves easy access to transit that will take a walker to places of interest outside the neighborhood. We enjoy a reasonably good bus network, and the Green Line will further increase the walkability of Gilman Square, Magoun Square and Ball Square.

Walkable streets must be appealing. Threshold requirements are safety, cleanliness, and an acceptable level of noise, but they are not enough.

Perceived "walking distance" varies greatly depending on how comfortable, interesting, and engaging the walking environment is. Urban designers use terms like "human scale," "sense of enclosure," "imageability," parency," and "complexity."

The more interesting the view and the more it changes, the more people will walk, and the longer they'll walk. We like structures that are built out to the street, with lots of doors and windows. We like architecture, design, and streetscapes that are pleasant to look at and be in.

We like other people on the street. We're social critters. We enjoy observing others of our species, and their presence suggests that we're in a good place.

We're more comfortable when we feel sheltered, by building height, or trees, or canopies and overhangs. Outdoor seating and places where we can linger

increase walkability. And of course, one or more good bars

In my next column, I'll talk about how cities, businesses, developers and residents create walkable neighborhoods and what we can learn from them. Cities on the leading edge of this movement aren't just those we might think of as "trendy." Cincinnati, for example, has produced a comprehensive plan that funnels growth into 40 walkable "Neighborhood Centers."

Somerville enjoys a big head start, not because we're so clever, but because our ancestors built a city around people rather than around the automobile. Jeff Speck is a "new urbanist" whose Walkable City book has garnered huge attention this year. Retained by the city as a consultant, he tells us, "You are already ahead.... You were born on third base."



Plumerai tours the East Coast

By Nick Moorhead

Plumerai is a long-running, Somerville-based band that has been gaining an increasing amount of attention following the release of their new LP, Mondegreen.

At the Trident Booksellers and Cafe in Boston, I was able to speak with the magnificent vocalist of Plumerai, Eliza Brown. Eliza spent twenty minutes instructing me on the theory of the album *Mondegreen*. A "mondegreen" is a misinterpretation of a statement, in this case, "Lady Mondegreen" instead of "laid him on the green". Another example is my uncle mishearing the Four Tops' *Bernadette* as "Burned to Death."

The concept behind Monde-

green was her excuse for not discussing her lyrics explicitly, which I was interested in discussing. One of her songs on the new record is titled Cannibal Ladies. I was wondering whether the song is autobiographical, and if so would I be surviving our interview?

Plumerai's lyrics are evocative, and suggest multiple interpretations. They are sometimes hindered by Eliza Brown's grasp of the English language, resulting in a few clunky phrases (there are only so many ways to interpret the phrase "the first good-looking prick I could accessorize"). However, there are also some beautiful moments that you can find in someone who grew up speaking another language but learned to speak



Away with words - Plumerai hits the road in support of their album Mondegreen.

English in a very formal way.

Hailing from France, Brown has an idealized vision of America that is inspirational. She also shared that it is her fantasy to be a famous jazz singer like Ella Fitzgerald, and effuses that she is living the American Dream.

The record Mondegreen speaks

to an early career creative spike of Brown's, full of catchy hits such as *Troubled Soul* and *Marco Polo. Marco Polo* evokes shoegaze favorite Slowdive's *Allison*, and shades of *Is This It?* By The Strokes.

Mondegreen is the musical equivalent of Silver Linings Playbook, unapologetically bi-polar,

unanimously excellent. The idea behind the record is that we hear not what is actually said, but instead what we would like to hear; I don't know if that is true, but if it is, I would like to hear more Plumerai.

Catch these psychedelic pop phenoms at Radio on Saturday, April 27, 379 Somerville Ave.

Jessica Labus, in her own words

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Jessica Labus headlined at the bar Precinct recently and she'll be playing solo there frequently, even though she has a knack of attracting performers for her band. She recently arrived in Boston, from New York, to recruit a band for the new music she's working on.

"The New York scene feels ever changing. You see a lot of the same faces though, and it's nice because there's a sense of community in that, while a lot of the time New York can feel so anonymous...Boston feels very welcoming so far to me. It feels like it has everything New York has on a mellower scale. It's a lot easier to breathe here."

Singer songwriters often sound like they're trying to hypnotize themselves, alone, in a vain attempt to convince them that there is a career to be made from live performance. Here Labus, it's clear has her vocals trained on her audience and on her very first note warns her fans that she won't give up until they have a great night's sleep, looking forward to tomorrow.

"Jewel was the reason I started

playing guitar and also learned to yodel," says Labus. "Ani Di-Franco inspired a lot of my early songwriting days. I also love Patty Griffin, Lori McKenna and Miranda Lambert and the Dixie Chicks for their down to earth writing style. I'm inspired by Eminem and Kanye West for their sometimes offensive, honest and funny styles. Vocally I grew up inspired by Janice Joplin, Jewel, Reba McIntyre, Sutton Foster (Broadway) and Idina Menzel (Broadway). I've always had a thing for Lisa Loeb too."

Jessica has this tendency, especially audible in her new song Judgment Day, of switching up her vocal range to effectively add an editorial to her previous line. It's in the biting criticism of suitors like "Bryan" or "Dustin." She favors her own ideas and ideals over the average conception of romance that most singer songwriters placate. She finds her muse in themes and lyrical plot lines and subsists on her ow individual artistic merit. Historically speaking, muses aren't only available to male artists.

"I started playing guitar at 14 and writing songs," Labus says. "I

went to college for Musical Theater and then began focusing on songwriting and playing shows when I was 21. I started playing in the local bar scene, performing mostly solo and acoustic, then putting a band together a few years later. I released my first album Mirrors, in 2009, which is very pop singer songwritery. The older I got my music got a little more edgy and jaded. I also started writing funny songs and swearing a bit more. My vocal style matured from experience as well as singing in other styles with other bands."

The production value of her previous album *Mirrors* reveals a penchant to reach the prayer-like epiphany of Cranberries' Dolores O'Riordan—like she was singing—"I just remembered to ask for this from Santa." Her new song, *California*, achieves the singularity of a celebratory Jewel, and Labus pursues Jewel's forte in the song *Levi*.



Singer songwriter Jessica Labus.

"I think my average fan's playlist would include singer songwriters, maybe a lot of other female musicians, and probably pop or indie pop like Regina Spektor or Ingrid Michaelson or Grace Potter and the Nocturnals," says Jessica.

For a sample of her tunes, check out her reverb nation page (http://www.reverbnation.com/jessicalabus/songs) and count the days till her new music, featured on Youtube, will be collected for a new album release.

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Saturday, April 27

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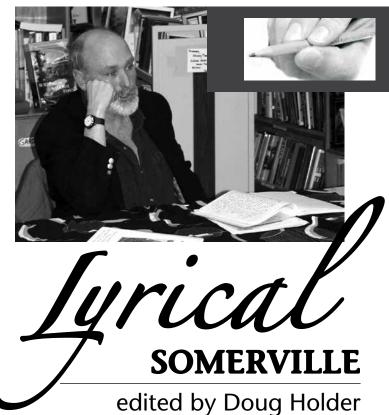
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Poet William Harney writes: "The poem about my father conflates things by describing me as a boy playing with him, as a young adult when he died, and my missing him now, long after. He was a big, gentle man who seemed always to enfold any of his eight children standing or sitting with them, a reassuring physical presence.



In the process of writing a poem, of making choices, one of the rewards often is that your reasons for holding on to particular scenes and sensations becomes clearer, the emotional charge things have comes out. That happened for me here."

My Father

When my brother and I were boys My father stretched out on my parents' bed was A series of low foothills of flesh calling us to climb And question the origin of every mark and mole. Our inquiries brought from him straight-faced stories Of bar fights and espionage that Led to laughter and soft pushes in protest. I still miss or why go back to it The reassuring bulk of him, the surround his arms and Back made, a refuge where humor and sweetness Insulated us from our school-age fears. When he died, it was as though all the rooms in our house

- William Harney

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Were emptied of their furniture and we were left to stand about.

Ms. Cam's Answers 1. A quadrilateral 7. Harry Houdini 8. Adlai Stevenson 2. Binary 3. Cherry Cherry 9. Linebacker 4. April 19, 1897 10. The North and the South 5. In 1972 11. Clinton 6. Basketball 12. Cruiserweight

by Doug Holder

Tino Villanueva and the **Craft of Waiting**

Somerville Bagel Bard Tino Villanueva has a new poetry collection out "So Spoke Penelope." This book was published by Somerville resident Ifeanyi Menkiti, the founder of the Grolier Poetry Press, and the owner of the Grolier Poetry Book Shop in Cambridge. Here is a review by Michael T. Steffen.

Penelope, the wife of Odysseus from Homer's epic song about the wandering man of many ways, is the classical figure of long-suffering faithfulness awaiting, twenty years, the return of her husband from the Trojan war. Entreated by a pack of greedy, boisterous suitors, she embodies the craft-worker of the separated couple, weaving and unweaving a shroud in order to stave off the wooings of the suitors who insist and insist that Odysseus is dead and that she remarry. In So Spoke Penelope (Grolier Poetry Press, Cambridge, 2013, ISBN: 978-1-891592-02-7) acclaimed poet Tino Villanueva himself patiently looms an extended meditation of 32 poems from the persona of this most memorable character of world literature, enacting and reflecting the concentrated task of craftsmanship (in weaving, in poetry...) as a creative preoccupation to help pass the time of waiting, with the potential intensity of the endeavor:

One day I managed from early dawn to dusk,

then until the brightness of the morning shone again

to keep on weaving, to get it right. And there it is

folded up across the bed in color and in cloth.

("In Color and in Cloth," p. 31)

My own impression reading through the poems several times was of admiration, admiration for the elegance, charm and clarity of Villanueva's language, making allowance for poetic diction rare for our times:

when the golden cloth of dawn rose

out of the sea (p.13)

The wind blows,

and I can hear the leaves of orchards breathing (p. 23)

Still and all, Odysseus,

grief-giver of a husband, destroyer of hearts,

let me not die aching in one place (p. 35)

While the maids on their knees

kept grinding and sifting wheat and barley grain,

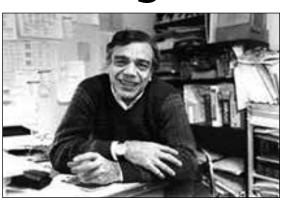
(six-hundred someone said)

measured into baskets big (p. 58)

I also admired the patience of the book, which imparted a slight anguish, which is the anguish of Penelope herself in suffering the long passage of time and its frequently felt futility.

How many women, I wonder, have waited like me,

like me by the sea, with a racing caring heart,



women who waited, stood waiting,

lay waiting like me? (p. 16)

Here on Ithaca, alas, we had no favoring rain today,

no sun.

And I, who am Penelope, living mother of a living son,

neither got Odysseus back,

husband whose love I miss on awakening,

nor chose to take a suitor as my man. (p. 34)

What's more and must be said in this battlefield of love:

time and time again I love you,

then I go the other way

and love you not. (p. 35)

The book works its spell of another time and another place on you by maintaining its foothold in Homer's mythic world, which may chafe some readers in our generation-hab world who may crave to recognize more familiar language and elements. This yet poses the question of how a poet may discipline and mind her craft to be a builder of bridges. That is from the terminology of Ifeanyi Menkiti, whose introduction to this book is so generously informative with details of the poet's biography and bibliography, and eloquent in his argument for an ecumenical mission for poetry. The bridge the poet builds spans across the differences of the cultural barriers of time and space, so that she is not a mere "tribalist" chronicler of the historical moment. Is poetry what gets lost in translation, as Robert Frost famously coined the definition? Or is it found in the consideration to survive translation? Who will the readers of the year 2053, 2113... be able to appreciate? It's a staggering yet pertinent question.

Still, relevant both to individual and tradition, Villanueva's meditation comes to a luminous affirmation from the long-suffering spouse about the insight she has gained as to the carefulness of her affections and surrounding:

I'd been for years at

the heart's low-ebb, but wise about men set before me,

and gods disguised. Now the man long-awaited

had washed ashore into my room: I opened my eyes

and saw, past the ceiling, an expanse of sky

and Odysseus sailing steadily above me. (pp. 59-60).



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