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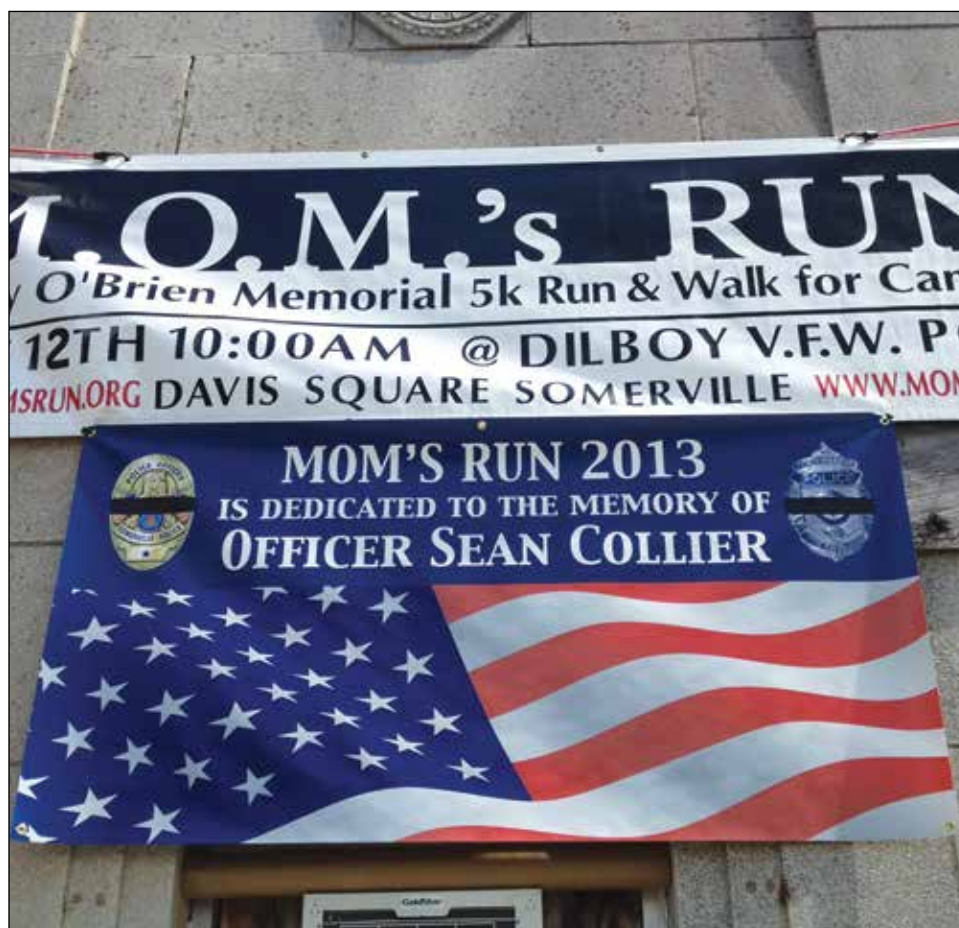


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2013 M.O.M.'s Run remembers Sean Collier



The 10th Annual Mary O'Brien Memorial 5K for Cancer, known as M.O.M.'s RUN, was held this past Mothers Day and was dedicated to the memory of Sean Collier. Race details and results on page 15.

BOA rules change adopted

By Harry Kane

The Board of Aldermen continue to discuss proposed methods to fill vacancies once an alderman retires with less than one year of their term and prior to any regular election. But on May 14, a rules change was adopted, changing the process for filling vacant seats.

Following an early retirement, most aldermen appoint a new, qualified person to replace them. But now, with potential Charter changes being discussed among the BOA, and a rules change, the position would become more available to other residents of the ward who might want to become alderman. This new rules change ends the appointment process and replaces it with an alderman selection process that would be more democratic.

Typically in years past an outgoing alderman appointed their successor when he or she stepped down from their position. This had been the predominant form of selecting a new alderman in the past when the Alderman retired before their term ended. Prior to the recent outcry from the public regarding the appointment process, there hadn't really been too much of a concern with

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Tufts Sociologist examines the past, present, and future of an All-American City

By Blake Maddux

Susan Ostrander is a Professor of Sociology at Tufts University. Among the classes that she teaches are "Wealth, Poverty and Inequality" and "Making Social Change Happen: Roots, Activism & Community Organizing." She is also the author of several books, the most recent of which is this year's *Citizenship and Governance in a Changing City, Somerville, MA* (Temple University Press).

On one hand, the book is a work of admirable academic research and dedicated scholarship. However, Ostrander's interviews with numerous Somervillians of various classes, races, and ethnicities – as well as her discussions of familiar locations – make the book enjoyable and instructive to all who are interested in the past, present, and future of this two-time All-American City Award winner.

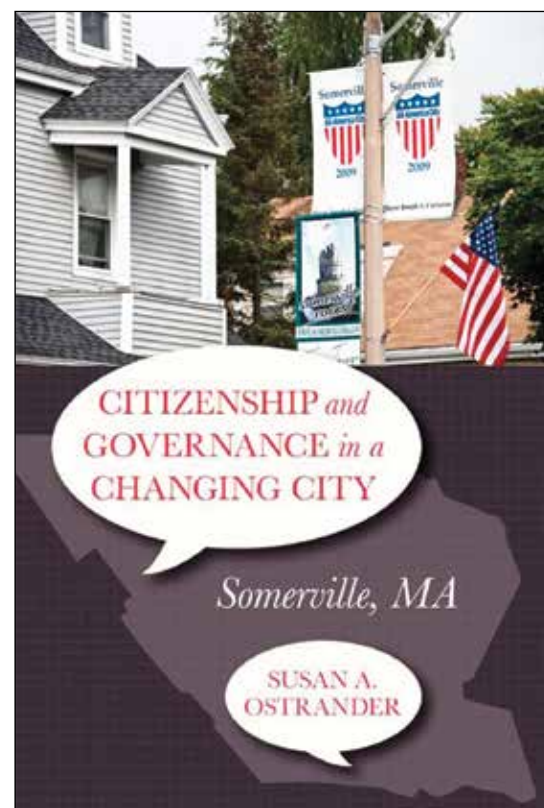
Professor Ostrander kindly agreed to

answer some questions about her new book via email.

Q: You write on page 20, "Between 1850 and 1860, immigrants from Ireland grew to one-fifth of the city's population, the same proportion of residents with Irish origins today." In 1929, an Irishman was elected the city's first Democratic mayor, thereby ending the "ruling elite of Yankee businessmen." Is the Irish experience instructive in predicting an eventual rise to political and social prominence by one of Somerville's many other immigrant groups? Considering the political influence that the Irish eventually amassed, should the current lack of such influence among other immigrant groups not be of so great a concern for the time being?

Ostrander: It took Somerville Irish some 70 years to achieve representation. That was too long then and far too long for today's newer immigrants to gain a meaningful hold in

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Professor Ostrander's new book takes a thorough look at the city of Somerville and the people who live here.

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NEWTALK

The annual Somerville High Scholarship Foundation raffle is this Friday evening, May 17, and tickets are still available the first price of \$10,000 that will be awarded along with many other prizes. Only 250 tickets are to be sold. The event will be held at the Highlander Café at the High School, Friday night at 7 p.m., with the drawing starting at 8p.m. Several door prizes, refreshments and lots of fun for a great cause. To purchase a ticket for the raffle beforehand make checks payable to the SHS Scholarship Foundation and mail your \$100 check to SHS Raffle, c/o Eugene Brune, P.O. Box 440275, Somerville 02144. We do know that from past years you can or might be able to purchase a ticket directly at the function this Friday night, so show up and take part in the festivities. This is a great local charity that raises funds for scholarships for well deserving students. Send a check today and get your tickets. Who knows? You just might be the big winner.

Elio LoRusso, candidate for Alderman in Ward 1, is having a fundraiser at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant at 14 Broadway tonight, Wednesday, May 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Elio is working hard. He's already been online on Facebook as well as other social media places.

A Storm is coming! The MMA's 12th Annual Storm the State House is this Thursday, May 16. Motorcyclists from across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and neighboring States will be making the trek to the State House in Boston to attend the MMA's 12th Annual Storm the State House Event. The main staging location is the Lions Club and Senior Center, 9 New Washington Street, Somerville, and they'll be leaving there at noon. Other staging areas are located across the state and leave at various times to converge on the Somerville start point. The seniors will have refreshments available at no cost and a donation to the center is welcome. Contact Billy Tauro for more information.

Our good friend Barry Wilder is on the mend, having recently undergone a hernia operation. He is walking around and getting back in shape. We're glad he's doing

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Walkable Somerville

ThinkAboutMe? says:

Bill, ever read the comments after an article? I suggest it before you phone in Part 2 from your Ivory Tower. SAFE? ask wheelchair users why they go out into traffic instead of the sidewalks? oooops, forgot, we're the invisible people nobody likes to hear about. do you think we prefer to be facing cars/trucks? Climb down and talk to real people who actually travel the streets. Leave the Think Tank once in awhile.

Somerbreeze says:

Pedestrians—especially seniors and the disabled—will experience neither SAFE or USEFUL walking as long as City Hall fails to enforce the local ordinance prohibiting business-district sidewalk cycling. Based on past history, City Hall has no intention of enforcing it, either. So how can Jeff Speck call Somerville a “walkable city” while this cynical indifference to public safety prevails?

Greg says:

Interesting article. Thought provoking. I find myself in the camp that feels like we need to pour a lot of money into making streets more pedestrian and bike friendly while being less car friendly. However, I like the idea of Assembly Square and I think if some good bike lanes are cut into the streets that lead there coupled with wide, tree lined sidewalks it can be the best of all worlds. Who knows? That parking lot might be 1/4 filled with cars and overrun with walkers and bikers. . . a man can dream!

gregtowne says:

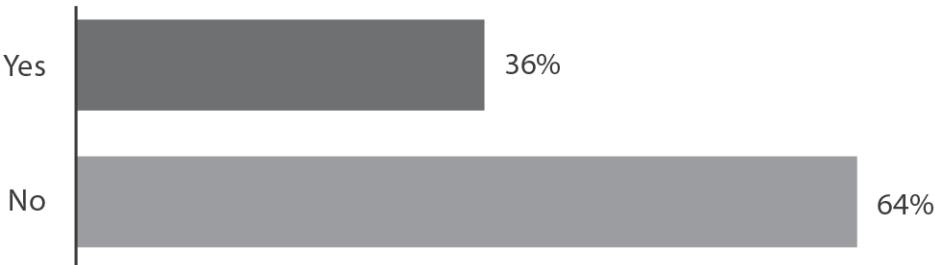
“Jeff Speck answers that a walk must be useful, safe, comfortable, and interesting. Mr. Speck consults to the City of Somerville” I think we (tax payers) would love to know how much the city is paying Mr. Speck for his consulting work. Another shining example of progressive gov't waste in this city. Has anyone seen their tax bill lately? What a joke.

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are in favor of a hotel being built at the location of the Herbert and Day St. parking lot. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Are you in favor of a hotel being built at the location of the Herbert and Day St. parking lot?



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Community Path extension underway

By Josh Maislin

On Monday, May 13, Mayor Joseph Curtatone and other officials hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the first extension of Somerville's Community Path in over 18 years. The path will be extended a quarter-mile east from its current terminus at Cedar street, to Lowell Street.

Mayor Curtatone began the ceremony by outlining the long term vision for the Community Path. "We'll get the Community Path to the border of Boston, along with the Green Line extension. We'll link the Community Path with the Minuteman Bikeway. This is only the beginning," said Mayor Curtatone.

Throughout the event, speakers highlighted how community activism had played an integral role in implementing the Community Path extension project. "Letters, emails, phone calls, petitions, meetings, more meetings, probably [even] more meetings. I have seen every one of your faces at these events to make this happen. If anyone deserves a pat on the back it's each and every one of you," said Ward 5 Alderman Courtney O'Keefe.

Members of the state delegation, including Sen. Pat Jehlen and Rep. Denise Provost, spoke about financial and political hurdles in making the Community Path extension a reality.

"How many people pay federal income tax? How many people here pay state income tax? How many people pay gas tax to Massachusetts and the Federal Government? Thank you all for the Community Path. It takes money to build this project. What we're about to do in the Transportation Finance Plan is not sufficient, but it's better than nothing," said Sen. Jehlen, indicating a need for "adequate and fair" taxation to support these public projects.

Representatives of Friends of the Community Path, the primary advocacy group for the Community Path extension, reiterated the need for political willpower and financial support. "It's really important to under-

stand that even a little project like this, which is tied to the Green Line, is tied to the entire state transportation budget. People should really pay attention to that," said co-founder Lynn Weissman.

After the speeches, it was picture time. Public officials and advocates posed with shovels in their hands to commemorate the groundbreaking. Mayor Curtatone then urged any children that could be rounded up to take part in the shovel-holding extravaganza.

The current phase of the extension will cost \$2 million dollars and is planned for completion in fall 2013.



A small sampling of the community got a chance to dig into the groundbreaking ceremony for the Community Path extension.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Unwanted visitor gets rough

Police responded to a called in report of a breaking and entering in progress at Pinckney Pl. residence last Friday afternoon.

Upon arrival at the residence officers were met by the reporting party, who told them that a man, Rafael Lima, 38, of Cambridge, had broken into

his home and had also physically attacked him.

Asked for details, the reporting party told police that he had been working in his backyard when Lima, who he was acquainted with, appeared and seemed to be behaving strangely.

The reporting party then

said that he entered his home and locked the screen door behind him.

The reporting party told police that after he had taken a shower he discovered Lima standing in his kitchen. He further stated that it appeared as though Lima had cut through the screen door in order to

gain entry into the house.

The reporting party said that he repeatedly ordered Lima out of his house and threatened to call the police if he didn't leave, at which time Lima allegedly attacked the reporting party. The reporting party told police that Lima "jumped on me and started

punching me!" police said.

The officers reportedly noted that the man had cuts and scratches on his face and back.

Police located Lima in the driveway of the residence. He was placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Student driver fails big time

While monitoring vehicle traffic in the area of Lowell and Alpine Streets last Sunday, a patrol officer heard the loud roar of an automobile engine being revved and shortly thereafter saw the vehicle speed past him at approximately 80 mph.

The officer gave chase in his cruiser and soon located the vehicle, stopped in the middle of Medford St., unoccupied, and

showing signs of severe damage to its front end.

Another vehicle was spotted nearby, showing signs of rear end damage, while two occupants inside the car appeared to be injured.

As the officer exited his cruiser he was summoned by four men who was escorting a fifth man, Marcus Demoura, 21, of Malden, towards the policeman.

The four witnesses reportedly told the officer that they had witnessed Demoura's crashing his vehicle, then getting out of the car and attempt to run away.

The witnesses caught up with Demoura and restrained him, eventually bringing him to the police officer on the scene, according to reports.

When asked by the officer where he thought he was going,

Demoura reportedly said that his brakes gave out and he was going to find his friend.

When asked to show his driver's license, Demoura reportedly admitted that he only had a learner's permit.

The officer on the scene asked Demoura whether or not he or anyone else had been injured in the crash, and Demoura reportedly said that he was unhurt

and that he was alone in the crashed vehicle.

Demoura was then placed under arrest and charged with leaving the scene of personal injury, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and speeding.

A complaint was also filed against the registered owner of the crashed vehicle for allowing its use by an unlicensed driver.

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Arrests:

Michael Andrews, 30, of 46 Tudor St., Chelsea, May 6, 9:13 a.m., arrested at 97 Washington St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

Michael Splaine, 24, of 28 High St., May 6, 3:25 p.m., arrested at 230 Holland St. on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug, distribution of a class A drug, possession of a class E drug, attempt to commit a crime, conspiracy, forgery of a document, utter false prescription, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug possession to distribute.

Anthony Silva, 28, of 53 Farmer Rd., Hookset, NH, May 7, 6:28 a.m., arrested at 28 Pinckney St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Casey Kolenda, 26, of 454 Medford St., May 7, 5:07 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of speeding,

failure to stop for police, and operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

Melissa Saccoach, 21, of 395 Water St., Quincy, May 7, 6:43 p.m., arrested at 30 Washington St. on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

Rafael Lima, 38, of 820 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, May 10, 2:02 p.m., arrested at 9 Pinckney Pl. on charges of assault and battery and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Jasmine Sanchez, 26, of 98 Medford St., Charlestown, May 10, 3:02 p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Matthew Henebury, 42, of 70 Boston St., May 11, 10:24 a.m., arrested at 24 Greenville St. on warrant charges of credit card fraud and receiving a stolen credit card.

Marcus Demoura, 21, of 46 Belmont St., Malden, May 12,

10:20 p.m., arrested at Lowell St. on charges of leaving the scene of personal injury, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and speeding.

Incidents:

Theft:

May 6, 2:43 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

May 7, 8:40 a.m., police reported a theft at Cherry St.

May 7, 7:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Billingham St.

May 8, 7:27 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

May 10, 3:02 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

May 10, 5:53 p.m., police reported a theft at 225 Elm St.

May 10, 9:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

May 11, 7:39 p.m., police

reported a theft at Temple St.

May 12, 3:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Pearson Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

May 6, 10:55 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Lester Terr.

May 7, 9:47 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Beacon St.

May 9, 7:57 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Porter St.

May 9, 10:04 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Mystic Ave.

May 9, 5:06 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

May 10, 6:57 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Beacon St.

May 10, 7:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

May 10, 8:10 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Durham St.

May 11, 2:14 p.m., police re-

ported a breaking & entering at Franklin St.

Vehicle Theft:

May 6, 12:19 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

May 6, 6:05 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Dane St.

May 10, 5:43 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Pinckney Pl.

May 12, 8:54 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Walnut St.

May 12, 9:23 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Elm St.

Assault:

May 6, 12:57 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

May 8, 5:41 a.m., police reported an assault at Warren Ave.

May 10, 2:02 p.m., police reported an assault at Pinckney Pl.

City looks at the wage theft issue

By Linjing Cheng

Four wage dispute cases between One World Cuisine - which operates Diva Indian Bistro in Davis Square, as well as a number of other restaurants and liquor stores - and its former employees developed into a political discussion in Somerville this week.

Community organization Centro Presente's organizer Patrick McDermott, who helped file the complaints and organized pickets and petition campaigns, made his debut testimony in front of the Board of Aldermen at their special meeting on Tuesday night. It was the first meeting discussing an ordinance that aims at deterring the wage theft issue since Mayor Curtatone's April proposal.

It was the first time, too, that the city delved into the legislation covering the wage issue that has been dealt by the state and federal government. The ordinance that McDermott was hopeful to see it pass would be quite a task for the Board of Aldermen.

The passage of the ordinance would allow the city, its boards or commissions, to revoke or suspend the licenses of the violators of the state's wage law, and the federal's Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

In the realm of administrative enforcement, it's up to the U.S. Department of Labor and Attorney General's office to enforce their laws respectively. The city has been in a role of assisting the state and federal in the unpaid-wages issue by reporting the disputes to them.

It's still unclear at the moment as to which entity would be enforcing the ordinance if it passes, or even investigating the cases, as the language of the ordinance has yet to be discussed at the board, with a second hearing later this month.

Alderman at Large John Connolly stated his concern after the first hearing, "The trouble is, the state and federal governments already have department to deal directly with this, and how much enforcement capability the city would have."

The U.S. Department of Labor declined

to comment on the draft.

Jackie Rossetti, the mayor's Deputy Director of Communications, referred to the Licensing Commission as possibly enforcing the ordinance after the passage. The commission regulates - as shown in their booklet Rules and Regulations - alcohol, restaurants, inns, package stores, various fields of construction, landscaping, painting, and domestic services. The back wage issue was never a city's issue. The city can withhold a license, but they never revoke them.

"I think what really makes the businesses think twice about not paying workers is the threat of having their abilities to do businesses taken away," said McDermott.

McDermott reported that workers came to him because they were fired, and he learned about the underpayment issue as he asked more questions. The wage issue oftentimes relates to immigrant families.

The state's minimum wage is \$8 per hour, and the workers should be paid 1.5 times that for overtime labor. Typically, McDermott and his colleagues negotiate with the employers for restitution. When the violators refuse, they file complaints to the Attorney General's office or U.S. Department of Labor. Sometimes they resort to the state and federal courts.

Davis Square resident Rand Wilson, who has been helping to collect signatures in support of the hearing, thinks the community organizations aren't within the reach to many. "Our weak labor laws, vicious employer opposition and the growth of part time, subcontracted and temporary employment puts many employees outside the reach of labor protections," said Wilson at the hearing.

The owner of Diva Indian Bistro, Jaswinder Singh Pabla, was also at the hearing. His restaurant on Davis Square was the focus of McDermott and Wilson's picketing last July and August.

Diva's parent company, One World Cuisine, which is owned by the Singh/Pabla family, refused to settle out of court. Plaintiff Cruz Manuel Melgar had to file the case in United States District Court



Photo by Harry Kane

Representatives from Centro Presente and others made their grievances known to members of the Somerville Board of Alderman regarding alleged "wage theft" practices by local employers.

of Massachusetts, as the Statutes of Limitations applied and it was too late to resort to the Attorney General.

As McDermott recalled, the Department of Labor didn't get to investigate it. Centro Presente helped Melgar, along with other six workers, to file four suits in federal court for \$183,500 in unpaid wages, minimum wage and overtime violations in October 2012. That is the case that inspired the draft of the ordinance.

To some people, filing a complaint to the administration is not that efficient. The U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour division, which enforces the Fair Labor Standards Act, has investigators answer phone calls, screen, and then register complaints. Assistant district director of the division Carlos Matos said, "We have to make sure our resources are used in the right way."

As for punitive actions, Matos said that in the majority of the cases, the employers

are asked to pay the back wages that go back two years, or three years if the violator is willful, although a civil monetary penalty can be assessed.

It took less than a month since Centro Presente and their ally Rand Wilson, who worked as union organizer for three decades, gathered 191 signatures required by the Board of Aldermen to hold this hearing. Meanwhile, upon learning about the passage of an anti-wage-theft ordinance in Chicago in January, Wilson sent Mayor Curtatone a copy of the unanimously passed ordinance.

"He liked it," said Wilson. A fresh draft of the ordinance for Somerville was already in the Board of Alderman and audience's hands while Wilson and McDermott presented a spreadsheet listing 19 violators with a total \$121,868 back wages and \$20,844 in fines, which Wilson referred to as "the tip of the iceberg."

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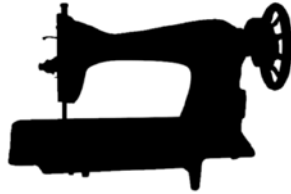
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Candidates Roster

The following took out nomination papers as of Tuesday, May 14:

Mayor: Joseph Curtatone, re-election

Alderman at Large

3 incumbents and 2 challengers so far.

One can vote for 4 with 9 running makes it a primary.

John Connolly, Jr., incumbent

William White, incumbent

Dennis Sullivan, incumbent

Sean Fitzgerald, candidate

Mary Jo Rossetti, candidate

Ward One Alderman

Maureen Bastardi, candidate

Elio LoRusso, candidate

Matthew C. McLaughlin, candidate

Ward One School Committee

Steven P. Roix, candidate

Ward Two Alderman

Maryann Heuston, incumbent

Ward Two School Committee

Michael D. Nionankis, candidate

Ward Three Alderman

Mathew Desmond, candidate

Robert McWatters, candidate

Gerald Christopher Amaral, candidate

Ward Three School Committee

Adam Sweeting, incumbent

Ward Four Alderman

Tony Lafuente, incumbent

Ward Four School Committee

Christine Berge-Rafal, incumbent

Ward Five Alderman

Courtney O'Keefe, candidate

Mark Niedergang, candidate

Ward Five School Committee

Laura Pitone, candidate

Ross Richmond, candidate

Caroline Shea-Rosas, candidate

Ward Six Alderman

Rebekah Gerwitz, incumbent

Ward Six School Committee

Paul Bockelman, incumbent

Ward Seven Alderman

Katjana Ballantyne, candidate

Ward Seven School Committee

Barry Rafkin, candidate

Caroline Lynch Normand, candidate

Clarendon Hill Towers under investigation



Photo by Bobbie Toner

By Harry Kane

A resolution passed during the Board of Aldermen on May 9, which will ask the Human Rights Commission to investigate complaints of unlawful treatment, discrimination and harassment of tenants by the management of the Clarendon Hill Towers.

Clarendon Hill Towers is a housing complex located at 1374 Broadway in West Somerville. There are 501 apartments at the complex and roughly 50 percent of the residents are elderly. Despite repeated attempts to contact Clarendon Hill Towers, management declined to comment regarding the recent complaints.

"This has been an ongoing issue for some time," said Ward 7 Alderman Robert Trane. "A week doesn't go by where I don't get a phone call of some sort of complaint." Trane cannot even believe some of the allegations coming from tenants, but the more he looks into the continued concerns of the residents, the more he finds there is a "grain

of truth to it."

Trane says that an independent group needs to investigate the complaints. The rest of the aldermen joined Trane in asking the Somerville Human Rights Commission to investigate the complaints. The hope is to protect and serve the constitutional, civil and human rights of the people in the city, explained Trane.

According to Trane, he has

heard complaints that include harassment, intimidation and vandalism. "It goes on and on and on," said Trane. During a recent deposition concerning a lawsuit for a tenant that used to live at Clarendon Hill Towers, Trane said he found out that some 20 to 30 residents are allegedly evicted every month. "I almost fell off my chair when I hear that number," said Trane.

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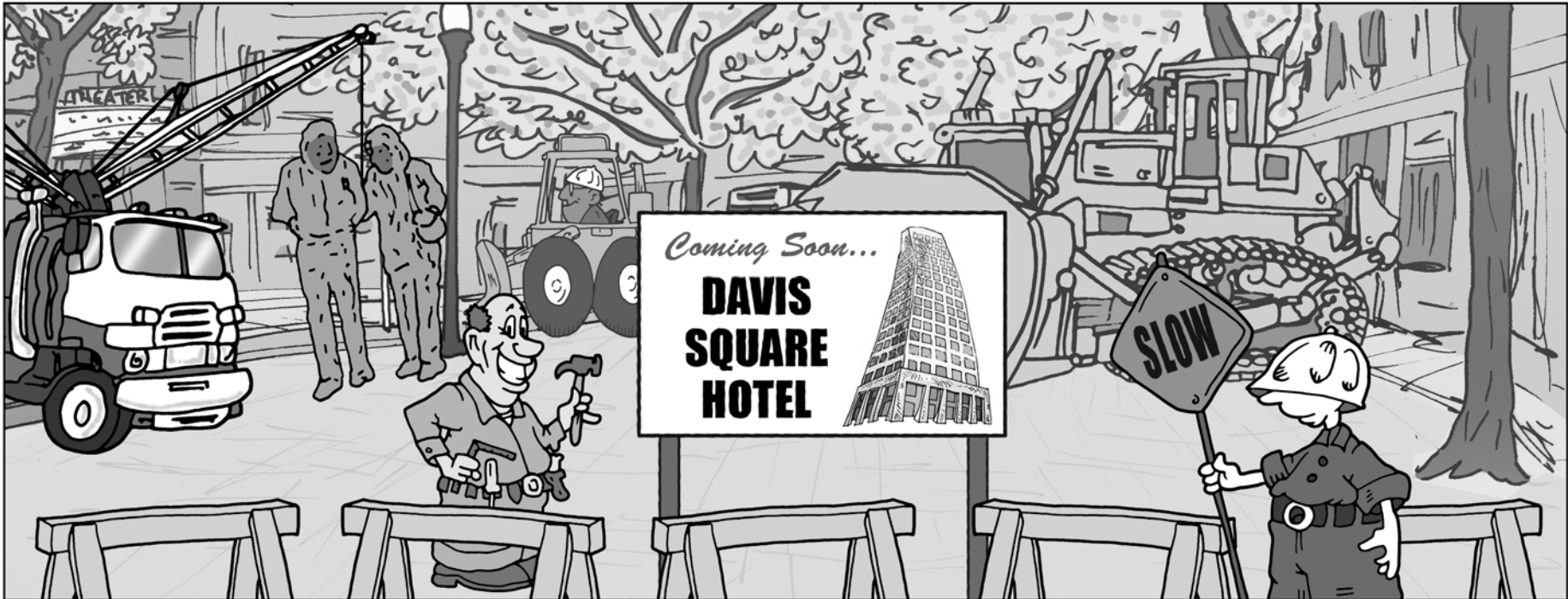
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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



So, when can we book a reservation?

The View From Prospect Hill



What Davis Square needs is a good boutique style hotel with plenty of parking and no restaurant to compete with those already in the area. Agreed? Well, almost.

The fact is, there are a lot of variables being discussed and examined in consideration of the five or so major offers that city officials and concerned citizens have had placed before them.

The task at hand is to effectively balance the best interests of the city and its residents against the commercial interests of those who would bring this development to Davis.

At present, the people of Somerville have a unique opportunity to have their concerns and ideas considered by city planners and administrators, allowing them to become an important part of the

planning process.

Let's everyone do our parts to make certain that the best possible choices are made in the days and weeks to come. Let us see to it that all of the important factors that will make up a plan to go forward are addressed and defined satisfactorily.

What style of hotel do we want in Davis Square? How will parking in the square be affected? What will become of the

popular farmers market that will become displaced by the proposed hotel? These and many other important questions need to be asked and answered.

It may not be possible to please everyone, as it never really is. But with careful planning and input from as many interested parties as can be gathered we can maximize overall satisfaction with our choices. We can't ask more than that.

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better. Just in time for his lovely wife Lee to undergo a hip replacement later this month. We hope she has a speedy recovery as well. Both are up in their summer home in Maine enjoying the nice Maine breeze.

Ginny Post, the wife of Stephen Post, was recently in the hospital. We hear she's on the mend as well and hopefully will soon be home. We wish her the best.

A fundraiser will be held at the Somerville City Club on Friday evening, May 17 starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 pp. A portion of the donations will go to the One Fund, a portion to the Jimmy Fund in memory of Sean Collier, and a portion to the Donohue family to help them out while Richard is recovering from near death. Contact Cheryl Endicott cheryle@bu.edu, 617-501-4437 (cell phone) 617-358-1470 (work).

Happy Birthdays this week to the following fans, readers and just plain Villens at heart: Big time to one of the city's best lawyers, Ed Smith, who is a great guy and we hope he has a great time this week. George Land-

ers, the city's unofficial official DJ plus all around nice guy, is celebrating this week with two of his children. Melissa Hurley-Sullivan, the lovely wife of Alderman Dennis Sullivan celebrates too. We hope Dennis at least takes her out to dinner. Others are Maureen Clark, who is also celebrating this week here in the Ville, as well as Tina Galluzzo Caruso, and a great guy from one of Somerville's nicest families, Mark MacLeod. Former resident here in the city Megan Foster is celebrating this week. Finally, Happy Birthday this week to Michelle Bowler of the DPW.

This coming Sunday, May 19 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. join ESMS in a lively and informative tour about one of the oldest and architecturally diverse sections of Somerville. Led by Edward Gordon, President of the New England Chapter of the Victorian Society of America, the focus will be on Pre-Civil War buildings and architectural features. The walk begins at the Sullivan Square transit station and concludes with appetizers at a local eatery. Rain or shine. See you there!

Congratulations to the Iannacone family on the street dedication that was

held on this past Saturday for Virgil "Virgie" Iannacone at the intersection of Central and Summer Streets in Somerville. Virgil's family and friends, along with elected officials, were there for the wonderful tribute to his legacy.

Happy wedding anniversary to Barbara and Tom Carli of Carli Fence. Barbara and Tom are very nice people and we wish them all the best and many more years of happiness.

Don't forget to book your tickets now for next Thursday, May 23 for the Annual Somerville Lions Club "A Night of Comedy & Fun" at Giggles Comedy Club on Rt. 1 South 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 will be available at the door or also by contacting Billy Tauro for tickets and RSVPs at (617)293-2016.

Happy college graduation to our good friend Regan McGovern who graduated this week from Fisher College. Regan is a wonderful person and will do well out

there in the business world.

Our condolences go out to the Murphy family for the passing of their dad over the weekend, James Patrick Murphy. He was a bus driver for the MBTA for over thirty years, raised his family here in Somerville and was also father to Somerville Fire Department's District Fire Chief Dennis Murphy. James was a very nice man and will be sadly missed.

You're invited to the Somerville Special Olympics of a Special Kind on Wednesday, June 12 (rain date June 13). Athletes and volunteers to arrive at 5:15 p.m. Opening ceremonies commence at 6:00 p.m. at Trum Field on Broadway. Honor guards from the Somerville Police, Fire and Sheriff's Departments will lead the parade. Track and field events include a 25 yard dash, a 50 yard dash, throwing events and golf. Entertainment will be provided by DJ George Landers, Jimmy DelPonte and the Somerville Sunsetters. So don't miss it! Event pre-registration required. Return forms by June 1. Forms are available on their website: www.wscinc.org or phone the Walnut Center at (617) 776-

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COMMENTARY

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Community Path Extension nurtures neighborhoods



By Joseph A. Curtatone

On Monday, we celebrated the groundbreaking of the Community Path extension, a critical step in further unifying our neighborhoods, giving residents healthy alternatives to driving and supporting our local economy. You only needed to see the crowd of people gathered for the event to know how important

ant this project is to our city, and that it never would have happened without the passion and unrelenting support of those in our community who believe in the urban renaissance that is reshaping Somerville for the 21st century.

A stream of people flowed down the Community Path to its current end point on Cedar Street where we held the groundbreaking ceremony for the newest segment of the path, which will extend to Lowell Street. Some were walking or running, some biking, and others came with kids in tow either on bike seats or on their own bicycles or kick

scooters. The adults and kids alike painted a portrait of a city on the move, but no longer resigned to cars to move. It is, both figuratively and tangibly, a movement.

Becoming a more bikeable, walkable, transit-accessible city does not happen by chance. It happens when we install more than 25 miles of bike markings in the city, bringing our total to over 30 miles, and when we install 75 new bikes racks and 10 bike corrals. It comes when Hubway opens eight bike sharing stations throughout the city, with four more on the way. We know that if we build it, they will ride. In the past two years

alone, we've seen bicycling activity in the city increase by 56 percent according to our snapshot counts.

And it happens when we extend the Community Path a quarter mile closer to Boston, where it will connect with the planned Lowell Street Green Line station, providing an important link for residents to access higher-speed public transit. We continue to work on shaping an environment where it is easy to walk, run and bike because we've seen that people will make that choice when the option is there.

It also happens when those in charge of the public purse

commit to funding transit and public infrastructure projects. The approximately \$2 million needed for this extension came with the help of the efforts of our legislators, our partnership with the Patrick administration and the dogged advocacy of local activists. Congressman Mike Capuano secured a \$1 million earmark. MassDOT and the Federal Highway Administration saw the value of the project and chose to fund it. Maxwell's Green developer Davis Square Partners removed the existing railroad tracks and regraded the area. The Friends of the Community Path raised \$5,000. All

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

That's all folks!



I started writing this little column back in 2008. I thought I was going to write funny stories about Somerville. It then evolved into a sort of history of Somerville. I changed the name from *On The Silly Side*, to *Life in the Ville*, because that was what it was about, life in this great city of ours.

After writing in this paper for over five years, I have decided that I have touched on just about everything I can think of. I wrote about the schools, the old stores, the playgrounds, the beaches we went to, the radio stations we listened to and the TV shows we watched. I touched on the family doctor, music, holidays, old toys, our first jobs, and our first cars. I wrote

about the bars and restaurants we used to frequent and the old stores, factories and sub shops that we loved. At the risk of being redundant and repetitive, I am hanging it up for a while.

I loved doing this article and it was a labor of love. I was helped out a lot by the social networks such as Facebook. People would send me ideas to write about and I interviewed some very interesting characters. In my position as Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, the summer is my busy time. I need to donate most of my time to the Sunsetters, The Moonlighters, and Project STAR. And if there is any time left over, me and my family will head up north to our little New Hampshire getaway. I will also continue helping my sons, Jimmy and Joey Del Ponte's band Stainless.

I particularly enjoyed being stopped at

the corner store by some of you awesome readers. You would say something like, "I love your articles," and I would ask how they knew it was me. They would smile and say, "I recognized you from your photo in the paper!" That photo kept me from screaming at drivers in traffic and flipping people off. Well, let's just say it slowed it down a bit. You can't take the Somerville out of the boy!

Being a lifelong Villen is the best! I love the people, the history, and the landscape. A prouder Somerville citizen there could not be. Thank you for letting me share my stories, poems, and memories with you for the past five years. Believe me, when I have something vital to say, you will hear from me again.

You can find all of my previous stories by searching (Google) *The Somerville*

News, On The Silly Side, Life in the Ville, or just my name. I'd like to thank Cam and Bobbie Toner, Donald Norton and all the staff at *The Somerville News* for their generous help and support over the years. You have not heard the last of me I promise. Somerville Rocks! Thank you, and I'll see you around *The Ville*!

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Well, here's another one for the record books. There's plenty of talk around town that one of those parcels of land down at Assembly Square where IKEA once was going to be built is now, as we speak, being bulldozed and cleared off to put a "Horse Circus/Rodeo" there temporarily for the summer under a couple of big top tents that is said to be scheduled to begin around July 16. As we hear more on this "Horse of a Tale" we will keep you up to speed on it.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Sunday, May 26 for the annual Memorial Day Parade here in Somerville. It starts at City Hall and goes all the way up through Davis into Teele and ends at Calderon Hill.

So far Maureen Bastardi has passed in the necessary signatures to be on the ballot in September. She was the first to turn in the required amount here in Somerville. Two more candidates have pulled papers since our last edition. Matt McLaughlin has filed for Alderman in Ward One. He used to live in Ward Five and we heard that he's being encouraged by his good friends at the Somerville Community Corporation, which every year has a candidate here or there running for office. That organization is so civic minded. In Ward Three we have a new name, Gerald C. Amaral, who pulled papers for Alderman. So far if Ward One candidates for Alderman and Ward Three candidates for Alderman turn in their papers, it would be a primary in those two wards

only. Now, hopefully, if we can get more people to pull papers around the city and it would be fantastic. Still no opponents in Ward 4 and Ward 6 and only 5 for Alderman at Large. We need 9 to make a primary.

Bert Gay is now home and on the mend after over a week of being hospitalized and nearly meeting his maker. The family tells us that he said he told them that he "didn't see a light at the end of the tunnel, just a dark scary place and that he's glad to be back!" Bert is husband to our Former Somerville Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay. We wish them well and hope for a speedy recovery for Bert.

Also, our hearts and prayers are with our good friend Annemarie Carey Browne, who just underwent brain sur-

gery on Tuesday. We wish her all the best for a speedy recovery. Annemarie is wife to our good friend Mike Brown at the Somerville DPW.

Saturday, May 18 musicians and bands throughout Somerville will celebrate and utilize an underused public venue: The Porch. Acts ranging from Bollywood funk, cosmic americana, killer blues, Moroccan, Balkan, gospel, American space rock and clawhammer banjo, will serenade passersby from porches throughout Somerville. There are three time slots are based on three quadrants of the city; east to Central will be 12-2; Central to Willow will be 2-4; west of Willow 4-6. For a complete map and information go to Somerville Arts Council's web site: www.somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives’ votes on three roll calls from prior legislative sessions. All roll calls are on proposed amendments to the House version of the \$34 billion fiscal 2014 state budget. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1,

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

\$20 MILLION FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS (H 3400)

House 30-125, rejected an amendment that would provide \$20 million to public schools for educational materials, text books, lab equipment, computers, other learning materials and physical safety improvements. The measure also ensures that each school district will receive at least \$20 per student.

Amendment supporters said that many textbooks are outdated, falling apart and often have to be shared by two students. They noted the funds would be welcome by struggling schools across the state.

Amendment opponents said that despite the worthiness of the amendment, the state simply cannot afford this additional \$20 million. They noted that schools already are receiving unrestricted education aid that can be used for these purposes. (A “Yes” vote is for the \$20 million. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

CONTINUE SESSION AFTER 9 P.M. UP UNTIL MIDNIGHT (H 3400)

House 125-32, suspended rules to allow the House to meet beyond 9 p.m. and continue until midnight if necessary.

Supporters of rule suspension said that it is important to remain in session to finish action on the very important state budget.

Opponents of rule suspension said that it is irresponsible for the House to act on the budget late at night when taxpayers are asleep. (A “Yes” vote is for allowing the session to continue beyond 9 p.m. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

\$3 MILLION FOR COLLEGE TUITION FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN (H 3400)

House 30-125, rejected an amendment that would provide \$3 million to pay the tuition and fees for children who were adopted through the state adoption system and are attending any one of 29 state colleges. The Adopted Child Tuition Waiver and Fee Assistance Program, established in 2000, was designed to encourage families to adopt through the state’s Department of

Children and Families.

Amendment supporters said the eligibility requirements for this program were recently abruptly changed and left many families who depend on this money out in the cold. They argued it is unfair to change the rules in the middle of the game and put an unfair financial burden on these families or force the student to leave the college.

Amendment opponents said there is no need to create this reserve fund because the current budget provides sufficient money to fully fund this program. They noted that if the money should run out, additional funding could be provided in a future supplemental budget. (A “Yes” vote is for the \$3 million. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAN SHADOWS (H 826) - The Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit the construction of any new building that would cast a new shadow in Boston on the Charles River Esplanade, Christopher Columbus Park, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Copley Square Park, Magazine Beach Park or the Back Bay Fens.

Supporters said some new construction would cast shadows on many Boston parks and interfere with enjoyment by people of scarce open space while benefiting a few wealthy property owners and developers.

Some opponents said the proposal is another example of government interference on issues that are often silly. Others said that perhaps there could be a compromise that protects parks but also is not harmful to developers.

CHILD SEX ABUSE (S 633) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a proposal increasing from 21 to 45 the maximum age at which a person can file a civil lawsuit for child sexual abuse.

Supporters said that many children who are victims of sexual abuse are not emotionally ready to confront the situation until many years later. They argued that current law is unfair and allows many sexual predators to get away with their crimes.

Opponents said that the bill goes too far because evidence and memories are often hazy, unclear and unreliable after many years. They argued that the bill would result in many people being wrongly convicted.

OTHER SEX-RELATED BILLS - Other measures on the Judiciary Committee’s agenda included requiring local police departments to notify any “immediate abutting neighbor” that a Level 2 sex offender lives next door (S 745); raising from \$75 to \$100 the fee that sexual offenders must pay when signing up for the Sexual Offender Registry (S 759); prohibiting rapists from having parental rights to any child born as a result of the rape (H 1220); and adding computer technicians to the current list of professionals required to report instances of the abuse, sexual abuse or neglect of a child under 18 (S 757). The current list of mandated reporters includes doctors and medical personnel, teachers and educational personnel, police officers, firefighters and many human

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service professionals.

BILL COSBY'S ATTORNEYS TESTIFY (S 1630)

- The Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development heard testimony on a bill that would protect Massachusetts celebrities' images and voices after they die. Current law prohibits the use of the voice, portrait or photograph of anyone for commercial purposes without that person's approval, but only while the person is alive. The proposal would protect the person's image and voice for 70 years after his or her death. Comedian and actor Bill Cosby, a resident of Shelburne Falls in Western Massachusetts, is leading the charge for passage of the measure; two of his attorneys, Melinda Phelps and Bill Hart, spoke in favor of the proposal.

SENIORS - The Elderly Affairs Committee held a hearing on a measure that would establish a statewide Adopt-A-Senior volunteer program and registry of people willing to assist seniors with snow removal and property or home maintenance services (S 306). The committee's agenda also included a measure that would require the Department of Elder Affairs to work to improve access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders and caregivers (H 547). The legislation would require all caregivers who receive funding from the department, or whose services are certified by the department, to be trained in the field of providing services to these groups.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Legislators and Gov. Patrick should understand there is broad support for comprehensive sexuality education and that constituents of all ages want to see Massachusetts lead the nation on this issue, as it has in other areas like health care reform and marriage equality." – *Marty Walz, Chief Executive Officer Of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts.*

"I respectfully challenge you to a public debate on the matter. You can select the date, time and location of this debate and I will make arrangements to be there." – *Democratic State Treasurer Steven Grossman challenging Republican U.S. House Speaker John Boehner to a debate on the federal proposal that would allow states to collect taxes on Internet sales. Grossman favors the measure while Boehner opposes it.*

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 May 6-10, the House met for a total of 39 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 25 minutes.

Mon. May 6	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:27 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.
Tues. May 7	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 8	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:03 a.m. No Senate session
Thurs. May 9	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.
Fri. May 10	No House session No Senate session

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Tufts Sociologist examines the past, present, and future

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a city that prides itself on welcoming immigrants. Also, as virtually all of the 45 actively involved residents that I interviewed for my book told me – including those from Irish background – today's immigrants face even greater barriers. Many do not speak English as their first language, and many are not racially white. That means that if they have to follow the same long path as the Irish did, it will surely take them even longer. Neither they nor the city can afford that.

Q: What are the chances that Union Square, with the addition of the new Green Line stop, might become another Davis Square, which you describe as "hip and lively", but "the least racially diverse" and "the most costly place in the city to live"?

Ostrander: There certainly is a chance this could happen. It will require constant vigilance and collective action by both community and city to make sure it doesn't. What I learned from talking with active residents, reading city and community documents and local newspapers, and attending multiple city and community meetings is that many forces are hard at work to try to preserve the features of Union Square that make it such a lively urban space. Examples are efforts to keep a larger than required portion of new housing affordable, preserve the intercultural presence of Union Square restaurants and businesses, and support the expression of art-

ists from a wide range of backgrounds.

Q: You quote an elderly lifelong Somerville resident as saying that as children, she and her friends of different ethnic and national backgrounds could relate well to one another because they were all poor. Is class still strong enough as a uniting force that it can overpower ethnic and national differences among Somervillians?

Ostrander: Working class residents I talked with from both the city's white ethnic population and from newer immigrant groups who are of color do recognize in-common issues like affordable housing and good jobs for working people. Grassroots community groups like Save Our Somerville are trying to make that connection more explicit, but it's a huge challenge as other studies in other cities have shown. If Somerville could find more ways to build that kind of solidarity and harness it for positive change, it would be truly innovative.

Q: A woman of Brazilian heritage told you, "I think immigrants feel safer in a Somerville" than in other nearby towns. Is this generally sense of security a necessary first step toward active community involvement that you call "social citizenship"?

Ostrander: Social citizenship refers to a sense of belonging and acceptance that goes beyond legal citizenship alone. My book argues that social citizenship is a necessary founda-

tion for a kind of democracy I call shared governance by both governmental and non-governmental actors. An in-common feeling of safety and security is part of being accepted, and it's an important step toward being able to move into the public realm, to becoming actively involved in community life. A number of people I talked with said that, while there are local threats to the safety and security of newer immigrants in Somerville from sources like federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids, compared to some other local cities, newer immigrants feel relatively safe in Somerville.

Q: Is the effectiveness of what you term "shared governance" undermined by the lack of immigrant/minority representation on the Board of Aldermen?

Ostrander: The long term absence of representation on the Board of Aldermen of the city's large Brazilian, El Salvadoran, Haitian and similar racial-ethnic communities not only weakens local democracy, it weakens the city's capacity to most effectively address important public issues and concerns. Why? Because it means that critically important voices, experiences, and points of view of thousands of members of the Somerville community are missing from public discussion and debate. As many of the actively involved residents from different backgrounds told me, statements about newer immigrants "eventually" and "just

naturally" assuming their rightful place in the city's elected government just as the earlier Irish and Italians did are not sufficient for today's intercultural city and intercultural world. Examples of recommended actions include simultaneous language translation at all community meetings including Board of Aldermen and School Committee; more free and low-cost readily accessible classes for learning English; and active outreach to new citizens to register to vote, to vote, and then to run for office. Some of these steps have been taken to some degree but none are yet regularized and established as a matter of course.

Q: Is it possible that Are the 20/30-something, college-educated, politically-progressive individuals with ample income who would theoretically oppose the negative effects of gentrification are among those contributing to it?

Ostrander: Keeping in mind that the people I interviewed are perhaps atypical of residents who are not active in public life, the younger college educated progressives I talked to live in Somerville in part because of the city's economic diversity as well as its racial-ethnic diversity. What they said they want for the future of the city is actually, and somewhat surprisingly, quite similar to that of the other two main groups in my study, that is, of older white ethnics and newer immigrants mainly of color. People across the board

appreciated the benefits of gentrification at the same time as they saw its dangers, and some of the newer more affluent residents were well aware that they were both contributing to some extent to the dangers and well as wanting to make more positive contributions to their chosen home city.

Q: You quote a 2009 article which read that the revitalization of Davis Square has helped "banish the epithet 'Slumerville' forever. Is the end of Slumerville at least partially thanks to gentrification?

Ostrander: The despised and extremely derogatory term "Slumerville" referred not only to previously deteriorating neighborhoods with empty storefronts and poorly kept homes. It referred also to corrupt city administrations and associations with organized crime. Those days are gone not just because more middle and upper middle class people have moved into Somerville, but because long time Somerville residents both in and out of city government worked hard to transform a city in decline to one that is today celebrated for reform and revitalization.

Here are some links with more information about Professor Ostrander and her new book:

Temple University Press: http://www.temple.edu/tempress/titles/2265_reg.html

Tufts University: <http://ase.tufts.edu/sociology/facultyOstrander.asp>

Few neighbors recall Obama during Harvard years

By Clennon L. King

Two decades before 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue became his address, Barack Obama rented a basement apartment at a busy bus stop in Somerville, Massachusetts.

For three years, Obama listed 265 Broadway, Apt. B-1 in area phone books, census reports and voter registration rolls.

Yet despite his transparency about where he laid his head, few former neighbors seem to remember the man who would be president.

"It's quite surprising, but I don't remember seeing him," said Dr. Maria Pitaro, a Manhattan based physician who rented third-floor apartment at 363 Broadway in the same building.

Pitaro said her hectic residency schedule that had her on-call for 36-hour shifts at a Boston hospital, might explain why she didn't recall an equally busy Harvard law student.

"Still, I'm a little surprised since there were so few blacks living in Somerville at that time," she said. "You never know whose living around you."

Pitaro's name and address appear with Obama's in a local census, as did former travel agent Nicole Tammaro.

Tammaro, now a professional photographer, lived directly above Obama at 365 Broadway, Apartment 1-A, her floor sharing his ceiling. Still, she doesn't recall ever seeing the man who commuted two and a half miles to law school every day.

"My friends asked me whether I knew him," said Tammaro, who once lived in Obama's building

known as Langmaid Terrace.

"I've thought about it, but I just don't remember seeing him," she said. A third former neighbor, who has since moved to nearby Charlestown and asked not to be identified, said it was news that the future president was once a neighbor.

However, Obama's landlord, Jay Holmes, does remember the "responsible tenant who always paid his rent on time."

Holmes said he doesn't remember Michelle Robinson visiting, whom Obama would have known the last two years he lived at the address.

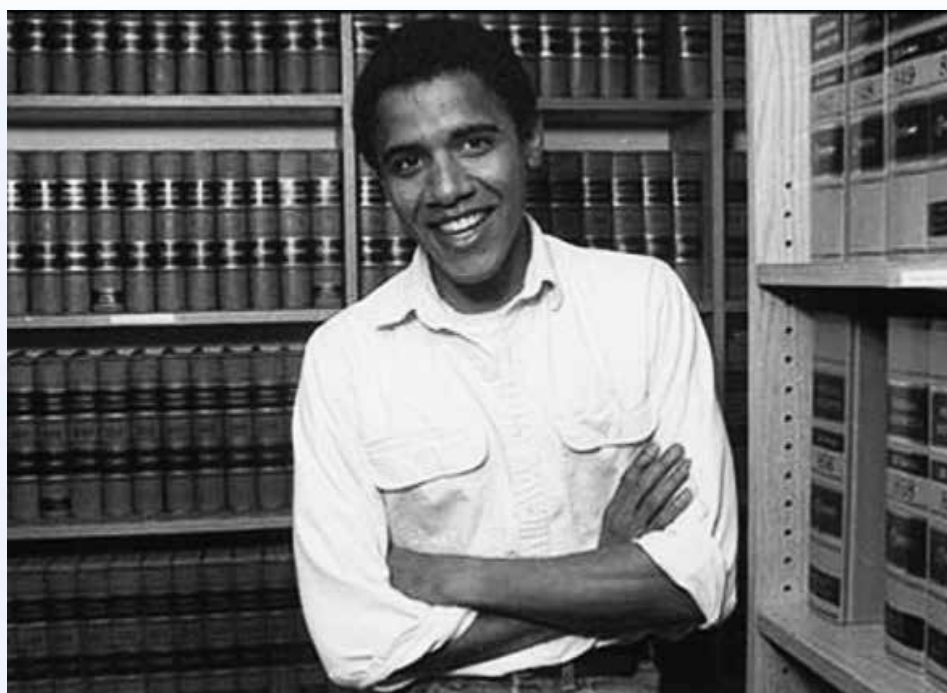
Regardless, Holmes said he plans to soon erect a marker in front of the building. "Probably, some time this summer," he said.

Obama's old voter registration card still remains on file in Somerville City Hall, a 15-minute walk from his old apartment.

Approximately a month after fall classes started at Harvard Law School in 1988, the card reflects the 27-year-old Hawaii native officially transferring his voter registration from Chicago to Somerville, checking "Democrat" as his party affiliation. His signature appears alongside now retired voter registrar Dorothy Vargas who could not be reached for comment.

Back at the old apartment building, a young married couple now resides in his old unit, a fact they knew before moving in.

"It's really not a big thing," said the wife, who asked not to be identified. Asked if she would allow the President to tour his former digs if he paid a surprise visit, the wife didn't mince words. "Of course."



Barack Obama stands in the law library at Harvard University c.1989. Photo Courtesy of Harvard University



Landlord Jay Holmes fields questions about his most famous tenant from area school-aged children last fall. © 2013 Clennon L. King



A front door leads to the basement apartment of Barack Obama © 2013 Clennon L. King



A Boston area transit bus stops in front of Obama's Somerville apartment building. © 2013 Clennon L. King



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Student directories reveal Michelle Obama's Cambridge addresses

By Clennon L. King

Ask current Harvard Law School students where Class of '91 alumnus Barack Obama, lived during his three-year stint there, and most will blurt out "Somerville" without skipping a beat.

Ask those same HLS students of where Class of '88 alumnae and future First Lady Michelle Obama, lived, and the response is likely to be a pregnant pause and blank stare.

This week a search of Harvard University archival records pinpointed for first time publicly, the exact addresses of where the First Lady resided during her Harvard years.

According to Harvard Radcliffe Student Centre Telephone Directory, the former Michelle Lavaughn Robinson L'88 lived on campus in three graduate school dorms near the intersection of Everett Street and Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge.

The phone listings show Obama spent the first of three years in Dane Hall 204, her second in the now-demolished Wyeth Hall 503, and her third and final year in Story Hall 115.

"Yeah, I'm surprised," said first-year law student John Shepard of Fort Worth, TX who currently lives in Story Hall 115. "It's sort of interesting she lived in my room."

Shepard, who attended President Obama's second inauguration in January, said his parents were "shocked" after reading his email of the news, something he also shared with friends at a recent party.

"I have a lot of respect for the First Lady," said Shepard who, as a teen, attended the first presidential inauguration of fellow Texan George W. Bush following the controversial 2000 election. "Maybe it will make me think twice about going into government myself."

A tour of Shepard's dorm room shows a tight rectangular floor plan with space sufficient to accommodate a twin bed, dresser, desk and closet. A double plate glass window offers a westerly view that overlooks a driveway leading to an adjacent parking garage. Like Shepard, Mrs. Obama would have had to share a common kitchen, bathroom and lounge at the far end of the hallway.

"It's quite remarkable that she was walking in the same corridors," said Alvino van Schalkwyk, a mergers and acquisition lawyer from Cape Town, South Africa working on his master's degree, who lives three doors away from Story Hall 115. "You just realize what you can achieve and what is possible."

A short walk from Story Hall across an adjacent quad sits Dane Hall, home to Mrs. Obama's second-year dorm room, 204. The current occupant, who, until recently, was unaware of the First Lady's tie to her room, declined comment.

Mrs. Obama's first year dormitory, Wyeth Hall, where she lived in room 503, was lev-

eled to make way for a new 250,000-sq-ft law school complex, 18 months before she became First Lady.

Some current Harvard law students marveled as they eyed the name "Michelle L. Robinson" next to her phone number and dorm room.

"I was shocked," said Ria Davidson, a corporate lawyer from Santa Cruz, Trinidad working on her master's degree in law upon first hearing the news.

"We asked a couple of people, when we first arrived, where she lived," said Davidson. "But no one seemed to know in the (law school) administration."

For Davidson, Obama is a huge role model who successfully "avoided having to chose between a career, an education and a family." "It's something I want for myself," she said.

Like Davidson and van Schalkwyk, second-year law student Justin Gringerich from Cleveland, said he would support the University mounting a plaque marking the dorm rooms in Mrs. Obama's honor.

"You hear about Supreme Court Justice Roberts stayed here, but it seems pretty cool Michelle Obama stayed here," said Gringerich, living six doors away from Mrs. Obama's third-year room.

"It kind of gives you a tangible connection to amazing people who came here, and did something amazing with their degree," he said.

The Office of Communications at Harvard Law School was neutral and non-committal in its response to the plaque mounting idea.

"We do not currently have a policy regarding memorials to notable alumni on campus," Public Information Officer Sarah Marston wrote in a recent email.

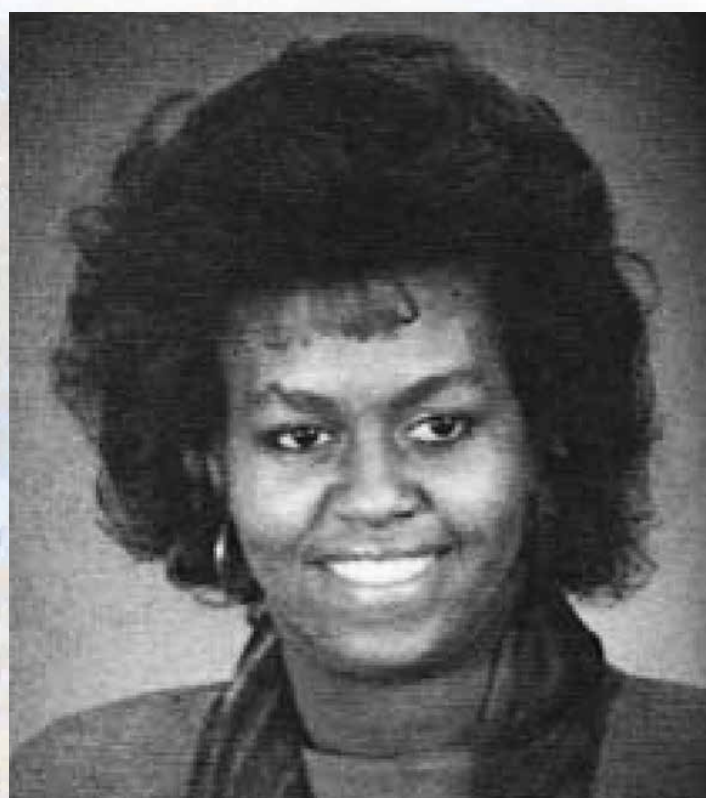
Yet, Harvard has and continues to memorialize dorm rooms of famous alumni who later served in the White House.

In June 1961, Eleanor Roosevelt dedicated a plaque memorializing a four-room suite – Suite B-17 of Adams House – once occupied by her late husband, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The FDR Suite has been the focus of an ongoing restoration project, endowed fellowship and current fundraising campaign.

Harvard's Institute of Politics recently restored – to the period – JFK's senior year dorm room, known as Winthrop House Suite F-14, where visiting professors, special guests of the university and those willing to pay, are hosted.

Mary A. Regula, wife of former Ohio U.S. Representative Ralph Regula and founder of the National First Ladies' Library, said recognizing Mrs. Obama's time and space at Harvard is fitting and appropriate.

"I think we need to know all about our First Ladies, just like we need to know about our Presidents," said Regula who founded the Canton, Ohio based Library in 1998. "What they did and do is equally important."



Michelle L. Robinson poses while at Harvard. Photo courtesy of Harvard University



Story Hall is one of three dorms where the First Lady lived while at Harvard. ©2013 Clennon L. King



Harvard Law students Justin Gringerich, Ria Davidson and Aalvion van Schalkwyk voice support of the idea of plaques marking where Mrs. Obama lived on campus. ©2013 Clennon L. King



Harvard Law School's Wasserstein Hall, Capersen Student Center and Clinical Wing stand on the spot where Mrs. Obama's second-year dormitory was located before it was demolished. ©2013 Clennon L. King

SPORTS

Alibrandis win first game of season

By Harry Kane

The Somerville Alibrandis Baseball Club trounced the Brighton Black Sox 4-1 on May 10, starting off the 2013 season with a victory. The club has won the championship for the last 3 years in a row, and is looking for their 4th consecutive championship with the help of new pitching staff and slugging power.

“The pitching was great,” said Assistant Manager Cameron Lynch. Pitcher Jon Morse started, going for four innings. Over the course of the four innings, Morse gave up one hit and struck-out seven batters. Pitchers Chris Foundas and Sean Sullivan followed in suit. “We used three of our starters, just to get them some live work...and to get them ready,” added Lynch. And pitcher Brian Tanguy was the closer and got his first save of the season.

Catcher Chad Conner hit a

home run in his first at-bat. Conner missed part of last season due to a serious illness. The team thought it was a wonderful comeback present after missing many games from last season, especially to come back with such a powerful first at-bat. “It was nice to see him comeback and contribute after being, just down the dumps last year,” said Lynch. Conner had two RBI’s on the night.

Third baseman Marc DesRoches went three for three. “He had some solid at-bats...he’s a big key to our line-up. It’s good when he gets hits,” said Lynch. Lynch noted that Mark Annese and Mark Addesa also got some hits. It’s safe to say, all the ball-players named Mark, were ‘on the mark’ during the first game of the season.

Anthony Tomaro, who is the “utility player,” was positioned at second base for the first game. For those who are unfamiliar



The Alibrandis Baseball Club is off to a fine start for the 2013 season.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What year was it, when the N.Y. Stock Exchange fell 33% – better known as Black Monday?

2. What does the E stand for in OPEC?

3. What singer's name was Alfred Cini before he became well known?

4. Where was the assassin of Martin Luther King arrested?

5. Why did the U.S. Treasury Dept. stop printing two dollar bills?

6. Who did Pierce Brosnan replace as James Bond?

7. When was the first *The Today Show* televised?

8. In what town did Howdy Doody live?

9. What was the Teenage Mutant Turtles' favorite food?

10. In the music world, who was also known as The Big O?

11. Who was the first male correspondent on *60 Minutes* to wear an earring on the air?

12. Where did the pineapple originate?

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with the term “utility player” it refers to a baseball player that can play several positions in the field during the season. It’s a niche position on the roster and can be of great assistance to the baseball club if a player has been injured and needs to be replaced. Tomaro made a couple errors, but Lynch says, “It’s probably cause he hasn’t been taking ground balls in the winter.”

St. Clement sports update

The Saint Clement Lady Anchors came from behind to top-ple league rival Pope John High School of Everett 11-10 to even their Catholic Central League (CCL) record to 3-3 Monday, May 6 at Pope John.

The game was a pitching duel into the 5th inning with Pope John leading 3-2. In the bottom of the 5th Pope John broke it open scoring 4 runs to make it 7-2.

In the top of the 6th, captain Jessica Popken (Medford) started the Saint Clement rally with a lead off walk and a delayed steals to 2nd base and then 3rd. Freshman Katelyn Anderson (Medford) drove in Popken. Nalani Reyes (Everett) drew a walk bringing up senior captain Allison Caloggero (Medford) who hit a ground rule double to center field knocking in 2 RBIs.

Caloggero went back out for on the mound the bottom of the 6th and let up one run to make the score 8-5 after six innings. Top of the 7th the Lady Anchors the bottom of their order up. Pope John quickly got two outs and then Katelyn Anderson gets a bloop hit to right field and Emily Rizzuto reaches on an error bring up the top of the order Maya Leete (Danvers). Leete dropped a bloop hit over 3rd base loading the bases. Jessie Jepson (Medford) then hit a single to center scoring a run and Reyes follows with a double to center field scoring two more runs. Caloggero then hit a triple scoring two more runs. Christina Puccio then chipped in with a hit to left field scoring Caloggero for the Lady Anchors 6th run of the inning.

Caloggero went back on the mound for the bottom of 7th. Jessica Popken robbed Pope John of a hit by snagging the ball down the line with a diving pickup. With two outs and down by 2, their 9th batter walks bringing up the top of their order. Pope John’s first and second batters get singles driving in a run apiece making the score 11-10 anchors. Caloggero stayed composed and struck out the next batter to end the inning securing the win for the Lady Anchors.

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M.O.M.'s Run 2013



Hundreds of local runners gathered to participate in this year's M.O.M.'s Run which was dedicated to the memory of Officer Sean Collier, a Somerville resident, former Somerville Auxiliary police officer, and a M.O.M.'s Run volunteer. Sean's sister ran in his memory this year, donning race number 179, his badge number. 100% of the funds raised by M.O.M.'s Run benefits the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, widely recognized as one of the largest and most successful programs of its kind. Not only does the event enforce the need for supporting cancer research, it brings family and friends together to promote awareness for the health and wellness benefits of walking and running. The winners of this year's run were Sean McClain (Men's) and Erin Morin (Women).

Top 25 Finishers...

Place	Div/Tot Div	Name	Age	S	No.	City	St	Time	Pace
1	1/37 M3039	SEAN MCCLAIN	39	M	62	SOMERVILLE	MA	17:27	5:38
2	2/37 M3039	BRIAN SMITH	33	M	253	MEDFORD	MA	17:45	5:44
3	1/22 M4049	E.J. HRYNOWSKI	49	M	129	ARLINGTON	MA	7:49	5:45
4	1/33 M2029	TODD PROKOP	27	M	166	SOMERVILLE	MA	18:17	5:54
5	3/37 M3039	MARIO DA SILVA	37	M	70	SOMERVILLE	MA	18:26	5:57
6	4/37 M3039	DAN STOWELL	30	M	80	CAMBRIDGE	MA	18:28	5:58
7	5/37 M3039	RAY GRINER	36	M	109	BRIGHTON	MA	18:32	5:59
8	6/37 M3039	STEVEN IDHAW	35	M	185	BROOKLINE	MA	18:34	6:00
9	7/37 M3039	JOSEPH NAGGIE	31	M	255	SOMERVILLE	MA	18:38	6:01
10	2/33 M2029	BASHKIM ZANGANJORI	29	M	279	ARLINGTON	MA	19:02	6:09
11	3/33 M2029	TIM MORIN	29	M	272	ARLINGTON	MA	19:05	6:10
12	8/37 M3039	FRED WARBURG	30	M	254	BOSTON	MA	19:12	6:12
13	9/37 M3039	MATT MCKENNA	34	M	145	BRIGHTON	MA	19:14	6:13
14	4/33 M2029	ANTHONY WHITE	29	M	134	SOMERVILLE	MA	19:24	6:16
15	1/18 M5059	KEITH MANNING	50	M	301	ARLINGTON	MA	19:27	6:17
16	5/33 M2029	NEAL WATERS	26	M	197	SOMERVILLE	MA	19:42	6:22
17	10/37 M3039	JASON WU	31	M	324	CAMBRIDGE	MA	19:51	6:24
18	11/37 M3039	OLIVER GLOSBAND	31	M	165	SOMERVILLE	MA	19:55	6:26
19	2/22 M4049	MICHAEL QUINN	48	M	19	ARLINGTON	MA	19:59	6:27
20	12/37 M3039	RYAN MCCracken	33	M	207	ARLINGTON	MA	20:04	6:29
21	3/22 M4049	RICH STURGES	41	M	39	WALTHAM	MA	20:34	6:38
22	13/37 M3039	JAMIE RINALDI	32	M	309	SOMERVILLE	MA	20:42	6:41
23	1/65 F3039	ERIN MORIN	30	F	273	ARLINGTON	MA	20:54	6:45
24	4/22 M4049	JOE OLEARY	44	M	267	MEDFORD	MA	20:56	6:45
25	1/4 M1519	KYLE DAWSON	19	M	95	BOSTON	MA	21:01	6:47

Girls track keeps getting better

By Mike Stoller

As Somerville High girls track and field coach Charlie O'Rourke put it, the Highlanders "are running their best when it counts, at the end of the season." The host Highlanders put in another strong effort at the Girls State Coaches Meet at Dilboy Stadium on Saturday. "It was great to see our girls compete at this statewide event on our home track," O'Rourke said. The coach cited Sara Magre for her outstanding performance. "Saragrace was particularly

impressive in her first attempt at the 400 meter hurdles on the statewide level," O'Rourke said of Magre's sixth-place finish, a personal-best time of 1:08.46. "She is getting close to breaking our school record in that event." Other Highlanders who shined were Melissa Baptista, who placed ninth in the triple jump with a personal-best leap of 34 feet, 6 ½ inches, and also ran a personal-best time in the 400 meter, finishing in 12th place with a time of 1:01.40; Alison Kaba, who tossed the discus 88 feet, 5 inches; Delmy

Hernandez, who ran the two-mile in 12:42; and the 4 x 100 meter relay team of Baptista, Kaba, Magre, and Melissa Sannon, which posted a season-best time of 53.43. "We are getting better each week, and had a strong showing," O'Rourke said. "We are looking forward to the GBL meet this Thursday at Dilboy. The Division 1 State meet, meanwhile, will be held in Andover on May 25. Magre has qualified in the 400 meter hurdles, Baptista in the 400 meters, and Gelynn Berger in the 100 meters.

The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #26

Queen of the Air - Heart of the Queens

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

From above, it looks like an island in the middle of a body of water, not unlike a footprint of a modern castle surrounded by a moat. From the shore, it looks like an airport with its conning tower protruding high into the air where operators have a great 360° vista. It was completed in 1966 and was built in Somerville at the intersection of the Mystic and Malden Rivers. Its construction improved navigation and recreation along the waterfront, but its main purpose was to protect against flooding...flooding that could do damage to any of the 22 communities in the mystic river watershed under the right circumstances. Upstream, you will find freshwater rivers, lakes, brooks, and streams. Downriver, it flows into the Atlantic Ocean. The flavor of the ocean and air are highly fitting in the design of this complex because it is Amelia Earhart Mystic River Dam and basin.

So who was Amelia Earhart and what did she do? What didn't she do in the aviation world would be the more appropriate question. She personified the word aviatrix.



Born in Atkinson, Kansas, she received her education in numerous locations because of her father's occupation as a railroad lawyer. As a young nurse's aide in a Toronto hospital, she tended to injured pilots, sparking her interest in aviation. The family moved to California, where she learned to fly. Then, it was on to the East Coast, where she lived in Medford with her mother and sister and was employed as a Boston social worker.

After establishing the women's altitude record, she was presented with an invitation to become the first female to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, as a passenger. The successful flight was made on Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1928. Somerville and Medford celebrated with a parade that went from Magoun Square to Medford Square. To put this feat into perspective, it took her 20 hours and 40 minutes to cover the same distance that it took John Winthrop and the Puritans 76 days to do in 1630.

The first male to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean was Charles Lindbergh on May 20, 1927. Earhart became the first woman to accomplish this exactly five years later on May 20, 1932, and on January 11, 1935, she became the first person in history to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean, flying from Hawaii to Oakland, California.

She was the first woman to receive the National Geographic Society's special medal and the only civilian to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross from Congress. She accumulated speed, distance and altitude records too numerous to list, and her status in female aviation was unrivaled. She died just shy of completion, during her endeavor to circle the globe at the equator.

The biggest memorial in Somerville, The Mystic River Dam, links the Mystic River to the oceans. It honors Amelia Earhart, the first to fly over the oceans.

BOA rules change adopted

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the method of issuing in a new alderman in this scenario. After all, this method of appointing an alderman hadn't occurred often enough to pose a problem. The sentiment held by concerned constituents seems to have shifted in the past few years.

If an alderman is unwell or unfit for the position and cannot fulfill his or her duties the alderman can step down from their position. This has happened five times since 1994, and two times in the past year. The former rule allowed for an alderman with less than one year remaining on their term to essentially appoint anyone to fill the position.

Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz says that the BOA has come to a consensus over a need for a rules change. At the same time, she says, "we decided we need to hear from the community." There was a public hearing on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to hear from residents about their concerns with the rules. Following the public hearing, the Board of Aldermen adopted the proposed rules changes with some amend-

ments to the language.

Initially the proposed methods to amend the vacancies rule formulated by the Board of Aldermen included various items. The City Solicitor explained, however, that most of the changes on the proposal could only be made if there was a charter change, and that only a piece of the proposal was useable in the discussion for a rules change: item F, the only qualifying piece of legislation that could be amended in the rules committee. This would be a "short term" solution to the appointments dilemma, but the aldermen decided that it was a good first step in the right direction. "The portion of it that requires a charter change," said Gewirtz, "is in the legislative matters committee." She continued, "we're gonna start with the rules and move onto the charter."

A variation of the new rules changes were taken from Melrose, which have been in effect for a few years, according to the City Solicitor. In a hypothetical scenario, when the next alderman steps down from office ear-

ly, the process for selecting a new alderman would start with an "immediate publication once in a newspaper of local circulation and for not less than two weeks on the city's website's homepage that the vacancy exists and that a replacement is being sought," according to the proposal submitted before the BOA, known as Exhibit A. This initial sub-paragraph was discussed among the Board of Aldermen and they found that the topic warranted for further discussion.

In total there were eight sub-paragraphs that are part of Item F that would be made part of the rules changes for filling vacancies in the BOA. The policy change involves a 30 day vetting period of the applicants. "They would have to be nominated," said Gewirtz. "What we talked about at the meeting," added Gewirtz, "was that people would be nominated...that they would come for an interview...and there would be a period of time where the Board would deliberate and then someone would be elected by the majority

of the Board."

"In the absence of an election you really need to have a process as open as possible," said Gewirtz. "We live in a democracy and we don't want to be in a situation where people are getting appointed." Gewirtz makes the important point that the power of incumbency is strong. In the past, a good candidate who wanted to run for office but wasn't friendly with the outgoing alderman had an "uphill battle" after the new incumbent is appointed, she said.

Ward 1 Alderman Maureen Bastardi felt "pretty good" about the potential rules changes that were discussed. Bastardi, herself, was appointed after former Alderman William M. Roche left Ward 1, and appointed Bastardi to take his position.

"My main concern would be

the time a Ward would go unrepresented," said Bastardi. "We all saw what happened with the School Committee Representative here in Ward 1. Though at the meeting I believe others had the same concern and it was addressed pretty well."

Alderman Bastardi believes the Mayor needs to put together another Charter Review Committee. "I have expressed this to the Mayor," she said. "A Charter change will take quite some time and if we are going to change the Charter we should look into other things that might need to be changed in it. I feel we have to be very careful and meticulous when it comes to a Charter change because it does take quite some time to change and we would be saddling any future Boards with the changes made."

Community Path Extension nurtures neighborhoods

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deserve thanks for making this extension a reality. This serves as another example, among a myriad of examples, of residents, government and private groups in Somerville coming together to address the needs of our neighborhoods.

I use the word neighborhood for a reason, because neighborhoods are what the Community Path—and Somerville as a city—is really all about. When you live in Somerville, you're not flying through town in your car on your way back from an errand, the building outside nothing but a blur, until your pull in your driveway, park and hole up inside your home. You're walking or biking to the store, seeing your neighbors along the way and taking in a fantastic array of choices offered by locally owned businesses where you're more than a customer. You're a regular. You're a neighbor. It nurtures a vibrant business environ-

ment and quality of life for all residents. A recent New York Department of Transportation study found that after building a protected bicycle lane on 9th Avenue in the midst of the hectic traffic of Manhattan, local businesses along that lane saw up to a 49 percent increase in retail sales.

Our commitment to become the most walkable, bikeable, transit-accessible community in the nation is unwavering. Even more bike and pedestrian safety infrastructure will be added in projects such as the East Broadway and Davis Square streetscape projects. A brand new bike parking cage is currently under construction just outside of the Davis Square T station. Our Safe-Start and Complete Streets programs identify current issues and opportunities for improvement to build the best possible experience for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit-users, drivers alike.

And we will extend the Community Path all the way to Boston, alongside the Green Line extension, to make it even easier for drivers to become walkers, riders and cyclists reducing the cars and emissions on our roads. The Cedar-to-Lowell extension targeted for completion by late this fall is not the end. Just as our road networks connect us with our neighboring communities, our biking networks need to do the same. So we will get the Community Path to Boston, and we will connect it with the Minuteman Bikeway, the Malden and Mystic River bike paths and the 104-mile Massachusetts Central Rail Trail out to Northampton.

We are creating connections between our neighborhoods, beyond the city's borders and we are building a healthy community. In Somerville, you can get there from here, no car required.

Ms. Cam's

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Answers

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| 1. 1987 (October 19) | 7. On January 14, 1952 |
| 2. Exporting | 8. Doodyville |
| 3. Al Martino | 9. Pizza |
| 4. Heathrow Airport, London | 10. Roy Orbison |
| 5. They haven't had many demands for them | 11. Ed Bradley |
| 6. Timothy Dalton | 12. South America – it didn't come to Hawaii until the early 19th Century |



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Monday May 20

Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike 7:30 p.m.
Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

Tuesday May 21

Big City Ramblers 8 p.m.

Wednesday May 22

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday May 23

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band 7:30 p.m.

Friday May 24

Bucky & Jimmy with The Kevins 6 p.m.
Los Texicanos, Mark Cutler \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday May 25

Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m.
Birds of Play & Friends 9 p.m.

Sunday May 26

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 5 p.m.
Jody Blackwell 8 p.m.



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Wednesday|May 15

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

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

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

Thursday|May 16
Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday|May 17
Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday|May 18
East Branch Library
Ding-Dong, ¿Quién es? Playing and Learning Latin Rhythms
Meghan Forsell|617-623-5000 x2970
11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Sunday|May 19
Central Library
Teens Have Something to Say
Marita|*2942
1 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday|May 20
Central Library
Sing-along with Alastair!
Cathy|2950
11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|May 21
Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 9-11
Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216
10 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Wednesday|May 22
East Branch Library
Preschool: Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

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

MUSIC
Wednesday|May 15

Johnny D’s
Friends of Healey Fundraiser
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
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Somerville’s Mystic Learning Center
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Thursday|May 16
Johnny D’s

Peacheaters|Grassroot
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Jeremy Lyons Trio |7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA’S Lounge
The Good Time Strangers|Eva Walsh|My Politic|The Clements Brothers
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
Freedom House Records Pr sent:Revolutionarys|Letia Larok|Nick Tracey
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
Mason Reed
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
UP: Fourlegged|Erica Russo and the Good Sort|Box of Birds|Cameron Galpin Down: Take a Hint|Hobo Chili|The Rolling Coasters|Rula Bula \$8379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Third Thursdays Jazz at the Armory
7:30 p.m.|Mezzaine Castle of Comedy
8:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|May 17
Johnny D’s
Jimmy Ryan & Hayride featuring Duke Levin|Citywide Blackout presents The Mallett Brothers Band|Whiskey Kill
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m.
Tsunami of Sound, Bucky Fereke & Pony Express, Doug MacDonald Band \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Dave Foley
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
HearNowLive presents:Rich Ferri|Silent Approach|Andrew Scandal and the Light Years|Melt|Brother & Co.
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA’S Lounge
Black Marble|AVOXBLUE|Ruby Ridge|In-personator
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
TBA
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
Van Burens
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
Down: Freak Flag presents GOTH NIGHT: Fielded|Gel Set|Alice Cohen frk\$e \$7 UP: Oldjack, Slowdim, Brother Fight, The Lights Out, Dave Mirabella 8PM, 21+, 379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Tibet Arts and Culture Festival
6 p.m.|Performance Hall
Richard Cambridge’s Poetry Theatre: Celebrating National Poetry Month

8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 18
Johnny D’s
Kevin McDonald of Kids In The Hall|ken Reid|ImprovBoston
Beatlejuice|9:30 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Josh Lederman & The CSARs |6 p.m.
One Thin Dime |9 p.m..
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
HearNowLive presents:Rich Ferri|Silent Approach|Andrew Scandal and the Light Years|Melt|Brother & Co.
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
The Hammond Group|The Full Time Dreamers|The 7CS|Van Walton
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe’s
Post Porch Fest Party featuring Lots of Local Musicians
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Fireking|Jet Set|Lyres
381 Summer st

Casey’s
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173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar
Down: Sub X|The Pity Whores|Mooseknuckle|Fast Times
379 Summer St

Sunday|May 19
Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam
The Matthew Smart Band
Rosebudkaraoke
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.
Mark Brine with Chuck Parrish & Larry Flint|8:30 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
Spring Fling Doggie Fundraiser (union sq plaza)|10 a.m.
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
Roy Sludge Trio 4PM, No Cover
The Lonely Wild \$8
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Trash Bash!
11 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|May 20
Johnny D’s
Team Trivia
8:30 p.m.|17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike |7:30 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Bur- Run|6:45 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
Make Out! Crafters’ Meet-Up
6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|May 21
JohnnyD’s
Luke Winslow-King|Jeremy Lyons
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Big City Ramblers|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
A Little Backwards|Kave Kraft|The lousy Instruments
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
First and Last Word Poetry Series
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|May 22
Johnny D’s
Glenn Jones|Lloyd Thayer
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|Glorior Belli|Wolvhammer|-Grue|Morgirion|Deathgod Messiah
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Trivia
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Mayor Joe Curtatone Kick-Off event
5:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
SAC Salon Series: Citizen Journalism

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|May 15
Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 9 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday|May 16
Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale Preview
James Fox
5 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).
For more info call: 781-762-6629

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

Friday|May 17
Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 12 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale
James Fox
12 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Saturday|May 18
Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale
James Fox
10 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Sunday|May 19
Central Library
BUSY
1 p.m.- 5 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale
James Fox
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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

Monday|May 20
East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
(Session 1)6 p.m.-7 p.m.
(Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
115 Broadway

Central Library
Books of Hope
Soul Brown|617-640-0252
6 .m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Tuesday|May 21
Central Library
Techniques of Manuscript Illumination and Book Production in the Medieval Period
Sharon Lacey
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|May 22
Central Library
Books of Hope
Soul Brown|617-640-0252
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Effective Communication for Family Caregivers - As part of our ongoing caregiver education, we are presenting a two-part series on effective communication for adult children caring for aging parents. Tuesday, May 21 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. With Dr. Daphne Schneider from the Cambridge Health Alliance and Lindsay Brennan from Life Care Directions of N.E. LLC. Both are free and open to ALL ages in the community.

June 5 - LGBT Advisory Group of the COA presents "Movies to Come Out To" starting with "Cloudburst." All LGBT individuals and their allies to come experience our summer film series. Holland Street Center at 5:30 p.m.

June 18 - Join us on our trip to India for some wonderful food and dancers. \$6 at Holland Street Center.

Men's Club meeting June 5 - 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.

Lunchtime exercise class for all in the community:

Belly Dancing begins again May 21. Check out Boston Globe article on how Belly Dancing is a secret to Health (April 24). Belly Dancing is during the day from 12:30-1:30 p.m. This is a fun class with great arm and core exercises. Take a chance and join us. Open to men and women.

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

The Moonlighters is our all level singing group that meets every Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Holland Street. All levels welcome. No experience needed. A fun way to meet other people in the community.

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

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

Trip Corner:

Mt. Auburn Cemetery Guided Tour - May 17. Learn the history of the place and some of the famous people resting there.

Culinary Arts - May 21.

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

Suffolk Downs - June 12.

Lowell Spinner's and all you can eat BBQ Pit - August 1.

STAY ACTIVE:

Flexibility & Balance - at Holland. Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Free.

Flexibility & Balance at Ralph & Jenny Wednesday 1:15-2:00 p.m.

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. at Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

May 21 - Belly dancing Tuesdays at 12:30-1:30 p.m. \$5.

Walking Club - (R&J) Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.

Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.

May 15

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

Holland Street

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Men's Group|12 p.m.

Flexibility & Balance|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 16

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|10 a.m.

Blood Pressure|10 a.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

May 17

Mt. Auburn Cemetery

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Groups A & B

Book Club|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

May 20

Holiday Dance

Holland Street

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

Singing New to Somerville or just retired? Come join.|10 a.m.

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Closed

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 21

Culinary Arts

Holland Street Center

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

SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.

Belly Dancing Begins|12:30 p.m.

Caregiver's Series|5:30 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.

Walking Club|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 22

Holland Street

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B

Men's Group|12 p.m.

Flexibility & Balance|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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

COA Men's Group



The monthly Men's Group that social worker Mitchell Krigest started back in February has become quite popular. We hear that while most of the meetings are educational there is still plenty of time for camaraderie and humor. Next meeting: June 5 at noon at Holland Street Center.

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Iannacone street dedication

By William Tauro

A street dedication was held on this past Saturday for Virgil “Virgie” Iannacone at the intersection of Central and Summer Streets in Somerville.

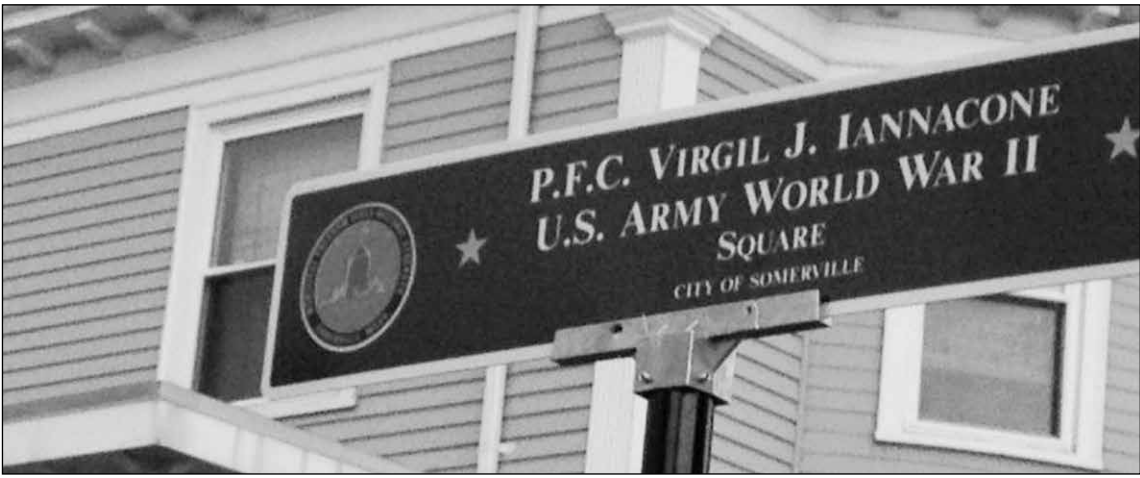
Virgil J. Iannacone was the owner of the former Virgie’s Rendezvous Restaurant that was located on Highland Avenue in Somerville for 56 years. He was a life member

of the Somerville Lions Club who raised much-needed donations for Lions Charities. Virgil was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II and fought on the Beaches of Normandy and in the Battle of The Bulge.

Virgil’s family, friends along with elected officials and Somerville Lions Club members were at the dedication for the wonderful tribute to his legacy.



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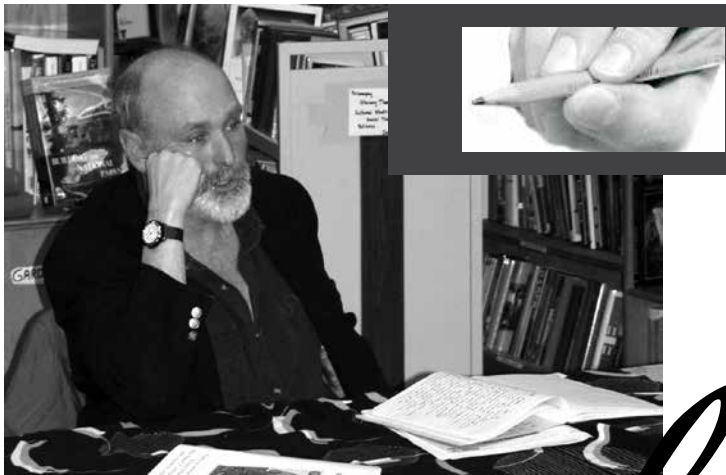
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Wednesday, May 15					
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	Culture Club (weekly timeslot)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Bullying Public Service Announcement
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	3:00pm	Tele Magazine
7:30am	Life Matters	7:00pm	SCATV Producer's Reflection on 30 years	4:00pm	Somerville Arts Festival
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	9:30pm	Teen Empowerment Late Night 2013	6:00pm	Basic Buddha
10:00am	Science Issues & Innovations	Friday, May 17		7:00pm	Jimmy Tingle Special: The Battle for the Bottle Bill
11:00am	Abugida TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Road to Recovery	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	6:30am	The Origins of SCATV	10:00pm	Copy Cat Festival
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	A Conversation with Governor Deval Patrick
2:00pm	Culture Club	9:00am	Energy Theater	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Sunday, May 19	
3:00pm	Medical Tutor (LIVE)	11:00am	Mass Factor	12:00am	Free Speech TV
3:30pm	Inside Talk	11:30am	The Struggle	6:00am	Program Celebrai
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	Noon	Somerville's Most Interesting Places	7:00am	Flipside
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	12:30pm	Shrink Rap	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Next Generation Producers	10:00am	International Church of God
6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	10:30am	Basic Buddha
7:00pm	Tonight's Special	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
7:30pm	Basic Buddha	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	Noon	Play by Play
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Neighborhood Cooking with Candy
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	5:00pm	Press Pass TV: Stand up for Women	1:00pm	From the SCATV Archives
9:00pm	Somerville Biking News (LIVE)	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:00pm	Inside Talk
10:00pm	Play by Play	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Life Matters
10:30pm	The Literary Scene	6:30pm	Real Estate Answers Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe
11:00pm	Python Force	7:00pm	Reeling Movie Show	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
Thursday, May 16		7:30pm	Culture Club	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV
12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Abugida TV
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	9:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	African Television Network
7:00am	Physician Focus	9:30pm	Boss Lady News	8:00pm	Telemagazine
7:30am	Ablevision	10:30pm	Jimmy Tingle: The Battle for the Bottle Bill	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:30pm	The Steve Katso's Show	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Saturday, May 18		Monday, May 20	
10:00am	Basic Buddha	12:00am	Free Speech TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV
10:30am	Neighborhood Cooking with Candy	6:00am	Arabic Hour	6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint
11:00am	Chef's Table	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:30am	Physician Focus
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids
1:00pm	African Television Network	8:30am	Drawing with Mark	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Boston Marathon Candlelight Vigil	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	9:00am	Neighborhood Cooking with Candy
3:00pm	Talking about Somerville	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	9:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Dead Air Live	10:00am	Somerville Biking News (timeslot)
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Show	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
		1:00pm	Bongoman (LIVE)		

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22					
Wednesday, May 15					
9:00am:	Veterans in the 'Ville	1:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	12:00am:	Senior Circuit
12:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	2:00pm:	Congressional Update	12:30am:	Talking Business
1:00pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	2:30pm:	Playborhood	1:00am:	Congressional Update
1:30pm:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	7:00pm:	Talking Business	1:30am:	Patriots' Day Celebration
2:30pm:	B2Green	7:30pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15	
7:00pm:	Greek Independence Day Celebration	8:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	Wednesday, May 15	
8:00pm:	Somerville Spring Clean Up	9:00pm:	Congressional Update	9:00am:	kid stuff- Summer Events
8:15pm:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	Sunday, May 19		10:00am:	World Language Awards Night
9:15pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	12:00am:	Talking Business	11:00am:	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball Highlights
9:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	12:30am:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	12:00pm:	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Billerica
Thursday, May 16		1:00am:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	2:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - School Committee
12:00am:	Greek Independence Day Celebration	2:00am:	Congressional Update	3:30pm:	Superintendent's Awards- Healey School
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12:30pm:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	2:00pm:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	9:00pm:	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Billerica
12:45pm:	Women's History Month Celebration	2:15pm:	Women's History Month Celebration	11:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - School Committee
1:30pm:	SomervilleSpring Clean Up	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	Thursday, May 16	
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8:00pm:	Congressional Update	9:15pm:	Women's History Month Celebration	9:00am:	World Language Awards Night
8:30pm:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	Monday, May 20		10:00am:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble
9:45pm:	B2Green	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	12:00pm:	SHS Softball vs St Clement
Friday, May 17		12:30am:	B2Green	2:00pm:	World Language Awards Night
12:00am:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	1:00am:	Veterans in the 'Ville	3:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City – Traditions - LIVE
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1:00am:	Congressional Update	2:00am:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	7:00pm:	kid stuff- Summer Events
1:30am:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	2:15am:	Women's History Month Celebration	7:30pm:	All City Middle School Spring Concert
2:45am:	B2Green	9:00am:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	9:00pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony
9:00am:	Congressional Update	12:00pm:	Patriots' Day Celebration	10:30pm:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble
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2:00pm:	Congressional Update	2:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	1:00am:	kid stuff- Summer Events
2:30pm:	Talking Business	7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - LIVE	1:30am:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony
7:00pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	Tuesday, May 21		3:00am:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble
8:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	12:00am:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	9:00am:	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball Highlights
9:00pm:	Congressional Update	1:00am:	B2Green	10:00am:	kid stuff- Summer Events
9:30pm:	Playborhood	1:30am:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	12:00pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony
Saturday, May 18		2:30am:	Veterans in the 'Ville	1:30pm:	26 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
12:00am:	Talking Business	9:00am:	Talking Business	3:00pm:	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Cambridge
12:30am:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	4:30pm:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble
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12:30pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	7:30pm:	Talking Business	11:00pm:	World Language Awards Night
		8:00pm:	Congressional Update	Saturday, May 18	
		8:30pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.20.13	12:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Traditions
		Wednesday, May 22		12:30am:	kid stuff- Summer Events
				1:00am:	World Language Awards Night



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

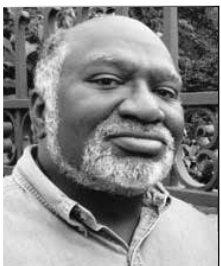
Ibbetson Street poet Afaa Michael Weaver wins Pushcart (2014) for his work in 'Ibbetson Street' magazine

Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Our guest poet this week is Charles Coe. Charles has a new collection of poetry out *All Sins Forgiven* (Leapfrog Press). Charles writes *The News*:

"A number of the poems near the end of the book are about the difficult time my parents both had near the end of life. So I wrote a piece about how I'd always fantasized things would be like for them in their later years; it's a reflection on the fact that the older you get, the more you realize that things don't always turn out the way you wished they had."



A Poem for Happy Endings

The hero gets the girl.
The villain plunges to his doom;
his bitter face disappears in fire and smoke.
The estranged lovers embrace,
while violins cue the audience
to reach for tissues.

The script I wrote for my parents included
father's retirement scene: the crowded banquet
hall, speaker after speaker telling stories
filled with that rough humor
men use to disguise their love.

And then, the days fishing, tinkering with the
lawn mower, sitting on the porch with a western
novel, keeping a watchful eye on passing traffic.

Now the camera turns now to mother; in a long shot
we see the little grey house with garden in back,
a small figure kneels in the dirt, a big floppy hat
blocks the sun, a trowel digs a hole for next petunia.
Zoom in on a wrist fine-boned as a bird's.

Who hands out the happy endings?
Who, late one night, stood outside
my parents' home, gazed a moment at some mark
scrawled on the door, then just turned to walk away,
the sound of footsteps fading on the empty street?

— Charles Coe

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Ibbetson Street, a literary magazine founded by Doug Holder, Dianne Robitaille, and Richard Wilhelm in 1998 in Somerville, Mass. is proud to announce that poetry from Issue 32 has been selected for the Pushcart Prize, and inclusion in the prestigious *Pushcart Anthology* in 2014. Somerville poet, Afaa Michael Weaver's poem, *Blues in Five/ Four, The Violence in Chicago*, that was nominated by poetry editor Harris Gardner, is the winning poem. Issue 32 was edited by Kim Friedman, and included work from Dennis Daly, X. J. Kennedy, Miriam Levine, Philip Burnham, Jr., Diana Der-Hovanessian, and many others. *Ibbetson Street* is now affiliated with Endicott College in Beverly, Mass.

Blues in Five/Four, the Violence in Chicago

In movies about the end of our civilization
toys fill the broken spaces of cities, flipping over
in streets where children are all hoodlums, big kids
painting themselves in neon colors, while the women
... laugh, following the men into a love of madness.

Still shots show emptiness tearing the eyes of the last
of us who grew to be old, the ones the hoodlums
prop up in shadows, throwing garbage at us,
taping open our eyes, forcing us to study the dead
in photos torn from books in burned down libraries.
Chicago used to be Sundays at Gladys' Luncheonette



where church folk came and ate collard greens and chicken
after the sermons that rolled out in black churches, sparkling
tapestries of words from preachers' mouths, prayer books,
tongues from Tell Me, Alabama, and Walk On, Mississippi.
Now light has left us, the sun blocked out by shreds
of what history becomes when apathy shreds it,
becoming a name the bad children give themselves
as they laugh and threaten each other while we starve
for the laughter we were used to before the end came.

— Afaa M. Weaver

May 14, 2013

Open Letter to the Public:

It has come to my attention that offensive, homophobic slurs have been publicly spoken about a Somerville elected official, and a friend of mine. In light of this information, let me renew my stance on this and any other derogatory remarks against human beings in ours and any other community: This kind of abusive behavior has no place in our city – or any other.

Not only do I personally condemn all anti-gay slurs and insults, the City of Somerville has an ordinance on the books that proudly informs every resident and guest of our city that we stand in solidarity with all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people as well as all residents of any gender, age, or ethnicity. I encourage everyone to take a moment to read it (below) and take it to heart.

We often speak about the fact that we are a city that prides itself on its diversity and its inclusiveness, but fostering tolerance sometimes takes action. In our city, we passed an ordinance as a first step, and each day we hold true to it. In Somerville, everyone is welcome and equal. The language of that ordinance reads:

It is hereby declared to be the public policy of the city, including its employees, agents and officials, to protect and promote the constitutional, civil and human rights of all people within the city. Further, the city asserts that:

All people have certain inalienable rights, including the rights to life, liberty, property, the pursuit of happiness and equal justice under the laws of the United States, the commonwealth and the city.

No person in our city shall have these rights constrained, reduced, ignored or violated; all people in our city shall be protected in the exercise of these human and civil rights.

No person in our city shall be unlawfully discriminated against in matters of housing, employment, education, contracts, purchasing or public accommodations, on the basis of: age, ancestry, citizenship, color, disability, economic status, ethnicity, family/marital status, gender, military status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation or source of income.

The human rights commission shall work toward mutual respect and understanding among all individuals and groups in the city through improving the quality of public discourse and eliminating unlawful discrimination.

(Ord. No. 1993-1, 1-28-93)

Every human being deserves the right to respect, dignity, and decency. Know that in Somerville, these kinds of slurs and behavior will not be tolerated, regardless of whether the victim holds a public position or not. It is a basic human right to be treated equally regardless of sexual orientation, race, cultural background or any other quality or characteristic, and in Somerville, we will continue to honor that right.

Sincerely,
Joseph A. Curtatone
Mayor

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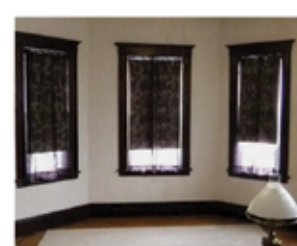
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