



Inside:



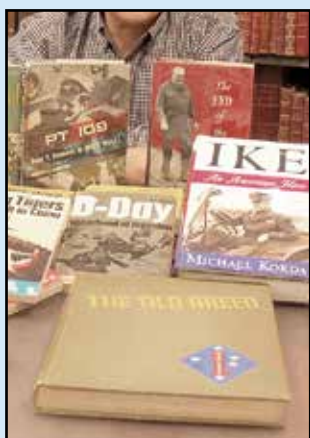
BOA rules to change

page 3



Storming the Statehouse

pages 12-13



Remembering the world at war

page 21

Newstalk p.2

The Week in Crime p.4

Commentary p.8-9

Beacon Hill Roll Call ... p.10

TV Logs p.22

Off The Shelf p.23

Somerville's Memorial Day Parade marches on



The annual Memorial Day Ceremonies, concluding with the largest Memorial Day parade in the region, are set for Sunday, May 26. The parade steps off from City Hall Concourse at 1 p.m. and will conclude in Veterans Memorial Cemetery with a ceremony of remembrance for fallen Somerville veterans.

City ban on styrofoam to pass Restaurants left unsatisfied

By Izak Shapiro

On Tuesday May 14, members of the Board of Aldermen met for the Committee of Legislative Matters. The main issue was whether or not to go ahead with the proposed ban on the use of expanded polystyrene, also known as Styrofoam, as cups and food containers throughout the city of Somerville's restaurants, schools, and city events.

The major concern with the use of polystyrene, along with its potential health hazards to the individual, is that the material does not biodegrade and cannot be easily recycled. Two cities in Massachusetts—Amherst and Brookline—have implemented similar bans on expanded polystyrene in recent years. And both Seattle and San Francisco have banned expanded polystyrene as well.

However, restaurants and schools use Styrofoam for obvious reasons. Not only is Styrofoam the cheapest material available for food transportation, it is also considered the best and most functional material. Restaurant workers swear by Styrofoam as the material best suited for keeping food warm,

Continued on page 7

East Somerville, Ward 1 ResiStat meeting

By Harry Kane

On Thursday, East Somerville residents gathered at the Cross Street Senior Center to listen to presentations from city officials regarding the current affairs most important in the community.

The City of Somerville collects and analyzes large amounts of community data. City representatives then release these statistics at community forums called ResiStat meetings. Qualitative analyses of these statistics may also be used to inform public policy. For example, some of the talking points on Thursday revolved around subjects such as finance, education, transportation, rodent control, park renovations and crime statistics.

Community Engagement Specialist Meghann Ackerman provided the residents of Ward 1 with a brief introduction to begin the meeting.

Ackerman relayed the importance of the community-generated input used to create each ResiStat meeting. "We look through the topics and pick things that people are really interested in hearing about,"

Continued on page 15



Photo by Harry Kane

Ward 1 residents got updated reports from city officials and analysts last week.

The Somerville News will have a new Service Directory coming soon! Call now and reserve your spot. Reach over 20,000 potential customers in our city. Our readers are your customers!

SEASONAL - 12 WEEKS	\$35 per week - \$420 for 3 months
6 MONTHS - 26 WEEKS	\$30 per week - \$720 for 6 months
12 MONTHS - 52 WEEKS	\$25 per week - \$1,300 for 12 months

Advertise your company in the Service Directory and reach thousands of potential customers.

It's Easy! Just Call **617-666-4010**

Green & Yellow Cab
Serving Somerville & Surrounding Areas!
617-628-0600 617-625-5000

Logan reservations our specialty - Call 3 days in advance to book your trip.

OPEN 24-HOURS A DAY!

24 hour GPS automated dispatching system

We'll get you home safely. Please don't drink and drive.

T.J.SILLARI, INC. Over 50 Years Experience

Plumbing • Heating • Gas Fitting • Industrial Work • Water Heater Replacement • Complete Drain Service

Residential - Industrial - Commercial

625-9877

Proud to be a Somerville resident

Master Plmb. Lic. #6106

NEWTALK

Tonight, Wednesday, May 22, 5:30 to 8 p.m. at The Armory, 191 Highland, join Mayor Joe Curtatone for his campaign kick-off party. Food and live entertainment. It looks like no one is going to challenge the mayor again this year. He's done a great job and is going to be the longest sitting mayor once he's re-elected this fall. Join the hundreds of family, friends and supporters tonight.

Don't forget tomorrow night, 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 available at the door or by contacting Billy Tauro for tickets and RSVPs at (617)293-2016.

This Sunday, May 26 we celebrate Memorial Day here in the city. A huge parade takes place every year and this year is no different. It's boasted to be the biggest so far (they say it every year and its true). It kicks off at City Hall around 1p.m. and will end up at Clarendon Hill to the Veterans cemetery ceremony. Line the streets of Highland Avenue through Davis up Holland onto Broadway.

Some Happy Birthdays this week, first to Somerville City Treasurer Pete Forcellese Jr. Well-known political guru Feargal O'Toole is celebrating this week, a rising star in the making with local personality Brian Roche of the Gilman Square Roches. Mike Legee is celebrating this week. Mike is the son of well-known Jim Legee, retired ISD inspector. Scott Diamond from West Somerville, as well as Iona O'Brien, we wish both a Happy Birthday. And let's not forget another fan of The News, Tatou Hilaire.

Congratulations to our good friend Amanda Marie Eddy who graduated this past weekend from Salem State University. Amanda, we here at The News wish you all the best! Also, happy graduation to our good friend Diane Gentile who graduated this past weekend from

Continued on page 8

TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Open Letter from Mayor Curtatone

Steve Keenan says:

Kudos to Mayor Curtatone! Slurs, derogatory statements, etc.. should not be tolerated and should be condemned by all. The people who act in such a despicable manner are losers. I believe in live and let live.

Bostom says:

Every word Mayor Curtatone has written and quoted here is admirable, honorable, should be taken to heart by all of us, and except for one, is true.
"Elected?" How can that be when the official's own website and news reports of the official's new post correctly say "appointed."

ritepride says:

Courtney has worked hard pushing for improvements to the Ward and supportive of local businesses. It appears the the behind the scenes "Good Old Boy" network is unhappy that she is popular to the people of her ward and the GOB sunk to one its all time lows. Keep up the good work Courtney.
The mayor however speaks out of both sides of his mouth..." Every human being deserves the right to respect, dignity, and decency"." It is a basic human right to be treated equally.."
As he does deliver on that regarding the elderly and handicapped and has deliberately ignored their cries for safety and action regarding the careless bicyclists who speed down the sidewalks in the squares and other unsafe actions by these same people, etc.

amen says:

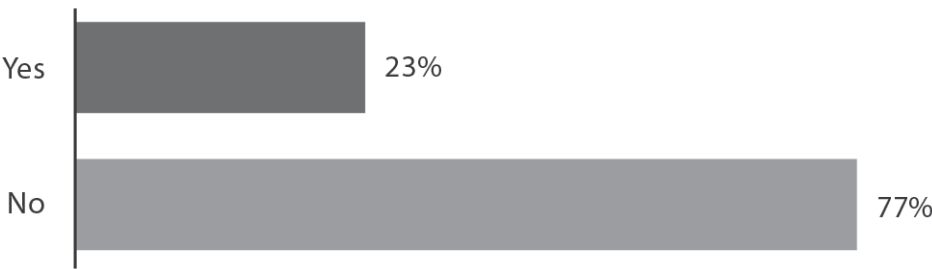
I don't know Ms. O'Keefe, but agree this crap can't be tolerated. on the other hand, why the big deal. I've been called fat by a few kids, and I know kids get called all kinds of stuff all the time. I will call the paper the next time someone notices my excess poundage in a negative way.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you think that incidents of hate speech against the LGBT community have increased recently. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you think that incidents of hate speech against the LGBT community have increased recently?



THE SomervilleNews

699 Broadway
Somerville, MA 02144

news@thesomervillenews.com

thesomervillenews.com

617-666-4010 • Fax: 617-628-0422

Publisher – Prospect Hill Publishing

Publisher Emeritus – Robert J. L. Publicover

Editor – Jim Clark

Assignment Editor – Bobbie Toner

Business Director – Patricia Norton

Executive Assistant – Cam Toner

Advertising Director – Bobbie Toner

Arts Editor – Doug Holder

Writers: Elizabeth Sheeran, Cathleen Twardzik,

Harry Kane, Jim Clark

Contributors – Jimmy Del Ponte, William C. Shelton,

Max Sullivan, Savath Yong

The Somerville News is published every Wednesday



WEDGWOOD-CRANE & CONNOLLY
Insurance agency, inc.

Celebrating Over
100 Years of Service



Auto
Insurance



Home & Renters
Insurance



Business
Insurance



Ask us about insurance bundling offers - combine your car and renter's insurance to save \$\$\$

Visit our new website: www.wccins.com



19 College Ave., PO Box 440313 • Davis Sq., Somerville, MA 02144
1-866-625-0781 (TOLL FREE) • Fax 617-625-6460

Public hearing for BOA appointment process, rules change adopted

By Harry Kane

A special public hearing was held back on May 14 to listen to the perspectives of concerned residents regarding the filling of vacancies for aldermen leaving office with less than one year left on their term.

The hearing was productive, and a decision to adopt a rules change was instituted. However, the vacant seat dilemma continues to vex some Somerville residents. They wonder whether a charter change is necessary to once and for all solve the problem.

Nine Aldermen listened to the testimonies from concerned residents regarding both the new rules change and the possibility of a charter modification. While the rules change, known as rule 20, was adopted on May 14, a discussion about a charter change is ongoing.

The first resident to speak was Cesar Urrunaga. He had some qualms with the 40 percent threshold. This refers to subsection A of the proposed methods that would necessitate a charter change.

Proposed subsection A reads, "A vacant position shall be filled by the defeated candidates for the office of alderman at large in the preceding municipal election

by their order of finish, provided that such defeated candidates received at least 40 percent of all ballots cast for the office of alderman at large."

In other words, if an alderman steps down early, this proposed change to the charter would allow for the second place runner-up to become alderman, if he or she had received at least 40 percent of the votes in the election. Urrunaga proposed that the percentage should be 20 percent, instead.

Resident Joel Bennett said he was concerned about the recent School Committee selection process. When Ward 1 School Committee Member Maureen Bastardi became alderman there was a vacancy that needed to be filled in the School Committee. A special selection process was held, resulting in the selection of Steve Roix. However, the process took several months and during that time the School Committee in Ward 1 was without representation.

Bennett said he thought the process was "really good," but that out of respect, "an alderman isn't someone that can be appointed." He continued by saying that there is a "process" for becoming an alderman, and that the appointment of an alderman "just doesn't feel right to me."

Resident Paula Woolley liked the idea of an interim appointment. She said that it would "remove abuse" from the system. The interim appointment scenario, which has been heavily discussed, would not allow the appointed alderman to seek election after the term was over. This idea, however, may not be viable.

The consensus by the residents was that the aldermen have had an unfair advantage in the past when appointing their successor. Woolley added, "A charter change would be a good disincentive to a candidate leaving early."

Ward 3 Alderman Thomas F. Taylor said, "There's no guarantee that the person is going to win," in response to the question of whether an incumbent has a better chance after being appointed.

In response to that, Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz replied back that the power of incumbency is not to be underestimated, and that 97 percent of incumbents win reelection. "That person goes into that election with a huge advantage," she said.

Matt Rusteika sits on the board of the Progressive Democrats of Somerville. He said that the most unsettling element



Photo by Harry Kane

It is likely that the process of filling interim vacancies on the Board of Alderman will be undergoing significant changes in the not too distant future.

was the informality of the process. He added that it is "slightly disenfranchising," and that it is most important that the process be codified.

In the end, the Board of Aldermen voted for the adopted rules changes, with some minor adap-

tations to the original proposal. In section 3 of the rules changes, language was added to allow for more public engagement in the process, giving residents from all wards the chance to submit questions for the candidates in a vacancy scenario.

Alderman Tom Taylor's retirement letter

Dear Constituents,

It is with deep regret and sadness that I must inform you that I will not be seeking re-election in the 2013 City Election. The past 31 years in public service has been rewarding and exciting. I have had the good fortune to work with a number of talented and diverse individuals. I am truly grateful that the voters of Ward 3 have continually placed their faith in my leadership and experience and have given me this opportunity to serve the City of Somerville.

During the 1980's I was elected to serve on the school committee for three terms. Education and opportunities for youth had long been my focus and serving on the school committee was a natural outgrowth of these values. I am still proud of the accomplishments I achieved while serving on the school committee. Having worked for an educational collaborative, I was instrumental in getting the school department interested in collaboration in both professional development and purchasing. I helped moderate the ever contentious contract negotiation by replacing the school committee's attorney with one more interested in collaboration. I helped the teach-

ers get full time representation and championed the fostering of different types of teaching styles to address students' different learning styles. It was an honor to return last year to serve on the school committee as the aldermanic representative. It was like coming home.

My time of the school committee helped me understand the role and importance of the city aldermen and the impact their budgetary decisions had on the schools. So, running to be the Ward 3 aldermanic representative was a natural outgrowth of having served on the school committee.

I have served on the Board of Aldermen for the past 25 years as its president, vice president, chairing and serving on numerous committees: legislative matters, traffic and parking, land use, public works. I was very concerned and worked diligently around zoning and the protection of neighborhoods. You have been with me through police department reorganization, shutting down a polluting smelting plant and shutting down a sportswear company with wage and salary violations. We've helped the quality of life for families by insisting on a living wage, writing a noise ordi-



Photo by Andrew Firestone

nance and championing home owner's tax exemption. Ward 3 had the first off lease dog park and skate board park. Together we have weathered economic ups and downs. Together we sat at neighborhood meetings as we worked with our neighbors to hammer out and marry our different visions of how life should be here in Ward 3 and in our hometown of Somerville. Together we prepare for the Green Line. As neighbors and friends we have shared weddings, births, happy times, celebration, illness and loss.

Due to health concerns it's time for me to retire. I love Somerville, it is my home town and I intend to stay concerned and involved. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you all these years, it was an honor.

Tom Taylor
Alderman Ward 3

VENTCLEANERS.COM

Home & Condo Vents Cleaned Office Vents Cleaned Dryer Vents Cleaned

RESTAURANT HOOD GRILLE EXHAUST CLEANED & INSPECTED

"Lowest Rates Around" Low as \$250.00

ALL TYPES VENT CLEANING SERVICE
CALL TOLL FREE 1 (800) 625-2706 FOR A FREE ESTIMATE



Personal Facts	
	% Daily Value*
Commitment 39g	100%
Energy 46g	100%
Character 42g	100%
Strong Work Ethic 38g	100%
Reliability 44g	100%

Are you made for ALDI?

Cashiers **\$11.50 per hour**
Shift Managers **\$15.75 per hour**
Manager Trainees **\$25.00 per hour**
Potential Manager Salary 75k+

It takes a unique person. Someone who's dedicated. Who excels in a supported, team-oriented environment. And is ready to do what it takes to earn the rewards — like higher wages, generous vacation time, and great benefits — that come from a successful career at ALDI. With more than 30 years in the industry, we are the leading select-assortment grocer and one of the largest food retailers in the world, with over 4,000 locations.

Hiring Event

for our Medford, MA and Salem, NH locations
Wednesday May 29, 2013 7am – 7pm
Residence Marriott Woburn
300 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801

Requirements:
High school diploma/GED, must be available to work anytime between 6am-10pm, retail experience preferred, drug screening/background check, the ability to lift 45 pounds
Benefits:
Higher wages • Major medical and dental insurance
Generous vacation time • Paid holidays
401 (k)
No Calls Please. EOE

THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Boys play with the wrong toys

Police officers were dispatched to a Radcliffe Rd. residence last week on reports of a vehicular breaking and entering. As officers arrived at the reporting party's residence, they were informed that two suspects matching witness descriptions had been detained by police at a nearby location. The reporting party reportedly told police that he had observed the two suspects breaking into several parked vehicles. The witness stated that the two individuals, both juveniles, had rifled through one vehicle's glove compartment, apparently attempting to locate the car's trunk release latch. Having no success with the first car, the two then reportedly moved on to another vehicle and searched through its contents. Investigating officers examined the vehicles and noted that items in the vehicle had been scattered about and appeared to be cluttered. The witness agreed to perform a "show up" identification of the two suspects and positively named them as the individuals he saw rifling through the vehicles. Both individuals were placed under arrest and charged with felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Police disarm potential shooter

Acting on a tip, police proceeded to Davis Sq. last week on reports that a man, Daniel Matthews, 49, had been involved in an altercation with another man, and that Matthews was armed and possibly set on seeking retribution against this other man. Police located Matthews' car parked near Sligo Pub, where he is known by police to occasionally frequent. As several officers approached the pub, intent on entering and questioning the man, Matthews reportedly exited the building and spotted the officers walking towards him. The officers reportedly told Matthews that they wanted to speak with him. Police report that Matthews then reached for something on his right side, but he was immediately stopped by the officers from brandishing the Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver that was retrieved from his person. Matthews was placed under arrest and charged with carrying a firearm with ammunition, possession of a firearm without a FID card, and possession of ammunition without a FID card.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

A Juvenile, May 13, 7:32 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, registration sticker not displayed, and wrong vehicle attached.

Daniel Matthews, 49, of 43 Josephine Ave., May 13, 10:52 p.m., arrested at 237 Elm St. on charges of carrying a firearm with ammunition, possession of a firearm without a FID card, and possession of ammunition without a FID card.

A juvenile, May 14, 12:25 a.m., arrested at 8 Radcliffe Rd. on multiple charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering.

A juvenile, May 14, 12:25 a.m., arrested at 8 Radcliffe Rd. on a charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Michael Vick, 23, of 22 Gaylord, Boston, May 14, 7:27 a.m., arrested at 1370 Broadway on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, larceny under \$250, credit card larceny, threat to commit a crime, witness intimidation, and assault and battery.

Anthony Fonseca, 39, of 15 Henry St., Medford, May 14, 5:56 p.m., arrested at 33 Prescott St. on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Paula Donatelli, 49, of 306 Fulton St., Medford, May 15, 3:59 p.m., arrested at 3 Everett Ave. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Sidney Pierre, 26, May 15, 5:27 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of resisting arrest, drug possession to distribute, and drug violation near a school or park.

A juvenile, May 15, 7:41 p.m., arrested on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Anthony James, 43, of 79 Marshall St., May 15, 7:44 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Savannah Prezioso, 26, of 228 Lowell St., May 16, 2:09 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Said Janale, 27, of 1370 Broadway, May 16, 10:41 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of aggravated assault and battery.

Thomas Westcott, 31, of 54 Bartlett St., May 17, 6:35 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Julia Fiske, 31, of 36 Houghton St., May 17, 6:56 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of credit card fraud over \$250 and forge or utter false credit card.

Raymond Massey, 49, of 382 McGrath Hwy., May 17, 6:56 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Kimberly Murphy, 29, of 474 Broadway, May 17, 8:33 a.m., arrested at 56 Broadway on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Timothy O'Meara, 49, of 1366 Broadway, May 17, 10:10 a.m., arrested at 1370 Broadway on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Rhonda Mahoney, 53, of 1370 Broadway, May 17, 10:10 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime and disorderly conduct.

William Bolduc, 29, of 21 Lowden Ave., May 17, 11:28 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of witness intimidation, kidnapping, and attempted murder.

Mark Anderson, 50, of 14 St. James Ave., May 17, 3:58 p.m., arrested at 20 Holland St. on a charge of open and gross lewdness and on a warrant charge of miscellaneous statutory violation.

Kaitlin Gould, 22, of 16 Dunstable St., Charlestown, May 17, 4:19 p.m., arrested at 141 Pearl St. on a charge of being present where heroin is kept and on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug and possession of a class C drug.

Bambi Havey, 22, of 130 Russell St., Malden, May 17, 4:19 p.m., arrested at 141 Pearl St. on a charge of being present where heroin is kept.

Peter D'Amelio, 37, of 2281 Washington St., Newton, May 17, 4:19 p.m., arrested at 141 Pearl St. on charges of distribution of a class A drug, distribution of a class C drug, drug possession to distribute, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Peter Parise, 26, of 119 Brookline St., Cambridge, May 17, 4:19 p.m., arrested at 141 Pearl St. on charges of possession of a class B drug, possession of a class A drug, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Arnold Oleson, 54, of 9 Taylor St., May 19, 6:06 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Kenny David, 27, of 22 Montrose St., May 20, 12:34 a.m., arrested at 1370 Broadway on a charge of assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

May 14, 6:41 a.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.

May 15, 8:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

May 15, 12:03 p.m., police reported a theft at Chester Ave.

May 15, 8:46 p.m., police reported a theft at 1 Davis Sq.

May 16, 12:52 p.m., police reported a theft at 22 McGrath Hwy.

May 16, 11:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Lincoln St.

May 17, 10:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Cross St.

May 19, 10:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Bow St.

May 19, 3:03 p.m., police reported a theft at Summer St.

May 19, 5:07 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

Breaking & Entering:

May 13, 12:39 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at

Lowell St.

May 14, 6:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 631 Somerville Ave.

May 18, 9:16 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Willow Ave.

May 18, 9:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Day St.

May 18, 9:54 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Willow Ave.

May 19, 12:49 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Kidder Ave.

May 19, 10:22 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Packard Ave.

Assault:

May 15, 7:41 p.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

May 15, 7:44 p.m., police reported an assault at Marshall St.

May 16, 10:41 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

May 16, 10:47 p.m., police reported an assault at Flint St.

May 18, 9:06 p.m., police reported an assault at Edgar Ct.

May 18, 11:46 p.m., police reported an assault at 23 Cummings St.

May 19, 6:06 p.m., police reported an assault at Taylor St.

Drug Violation:

May 14, 12:05 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Bow St.

May 15, 5:27 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

May 17, 4:19 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Pearl St.

Mass DOT study on the 'grounding of McGrath Highway' underway

By Donald Norton

A large crowd of residents showed up at the Argenziano School last Wednesday evening for the first of what appears to be too many hearings over the tearing down of the McCarthy Overpass from Medford Street and Highland to Medford Street and Somerville Avenue.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has begun the process that appears to be a very long one of tearing down the overpass and taking the road to ground level.

A large turnout of residents attended to hear and see what the process is going to be.

Mayor Curtatone spoke briefly on what it would mean to have this ugly relic of the 50's gone while connecting the Eastern part of the city with the rest of the city.

The DOT had suggested three proposals and identified one they would prefer to begin with - called the "Boulevard Proposal" -



One of the least popular structures in the city may soon meet its fate, once Mass DOT planners determine the best course of action.

taking the entire overpass down, and how it would work.

Many of those present suggested that a 6 lane road would be too wide, that 4 lanes would be sufficient and would reduce the flow of traffic through the city.

The DOT representatives stressed that it was just a beginning and that the concerns of the residents would be taken into consideration, but that the planning process is far from being over. They suggested that no end

date was able to be determined.

Many residents present expressed pleasure that this was on the drawing board and being considered, that it is long overdue and Somerville would be better off for it.

The meeting lasted for a few hours and about 20 residents spoke.

For more information on what they are considering go to www.massdot.state.ma.us/groundingmcgrath/Home.aspx.

Somerville Courthouse gets new clock tower

By William Tauro

The Somerville District Courthouse located at 175 Fellsway in Somerville is receiving a new clock tower.

After decades of exposure to the elements of New England weather, the old courthouse clock tower was removed this past winter due to rot and deterioration around its base and entire structure.

Since removal of the old tower, work crews have rebuilt the entire courthouse roof and a new clock tower is being built on site.



Civil, criminal, family, small claims and traffic cases are heard at the Somerville Courthouse with most cases

that generate from Somerville and Medford.

The Somerville Courthouse was built in 1978.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send letters to the editor to The Somerville News. Please email your letters to News@TheSomervilleNews.com or mail them to 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The Somerville News Reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and length. All letters must include an name and contact information. Contact information will not be shared with the public. We look forward to hearing from you.

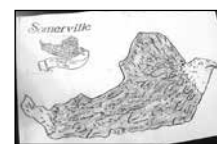
Dear Boston Marathon Runner, You have inspired me because even though bombs were going off and a lot of people died or got hurt you still are going to run again next year! When the people who got affected by

the bombs went to the hospital, you ran another 2 miles to donate blood to the hospitals. You have been a leader to our country. You gave me a message to "not give up" and "unless someone like you cares an

awful lot nothing is going to change!" Thanks for being a great leader!!!

Love,
Ishivita Bali
Prospect Hill Charter School,
5th grade

The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #26

Queen of the Air - Heart of the Ocean

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.

Want to write local Somerville stories?

Call 617-666-4010 and speak to the Assignment Editor



To advertise in our Business Directory, call or fax.

Phone: 617-666-4010

Fax: 617-628-0422

Let your customers find you in Somerville's
most widely read newspaper!

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Closed Wednesday

Alibrandi's Barber Shop

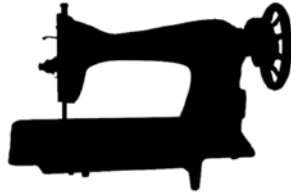
Men & Boys Haircuts

"Best Somerville Barber"

194 Holland St, Somerville, MA 02144

617-628-4282

Instant Shoe & Marine Canvas Repair



22 Broadway Somerville Ma • (617)628-7065

Marine Canvas • Luggage, Shoe & Handbag Repair • All types of Stitching

Sell your house today!

"We'll sell your house fast!"



~ Notary Public ~ Justice of the Peace ~

MARIE HOWE REAL ESTATE

617-666-4040

JC Services

Spring Clean Ups
Disposal - Asphalt Paving

Call John
617-629-2180

Richard G. Di Girolamo

Anne M. Vigorito

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

Criminal Defense
Civil Litigation
Personal Injury
Family Law
Real Estate Law
Immigration Law
Employment Law
Bankruptcy
Zoning

TELEPHONE: (617) 666-8200

FAX: (617) 776-5435

EMAIL: digirolamolegal@verizon.net

424 BROADWAY, SOMERVILLE, MA 02145

Scusa's
BATHTUB REFINISHING

Commercial & Residential
Bathtubs
Bath and Kitchen Sinks
Satisfaction Guaranteed

FREE ESTIMATE

617.797.5309



The
Norton
Group

Real Estate

John Pratti
Real Estate Consultant

699 Broadway
Somerville, MA 02144

www.TheNortonGroupRE.com

Cell: 617-838-5012
Office: 617-623-6600
Fax: 617-628-0422

Email: JohnGPratti@yahoo.com
Website: www.JohnGPratti.com



781-581-0810
781-724-7224

Kane Carpet

Commercial and Residential
Sales and Installation

RICK KANE

289 Castle Road
Nahant, MA 01908

GE **AUTO REPAIR**
MECANICA EM GERAL

781.831.1034
631 Somerville Ave.
Somerville, MA 02143

Your car, in Good Hands



O Gê é Jóia!

T. J. SILLARI, INC.

Over 50 Years Experience
Proud to be a Somerville Business Resident



- Plumbing • Heating
- Gas Fitting • Industrial Work
- Water Heater Replacement
- Complete Drain Service

Residential - Industrial - Commercial

Master Plmb. Lic. #6106 **625-9877**

CARROLL SONS INC.

ROOF & GUTTER SPECIALIST
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL



(800)-734-8334

(617) 625-8334

(617) 868-2673

FAX (617) 868-4102

- ▲ Rubber/Shingle/Slate ▲
- ▲ Seamless Gutters ▲
- ▲ Replacement Windows ▲
- ▲ Siding/Trim Coverage ▲
- ▲ Decks & Porches ▲ Carpentry ▲
- ▲ Painting ▲ Chimneys ▲

60-64 MEDFORD ST., SOMERVILLE, MA 02143
FINANCING AVAILABLE • LICENSED • FULLY INSURED
ESTABLISHED 1962



Professional special
attention to details

- Stain Polyurethane Wallpaper
- Vinyl Aluminum Painting
- Works Small or Bigger
- Painting Restoration
- Interior & Exterior

857-318-4572

vanildodos@yahoo.com



BEST PEST CONTROL SERVICES

ROD KREIMEYER
Owner

63 ELM STREET
SOMERVILLE, MASS. 02144

(617) 625-4850
(781) 641-4040
www.bestpest.com

617-242-9679
Fax 617-242-7316



MYSTIC APPLIANCE, INC.
Reconditioned Like New

KERRI TONER
Sales Manager

135 Cambridge St.
Charlestown, MA 02129



Licensed • Insured
Since 1985

Salvato Electric
Courteous Electricians

Bobby
Owner
Robert7274@msn.com

(W) 617-625-4178
(C) 978-767-0464
6 Bristol St.
N. Billerica, MA 01862

Candidates Roster

The following took out nomination papers as of Tuesday, May 21:

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 Carol A. Dempkowski, 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 Catherine L. Thompson, candidate

Ward Three Alderman

Mathew Desmond, candidate Robert McWatters, candidate
Gerald Christopher Amaral, candidate Stephen A. Delani, 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 Raffin, candidate
Caroline Lynch Normand, candidate

SHS Scholarship Foundation fundraiser

By Donald Norton

This year marks 23 years for the Somerville High Scholarship Foundation. About 75 to 80 board members, friends and supporters of the Foundation had their annual \$10K drawing this past Friday night.

Everyone had fun and lots of door prizes were handed out. The winners were the last 10 ticket holders standing. They decided to split it with \$1K each. This hard working committee has raised over \$1,200,000 in 23 years from donations and fundraisers like this annual \$10K ticket drawing.

The amazing hard work over the



Photo by David Durnan

years by everyone associated with this foundation, and the many students that are served and helped by them is very much appreciated.

If you'd like to donate or help to raise funds they have a "Buy a Brick" program. You can pur-

chase one with your name or any kind of inscription on the brick. Contact SHS foundation, P.O. Box 440275, Somerville 02144.

Above 1987 aerial photo courtesy of David Durnan, Class of 1966.

City ban on styrofoam to pass

CONT. FROM PG 1

preventing any liquid leaking, and maintaining the taste of the food.

"We are a green business," said Grover Taylor, owner of Eat at Jumbo's, a pizza, wings, and burger take-out/delivery restaurant on Broadway. "But foam is the one thing I can't give up. It's the best for the food."

The Somerville Department of Sustainability insists the alternatives to expanded polystyrene cost about a penny more than Styrofoam per unit of material. President of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce Stephen Mackey disagreed with those numbers, saying he spoke to various food establishments and those were not the numbers they came up with. Grover Taylor agreed with Mackey.

"You can add a couple of zeroes to those numbers," said Taylor after the meeting in reference to the alternative materials costing just a penny more per unit than Styrofoam containers.

The Board of Aldermen met about this proposed ban several weeks ago in late April. Vice President of the board John M. Connolly expressed his concerns then that he would need more knowledge about the econom-

ic consequences on local food services before voting on the ban. Given the dissension in the room on the economic issue still several weeks later, Alderman Connolly proposed the idea of restaurants organizing their own Styrofoam recycling programs if they did not want to adopt the extra inventory costs of using a polystyrene alternative. Clearly, Alderman Connolly, as well as others in the room, lacked complete satisfaction with the proposal, but the mayor's office did not see any way to solve Connolly's issue.

"We looked into this type of program," said the mayor's aide Omar Boukili. "The efficiency of in-house recycling programs is not proven."

Somerville will be a cleaner, greener place once the ban is made official. But the consequences fall on the small local restaurant, and on the consumer.

"If I charge you seven bucks for an order of wings, I'm going to have to charge you seven seventy-five or eight bucks now," said Grover Taylor. "My place will be fine, but I bet you this puts a few places either out of business or out of Somerville. Ultimately it affects the consumer and the

small business."

Taylor's concern stems from the lack of uniformity from Somerville's surrounding cities. Neither Cambridge nor Medford ban Styrofoam for food transportation. Their prices could remain cheaper than Somerville's delivery prices post-ban, meaning more Somerville residents will order from places outside of the city. Despite Taylor, Aldermen Connolly, and others voicing these concerns at the meeting in April, the Committee did not adequately address the concerns. Everyone agrees with the sentiment of the ban. The success of its execution remains a source of tension for some.

The amended ordinance will be voted on at the next official Board of Aldermen meeting, and if passed, which in all likelihood it will be, food establishments will have one year to adjust before the city can impose legal consequences for using expanded polystyrene such as fines or the potential revoking of a license. The city will provide a list of alternative materials to restaurants and other food establishments such as schools. After that, it's up to the businesses to figure out how to adjust.

Law Offices at 741 Broadway O'Donovan, Dwyer & O'Flaherty

"Your local Attorneys"

Specializing in

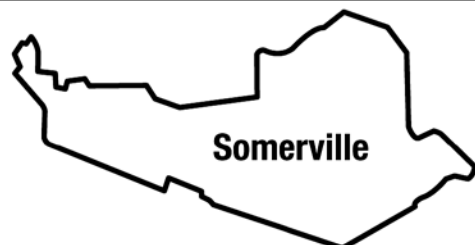
- Real Estate / Zoning Law
- Estate Planning / Probate Law
- Wills & Trust
- Civil and Criminal Litigation
- Immigration Law
- Divorce
- Personal Injury

WWW.ODOLAW.COM

CALL FOR INITIAL FREE CONSULTATION
617 629-8888 - FAX 617 623-7990

The Somerville News will have a new Service Directory coming soon! Call now and reserve your spot.

Reach over 20,000 potential customers in our city. Our readers are your customers!



**SEASONAL
12 WEEKS
\$35 per week
\$420 for 3 months**

**6 MONTHS
26 WEEKS
\$30 per week
\$720 for 6 months**

**12 MONTHS
52 WEEKS
\$25 per week
\$1,300 for 12 months**

**Advertise your company in the Service Directory
and reach thousands of potential customers.**



**It's Easy! Just Call
617-666-4010**

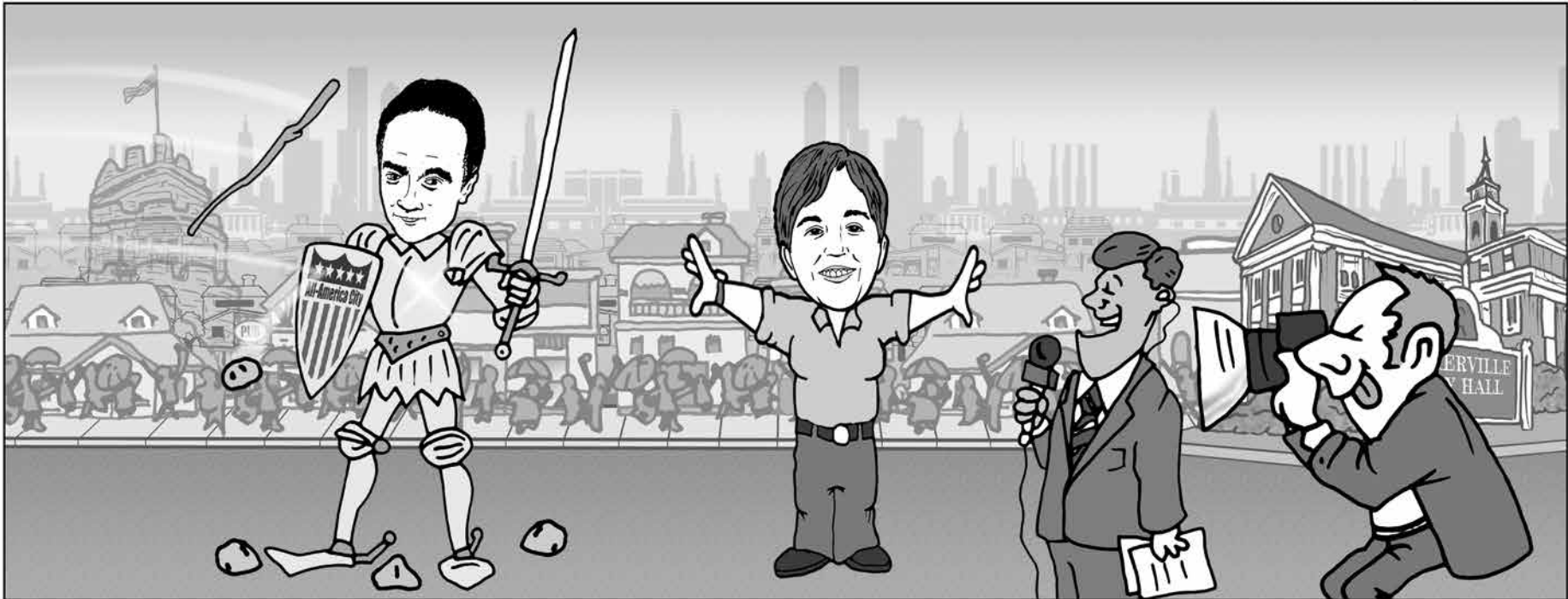
PUT A CHARGE INTO YOUR BUSINESS WITH OUR SERVICE DIRECTORY!



COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Sticks and stones...

The View From Prospect Hill



Congratulations to the mayor for standing up and speaking out last week against the vicious hate speech that has been uttered in and around our community of late. As he so ably said, there is no place in a civil society for this kind of mean spirited behavior, and every single right thinking person should likewise stand up for those whose personal lives are not fair game for this senseless bashing.

In a time when bullying in general has come to the fore as a serious social issue, it is saddening that we must turn our attention to this particular brand of bigotry and abuse. But when we witness such barbarity we must deal with it accordingly. The mayor did just that as he called the perpetrators on their misbehavior. Those who would label and belittle are wielding a sword that can be turned

against they themselves, and shall be in the fullness of time. Alderman O’Keefe, meantime, held the high ground and handled the situation with grace and tolerance. She has already proven herself to be a boon to her ward and the city as a whole. We are indeed fortunate that she has stepped up and agreed to serve us, as undeserving as a few may be.

When bipartisanship is a hard fought for and fleeting thing to achieve, as it seems to be these days, it is especially vexing to have this sort of nonsense muddying the process. May this ugly incident serve to inspire us all to greater understanding of one another, and may we move on to the important matters that lay ahead of us. Enough said.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Bentley College. Diane is a sharp girl and we wish her the very best in her future endeavors!

It looks like Six for Alderman At Large so far. This past week Carol A. Dempkowski of Hawthorne Street in Davis Square pulled papers joining Mary Jo Rossetti and Sean Fitzgerald as challengers to incumbents Dennis Sullivan, Jack Connolly and William White. Three more and we would have a primary and wouldn’t that be awesome here in the city? Imagine the debating of ideas and issues, especially for the long time office holders. Catherine L. Thompson has taken out papers for Ward Two School Committee and she joins Michael Nionakis in that race. In Ward Three one more candidate has pulled for papers for Alderman, now making the ward a possible primary. His name is Stephen A. Delani, joining Bob McWaters and Matthew Desmond. A possible primary in Ward One, Three, and Five will be exciting. Hopefully more will join in and pull papers. If you’re considering it go to the Election Department in the basement at City Hall, School Street entrance. Tell them you read it in The News. The only incumbent not to pull

as of yet - and we think he won’t - is Alderman Bob Trane in Ward Seven. We still believe that Joe Capuano, the son of Congressman Mike Capuano, is going to pull papers. Look for a last minute pulling of his papers.

We heard that the new owners of the Union Square Post Office were on a tour walking around the building on Friday sizing up the place, anxious and ready to move in and demo the place. We also heard that it made the postal employees who work there on a daily basis and some of the customers doing their business feel very uncomfortable by their presence, and thought the tour to be very inappropriate and should have been conducted after business hours.

Our hearts and prayers go out to our good friend, Somerville Police Department Vehicle Fleet Manager Freddy Hartsgrove. Since he was diagnosed with a brain tumor he has had some life changing challenges with a series of eight epileptic seizures. Even with all that going on in his life Freddy is there at the police garage everyday making sure that our city’s fleet of police vehicles are in tip top condition so that our men and wom-

en in blue can do their job of protecting us and our fine city with confidence that their police vehicles are working properly and always looking out for their safety.

Congratulations to the 11 Somerville property owners recognized by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission for outstanding preservation efforts. And kudos to the SHS students who have created individual artwork pieces representing the properties. The Preservation Awards ceremony will be held at the Armory on Thursday, May 23.

Oops! We just heard through our reliable sources that the Farm Team (aka the Journal) recently issued an internal memo to all Gatehouse papers here in Massachusetts – remember, the owners of the Farm Team are in upstate NY - looking for yet another reporter. Or is it looking again for another editor? Who knows? They do seem to run through them, don’t they? Maybe the present one will get the wish he asked for not too long ago granted. Or maybe not, unless he recently moved here?

By the way, for the second time in two

weeks Feargal O’Toole was seen wearing a suit, attending Elio LoRusso’s campaign fundraiser last week. And we have to admit, our sources tell us, that it was standing room only in attendance to kick off Elio’s campaign against Maureen Barstardi. We think this is going to be a tight race down in Ward One. We wish both candidates the best.

Our condolences go out to the family of Louis F. Bortone who passed away not too long ago. He was born and raised right here in Somerville. Lou worked for many years for WBZ TV as an Executive Art Director. He won many awards and commendations throughout his career.

Pretty nice that finally after years of looking bad the overpass is in the process of being taken down. This is so good to be happening. Last week over a 100 Somerville residents turned out for the first of many hearings on what the proposed new road will look like. Watch for dates of the next hearings and show up to be a part of the process. Now, if we could only get that ugly incinerator removed that would be great.

COMMENTARY

The views and opinions expressed in the commentaries of The Somerville News do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Somerville News, its publishers or staff.

Everett casino hurts neighborhoods, local economy



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Just one hundred yards across the Mystic River from Somerville's burgeoning Assembly Square neighborhood lies the proposed site for a 19-story casino in Everett. Somerville and other cities in the region, none of which have a vote on the proposal, are staring down the negative impacts this casino would levy on our local businesses, economic activity, social well-being

and our health.

On Somerville's side of the Mystic River at Assembly Row, we are building a livable, walkable, bikeable, transit-accessible community with a sustainable economic base. It's the payoff from prudent investments in infrastructure. We're bringing in transit with the new Orange Line station. We're breaking ground on new homes and office buildings, restaurants and stores. We're unlocking the magic of the waterfront with a new 6-acre park. We're building a neighborhood that will both cultivate a better quality of life and strengthen our tax base to help pay for citywide public services. We have learned from the past to play the long game not

the short game, to be diligent not desperate.

On the Everett side of the river, it's a very different story. They are talking about building a casino, a myopic and volatile strategy that has a detrimental impact on quality of life and drains the tax base, requiring more and more city expenditures and services to counter its impact. The data shows that when casinos go up, crime and other social ills go up with them while spending at area businesses goes down. What looks now like the promise of glamour and glitz is nothing more than fool's gold. There could not be a bigger contrast between two sites a hundred yards apart.

Playing the short game with a

casino threatens the local businesses that form the backbone of our city and regional economy. One of the dollar figures being waved in front of Everett's nose is \$50,000 worth of vouchers to Everett restaurants and local businesses. These vouchers would be given for free to gamblers at the casino. But gamblers do not tend to stand up from the slot machine and decide to drive elsewhere to shop or eat. The longest distance gamblers travel when visiting a casino is from the parking lot to the casino's front door.

In Atlantic City, one-third of the city's retail businesses closed within four years after the casinos opened. Within 20 years, two-thirds of the city's indepen-

dent restaurants had also closed. Similar statistics abound in casino areas. No amount of free vouchers can compensate for the decimation of one- to two-thirds of local businesses.

Somerville's core value is to make our city a great place to live, work, play and raise a family. Casinos hurt families. Between 1990 and 1998, as increasing numbers of states legalized casinos, Gamblers Anonymous chapters more than doubled according to the National Gambling Impact Study Commission. In a survey of nearly 400 Gamblers Anonymous members, 28 percent reported either a gambling-related divorce or separation and others admitted their

Continued on page 11

Walkable Somerville Part 3: Somerville by Design



By William C. Shelton

Making Somerville "walkable" isn't just about making neighborhoods pleasant places to walk. It's about creating a built environment that will attract investment and businesses, bring jobs and services, and generate property tax revenue to ease the burden on Somer-

ville homeowners while paying for what we need. It's also about empowering Villens to preserve their neighborhoods, whose character often seems under attack by those who want to force outsized and out-of-character developments on them.

During these constrained fiscal times, it's easy to ridicule consultants who study how communities can make their neighborhoods walkable, a feat that our ancestors achieved without much reflection. It's also myopic.

The evidence of 94,000 real estate transactions in 15 real estate markets unequivocally demonstrates the "walkability

dividend." Cities that encourage walkable neighborhoods enjoy higher property values and lower municipal service costs. Wise planning, faithfully executed, will enrich our community while avoiding perpetual and unnecessary maintenance costs and liability risks.

Wise planning defined SomerVision. For over two years, hundreds of people attended 50 meetings and contributed thousands of hours. City staff produced rich data and insightful analysis, providing an objective basis on which neighborhood advocates, business people, non-profit administrators and public

officials resolved conflicting interests and perceptions to find common ground. Their product is the Comprehensive Plan that the city adopted in April 2012.

Too often, celebrated plans generate publicity and encourage high hopes, only to subsequently gather dust. But SomerVision laid out six concrete Implementation Priorities. One of them is to develop design-based plans for the areas surrounding future Green Line stations. Another is to replace Somerville's whimsical zoning ordinance with one that can enforceably codify the vision, values and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.

The advent of the Green Line provides rich opportunities to breathe new life into the commercial corridors that formed Old Somerville's neighborhood centers, and to enhance their connectivity. Somerville By Design is creating urban design plans for Gilman Square, Lowell Street/ Magoun Square and Ball Square.

As with SomerVision, the process has been fully participatory. Residents and business owners tell city officials and planning consultants what they like, don't like, and want for their neighborhoods. The staff and consultants draft

Continued on page 11

Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Taking a stand for progress



Last week I was ready to throw in the towel on this column. I felt burned out and depleted. I thought I covered every interesting aspect of life

in the Ville. Since starting it on September 22, 2007, I gave it my all. 52 stories for almost 6 years! YIKES!! I tried to write stories about Somerville that we could all relate to. I thought I ran out of stuff! After seeing the overwhelming and humbling response to my "farewell" article last week, I spoke to the staff and this is what we came up with. We will reprint early past stories throughout the summer, and then I will retool and re-

vamp. Thanks, and I hope you enjoy revisiting these tales of the Ville.

This article first appeared in the June 14, 2008 edition of The Somerville News.

One of my favorite topics is talking about the stores that used to be around years ago that are now just memories. Remember a little place in Davis Square called The Soda Hut? Some may and some may not. How about Skippy's Fix-it Shop and Henry the Jeweler? Do those places ring a bell? Close to Henry's and Skippy's, there used to be a quaint little establishment known as Gigli's Fruit stand. Ask anyone who remembers it, and they will assure you that it had quite a bit of "a-pple."

Today there are two entrances to the Red Line - one on College Avenue and one on Holland Street - at either entrance you can pick up a variety of snacks from an array of stores, restaurants or cafes. You can get a crepe, a latte or a wrap as well.

When the B&M Railroad's train still ran through Davis Square (along the route of the bike trail), there was also a popular place to pick up a snack. Next to the theater was where Al Gigli sold the freshest fruits, vegetables, eggs and penny candy. Al was also known to many as Nonno. For years he ran the fruit and veggie stand at the railroad crossing in Davis Square with his wife Ann, or as she was affectionately known, Nona, or just Ma

Gigli. Everyone that came by was a friend and there was time to chat about the important things in life, like the family, the neighborhood and maybe politics. Nino and Ma Gigli made countless friends at the stand as countless freight trains rolled by on their way past the Dewey and Almy Chemical company (later acquired by W.R. Grace) and onward towards Fitchburg. I wonder how many times Ozzie Collins, the gate attendant, grabbed a juicy apple or orange to eat while guarding the College Avenue Crossing gate.

Today in Davis Square we have The Farmer's Bounty, The Farmer's Market and McKinnon's to satisfy our produce needs. There was even a market called Apple A Day in the

Continued on page 11



Beacon Hill Roll Call

Volume 39-Report No. 20 • May 17, 2013 • Copyright © 2013 Beacon Hill Roll Call. All Rights Reserved. By Bob Katzen

Beacon Hill Roll Call can also be viewed on our Web site at www.thesomervillenews.com

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on one roll call from the week of May 13-17. There were no roll calls in the Senate.

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.

\$300 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 3379)

House 156-0, approved a bill providing \$300 million for maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The money would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds. This represents an increase of \$100 million above last year's \$200 million funding.

Supporters said this funding is crucial for cities and towns for many local projects and to help them keep the roads and bridges safe.

Following expected Senate approval, the bill will go Gov. Deval Patrick for his signature. That, however, will not quite open the spigot for the money to go to local communities. A second bill to authorize the specific terms of the sale of the bonds still has to be filed by Gov. Patrick and approved by both branches. Local officials fear a reoccurrence of last year when a delay resulted in the funds not being distributed until August, missing several months of prime construction time in the spring and summer.

Lt. Gov. Tim Murray responded to municipal leaders' concerns. "I certainly think the governor would be willing to consider some type of effort in terms of getting some money out the door this spring so we can take advantage of the spring season on a pro-rated, tentative basis," said Murray. (A "Yes" vote is for the \$300 million.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ELECT PRESIDENT VIA NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE (H 591)

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

OTHER ELECTION LAW CHANGES

- The Election Laws Committee's agenda also includes bills that would require the use of paper ballots in Massachusetts and prohibit the use of all electronic voting machines (S 324); allow voters who do not speak English to have a translator accompany them into the voting booth (H 577); allow 17-year-olds to vote in local city and town elections (H 583); and give voters the option of voting for "none of the above" on all election ballots (H 642).

HEALTH AND SEX ED

- An Education Committee hearing focused on health and sex education. The agenda included legislation that would provide child exploitation awareness education, including education about child abduction and child sexual abuse, to students in grades 2 through 8 (S 274); require health education classes to cover eye health and exercises (S 201); and make an exemption to the current state law requiring parental notification of any sex education classes and allowing parents to excuse their children from them (H 509). This bill would exempt from the notification "any material designed to promote tolerance and respect, including difference in sexual orientation, when sexual implications are not discussed."

NO SMOKING IN CARS WITH YOUNG KIDS (H 1984)

- The Public Health Committee heard testimony on a proposal that would prohibit smoking in cars in which there is a child who is required to be in a child passenger restraint. Under Massachusetts law, children must use a restraint until they are at least eight years old or at least 57 inches tall. Supporters said that second-hand smoke causes respiratory problems, ear infections and mental health disorders including depression. No one testified against the bill, but Richard Smith, a representative from cigarette manufacturer Reynolds America, observed the hearing. He did not testify, noting

that company does not take a position on smoking bans.

OTHER TOBACCO RESTRICTIONS

- The Public Health Committee's hearing also included measures that would prohibit smoking in all condominiums, apartments and multi-family homes and allow it only in single-family, stand-alone residences (H 1897); prohibit smoking anywhere in senior multi-unit residences where an inhabitant uses oxygen (S 1028); and prohibit the possession of cigarettes and other tobacco by anyone under age 18 (H 1904).

TAX DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

- A Revenue Committee hearing included bills that would provide up to a \$5,000 tax deduction for the cost of gluten-free food that is in excess of the cost of food containing gluten (S 1388); establish a 5-day meals tax free holiday in 2013 during which diners would not be required to pay the state's 6.25 percent meals tax (S 1384); and exempt from the state's 6.25 percent meals tax any liquor served in private rooms, not open to the public, at veterans organizations and other fraternal organizations (H 2493).

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Today we honor the Metro North SWAT team for restoring the safety of our citizens. Their actions allowed our society to breathe a sigh of relief." – *House Speaker Robert DeLeo introducing some of the first responders to the Boston Marathon bombing.*

"(It would) put these fly-by-night folks out of business." – *Rep. Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) on legislation regulating driveway and sidewalk pavers the way other home improvement contractors are regulated.*

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 13-17, the House met for a total of three hours and 53 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 41 minutes.

Mon. May 13	House 11:06 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:37 a.m.
Tues. May 14	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 15	House 11:01 a.m. to 2:37 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. May 16	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.
Fri. May 17	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Everett casino hurts neighborhoods, local economy

CONT. FROM PG 9

gambling had led them to stealing, bankruptcy or thoughts of suicide. We should be building healthy families, not introducing ways to break them.

An Everett casino would also worsen traffic and pollution. Somerville and communities around the proposed casino site already have several environmental justice zones, where people face a disproportionate burden of traffic-related pollution. We're working to correct this by investing in alternative transportation, or by advocating for the grounding of McGrath Highway, which the state just announced it will transform into a ground-level boulevard. But now, just as we're making progress, we again face increased traffic impact. An exhaustive study by MIT and University of California at Berkeley researchers pinpointed the most traffic-congested Boston-area neighborhoods, and Everett was one of the worst. A casino would only exacerbate that problem, rippling through the entire metro area.

In 2007, as president of the Massachusetts Mayors' Association, I hosted a panel of casino experts in Somerville. Two were in favor of casinos and one was opposed, but they all agreed on one thing: You do not place casinos where you already have an established economic base. You create a destination resort. Not only has the Commonwealth taken the ill-advised step of allowing casinos in Massachusetts at all, but it is also allowing one in the urban core. It defies common sense.

Massachusetts' casino law alludes to regional cooperation in terms of mitigation, but then contradicts itself by taking a narrow approach to who has a say in where casinos are placed. Only Everett residents can vote on whether Las Vegas tycoon Steve Wynn can build his casino here on the Mystic, but Somerville, Charlestown, Chelsea, even Medford and Malden and beyond will be impacted. None of those communities have a say. The facts will have to instead speak loudly for us. We need to slow down and look at the data, not the spinning dollar signs.

Walkable Somerville

CONT. FROM PG 9

designs and seek reactions from the community.

Among the consultants are urban design professors and students from MIT. They've offered innovative suggestions regarding wayfinding, signage, pedestrian improvements, traffic calming, bus and bike routes, air quality, storm water management, public space design, economic development, zoning, and parking, all of which are viewable at the Somerville By Design webpage.

Many of their suggestions are pragmatic and can be cost effectively implemented. Some seem unrealistic. For example, it's hard to imagine market conditions or government funding that could pay for structured parking in Winter Hill and Magoun Square.

We know that this participatory design process can produce effective results, because we've done it before. Thirty years ago, neighbors, city staff, and consultants created the Davis Square Action Plan to realize the opportunities brought by a new Red Line station. On balance, its implementation has served us well. Last night Somerville By Design brought neighbors together to begin planning the Square for the next thirty years.

Meanwhile, city officials freely acknowledge that our current Zoning Ordinance is not serving us well. They identify four challenges:

1. It doesn't provide clear and unambiguous guidance.
2. Residential district regulations are not preserving neighborhoods' unique character.
3. Current zoning can't maximize the economic development and smart growth opportunities created by transit stations.
4. Effective responses to the second and third challenges depend on resolving the first one.

If you've ever tried to improve your own property, or to oppose the grotesque violations of neighborhood character that I frequently write about, you know what I mean.

City staff is working with neighbors, business owners and city officials to produce a zoning ordinance that will enable us to fully implement SomerVision, preserve what we love about our neighborhoods, and encourage investment.

The SomerVision and Somerville By Design planning processes are rare for their inclusion and innovation. The price of admission is simply participation. I believe that subsequent attacks on the resulting plans by those who were unwilling to participate shouldn't merit much attention.

Thus far, this "Walkable Somerville" series has not asked the question, "Walkable for whom?" Answering it is critical to honest policy considerations in two senses. First, if our efforts to enrich our built environment create a Somerville in which people who grew up here can't afford to live here, then we are poorer for those efforts. The challenges of affordable housing and preserving economic diversity are essential, and rightfully the subject of their own series.

The second sense has to do with the disabled, wheelchair-bound, blind, elderly, and children. For them, Somerville is not very "walkable" and has missed opportunity after opportunity to become more so. That, history and what is being done to change it is the subject of the last piece in this series.

Taking a stand for progress

CONT. FROM PG 9

square for a while. All these places have (or had) good stuff. However, many will agree that the fruit and veggies were bigger and more succulent (not to mention, cheaper) at Gigli's Fruit Stand. But, alas, an apple a day could not keep progress away. Today Gigli's Fruit Stand maintains its proud place in our city's history. The fruit stand closed to make way for the Red Line.

The subject may pop up when you hear someone say, "Wow, this orange reminds me of the old Fruit Stand that used to be in Davis Square," and yet someone else might reply "Yeah, but you don't get fruit like that any more." I say sure you can, especially since they started adding vitamin "M" to foods. The "M" stands for memory. It's the additive that gives our minds the ability to reminisce, and I find more and more foods containing vitamin "M" these days. One bite of a crisp red apple can start the memory juices flowing.

Today you may get fruit that is just as plump, juicy and fresh as it was when it came from Gigli's fruit stand - maybe - but thanks to our memories, a half hour of chewing an apple, then chewing the fat, can help you relive those great old days.

The Red Line came in 1984 bringing with it a new era, but taking away some traditions and the simple pleasures of a bygone time. Gigli's Fruit Stand will always be on the corner near the Somerville Theatre, in the old Davis Square in our minds. The Giglis are still one of Somerville's grand and prosperous families. I'm sure any one of them will be glad to share a story about the old fruit stand with you, just as Geraldine and Louise did with me - thank you ladies - and thank you to Nonno and Ma Gigli as well.

Please send me your ideas for articles and stories. You can go to my Facebook page, email me at jimmydl@rcn.com or leave a message at 617-623-0554.

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

You can email Jimmy directly at jimmydel@rcn.com.

Somerville couple chosen to lead Boston parade

By William Tauro

Frank and Koni Palmisano of Somerville's Winter Hill Yacht Club, were chosen to lead this year's "Make way for Ducklings Parade" on Mother's Day in the Boston Public Garden.

Somerville's own Koni as a duckling and her husband Frank as "Captain Guido" held hands the entire route of the parade being applauded by hundreds of spectators enjoying a sunny Mothers Day.

Both Palmisanos are employees of Boston Duck Tours and enjoy the annual event and have participated in it for many years.

The Friends of the Public

Garden host the annual Duckling Day Parade, based on the children's classic *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey about a pair of mallard ducks who decide to raise their family on the island of the Boston Public Garden lagoon and the family's adventures getting there.

Duckling Day is an annual Mothers Day event where each year over a thousand children dressed as their favorite characters from the story gather on the Common to enjoy face painting, music making, clowns, and other entertainment before marching through Beacon Hill behind the Harvard Band to the Public Garden.



Somerville's own Koni as a duckling and her husband Frank as "Captain Guido" lead the "Make Way for Ducklings Parade."

Photo by William Tauro

Storm the Statehouse from Somerville

By William Tauro

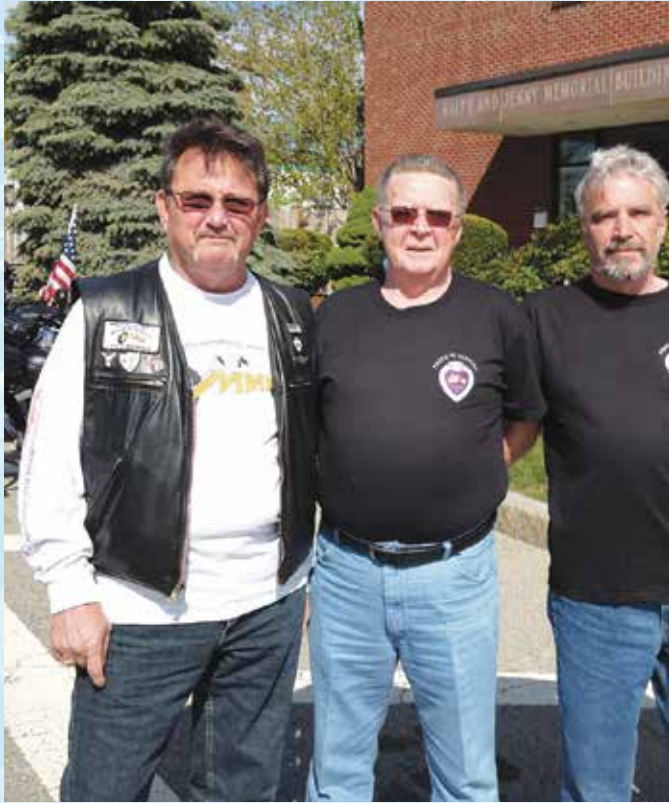
Over one hundred fifty motorcycles under Somerville Police motorcycle escort took part in the “12th Annual 2013 Storm the Statehouse” ride Thursday morning.

The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA), the organizers of the ride, are hoping that state legislators will acknowledge their requests regarding motorcycle safety issues, motorcycle insurance and statues as well as licenses, regulations and laws concerning motorcycles.

The biker’s ride originated from different staging areas from across the state and gathered early morning at the function hall donated by the Somerville Lions Club located on New Washington Street in Somerville.

The bikers were treated to a continental breakfast and a quick meeting by the MMA before their noon bike ride journey to the Massachusetts Statehouse in Boston was underway.

Also in attendance for the ride were representatives from the “Disabled and Limbless Veterans Association” who are in full support of the MMA’s organization and its causes.





SPORTS

Somerville Little League Baseball hits mid-season point
Farm League, Tee-Ball clinics up and running

The 2013 Somerville Little League Baseball Season is now halfway through the season and both the Minor and Major Leagues have witnessed great action and spirited play, with several teams closely competing for the top of their respective divisions.

The Season kicked off in grand fashion on Saturday, April 27, with the annual Opening Day Parade and Ceremonies. The parade began under glorious skies at Somerville High School, proceeded down Highland Avenue to Conway Park, where the Opening Day Ceremonies were held. The event featured the ceremonial First-Pitch, thrown by Recreation Director James Halloran, the National Anthem was sung, and the perennial lifetime

achievement awards were given out. The day was also marked by a somber moment of silence to honor the victims of the Boston Marathon Day bombings.

"It was a fantastic Opening Day, and I've seen a tremendous resurgence of excitement, competition, and quality baseball this year. We have some very talented kids, great coaches, and that's the main reason why Somerville baseball is now back on the map," stated Somerville Little League Board President Rob LaFee.

With seven games into in their 14 games schedule, the Majors Division has had many close and exciting games, with several contests going into extra innings. Sally O'Brien's currently resides in first place



Make way for the little ones. Little League baseball is off and running for this years crop of ready-to-play kids.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#370

1. When were bifocals invented and by whom?

2. What was officially adopted as the name for artificial silk in 1924?

3. What brand of Gasoline's motto told consumers to "put a tiger in your tank"?

4. What product's claim was "a little dab will do ya"?

5. How many black keys are on a piano keyboard?

6. What was the song sung in French in the 1963 movie *The Singing Nun* that became #1 on the American charts?

7. What country did

Texas declare its independence from for almost 10 years before it became part of the U.S.?

8. What country is the world's largest tea producer?

9. If we get Angora from the Angora Rabbit, what do get from the Angora Goat?

10. Who was the winner of the first Boston Marathon in 1897?

11. What is the difference between a cranny and a nook?

12. What commercial was Michael Jackson doing when his hair caught fire?

Continued on page 19

in the Majors, with Bonney Automotive, Boston Closet, Redbones, The Independent, and The Biscuit right on their heels. In the Minors Division, Bonney Automotive sits atop the league, with Orange Leaf, Boston Closet, John's Team, Jumbo's, and Alewife Auto very

close behind.

The Farm League, designed for youths aged 7 and 8 years of age, and the Instructional Tee-Ball Clinics, geared for kids 5 and 6, provides valuable experience in all the fundamentals of the game. While the Farm League has simulated games

with no umpire or tabulated scoring, the Saturday Tee-Ball Clinic offers kids a fun and friendly orientation to all aspects of the game of baseball.

For more information on the league, clinics, and playoff schedules, visit <http://www.somervillelittleleague.org/>.

Toussaint heats it up for UMass Lowell

By Mike Stoller

Somerville's Antoinette Toussaint, a senior track and field standout at UMass Lowell, has been named the sixth seed in the 400 meter hurdles in the NCAA Championships and will also be a member of the River Hawks' 4 x 400 relay team when the big event is held on May 23-25 at Colorado State Pueblo University's Neta and Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl for the second consecutive year.

Toussaint has made her mark big time this spring at UMass Lowell. The former Somerville High star (she graduated SHS in

2008) earned All-New England Honors at the New England Championships at Stonehill College. Toussaint placed second in the 400 meter hurdles, crossing in 58.22 seconds in the preliminary round, the fourth fastest result in the country this season, before finishing second overall the next day in a time of 1:00.38.

Toussaint was also recognized as an All-New England in the long jump. She placed seventh overall with a leap of 18 feet, 5 inches.

Earlier in the postseason, Toussaint was named Athlete of the Meet while amassing 34 points to lead the River Hawks

to a title win in the Northeast-10 Conference Track and Field Championship at American International College. She also earned the Athlete of the Meet honor during the indoor NE-10 Conference Championship, which the River Hawks also won.

This spring in the outdoor championship, Toussaint, won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 3 3/4 inches, and ran a strong 2:12 leg on the the squad's 4 x 800 relay team which placed first with a time of 9:13.23. Toussaint also finished runner-up in the 400 meter hurdles, crossing at 1:01.53.

BOSTON

Burger Company

"Best of Somerville"

2009 & 2010

Eat-In

Take-Out

COLD BEER & WINE

37 Davis Square • Somerville • 617.440.7361

Boxing Club donation

In continued support, the Somerville Youth Development and Boxing Club received a second donation from Lt. James A. Logan Post 6800 VFW located at 124 Highland Avenue. The donation presented by Commander Thomas Leyne and member David Fallon to board member Ed Fitzgerald.

East Somerville, Ward 1 ResiStat meeting

CONT. FROM PG 1

she said enthusiastically.

Somerville is on the “cutting edge of so many elements of municipal management,” said Bradley Rawson, economic development planner for the City of Somerville. Rawson listed the ResiStat meetings, childhood obesity program (Shape up Somerville) and the 311-call center as just a few of the programs that give Somerville the edge and establish the city as a “national leader.”

Rawson’s overview of community planning focused on the “Somerville by Design” initiative, a city-wide program that aims at “creating safer, friendlier, and more efficient streets,” according to the City of Somerville’s website. The hope is to make the City of Somerville more accessible. “It is really a step beyond the city’s traditional role of planning, zoning, community development, transportation,” said Rawson.

Two core elements contribute to the “Somerville by Design” initiative, said Rawson. Firstly, the City of Somerville has been pro-active in finding innovative ways like community conversations in neighborhoods and increased web activity to promote community input. Secondly, the city has focused on urban design. “We try to get ahead of change,” he added.

The “Somerville by Design Street Series” recently finished in Gilman, Magoun, and Ball Squares to ready the communities for the Green Line. The program will be expanding into East Somerville to talk about the “big picture, master plan for the neighborhood,” continued Rawson.

Over the next six months there will be meetings and open studio sessions to address the design concepts for streets while respecting and preserving the historical character of the neighborhoods. On May 28, at the Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center, a “Somerville by Design” meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the next six months of work.

Hayes Morrison, the City of Somerville’s director of transportation and infrastructure, spoke to Ward 1 residents about the ongoing East Broadway streetscape project. The roughly \$8 million construction project will include an overhaul of water, sewer, and drainage systems. Pedestrians will have better access due to larger, ADA accessible sidewalks. Plus, crosswalks may have chirping sounds for added safety.

The East Broadway streetscape

is going to implement the “Complete Streets” design, said Morrison. “It is an implementation method to make roadways in our city safe for all users: pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and motorists,” explained Morrison.

The “Complete Street Series” is an extension of the “Somerville by Design” initiative, and took place in February, March and April to solicit community feedback. The city will compile the information into a typology book in the coming months.

The presentation then shifted to the Green Line Extension. The City of Somerville broke ground with the first phase of construction in December of 2012, according to Morrison. New inside information which Morrison couldn’t divulge much of, concerns the MBTA’s interview of the final three candidates for the construction manager general contractor position.

Lechmere Station, Washington Street Station and the Union Square Station are all funded with state bond money that is in the final stages of approval at the State House, said Morrison. The three stations will open in 2016. The plan is to construct each station at the same time and open all three simultaneously.

Some audience members had questions concerning the construction of the Green Line. One attendee asked whether Somerville residents would be guaranteed jobs during construction. Morrison responded by saying that the interested party would have to contact the MBTA for further information. Morrison has signed a confidentiality agreement and was prohibited from speaking further about that information.

Another resident asked whether there was going to be an increased frequency in trains running to and from the new stations. “They’re not increasing the number of trains,” said Morrison. “The headway, if I remember correctly, and I will double check for you, is every 10 minutes to Union and every 8 minutes to Washington Street at rush hour; every 15 minutes at off-peak hours.”

Morrison did note that as part of the project, 24 new green-line-cars would be provided for the estimated increased transit ridership.

Another resident asked if there would be an express train. The answer was no, there isn’t enough room. “There’s a pinched lane in the right of way, right in the vicinity of about the Medford Street Bridge where

you can squeeze this in, and an 8-foot bike path, that’s it,” Morrison said. “In fact, some of the engineers called it ‘building a diorama in a shoebox.’” Laughter and applause followed this last comment.

Next, Senior Planner Luisa Oliveira spoke about the Chuckie Harris Park construction. The park is located directly behind the Cross Street Senior Center at 15-25 Cross St. “We’re starting to put in the play sections,” said Oliveira, “and we hope to be completed in about a month’s time.”

The park is made in memory of a boy named Chuckie Harris, who died in 1970. There will be a small memorial for him at the entrance of the park.

Homages to historical landmarks were incorporated into the play elements of the park, including a constructed hill with a slide. This hill is a symbolic reference to Mt. Benedict, “an oval mound of clay formed by glacial movement,” according to the East Somerville Main Streets website.

There is a toddler area with a factory building, which is a “nod to Assembly Square,” said Oliveira. As well, some new-age features include a waterfall movie screen. “When it’s summer, there’s like a mist that comes down, so you can play on it,” said Oliveira, “and then there’s a screen. You can sit on the lawn and watch movies.”

The next speaker was Maria Carpenter, director of Somerville Public Library. During the month of February, Somerville competed in a library card sign-up campaign between Arlington, Belmont and Lexington to see which community could increase more library memberships overall. “We rocked the house,” said Carpenter. Somerville was the winner with a 320 percent increase in cardholders. That translates into 1,054 residents with library cards.

“We worked very closely with our super school system,” said Carpenter, “and almost all of our school children from kindergarten through 8th grade, now have their library cards.”

The libraries are now open on Saturday mornings, said Carpenter. There is also more multilingual programming. Currently, there are plans to renovate the libraries, and \$3.5 million has been earmarked in the capital plan for design work.

Following Carpenter’s enthusiastic speech about library successes, Former Superintendent of Inspectional Services Douglass Kress informed the

attendees of the latest status on rodent infestation.

“Rodents, I hate to tell you, but they’re a lot like us,” said Kress. “They are going to go after the same things that we’re going to go after.” Kress listed food, shelter and water as the necessities that rodents seek. The biggest rodent problem is the rats.

The city is going to continue baiting the sewers. Standing water and food need to be properly disposed of, and due to serious problems in the past, trash regulations will be strictly enforced. The city is cracking down on the rat infestation, but Kress said that it wasn’t going to be solved unless the entire community was pro-active in deterring the rats. It’s important to call 311 if rats are sighted, said Kress, because the city tracks the hotspots where rats are spotted and then baits the sewers in those locations.

Some residents like Toni Brogna were understandably upset with the ongoing rat infestation problem. “The rats that I do see are the size of a cat,” said Brogna. “They are morphing into something else!” While Douglass Kress listened to her comments, he didn’t respond with any comforting suggestions.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone entered and presented next. “I always find the rat conversation riveting,” he said. But the Mayor quickly changed course and presented information regarding fiscal planning, and Assembly Square.

“We are now in the budget development phase...we will submit to the Board of Aldermen, I believe, the day is June 5,” said Curtatone.

Fiscal 2014 begins on July 1. “We must submit a balanced budget. We cannot submit a budget with deficits,” he added.

The Mayor said the City of Somerville has started to see some incremental progress in terms of how much the city is spending and how much revenue is coming in. For the first time in a while, according to the mayor, Somerville is starting to see revenues surpassing expenditures. “We’re starting to see the daylight, the light at the end of the tunnel,” he said.

Back in fiscal 2002, Somerville

was in the “best of times – the high water mark in terms of money you get from the state – state aid,” said Curtatone. At that time, a little over 40 percent of the revenue came from the Commonwealth state aid. Since 2008, “We’ve had to do a hell of a lot more with a hell of a lot less,” said Curtatone.

Controlling costs, which have skyrocketed over the last decade has been critical to the Curtatone administration. In 2002, the City of Somerville paid approximately \$12 million to cover municipal health insurance. Fast-forward a decade and the price of health insurance has tripled.

Diligent efforts have been taken to provide affordable health care coverage. Somerville switched to the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) for employees, retirees and dependents. There was a savings of \$9 million, allowing for an “incredible amount in fiscal flexibility to invest in more quality of life and neighborhood services,” said Curtatone.

The City of Somerville now has a 3.9 percent unemployment rate, said Curtatone. “We’re trying to construct our budget with a lens of looking at how our policies create a system that make-up our community,” added the Mayor.

“We have to know where we fit in this constellation, this universe of systems or stars...we need to know how we manipulate, invest, leverage and improve the system around public service, around public safety...recreation, transportation, property, housing to reach that overarching purpose,” said Curtatone.

Progress at Assembly Square is ongoing. There will be some 23 thousand new jobs over the next several years, said Curtatone. And, according to the ResiStat handout, “Assembly Square will make up 29 percent of Somerville’s new growth.”


The Mayor ended his presentation by answering questions about a proposed casino in Everett. Mayor Curtatone vowed to fight against Steve Wynn’s casino. Curtatone said, “Casinos don’t build neighborhoods...casinos are a plan of desperation,” and they “polarize communities.”

Jerry's
Liquor Store

Union Square
329 Somerville Ave • (617) 666-5410

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notices can also be viewed on our Web site at www.thesomervillenews.com



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, June 5, 2013**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

45-49 Day St: (Case #ZBA 2013-06) Applicant, Flatbread Somerville, Inc., and Owner, The Marina Trust, Catherine L. Serrano, Trustee, seek a Special Permit to expand an existing restaurant and add outdoor seating (SZO §7.11.10.1.2.a) and a Variance from providing 9 parking spaces. Six parking spaces will be provided. CBD zone. Ward 6.

25 Elmwood St: (Case #ZBA 2013-09) Owner and Applicant, Paula Vancini, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing, non-conforming, single-family dwelling by construction an addition within the existing non-conforming side yard setback. RB zone. Ward 7.

76 Cross St: (Case #ZBA 2013-30) Applicant and Owner, Winford Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.5.3 to expand a nonconforming use beauty salon/barber shop in an existing storefront. RB Zone. Ward 1.

47 Fairmount Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-08) Applicant, Richard Di Girolamo, and Owner, Edward Dolan, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4 to alter an existing 3-family dwelling to make alterations such as a second story front porch, expanded dormer, and window and door alterations. The Applicant seeks a Variance to build a third story with the construction of a dormer under SZO §5.5. RA Zone. Ward 7.

51 McGrath Hwy: (Case #ZBA 2013-27) Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corp Ltd d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, Somerville Storage Partners, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 to establish a wireless communication facility which includes the installation of wireless communications equipment, cabling, and one equipment shelter. IA zone. Ward 2

70 Prospect St: (Case #ZBA 2013-34) Applicant Douglas Beaudet and Owner Emily Trust, received a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §6.1.22.D.1 to construct a new five story building and a Special Permit to establish 14 residential units in the building under SZO §7.13.E. The building will also include approx. 1,500 square feet of retail and 14 at-grade parking spaces. The current application is to seek a Variance from the side yard setback requirements under SZO §8.5.H, §6.1.22.G.5 and parking design standards under §6.1.22.G.6. CCD-55 zone. Ward 2.


26 Avon St: (Case #ZBA 2013-35) Applicant/Owner Theresa M. Doneghey seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing 2-family nonconforming structure to add a 39 sf addition within the existing front open porch and a 35 sf addition and stairs in the rear of the property. RA zone. Ward 3.


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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

Published in Somerville News on 5/22/13 & 5/29/13.

5/22/13 The Somerville News





CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning:

181 & 197 Washington Street: (Case #PB 2013-08) Applicant CPI-SCC, llc and Owners The Somerville Community Corporation, Inc and A&M Realty Trust seek a Special Permit with Site Review (SZO §5.2) to construct two mixed use buildings of approx 34,696 nsf and approx 32,466 nsf under §6.1.22.D.1 and §6.1.22.D.2. The uses include small and medium retail of approx 6,500 84 residential units per SZO §7.13.B, §7.13.C, & §7.13.E and a by-right office use of approx 2,770 sf per §7.13.A. The applicant seeks a Special Permit under SZO §5.1 to reduce the number of parking spaces SZO 9.13.F and 9.17.2.A, to share a driveway and access per SZO §9.17.2.B and shared parking and loading per SZO §9.17.2.B. Article 13 Inclusionary Housing will apply. CCD55 zone. Ward 3.

181 & 197 Washington Street: (Case #PB 2013-11) Applicant, CPI-SCC, LLC and Owner The Somerville Community Corporation, Inc and A&M Realty Trust seek a Site Plan Approval for a subdivision under SZO §5.4 to take 2,411 sf of a 27,225 sf lot at 181 Washington St. and transfer it to the 24,063 sf lot at 197 Washington St. for a future development proposal for 84 residential units and approx 6,500 sf of commercial space and 2,770 of office space. CCD55 zone. Ward 3.

201 Assembly Square Drive, Assembly Square Block 7 (300-398 Foley Street), and Assembly Square Block 8 (400-498 Foley Street): (Case #PB 2013-12) Applicant Cavalia USA, Inc. and Owners IKEA Property, Inc. and FR Sturtevant Street LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Street Retail Inc, a Maryland Corporation, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review–A for “Phase IAA” of a Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §7.11.6.4.B, §7.11.11.10.B, §16.8.3, §5.2, to establish and maintain a public assembly use for up to 6 months at one time, ancillary interim parking facilities, including temporary structures of up to 85,700 sf and 125 ft in height along with temporary accessory structures. ASMD zone. Ward 1.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

To be published in the Somerville News 5/22/13 & 5/29/13.

5/22/13 The Somerville News

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

Docket No. MI 13P3437EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Sean Allen Collier

Date of Death: 04/18/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

**Stephen Columbus of Stoneham MA
and Stephen A Nelson of Billerica MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition

And also requesting that:

**Stephen Columbus of Stoneham MA
and Stephen A Nelson of Billerica MA**

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

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:
10:00a.m. on 06/07/2013

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Witness, Hon. Peter C DiGangi, First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. Di Cristofaro
Register of Probate

May 17, 2013

5/22/13 The Somerville News

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

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 13P3437EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
John Joseph Murray

Date of Death: 04/18/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Christopher W Allen of Winchester MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition

And also requesting that:

Christopher W Allen of Winchester MA

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

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:
10:00a.m. on 06/05/2013

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.


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

Witness, Hon. Peter C DiGangi, First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. Di Cristofaro
Register of Probate

Date: May 8, 2013

5/22/13 The Somerville News



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

2013-16 Article V Section 5-15 “Handicapped Parking” is amended with the following addition: 17 Cutter St

2013-17 Article VII Section 7-10 “Prohibited Turning Movements” is amended with the following addition: No Turn onto Cherry St from Summer St, 7am-9am, Mon-Fri (except residents)

PROMULGATED: APRIL 18, 2013
ADVERTISED: MAY 8, 2013
MAY 15, 2013
MAY 22, 2013
EFFECTIVE: MAY 29, 2013

MATTHEW DIAS, ACTING DIRECTOR

5/8/13, 5/15/13, 5/22/13 The Somerville News

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notices can also be viewed on our Web site at www.thesomervillenews.com



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION –
HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Project File No. 604645

A Design Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Route 28 (McGrath Highway) over Gilman Street Bridge replacement (also known as the Gilman Street Bridge) project in Somerville, MA.

WHERE: Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center, Cafeteria
150 Glen Street
Somerville, MA 02145
WHEN: Thursday, June 6 2013 at 6.30pm

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Route 28 (McGrath Highway) over Gilman Street Bridge replacement project (also known as the Gilman Street Bridge). All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the existing three span bridge carrying McGrath Highway over Gilman Street with a single span bridge. The proposed bridge will have two sidewalks and a section of Gilman Street will be reconstructed as part of this project.

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

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

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Informational Meeting regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Accelerated Bridge Program, Project File No. 604645. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the informational meeting transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of Informational Meeting. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

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

FRANCIS A. DEPAOLA, P.E. THOMAS F. BRODERICK, P.E.
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR CHIEF ENGINEER

5/22/13 The Somerville News



CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP # 13-78CD
RFP # 13-79CD

The City of Somerville, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed proposals for:

Community Development Block Grant Program
Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

Community Development Block Grant Program. Proposals must be for programs that provide Public Services to low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Somerville. Bid Number **RFP # 13-79CD Emergency Solutions Grant Program.** Proposals must address the needs of homeless individuals and families in the City of Somerville. Funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant are provided by the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. Bid Number **RFP #13-78CD**

Request for Proposal packages for both programs may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, 1st Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning at **8:30 A.M. Monday, May 20, 2013.**

Proposals must be submitted no later than
11:00 A.M. Monday, June 17, 2013 for Public Services
11:00 A.M. Monday, June 10, 2013 for Emergency Solutions Grant at the above address.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director x 3412, or email kmancini@somervillema.gov, for information and proposal packages

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

5/22/13 The Somerville News

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

Docket No. MI 13P1935EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of: Manuel J Teixeira
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Also Known As: _____

Date of Death: April 28, 2012

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

Petitioner Mildred F Teixeira of Somerville MA
First Name MI Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate

[x] Mildred F Teixeira of Somerville MA
First Name MI Last Name (City/Town) (State)

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

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

5/22/13 The Somerville News

‘For the Sake of the Song’
takes on Bob Dylan

By Max Sullivan

Patrick Coman’s For the Sake of the Song online series, taped monthly at Johnny D’s in Davis Square, will be featuring an old deity in the song-writing community this Sunday night. Coman and his team will be celebrating Bob Dylan’s birthday - technically on May 24 - but this time around it’s going to be a little different, as he’s teaming up with local folk station WUMB to present a group of solo acoustic performers.

The series did an episode on Bob Dylan about a year and a half ago, but because of the of the recent outreach by WUMB, which plays a heavy amount of Dylan influenced folk music, as well as the fact that it’s Dylan’s birthday month, it seemed like a good idea to hold off on what was originally planned to be a Rolling Stones themed evening and put on a subtler celebration of folk’s undeniably greatest hero.

Coman commented on how important Dylan is, not only to the folkies, but to all songwriters. “Whether it’s his songwriting style, topical songwriting,” Coman said, “He has the chain of the folk genre, but also expanding the folk genre by going electric. Whatever direction he’s gone, there’s some trail that Bob Dylan’s paved for you.”

In particular, Coman appreciates Dylan’s *Ballad of a Thin Man* from 1965’s *Highway 61 Revisited*, and *Blood on the Tracks*’ closer, *Buckets of Rain*, from 1975. Of course, there’s

Like a Rolling Stone, too, undeniably one of the best songs of the 60’s. Anyone who is familiar with For the Sake of the Song, though, will be ready to be surprised with some of the lesser known Dylan tracks that Coman and the musicians joining him will pull out.

On the bill for the evening will be Boston favorite Tim Gearan, who Coman described as an “institution.” Gearan, who has been playing in the Boston area for many years, including residencies as long as 15 years at places like Toad in Cambridge. Gearan has worked with many highly praised musicians, including Grace Potter.

Coman is excited to have someone as established as Gearan on the bill. “He’s been at it for a really long time around town, well regarded by other musicians,” Coman said. “If you walk around Somerville you see a lot of Tim Gerron stickers on people’s cars, so he’s definitely a local institution.”

Sunday’s show will be rounded out by three other local performers, this time around not including Coman and his Low-Fi Angels. Usually, they take the stage at the end of the night, but Coman said he’ll just be the MC on this occasion.

Having run on a monthly basis since January of 2012, Coman said he’s learned a lot from the show. For one, he’s experienced first hand how, when you put the right amount of effort into something, it has potential gain a lot of support, even when you



Forever young: Bob Dylan.

might be prepared for a real struggle. It turned out for Coman that he found a lot of people who believed in what he was doing with the show, and Coman’s baby has grown to be a well-recognized local experience.

“From a personal perspective, one thing I’ve learned is if you can dream an idea and put it together, people will support you and help make it happen,” Coman said. “To have this idea and to watch it turn into a reality, that’s so thrilling.”

Coman’s also been surprised to find the support and appreciation that many artists have for the show. “To see how excited and warm so many performers are in town,” Coman said. “I would be hesitant to reach out sometimes. It shows to me how much people care about the music and the influences that have come before them.”

Nellie’s Wild Flowers

When you want something unique

JOYCE MCKENZIE

72 Holland Street

617.625.9453



• • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
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

Thursday|May 23

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

Central Library
Teen Room Annex
2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday|May 24

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

Central Library
Teen Game Day
Cynthia or Ron
617-623-5000-2936
2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday|May 25

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

Monday|May 27

Memorial Day- Libraries Closed

Tuesday|May 28

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 29

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 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
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
UP: Concert for Boston: The Bridgebuilders|The Rare Occasions|Amory Silverston|

Greater Tools \$10
Down: Existence Establishment presents: Breached Hull|Developer|Diaphragmatic|Seal Team 666|Bereft \$8
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

Thursday|May 23

Johnny D’s
Fierce Bad Rabbitt|We Were Astronauts
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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

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

PA’S Lounge
North Going Zax|Chris Corban|Brian Foye
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
Tribute|Dukes County Love Affair|Sun Of Sound
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
Andrew Martin
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
Brian Carpenter & The Confessions, Wrong Shapes 9PM, 21+, \$8
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Historic Preservation Commission: Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
Classical Cafe: Ensemble 451 at the Armory
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|May 24

Johnny D’s
The Rationales|Tad Overbaugh & The Late Arrivals|Preacher Roe|Golden West Motor Lodge
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Bucky & Jimmy with The Kevins |6 p.m.
Los Mexicanos, Mark Cutler \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
HearNowLive presents:Fire in the Field|Why I Rise|Morris and the East Coast|Torn Shorts|Liz Frame and the Kickers
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA’S Lounge
Steep Leans|Silkies|Ronnie Nordac|TBA
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
Crespo
381 Summer St

Casey’s

Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Radio Bar
Down: Teenage Heart Records presents: Spectre Hawk|A Minor Apocalypse| Horny Bitches| Give Up| Bad lieutenants \$8

UP: GYRO Lula|James Straight & The Wid-estance|TMAX
379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Big Fuzzy and Ginger Ibex
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 25

Johnny D’s
Roy Sludge Trio(2 Sets)
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Patsy Hamel Band|6 p.m.
Birds of Play & Friends p.m..
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Private Party.
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
Near Chromium|Super Duro|The Moral Hazards
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe’s
Dave Wells Presents
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Cal Cali
381 Summer st

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

Radio Bar
UP: The Interrobang CD Release: The Susan Constant, The Michael J Espstein Memorial Library, When Particles Collide \$10
Down: The Abductors CT|The Pubcrawlers ME|Barroom Heroes|Jason Bennett and the Resistance
379 Summer St

Sunday|May 26

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.
Jody Blackwell|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s Pub
366A Somerville 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
Closed
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Cafe Raqs
7 p.m.|Café
Boston Philharmonic Funk Foundation
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|May 27

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
Tiger Cats|Making Marks|The Smittens|One Happy Island 21+, \$8, 8 p.m.
379 Summer St

Tuesday|May 28

JohnnyD’s
RosebudKaraoke
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Honky Tonk Masquerade|7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

PA’S Lounge
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|Family Dinner|Sex Party|Kimmie Nardello
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
Jeremy Lyons - Live!
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|May 29

Johnny D’s
For The Sake of the Song| A Tribute to Bob Dylan featuring Tim Gearan|Danielle Miraglia|Brendan Hogan|merrie Amsterberg
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
Father Out & The Insiders|Stephie Peek & The SeeKing 7|Answerman|Stoned ‘Enge featuring Chris from “Didn’t Planet”
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

Arts at the Armory
American Friends of the Palestinian House of Friendship
6:30 p.m.|Café
Somerville Climate Action and Rep. Denise Provost Film Series
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
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

Thursday|May 23

Central Library
Author Talk: Jan David Blais, author of ‘Twentieth Century Limited’
Eileen Fontenot|617-842-2278
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Drop-In Meditation
Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000 x2910
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West 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.
40 College Ave

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

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

Saturday|May 25

Central Library
General Meeting for Somerville Democratic City Committee
Lee Palmer|781-330-1740
10 a.m.- 12 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 26

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 27

Memorial Day- Libraries Closed
Tuesday| May 28

Central Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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 29

Central Library
TENTATIVE: Preservation Month Event
Brandon Wilson
617-625-6600 x2532
6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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:

LGBT Events: 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. Great refreshments. Holland Street Center at 5:30 p.m. Free. **June 24** - "Movies To Come Out To" continues with "Transamerica". 5:30 p.m. Holland Street Center. Dinner \$6. More details to come. **July 8** - 11:30 a.m. Lunch time together. Holland Street - more details to come. \$6.

Trip Corner:

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

Suffolk Downs - June 12.

Hanscom - Dinner & Bingo - June 19.

Mohegan Sun/Foxwoods - July 30-31.

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

Foster's Clambake - All you can eat - August 13.

Penobscot High Stakes Bingo - September 13 - 15.

Suffolk Downs - September 18.

Twin Rivers - Tom Jones Tribute Show - September 24.

Italian Festival at Luciano's - October 15.

Penn Dutch - December 2-6.

May 22

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.
Holland Street

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B
 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 23

Giggles Club Comedy Night

Holland Street Center
 Flexibility & Balance|10 a.m.
 Current Events|10 a.m.
 Musical Conversation|12 p.m.
 Bingo|12:45 p.m.
 LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m..
 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center
 Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
 Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.
 Crochet & Knitting|10:45 a.m.
 Bingo|12:45 p.m.
 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 24

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 27

Memorial Day-All Centers Closed

May 28

Holland Street Center
 Strengthening w/ Geoff|9:15 a.m.
 SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.
 LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.
 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny
 Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
 Walking Club|10:30 a.m.
 Bingo|12:45 p.m.
 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 29

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.

Holland Street Center
 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

Mt. Auburn Cemetary



"Jaunts with Janine" continued on their monthly cultural trips as they went to the Mt. Auburn Cemetery. They had a wonderful tour with Helen on the plants, landscape, architecture and who is buried there. Look for the "Fun Fridays" schedule coming out soon.

Ms. Cam's

From on page 14

Olio

Answers

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. In 1760, by Ben Franklin - he made a pair of glasses with upper lenses for distant viewing and lower for reading | 6. Dominique |
| 2. Rayon | 7. Mexico |
| 3. Esso (later known as Exxon) | 8. India |
| 4. Brylcreem | 9. Mohair |
| 5. 36 | 10. John McDermott from N.Y. |
| | 11. A cranny is slit or crack, a nook is a corner |
| | 12. Pepsi ad |

Somerville's Finest Eateries

Take the nite out in style...visit these great local venues for fine dining — fun snacking — lovely libations...

Call today to place your business on this page and reach approx. 20,000 potential customers. Hurry limited amount of space available!
 Call Bobbie Toner **617-666-4010** to reserve a spot today.

Thai Hut Restaurant
A Taste of Siam
 Voted Best of Somerville 2008 - 2011
 93 Beacon Street,
 Somerville, MA 02143
 Tel: 617-492-8377
 Fax: 617-492-8534

Twitters
 BAR & GRILLE
 1201 Broadway, Square One Mall, Saugus, MA
 781-233-0018
 Twittersbarandgrille.com

Exchange Street Bistro
 67 Exchange Street, Malden, MA 781-322-0071
 Exchange Street Bistro
 67 Exchange Street Bistro • 781-322-0071
 www.exchangestreetbistro.com

Rosebud DINER
 617. 666. 6015
 381 SUMMER ST.
 DAVIS SQUARE
 SOMERVILLE, MA
 ROSEBUDDINER.COM

JENNY'S
 PIZZA • SUBS • CALZONE
 320 Medford Street • Charlestown, MA
617-242-9474
 "IT'S ALL GOOD"

Johnny D's
 UPTOWN
 LUNCH • BRUNCH • DINNER • LIVE MUSIC
 (617) 776-2004 • 17 Holland St
 Davis Square • Somerville MA
 directly across from Davis T-stop

Supreme Kitchen
 233 Highland Avenue
 (across from Somerville Hospital)
617-628-4440
 Breakfast All Day and Lunch! 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Broken Yolk
 Great breakfast to stay or go
617-628-6621
 136 College Ave
 Present this ad for a \$1.50 discount

CLASSIFIEDS

Place your classified ad today – only \$1 per word!
E-mail: thesomervillenews@yahoo.com

ADOPTION

IS ADOPTION RIGHT FORYOU? Choose your family. LIVING EXPENSES PAID. One True Gift Adoptions. Call 24/7. 866-413-6292. Void in Illinois/New Mexico/Indiana

AUTOMOTIVE

BLOWN HEADGASKET? Any vehicle repair yourself. State of the art 2-Component chemical process. Specializing in Cadillac Northstar Overheating. 100% guaranteed. 1-866-780-9038 www.RXHP.com

\$18/Month Auto Insurance - Instant Quote - Any Credit Type Accepted - Get the Best Rates In Your Area. Call (800) 869-8573 Now

AUTOS WANTED

Cash For Cars: Any Make, Model or Year. We Pay MORE! Running or Not, Sell your Car or Truck TODAY. Free Towing! Instant Offer: 1-800-871-0654

TOP CASH FOR CARS, Any Car/Truck, Running or Not. Call for INSTANT offer: 1-800-454-6951

EDUCATION

AVIATION MAINTENANCE Training Financial Aid if qualified. Job Placement Assistance. Call National Aviation Academy Today! FAA Approved. CLASS-

ES STARTING SOON! 1-800-292-3228 or NAA.edu

EDUCATION

Finish High School at home in a few weeks. First Coast Academy, 1-800-658-1180x130. www.fcahighschool.org

ELECTRONICS

DIRECTV, Internet, & Phone From \$69.99/mo + Free 3 Months: HBO® Starz® SHOWTIME® CINEMAX® +FREE GENIE 4Room Upgrade + NFL SUNDAY TICKET! Limited Offer! Call Now 888-248-5965

Direct To Home Satellite TV \$19.99/mo. Free Installation FREE HD/DVR Upgrade Credit/Debit Card Req. Call 1-800-795-3579

EMPLOYMENT

Attention Licensed Real Estate Agents needed: Very busy Somerville based office in need of additional agents, no fee referrals, Sales & Rentals, Part time or Full Time... work from home online, full office back up and highest paid no strings commissions. Call for private interview 617 623-6600 ask for Donald.

FOR RENT

Warm Weather Is Year Round In Aruba. The water is safe, and the dining is fantastic. Walk out

to the beach. 3-Bedroom weeks available. Sleeps 8. \$3500. Email: carolaction@aol.com for more information.

HELP WANTED

Looking for a Dental Secretary for 2 full days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Will train. Call Dr. George Galitis in Somerville, 617-625-6228

INSURANCE

\$18/Month Auto Insurance - Instant Quote - Any Credit Type Accepted - Get the Best Rates In Your Area. Call (800) 869-8573 Now

MISCELLANEOUS

Divorce \$350* Covers Child Support, Custody, and Visitation, Property, Debts, Name Change... Only One Signature Required! *Excludes govt. fees! 1-800-522-6000 Extn. 800, BAYLOR & ASSOCIATES

DISH Network. Starting at \$19.99/month (for 12 mos.) & High Speed Internet starting at \$14.95/month (where available.) SAVE! Ask About SAME DAY Installation! CALL Now! 1- 800-309-1452

AIRLINE CAREERS begin here - Become an Aviation Maintenance Tech. FAA approved training. Financial aid if qualified - Housing available. Job placement assistance. Call AIM

(866)453-6204

Meet singles right now! No paid operators, just real people like you. Browse greetings, exchange messages and connect live. Try it free. Call now 1-888-909-9905

ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE from Home. *Medical, *Business, *Criminal Justice, *Hospitality. Job placement assistance. Computer and Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV Authorized 800-494-3586 www.CenturaOnline.com

Highspeed Internet EVERYWHERE By Satellite! Speeds up to 12mbps! (200x faster than dial-up.) Starting at \$49.95/mo. CALL NOW & GO FAST! 1-800-357-0727

SAVE on Cable TV-Internet-Digital Phone-Satellite. You've Got A Choice! Options from ALL major service providers. Call us to learn more! CALL Today. 1-800-682-0802

!!OLD GUITARS WANTED!! Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch. 1930-1980. Top Dollar paid!! Call Toll Free 1-866-433-8277

DIRECTV Official TV Deal - America's top satellite provider! DIRECTV Plans starting at \$29.99/mo for 12 months after instant rebate. Get the best in entertainment. 800-965-1051

CASH FOR CARS, Any Make

or Model! Free Towing. Sell it TODAY. Instant offer: 1-800-864-5784

MUSIC

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS CLARINET/FLUTE/VIOLIN/TRUMPET/Trombone/Amplifier/ Fender Guitar, \$69 each. Cello/Upright Bass/Saxophone/ French Horn/Drums, \$185 ea. Tuba/Baritone Horn/Hammond Organ, Others 4 sale. 1-516-377-7907

REAL ESTATE

Available Now 2-4 Bedroom Homes Take Over Payments No Money Down. No Credit Check. 1-888-269-9192

VACATION PROPERTY

Dennisport, Cape Cod, Directly across from beach. Great 4-bedroom, 2-bath home. Fantastic views! Available weeks: 6/15; 6/22; (\$2,350/wk.) 7/6; 7/13; 7/20; 8/17; (\$2,995/wk.) 413-596-8196

WANTED TO BUY

CASH PAID- up to \$28/Box for unexpired, sealed DIABETIC TEST STRIPS. 1-DAY PAYMENT. 1-800-371-1136

Wants to purchase minerals and other oil and gas interests. Send details to P.O. Box 13557 Denver, Co. 80201

Place your Classified Ad in The Somerville News today!

APARTMENT RENTALS
COLONY REAL ESTATE
1258 Broadway, Somerville
Somerville, Arlington, Cambridge
-All Areas-
617-776-0044
colony.re@rcn.com

Help the Nave Gallery take Somerville by Yarnstorm

The Nave Gallery continues to collaborate with and promote the community work of the Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) with public art Yarnstorming. Throughout 2013 volunteer members of the Nave Gallery will knit and crochet colorful items to decorate trees in five Somerville neighborhoods. Check out the trees already decorated and join us at future tree decorating events: NAVE Gallery Trees, 155 Powderhouse Blvd., completed prior to SOS, East Somerville, 81 Broadway Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m., Rain date May 26, 10 a.m.; Davis Square Plaza Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m., rain date June 30, 10 a.m.; Union Square Plaza Saturday, September 7, 10 am, rain date September 8, 10 a.m. and Ball Square, 713 Broadway Saturday, September 28, 10 am, rain date Sunday, September 29. To learn more about the Nave Gallery and the Yarnstorming Public Art Project that is part of The Wrap Around Project go to www.navegallery.org. To learn more about the services of the Somerville Homeless Coalition go to www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org or call 617-623-6111.



Somerville has racecar and bragging rights



This Kayem 77 MA ACT Late Model racecar driven and owned by Jim Linardy of Jim's Heavy Duty Truck Service and Repair of Somerville has given the City of Somerville bragging rights in the world of auto racing. The car is seen here in the pits at Airborne Speedway, Plattsburgh, NY, awaiting the start of Saturday's events.

– William Tauro

THE NORTON GROUP

The Norton Group APARTMENT RENTALS

Arlington – 1 Bedroom – 1 Bath

Lower level apartment. Rent includes heat. Laminate flooring. Gas stove. Closets. On street parking. Tenant pays Electricity. No Smoking. No Pets. **Available Now! \$1,200**

Somerville – 4 Bedroom – 1 Bath

Newly Updated 4 Bedroom. Stainless steel appliances, Granite countertop, Gas stove, Central a/c. Kitchen island. Harwood floors throughout. Newly updated bath. Brand new washer/dryer in unit. Centrally located to all the squares in Somerville. **Available Now! \$3,200**

Medford – 2 Bedrooms – 2 Bath

Newly Remodeled Condo. Right outside Medford Square, In-wall unit A/C's in Living room and both bedrooms. In-unit washer and dryer. Brand new kitchen with granite counters. Screened balcony. **Available June 1! \$1,900**

Many others! Visit our website: www.thenortongroupre.com

The Norton Group
699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144 •
617-623-6600

Ad Agent

Housewives, students?
Need a part-time job in Somerville?
Come sell ads for us.
Make 20% plus commission on every ad you sell.
If you know Somerville you can sell ads for Somerville's "most widely read newspaper"



For a new start call Bobbie today
617 666-4010

Remembering the world at war

By Kenneth Gloss

It's been more than 50 years since the end of World War II, but America's interest in its battles and combatants is still strong. The campaign to erect a memorial to World War II veterans and the popular movie dramatizing the attack of Pearl Harbor and the subsequent raid on Tokyo as well as Tom Brokaw's book, *The Greatest Generation* caused a surge of interest.

World War II history is a vast subject area, and the amount of memorabilia available is enormous. There are many different aspects of the war that could be the focus of a collection. The particular aspect that appeals to you depends on your personal interests, where you are from, and how much money you have to invest in collecting. Currently most collectors are interested in detailed books on the logistics of the war, although interest in other areas, such as the Far East campaign, the bombing of Britain, or the use of the atomic bomb, is still high.

World War II veterans have always accounted for a large number of the collectors. They either collect very general books on the subject, or concentrate on works about the theatre in which they served. As these veterans grow older and move to smaller retirement homes or pass away, their collections are hitting the market, making World War II books easy to find. The majority of these books cost anywhere from \$15 to a few hundred dollars.

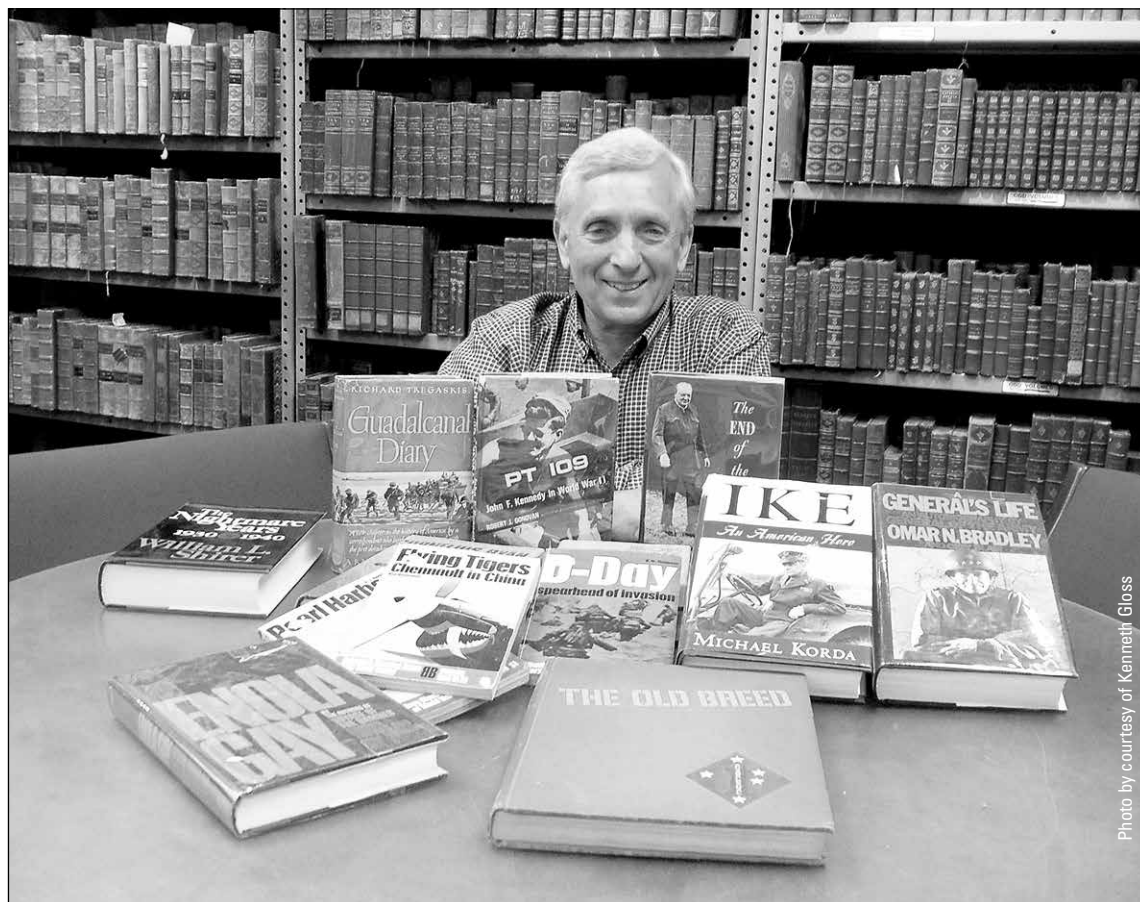
Serious collectors tend to pick one small area to focus on in-depth. Typically, books that have a more narrow focus are of a higher quality than the general books that are being mass marketed by history book clubs. A more thorough treatment of a subject is possible when you're writing about a particular type

of airplane or armament than when you're writing about a broad topic like the battles in the Pacific.

One area that interests a lot of people is espionage. One of our former customers, Mo Berg, was an athlete who played for the Boston Red Sox. He was also a scholar, and served as a spy during World War II because of his ability to speak 10 languages. At one point he was secretly flown into Germany to determine if they were inventing an atomic bomb. Another time he traveled to Japan with the Red Sox, broadcast the game in Japanese, and later took pictures of Tokyo from the roof of his hotel. I knew Mo most of my life. Sometimes a personal event, such as meeting someone like Mo, can affect your life and lead you into collecting a specific area. Talking with Mo could inspire you to collect spy books, baseball books, or linguistic books. Additionally, you could collect items regarding Jewish athletes, of which there have been very few. Items that deal specifically with Mo Berg are way up in value today.

Another distinct area people collect is histories of particular units, such as the Army's Big Red One or the 82nd Airborne, or of individual ships, such as the Saratoga. They often put out what amounted to yearbooks, showing officers and enlisted men during a particular time frame. These books can be incredibly hard to get because they were usually only distributed to people in the division or on the ship, and they hold much sentimental value for them and their relatives. Prices for such books range from \$50 - \$300.

Some collectors tend to focus on the prominent characters of the war, like General Eisenhower, General Patton, or Winston Churchill. Most of the material



War veterans and civilians alike can find military history a fascinating subject for reading and collecting.

in this area can be purchased from a few dollars and up. What starts to get really expensive is the autographs of such figures, including signed documents and other signed items. Books signed by either Eisenhower or Patton can run from the hundreds into the thousands of dollars. Churchill wrote many books, and signed a great deal of them, that are usually worth a few hundred dollars.

Books about military uniforms are a separate, huge field of collecting. It takes tremendous research to document the colors, medals, shapes, and paraphernalia that make up an appropriate uniform for the different types of soldiers in the different units of each country's military. Uniform collecting is especially popular with people who create dioramas or those involved in battle re-enactments. People also like to collect letters the soldiers sent home because they can give some idea of what it was like to be in the battle. Sol-

dier's letters can bring an event that often seems long ago and overwhelming down to a personal level, revealing the human side of an event often looked at from purely tactical or technical terms. Books, letters and mementos of prisoners of war can do the same.

One collectible area that arouses much controversy is that of Nazi war memorabilia. We really don't like to deal in it, and find it quite difficult to think of profiting from its sale. One transaction that has left a lasting impression on me over the years was our purchase of a collection of horrific photographs of concentration camps taken by an AP photographer. We purchased the collection from his daughter and donated it to Facing History and Ourselves, a national group headquartered in Brookline. The photographs are now used to teach students and others about the Holocaust in hopes of preventing such a tragedy from happening again.

World War II ended in 1945, but the influence it exerted on every aspect of American life since that time has kept it alive in the minds of thousands of people. Collectors of World War II books and other memorabilia include those with an interest in history, those with an interest in the military, and those with a personal link to the war itself. Because the interests of the collectors are so varied, and because it is such a large subject area, World War II collecting is enjoyed by collectors of every age, background and budget.

Ken Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston, the oldest antiquarian bookstore in the United States. 2013 is the 64th year of Gloss family ownership. Visit the Website at: <http://www.brattlebookshop.com> / or call 1-800-447-9595. Ken has been a frequent guest appraiser on PBS' "Antiques Road Show" as well as other radio and television programs.

'Star Trek Into Darkness' if you dare

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

If it ain't broke don't fix it. Even though the original series' 5 year mission hasn't even begun yet, this second entry of the "rebooted" Star Trek packs a wallop of a punch when you're not even looking. That fist—coming right at you—intends on making an impression in your face.

Nearly half a century's history plotted down in two hours isn't entirely director J.J. Abrams'

fault. The screenplay is shoddy and too cute. The funny thing is that all the lip service applied to Old-Trek's keesters isn't going to make an iota of difference to the new generation who were already content with the first installment's love ballad for 80's action movies. You have the youth vote, so why change horses midstream and try to placate the minority, the die-hard fans with hips as broken as Shatner's and Nimoy's?

Sure, Abrams' first movie had a few plot holes, but film professors could use that lesson plan as a powerful example of a cinematic cover song that reinterprets and pays homage to the source material simultaneously. Now, with so much good going for it, this second film bequeaths lazy storytelling and a poisonous case of too many chefs ruining a soup with dessert-sugar.

To whoever follows J.J. Abrams' direction of Paramount's lovely

mare: here's the homework assignment: just attempt a movie as good as 2009's Star Trek. Then you won't face the embarrassment when faced with that nerdy but cute high school girl you always dug at your high school reunion.

You have a chance to explore Kirk's twist at the end of the film. You have a chance to fix the original series mistake made with Son of Kirk. This summer juggernaut tries too hard to be The

Wrath of Khan. But Hollywood should give up trying to reinvent the wheel and instead strive to carry mythos by strangling the snake in the cradle. Pray for more successful on-screen presences like Alice Eve and Benedict Cumberbatch. Hold on to the Enterprise's current crew.

Star Trek Into Darkness, which is an interesting case-in-point, is playing at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square. See it for yourself.

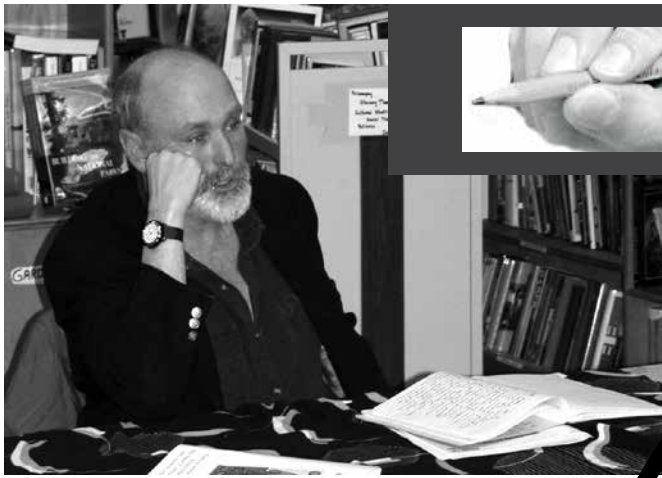
Somerville Community Access TV Ch.3 Programming Guide

Celebrating 30 years of making grassroots community media for Somerville

Want to learn TV production? Final Cut Pro? Soundtrack Pro? Green-screen? Call us today for more info! 617-628-8826							
Wednesday, May 22		5:30pm	Culture Club (weekly timeslot)	2:30pm	Bullying Public Service Announcement	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	4:00pm	Somerville Arts Festival	1:00pm	Ablevision
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	7:00pm	SCATV Producer's Reflection on 30 years	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	1:30pm	Art at SCATV
7:30am	Life Matters	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	2:00pm	Jimmy Tingle: The Battle for the Bottle Bill
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Teen Empowerment Late Night 2013	7:00pm	Jimmy Tingle Special: The Battle for the Bottle Bill	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Friday, May 24			David Parkman (Free Speech TV)	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:00am	Science Issues & Innovations	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Abugida TV	6:00am	Road to Recovery	9:00pm	Copy Cat Festival	5:00pm	Cop Cat Festival
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30am	The Origins of SCATV	10:00pm	A Conversation with Governor Deval Patrick	5:30pm	The Folklorist
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	Energy Theater	11:00pm		6:30pm	Tonight's Special
2:00pm	Culture Club	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Sunday, May 26		7:00pm	I finally Did it!
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	11:00am	Mass Factor	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Chef's Table
3:00pm	Medical Tutor (LIVE)	11:30am	The Struggle	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
3:30pm	Inside Talk	Noon	Somerville's Most Interesting Places	7:00am	Flipside	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Shrink Rap	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	Couch's Corner
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	11:30pm	King of the 'Ville
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	1:30pm	Next Generation Producers	10:00am	International Church of God	Tuesday, May 28	
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	10:30am	Basic Buddha	12:00am	Free Speech TV
6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:00am	Road to Recovery
7:00pm	Tonight's Special	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	Noon	Play by Play	7:00am	The Struggle
7:30pm	Basic Buddha	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Neighborhood Cooking with Candy	7:30am	Drawing with Mark
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	5:00pm	Press Pass TV: Stand up for Women	1:00pm	From the SCATV Archives	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:00pm	Inside Talk	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
9:00pm	Somerville Biking News (LIVE)	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Life Matters	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
10:00pm	Play by Play	6:30pm	Real Estate Answers Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	11:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Show
10:30pm	The Literary Scene	7:00pm	Reeling Movie Show	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	11:30am	Ablevision
11:00pm	Python Force	7:30pm	Culture Club	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday, May 23		8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Abugida TV	1:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	African Television Network	1:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	9:30pm	Boss Lady News	8:00pm	Telemagazine	2:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority
7:00am	Physician Focus	10:30pm	Jimmy Tingle: The Battle for the Bottle Bill	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
7:30am	Ablevision	11:30pm	The Steve Katso's Show	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Saturday, May 25		11:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	5:00pm	Poet to Poet (LIVE)
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:30pm	Couch's Corner	5:30pm	The Literary Scene
10:00am	Basic Buddha	6:00am	Arabic Hour	Monday, May 27		6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Neighborhood Cooking with Candy	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Real Estate Answer Show
11:00am	Chef's Table	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	7:00pm	Art at SCATV
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:30am	Drawing with Mark	6:30am	Physician Focus	7:30pm	Greater Somerville (LIVE)
1:00pm	African Television Network	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
2:00pm	Boston Marathon Candlelight Vigil	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Teen Empowerment Late Night 2013
3:00pm	Talking about Somerville	11:00am	Dead Air Live	9:00am	Stand up to Bullying		
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	9:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show		
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Show	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Somerville Biking News		

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		12:00pm:	Talking Business	1:45pm:	SomDog Festival	11:00pm:	World Language Awards Night
Wednesday, May 22		12:30pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	Saturday, May 25	
9:00am:	Milk Tour Cemetery Tour	1:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	7:30pm:	Talking Business	12:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Traditions
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.20.13 Meeting	2:00pm:	Community Path Groundbreaking	8:00pm:	SomDog Festival	12:30am:	SHS Scholarship Awards
3:00pm:	B2Green	2:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	8:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	3:00am:	World Language Awards Night
7:00pm:	Community Path Groundbreaking	7:00pm:	Talking Business	9:00pm:	Congressional Update	9:00am:	SHS Scholarship Awards
7:30pm:	SomDog Festival	7:30pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	9:30pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	12:00pm:	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Billerica
8:15pm:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	8:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	Wednesday, May 29		2:00pm:	All City Cham:ber Chorus Ensemble
9:15pm:	BOA Agenda for 5.23.13 Meeting	9:00pm:	Community Path Ground Breaking	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	2:30pm:	World Language Awards Night
Thursday, May 23		9:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	12:30am:	Talking Business	3:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Traditions
12:00am:	Community Path Groundbreaking	Sunday, May 26		1:00am:	SomeDog Festival	6:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards
12:30am:	SomDog Festival	12:00am:	Talking Business	1:30am:	Taste of Somerville	8:30pm:	kid stuff- Summer Events
1:15am:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	12:30am:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	2:00am:	Congressional Update	9:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Traditions
2:15am:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	1:00am:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	2:3am:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	10:00pm:	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball Highlights
2:30am:	Voices of Somerville	2:00am:	Community Path Groundbreaking	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		Sunday, May 26	
9:00am:	Talking Business	2:30am:	Veterans in the 'Ville	Wednesday, May 22		12:00am:	SHS Scholarship Awards
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	9:00am:	SomDog Festival	9:00am:	kid stuff- Summer Events	2:30am:	kid stuff – Summer Events
12:30pm:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	10:00am:	World Language Awards Night	3:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Traditions
12:45pm:	SomDog Festival	12:30pm:	SomDog Festival	11:00am:	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball Highlights	9:00am:	SHS Highlanders Boys' Basketball Highlights
1:30pm:	SomervilleSpring Clean Up	1:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm:	Superintendent Awards – 3rd Quarter	12:00pm:	Superintendent Awards – 3rd Quarter
1:45pm:	Congressional Update	1:30pm:	Community Path Groundbreaking	2:15pm:	Our Schools, Our City - School Committee	2:15pm:	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Billerica
2:15pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	2:00pm:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	2:45pm:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble	3:30pm:	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Billerica
7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	6:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - School Committee	7:00pm:	SHS Spring Concert
Friday, May 24		7:30pm:	SomDog Festival	6:30pm:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble	9:00pm:	SHS Baseball vs. Mystic Valley Regional
12:00am:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	8:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm:	Superintendent Awards – 3rd Quarter	10:30pm:	kid stuff – Summer Events
12:15am:	Women's History Month Celebration	8:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY of 5.23.13	9:15pm:	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Billerica	Monday, May 27	
1:00am:	Congressional Update	Monday, May 27		Thursday, May 23		12:00am:	SHS Spring Concerts
1:30am:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	12:00am:	Our Schools, Our City – School Committee	2:00am:	SHS Baseball vs. Mystic Valley Regional
2:45am:	B2Green	12:30am:	SomDog Festival	1:30am:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble	9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City – Traditions
9:00am:	Congressional Update	1:00am:	Voices of Somerville	2:00am:	Superintendent Awards – 3rd Quarter	12:00pm:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
12:00pm:	Talking Business	1:30am:	Community Path Groundbreaking	9:00am:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony	1:30pm:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble
12:30pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	2:00am:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	12:00pm:	SHS Softball vs St Clement	2:00pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony
1:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	9:00am:	Somerville Academy for Innovative Leadership	2:00pm:	World Language Awards Night	3:30pm:	World Language Awards Night
2:00pm:	Community Path Groundbreaking	12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY of 5.23.13	3:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City – Traditions	7:00pm:	SHS Spring Concert
2:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	2:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	7:00pm:	kid stuff- Summer Events	9:00pm:	SHS Baseball vs. Mystic Valley Regional
7:00pm:	Talking Business	7:00pm:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	7:30pm:	Somerville Track Meet	10:30pm:	kid stuff – Summer Events
7:30pm:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	8:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	9:00pm:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble	Tuesday, May 28	
8:00pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	9:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	10:30pm:	SHS Boys Volleyball vs Cambridge	12:00am:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
9:00pm:	Community Path Ground Breaking	9:30pm:	Patriots' Day Celebration	Friday, May 24		1:30am:	Middle School World Percussion Ensemble
9:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	Tuesday, May 28		12:00am:	kid stuff – Summer Events	2:00am:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony
Saturday, May 25		12:00am:	Vigil for Boston Marathon	12:30am:	Somerville Track Meet	9:00am:	World Language Awards Night
12:00am:	Talking Business	1:00am:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	2:00am:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony	12:00pm:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
12:30am:	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	2:00am:	Voices of Somerville	9:00am:	SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball Highlights	1:30pm:	Superintendent's Awards – 3rd Qtr
1:00am:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	2:30am:	Patriots' Day Celebration	10:00am:	kid stuff- Summer Events	3:30pm:	World Language Awards Night
2:00am:	Community Path Groundbreaking	9:00am:	Talking Business	12:00pm:	2013 Vocational Awards Ceremony	4:30pm:	All City Chamber Chorus Ensemble
2:30am:	Veterans in the 'Ville	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	6:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Traditions	6:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night
9:00am:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	12:30pm:	Talking Business	6:30pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards	8:30pm:	SHS Night of Song: Chorus & Guitar Ensemble
		1:00pm:	Community Path Groundbreaking	9:00pm:	kid stuff- Summer Events	Wednesday, May 29	
		1:30pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	9:30pm:	SHS Softball vs Medford	12:00am:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
						1:30am:	Superintendent's Awards – 3rd Qtr



OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

An Interview with Literary Outlaw Alan Kaufman

I sent Alan Kaufman, the editor of *The Outlaw Bible of American Literature*, *The Outlaw Bible of American Poetry*, and the final entry of the Outlaw anthologies trilogy, *The Outlaw Bible of American Essays*, a note telling him I was using the *The Outlaw Bible of American Literature* in my Urban American Literature course at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. He wrote me back:

"Here's a little anecdote that you might want to impart to your students, as a point of interest. On Tuesday, I was invited by the Sheriff's Dept, as part of National Poetry Month, to go into San Bruno County Jail to speak about writing to a group of incarcerated largely African-American military veterans. I asked the inmates if they'd heard of Robert Beck? Hands shot up. "You mean Iceberg Slim!" they called out and proceeded to reel off the titles of his books, PIMP, TRICK BABY, et al., and all kinds of inside information about him. Then, I asked: have any of you ever heard of Donald Goines? More hands shot up! He wrote, they called out, NEVER DIE ALONE, BLACK GANGSTER, WHORES ON, et al. and again poured out a wealth of details about his career and life. Had I put the same question to a room full of literary-minded Caucasians, as I often have, I would have gotten blank stares. One of my aims, in editing *he Outlaw Bible of American Literature* was to break down this segregating literary wall that still exists in our country. Two worlds, in which one knows nothing about the fact that writers like Goines and Beck are the biggest selling authors in their communities nationwide. But because of their color and because, as the inmate veterans said Beck and Goines "Keep It Real" they are, to this day, and despite being spellbinding writers of high literary merit, critically ignored, and left completely out of the national discourse. So, it's heartening to know that college students are using this book and gaining exposure to the other side of American literature. Thank you for your courage in fostering that."

I asked Kaufman for an interview and he generously consented:

Doug Holder: Give me your definition of a literary outlaw.

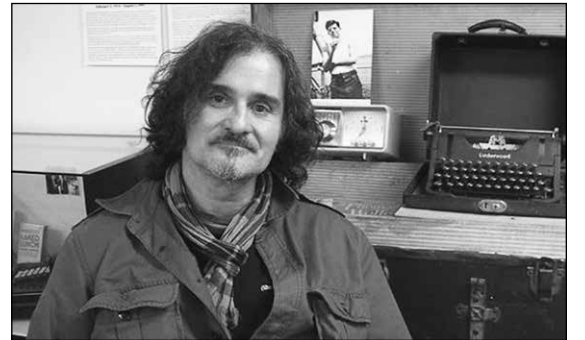
Alan Kaufman: Well, the sense that I mean is largely in an American vein. But even there, one must distinguish in kind. For example, Hemingway and Faulkner were very much in the mode of the Damun Runyon hobo/bohemian writer popular at the time -- one who consorts with riff-raff and criminals and the like, a vein that begins with Twain and Whitman and Melville—the 'Redskins' referenced in Philip Rahv's seminal essay 'Palefaces and Redskins'--and extends through Sherwood Anderson who, one day rose from the paint factory he owned, walked onto the railroad tracks and in a state of breakdown ended up in Chicago, where he became a writer (in reality he made it to, I think, Cleveland, was rescued by his wife and for years continued to work in the advertising business for years whole writing his novels). This refutation of respectability was succinctly American. Only an individual driven to the extreme edge of personal crisis could conceive of abandoning Capitalist respectability for a precarious life of art: one had to be literally nuts to become an uncompromisingly honest writer. As mentor to Hemingway and Faulkner, Anderson passed this model along. And yet this very tradition stops short of Henry Miller who never achieves the acceptance conferred upon these predecessors.

Thus, a literary outlaw is a writer who has either lived on the margins of society or else felt themselves to be relegated by personal circumstance to an extreme edge of human experience.

The author's sense of separation, alienation must be deeply personal and profound. This experience births a new and often radical sort of perspective --though not necessarily political-- that demands to be expressed in an effort to bridge the gulf between oneself and humanity, to make a case for ones membership in the common plight; a corrective to an injustice.

No one ever wanted full acceptance more than Miller. Near the end of his life he campaigned vigorously for a Nobel Prize, to no avail. The very notion was ludicrous. Yet, poignantly, he tried. So, too, with Charles Bukowski, considered a consummate rebel, but who wrote, at the end of his life, about the joys of paying for Hollywood dinners with a gold credit card. Only a true outlaw could grasp the pleasures of finally gaining acceptance.

As such, outlaw writers are inherently more moral than the very society that outlaws them. For in portraying his or her condition the outlaw writer who really craves acceptance learns, since everything is at stake, that any sort of internal or



normative restriction on absolute naked honesty constitutes not merely betrayal of their experience but of the literature they are seeking to form. This alone is a paralyzing dilemma. But then, if the decision to write is made the writer often discovers, paradoxically, that not only do the popular formal conventions prove inadequate to what he or she must express but that the only way to express it is through outright transgression—artistic and moral---against the most sacred premises of the society and its literature.

DH: Do you find that the outlaw poets and writers you published some years ago are now part of the canon to a greater extent?

AK: Yes and no. Today, writers like Iceberg Slim and David Goines are no better known than they were before I published *The Outlaw Bible of American Poetry*, *The Outlaw Bible of American Literature* and *The Outlaw Bible of American Essays*. On the other hand, thanks to those books they have gained more audience than before among the young, college-educated elite. Some, like Sapphire, have gone through the roof of success and kept going. But is Sapphire part of the Canon yet? Popular, yes; canonized: no. Hubert Selby Jr. is still pretty much overlooked today. Mid-career writers like Patricia Smith, Luis Rodriguez, Paul Beatty have gone on to become respected, their books issued by excellent publishers, yet none have reached higher then, say, a mid-list status in the mainstream lit world. And others like d.a. Levy or David Lerner, though more widely recognized for their brilliance, are no more widely read then before. Their names are known. A poem here or there remarked. But nothing more. Or take Kathy Acker, whose name was once a byword of literary discussion. Kathy is almost completely forgotten today. No one reads her. I've been shocked to mention her name to younger writers who return blank stares: 'who's that?' they ask. In other words, the Outlaws still are waiting for their day. The greatest achievement of the Outlaw anthologies was to articulate for future scholarship a new stream of literary discourse which is now part of the larger discourse, and to familiarize young high school and college students—future scholars-- with this kind of writing, and these sorts of authors. Someday, they will be recognized as more than anomalies ---admired for their strange brilliance, their terrifying candor, their gutsy innovations.

DH: There is always a fascination with criminal writers from Genet to Jack Henry Abbott. What do you think the source of this fascination is?

AK: The belief that out of extreme experience some brand new insight into the human will be revealed. Also, there's the Walter Mitty's voyeurism of the cowardly conformist who vicariously spits in the face of his or her oppression through reading about the outsider life of real rebels. Also, behind it is a human intuition that when the chips are down, when authority mutates abusive evil, only outsiders with nothing to lose will dare to risk everything in order to defy it. This was actually borne out during WWII in France by the fact that oftentimes the early resisters were outsiders. A criminal has the ability to pretend to be legal, a square citizen, while secretly conducting his or her illegal enterprise. That is integral to the mounting of a successful act of resistance. It's little known for instance, that Samuel Beckett, a complete literary outsider in every respect, and despite his Nobel Prize, was also an active member of the French Resistance, for which he received a Croix du guerre. He never talked about it. In *The Sorrow and The Pity* we meet one of the first Parisian resisters: a pipe-smoking Beat-style weirdo with a taste for opium, a penchant for outsider lit and who looks like a cross between Sherlock Holmes and William Burroughs. By the way, as a young man slumming in Nazi Germany in the 30's, Burroughs subversively married a Jewish woman to enable her to escape from Hitler's grasp. So, we sense, or hope, romantically, that the outlaw will possess a rough code of justice that will pull through in a pinch. Sometimes they do.

Kim Triedman is both an award-winning poet and a novelist. Her debut novel, *The Other Room*, and two full-length poetry collections, *Plum(b)* and *Hadestown*, will release in 2013. *The Other Room* was a finalist for the 2008 James Jones First Novel Fellowship, and Kim's poetry has garnered many awards, including the 2008 Main Street Rag Chapbook Award and the 2010 Ibbetson Street Poetry Award. Kim's poems have been published in numerous anthologies and literary journals including *Prairie Schooner*. Following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Kim co-organized and co-chaired a collaborative poetry reading at Harvard University to benefit Partners in Health and the people of Haiti. The reading was featured on NPR's *Here and Now* with Robin Young and led to the publication of a Poets for Haiti anthology, which Kim developed and edited.



Provisions

I bought one pomegranate this morning just to admire it. They were two for five dollars, but I was only purchasing color.

Can we eat it? my daughter asked that evening. She was limping through her chemistry homework, watching me watching the pomegranate.

Not until I'm finished, I answered vaguely, wondering what exactly that meant.

It sat on the counter, defining red. Even the tomatoes knew not to argue.

When my husband came home, he palmed it absently then rolled it down the hallway for the dog.

It's in my office, now, catching the afternoon sun. I'm not sure why it matters so much but it does. I know that the seeds inside are waiting, jewel-like, encrusted in their pulpy womb. But for the moment I'm content just to see it there when I turn my head. Sitting quietly on the sill. Concentrating all that color in one place.

— Kim Triedman

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to:
Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

THE
NORTON
GROUP

699 Broadway, Ball Square
Somerville, MA 02144
617-623-6600

www.thenortongroupe.com

Direct Access to MLS Property Finder & All Open Houses FREE!!
HUD Foreclosed Properties for Sale!!

Call today to find out how much your house is worth.
617-623-6600 *Free Market Analysis

THE
NORTON
GROUP

699 Broadway, Ball Square
Somerville, MA 02144
617-623-6600

We sell houses!

Featured Homes

Somerville

Reduced!



71479361 \$539,000.
Condo, 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan, central a/c. 2 car assigned parking.

Medford

Under Agreement!



71508616 \$419,900.
Two family. 10 rooms 4 bedrooms 2 baths, 1 fireplace. Perfect for rental income or development opportunity.

Jamaica Plain



71496416 \$1,199,000.
Single family, Beautiful Queen Anne. 14 rooms, 9 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, 8 fireplaces. Circular driveway, manicured lawn.

Mansfield



71518216 \$359,900.
Single family. 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage. Oversized eat-in-kitchen. Spacious yard, deck, stone patio.

Arlington

Sold!



Sale price \$737,000.
Two Family, 12 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Large fenced yard, 2 car garage. Natural wood-

Brockton



71496416 \$169,000.
Single family. 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Open concept kitchen, dining area. Corner lot, fenced yard.

Somerville



1441940 \$750,000.
Single family home with barn. Zoned BA, possible 3 units, maybe up to 5 with special permit.

Somerville


Under Agreement!



71479359 \$1,175,000.
Multi family, two buildings, 1-6unit /5 rms, 3 bedrms each all sep. Utilities. 4 garages, 8 -10 parking spaces.


Rentals

Medford



Newly Remodeled 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Condo. Right outside Medford Square, In wall unit A/C. In unit Washer and Dryer. Available June 1st! \$1,900.

Arlington



1 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Lower level apartment. Laminate flooring. Gas stove. Closets. On street parking. Available Now! \$1,100.

Somerville



Updated 4 Bedroom. Stainless steel appliances, Central a/c. Harwood floors throughout. washer/dryer in unit. Available Now! \$3,200.

There is an alternative to Bank Foreclosure

You have options, call today and talk to our Short Sale Experts.

617-623-6600