



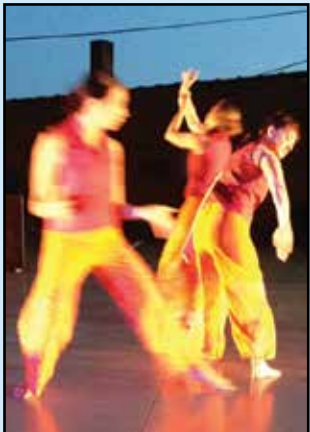
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Have a happy and safe 4th of July from the publishers and staff of The Somerville News

City officials say 'no dice' to casino

Voice opposition to Everett proposal



This image, taken from the Wynn Everett website, shows an architect's rendering of the casino complex that Wynn Resorts plans to build on the Everett shore of the Mystic River.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

When it comes to plans for a resort casino on the Mystic River, Somerville's elected officials say the city's being dealt a bad hand.

Everett voters recently approved a proposal by Las Vegas-based Wynn Resorts to build a 550-room, 19-story resort casino complex on the riverfront just across the Mystic from Somerville's Assembly Row development. The plan still has to face off against two competing bids for the one available resort casino license in this part of the state. But the June 22 referendum victory in Everett increases the odds in Wynn's favor.

"There will be impacts on this community if a huge Las Vegas-style casino comes right next door, to Everett," said Ward Six Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz at last week's meeting of the Board of Alderman, which formally requested updates from the administration on the potential impacts of a casino on Somerville's doorstep, as well as efforts to mitigate

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Family Fun Day in Somerville

By Douglas Yu

Instead of letting your kids chase around a splash pad, jump into a kidpool or just having a picnic in a park in the hot summer, Somerville residents have their own holiday to celebrate a quality family time, Family Fun Day.

"It began nine years ago when Mayor Curtatone brought fireworks back to Somerville. Family Fun Day kind of went hand in hand," Director of Community Relations at the City of Somerville, Carlene Campbell-Hegarty said. "He came up with the idea of old-fashioned barbecue with family members of all ages can come to have a good time."

Family Fun Day's activities are held at the Trum Field Park in Somerville every year. This time, however, barbecue was not the only activity that attracts people's attention. There were live music with professional DJ Al Legee, moonwalks, kid soccer, and petting area where brave children are able to touch an alligator or put a snake around their necks. But the kids' safety was guaranteed.

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NEWTALK

It turned out to be a good night last week at the Trum Field fireworks. It didn't look too good at the beginning, but as the night went on and it got closer to the fireworks the crowd got huge, and the fireworks were great as usual. What a show for all to see. A nice proud night for the city and for Mayor Joe Curtatone.

Happy Birthdays this week here in the Ville. First of all, of course Happy Birthday America on the 4th. To the locals here, a Happy Birthday to Jeffrey Harrington, although new to the Ville loves living here. To our own Doug Holder, our Somerville Poet and hopefully someday the city will recognize him as well. A great guy and great gifted writer. Paul Gaspar, although not living here, he's still a Villen and loves the city as well. If you need an appraiser he's the guy. Sean Winters is celebrating this week, as is Brian Valente. Then there is Roland Racicot of the "Racicot Jewelers" of Medford. Roland is well known here in the Ville. Rob Carroll is celebrating his Birthday also.

The City of Somerville election department is holding a school for all candidates for public office and their campaign treasurers here in Somerville on how to file Campaign Finance Reports. The class is July 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor, City Hall. Sponsored by Somerville Election Office and the Office of Campaign and Political Finance of the Commonwealth. Another nice job from the ones running the Election Office at City Hall and in particular Nick Salerno, Chairman.

Our sincere condolences to Sylvia Daikos' family on her recent death. She died of cancer, we hope she didn't suffer too long. Sylvia was a resident of Revere but knew Somerville and many of its residents. She was very involved in local charities as well, and a lot of individuals and businesses alike knew and respected her. Sylvia was the branch manager and VP for Century Bank at Foss Park for many years. Sylvia was well known and extremely welled liked by the many customers and she considered a lot of them her friends. We here at The News will miss her sharp wit and her old-fashioned work ethic that

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Planners hear from public on Union Square project*

JMB says:

Just another example of the city telling residents what's best for them. The cycletrack, the Davis Square hotel, the Beacon Street hotel, the Powder House School ... the is the latest of George Proakis and the city saying "it fits OUR vision, sorry abutters."

Sam says:

The developers have taken an "all or nothing" approach which is very troubling. They either want to suggest that the projects move forward exactly as they've proposed (size and density) or they suggest people will be out on the street and there is no funding to make the developments happen. This attitude is dishonest. But the underlying problem here is that the City railroaded residents a few years ago to create zoning that "could" allow something like this if the Planning Board doesn't act to protect current property owners. Residents need to voice their opposition through appearing at the next Planning Board Meeting on July 11th and writing to the City, Alderman and Mayor. Signing a petition wouldn't be bad.

Marga Hutcheson says:

I just wanted to say, in response to Sam Miller's quote in the article, that I live 300 feet from the site (on Rossmore Street) and I wholeheartedly support the proposal. The development would be a great addition to my neighborhood in terms of both its function and its design. What I like about Somerville is its diversity and affordability. Lets keep it that way.

Bob says:

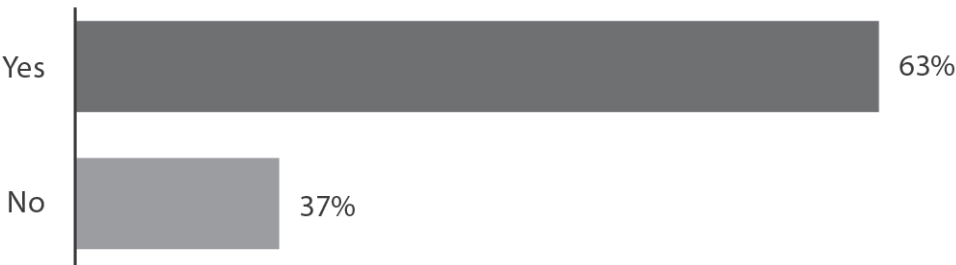
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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are in favor of a proposed bill on Beacon Hill that would make workplace bullying and harassment illegal. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Are you in favor of a proposed bill on Beacon Hill that would make workplace bullying and harassment illegal?



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JAC meeting finds job picture strong in Somerville

By Cathleen Twardzik

At a recent Somerville Jobs Advisory Committee (JAC) meeting, Mayor Curtatone and Bruce Desmond, Alderman At Large and JAC Chair, presented the formal findings and recommendations about which the committee decided. In 2012, the mayor convened that action, assessing and examining the landscape of the local job market, as well as the workforce development system within the city of Somerville.

The findings of the report focused on the fact that at present, the workforce landscape is as follows: since 2005, the total number of jobs on the local level has stayed steady. The City of Somerville has enjoyed a low unemployment rate, which has been at about four percent in recent months, which is lower than national and state averages.

In addition, the young labor force makes up 60 percent of the workforce and the individuals whom are included in that category range between the ages 18 and 34. The educated labor force, all of which have earned a bachelor's degree or higher, comprises 52 percent of it.

"Our local workforce and jobs

picture is strong," said John Harding, a Senior Analyst in SomerStat and Staff Liaison to the JAC.

It must be noted that challenges exist. There is a higher unemployment rate for residents with the equivalent of a high school diploma, as well as for seniors.

"Many workforce development services and programs exist, but the system is very complex," said Harding.

The JAC's recommendations include improving workforce readiness, as well as promoting and synchronizing workforce development efforts by regional and local networks and partnerships. It is essential to "maximize the social return on workforce funding resources," and to connect residents to the business community.

"The goal of the meeting was to convey key report findings and policy recommendations, and gather feedback from the audience. The audience was largely comprised of members of the press, regional workforce development practitioners, members of the local business community, local nonprofits/service providers and city staff/officials," Harding said.

"The primary next step is for



Mayor Curtatone joined Alderman at Large Bruce Desmond in reporting on the state of the city's job market and steps that would be taken to enhance employment opportunities across the board.

Mayor Curtatone and city staff from the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and other departments to continue reviewing, weighing and prioritizing the broad menu of policy recommendations and potential imple-

mentation strategies," according to Harding.

The types of jobs available in Somerville that could result because of this meeting is not definitive.

"At the outset of the JAC, the decision was made to remain

neutral when it comes to specific job types and/or growth areas," said Harding. "Instead, inquiry activities looked at bigger picture policy measures that would help continue building and supporting a strong jobs base and local workforce."

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Hodgkins Playground: 10:05-10:20 a.m.

Senator Corbett Playground: 10:10-10:30 a.m.

Trum Field: 10:50-11:05 a.m.

Bayshore Drive - Boat House: 11:15-11:30 a.m.

Mystic Housing & Playground: 11:40 a.m.-12 p.m. (noon)

Foss Park/Pool: 12:10-12:30 p.m.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

He was speeding all right

A police traffic unit took notice of a vehicle traveling along Washington St. last Thursday evening that had a number of violations apparent to the officer.

The car reportedly had an expired inspection sticker displayed upon the windshield, a broken passenger side mirror dangling by the door, and a rear plate that had no validating registration sticker.

The officer activated his blue lights and siren and brought the vehicle to a halt at Washington and Tufts Streets.

The officer noted that the driver and a passenger were moving inside the car and looking back at him as he approached the ve-

hicle. The officer further noted that neither occupant of the car was wearing seatbelts.

The driver of the vehicle, Darius Moshfegh, 26, of Newton, appeared to be very nervous as he was asked for his license and registration, according to reports, and continued to look back towards the officer as he searched for his license.

The officer reportedly spotted a hypodermic needle on the passenger floor.

When asked if he knew why he had been stopped, Moshfegh reportedly replied, "Here. Here is my license."

After locating the vehicle registration, Moshfegh was once again asked if he knew why he

had been stopped, and he answered, "Uh, you stopped me," according to police.

The officer questioned the passenger, who said that she was not carrying identification. While initially furnishing a false name to the officer, according to reports, she eventually gave her true name, Kristin Barnett, 23, of Quincy. A query turned up five outstanding warrants for Barnett's arrest, and she was placed into custody.

The officer reportedly observed several needle marks on Moshfegh's visible skin areas. The officer advised Moshfegh that a canine unit was on its way to the scene and that if there were any drugs in the

car he should consider turning them over, police said.

Moshfegh then reportedly pulled a plastic bag out of his pocket and handed it to the officer and said, "I have some brown in my back pocket too."

The officer believed that the bag Moshfegh gave him contained methamphetamine and that the "brown" mentioned would be heroin. It was later determined that there was approximately 52 grams of methamphetamine in the bag.

When the canine unit arrived Moshfegh was removed from the car while the search was conducted.

Moshfegh reportedly had several orange pills and a small

quantity of marijuana on his person, as well as two small plastic bags containing the "brown" that was mentioned earlier, according to reports.

Moshfegh was placed under arrest and charged with no inspection sticker, drug possession to distribute, missing registration sticker, miscellaneous equipment violation, trafficking in methamphetamine, and possession of a class A drug.

Barnett was also placed under arrest on warrant charges of false crime report, assault and battery, attempt to commit a crime, conspiracy, utter false check, possession of a class A drug, and witness intimidation.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

William Flibotte, 50, of 94 Main St., Everett, June 25, 2:56 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Tu Do, 32, of 10 Denmark Ave., Milton, June 25, 9:06 p.m., arrested on charges of receiving stolen property and conspiracy.

Huong Lai, 33, of 265 Crown Point Dr., Hyde Park, June 25, 9:06 p.m., arrested on a charge of conspiracy.

Rhonda Silva, 43, of 14 Chapel St., June 26, 6:07 p.m., arrested at 9 Davis Sq. on a charge of open and gross lewdness.

Joseph Dixon, 53, of 44 Harrison Ave., Boston, June 26, 8:47 p.m., arrested at College Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Thomas Thompson, 31, June 27, 9:55 a.m., arrested at Grove St. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Stephen Kelley, 25, of 311 Diver St., Malden, June 27, 9:55 a.m., arrested at Grove St. on a warrant charge of threat to commit a crime.

Kristin Barnett, 23, of 39 Pond St., Quincy, June 27, 7:28 p.m., arrested at Tufts St. on warrant charges of false crime report, assault and battery, attempt to commit a crime, conspiracy, utter false check, possession of a class A drug, and witness intimidation.

Darius Moshfegh, 26, of 877 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, June 27, 7:28 p.m., arrested at Tufts St. on charges of no inspection sticker, drug possession to distribute, missing registration sticker, miscellaneous equipment violation, trafficking in methamphetamine, and possession of a class A drug.

Darlene McAndrews, 49, of 420 Medford St., June 27, 9:39 p.m., arrested at Cedar St. on warrant charges of drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, and possession of a class B drug.

A juvenile, June 27, 10:34 p.m., arrested at 18 Autumn St. on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

John Cater, 56, of 83 Mt. Vernon St., June 28, 12:48 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

Sita Sherchan, 47, of 280 McGrath Hwy., June 28, 8:47 p.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on a charge of shop-

lifting by concealing merchandise.

Maxine Davis, 49, of 105 Sciarappa St., Cambridge, June 29, 11:39 a.m., arrested at 22 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Jose Martins, 28, of 229 Boston Ave., Medford, June 29, 7:23 p.m., arrested at 1102 Broadway on charges of attaching wrong motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Incidents:

Theft:

June 26, 8:34 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

June 26, 3:03 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

June 26, 4:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Calvin St.

June 26, 6:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Cedar St.

June 26, 6:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

June 27, 6:24 a.m., police reported a theft at Pearl St.

June 28, 7:28 a.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

June 28, 11:40 a.m., police reported a theft at Grove St.

June 28, 7:35 p.m., police reported a theft at Glen St.

June 28, 8:47 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

June 29, 11:39 a.m., police reported a theft at 22 McGrath Hwy.

June 29, 12:30 p.m., police reported a theft at Landers St.

June 29, 1:14 p.m., police reported a theft at Cleveland St.

June 29, 9:21 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

June 30, 3:58 p.m., police reported a theft at College Ave.

June 30, 6:38 p.m., police reported a theft at Miller St.

July 1, 11:44 a.m., police reported a theft at Webster St.

July 1, 8:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

Robbery:

June 29, 8:58 p.m., police reported a robbery at 69 Pearl St.

Breaking & Entering:

June 25, 8:59 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Calvin St.

June 26, 10:25 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Marion St.

June 27, 6:12 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Concord Ave.

June 28, 11:58 p.m., police re-

ported a breaking & entering at Willow Ave.

June 29, 8:19 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Dane St.

June 30, 4:22 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at College Ave.

June 30, 3:02 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bond St.

June 30, 5:05 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Heath St.

July 1, 2:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cedar St.

July 1, 6:16 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Walnut St.

Vehicle Theft:

June 28, 7:36 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Puritan Rd.

June 28, 8:02 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Wesley St.

Assault:

June 27, 9:31 p.m., police reported an assault at Autumn St.

June 29, 8:19 p.m., police reported an assault at Flint Ave.

Drug Violation:

June 27, 7:28 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Tufts St.

Mayor Curtatone thanks BOA for budget deliberations

I want to thank the Board of Aldermen for their prudent management of taxpayer money in this year's budget process. The Board spent long nights reviewing the proposed fiscal 2014 budget, asking thoughtful questions with care and seriousness, as they do every year.

This budget holds dear the values of patience, of analyzing the facts, projecting the long-term effects and then modestly investing in the growth of our city, while remaining ever-mindful that residents expect and deserve for us to maximize every last tax dollar.

On their last night of budget deliberations, I told the aldermen that I knew they, too, share those values, and that any savings they proposed for our constituents would be based on fidelity to the facts and to an efficient, strategic and inclusive government that always keeps

its eyes firmly on the horizon.

The honorable Board did just that. In total, the aldermen cut \$834,215 from the City's \$181.8 million budget proposal for the coming year, including:

- \$350,000 in building insurance, savings available due to the City receiving and selecting an insurer's bid lower than what had been conservatively budgeted.
- \$236,366 in salaries across City departments, savings available due to those positions not being filled immediately on July 1.
- \$93,349 in debt service, savings available due to the City receiving lower than conservatively budgeted interest rates on borrowing.
- \$16,017 from the water and sewer enterprise funds.

In fulfilling their obligation to our constituents, the Board of Aldermen reaffirmed its belief in our city and our strategy of

playing the long game, not relying on short-term gimmicks for revenues or cuts now that become a burden later. The Board and City Hall listened to our residents who said they want more education funding, more efficient city services that reach every person in Somerville, and a long-term sustainable fiscal strategy for this city, all while identifying strategic savings where possible. This budget delivers that to our residents, both now and in the future.

Like the Board's deliberations, every budget request sent to the Board was carefully born of a fastidious process based on our core values. We are not satisfied with the status quo, but remain patient in a strategy recently lauded by Moody's Investors Service, which specifically cited our "conservative budgeting approach" and "ambitious economic development plan" in re-

affirming the City's highest-ever credit rating.

We continue to maximize every last tax dollar, spending nearly the least per capita in Massachusetts while providing far more in services than most, and continuing to have a tax rate that, accounting for the residential exemption, remains lower than all of our neighbors save for the gigantic commercial base that is Cambridge.

This city has achieved so much in the past decade, with the help of a Board of Aldermen that has supported boldness in the face of ever-dwindling outside support, rising fixed costs and dwindling state aid. But we believed in ourselves, and that's why others believe in Somerville today. We invested in ourselves, and that's why others are investing in our city.

I thank Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston for her

steady leadership as chairwoman of the Finance Committee and each alderman for their leadership and thoughtful debate: Board President and At-Large Alderman Bill White; Vice President and At-Large Alderman John Connolly; At-Large Aldermen Bruce Desmond and Dennis Sullivan; and ward aldermen Maureen Bastardi (Ward 1), Tom Taylor (Ward 3), Tony Lafuente (Ward 4), Courtney O'Keefe (Ward 5), Rebekah Gewirtz (Ward 6) and Bob Trane (Ward 7).

With this budget and the Board of Aldermen's thoughtful, critical work, we carry on that belief in ourselves. We reject the status quo. We believe that good government can improve the lives of our residents and fulfill our vision of an ever more prosperous future.

— Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

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An open letter to the City of Somerville

On behalf of Somerville Little League baseball players, coaches, and parents, the Board of Directors would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for all the support and assistance you provided us this season. With the wettest spring in anyone's recent memory, the work by the Department of Public Works and the Recreation Department every day to get the fields playable was without prece-

dent. A special mention should go to DPW Commissioner Stan Koty and Superintendent Steve Quinn for their tireless efforts to keep the kids playing and the games going. In addition, Recreation Director James Halloran also needs to be commended for providing valuable help from his department; the kids and we will not forget your efforts, Jim. When our aging Concession Stand appliances expired, George Scarpelli and Mike Bowler provided same

day replacement!

Lastly, we are fortunate to have a Mayor like Joe Curtatone, (a dedicated coach himself) who has been more than a partner in our goal to bring competitive baseball back to Somerville. His leadership and commitment to Sports & Recreation makes our job that much easier.

Thank you again for truly making this a rewarding and memorable season for us all!

Sincerely,
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Household Size	30% AMI Household Income	50% AMI Household Income	
1 Person	\$19,850	\$33,050	
2 People	\$22,650	\$37,800	

All rental rates are approximate based on MHP 2013 limits at 30% of 30% of AMI (area median Income) or 30% of 50% of AMI. Rental rates are based on single person occupancy. One bedroom apartments can have up to 2 people. Actual monthly rent paid by tenant will be based on 30% of tennant's income divided by 12 for those applicants that are income eligible.



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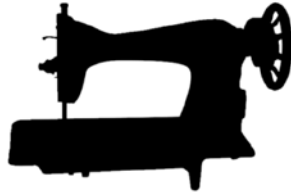
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Somerville youth weighs in on gun control

7th grade students from the Healey School recently sent in their letters to the editor that they wrote as part of a self-directed project related to gun control issues. They decided to create a website, make some videos, contact politicians and send letters to the editors of Somerville newspapers about their opinions. The following letters are unedited and reflect the opinions of the kids:

Dear Editor:
My name is Joao Lair Bonicenha. I am in the seventh grade at the Healey School in Somerville. I am writing this letter because our class is doing a project on gun control we are trying to get more people to help us stop gun violence. Guns are a big problem in this world. A lot of people can buy a gun and easily shoot someone without even getting in trouble. I think that there should be stricter gun laws and more background checks. Bullets should have bar codes so they can be more easily traced. I think that police and state officials should be the only ones who carry guns. Guns are really dangerous and most of the time they get in the wrong hands. I think personally guns should only be used to defend our country not to shoot up a person you don't like.
Sincerely,
Joao Bonicenha

Dear editor,
My name is Leonora Koney, I am 13 years old, I am in seventh grade and I go to the Healey School in Somerville. I wrote the letter to help my class service project about gun control we know that guns are used for good, but there are those people that use guns (weapons that were not created for intentionally killing) for bad ways. I do think guns should be allowed, there are many positives to owning a gun like self-defense or policemen, and the second amendment allows us to. With all those positives come many negatives like people using guns for threatening or plain out killing, guns are being used for many wrong reasons now a days. If we had stronger back ground checks and a limit on ammunition, there should be less people who own guns, the less people who own guns the less gun violence there would be. Every city, town, state and country should aim for less gun violence, it would bring peace to those who have lost loved ones to gun violence and should generally make everyone feel safer.
Sincerely,
Leonora Koney

Dear Editor,
My name is Mario Pena, and I am a student from the Healey School in Somerville,

Massachusetts. I am concerned about gun control, because some people use guns mostly for gun violence and to kill. My opinion is that every time people buy guns they should check them for background information to see if they are a bad influence to holding a gun. If someone's background is good, then they have the opportunity to hold a gun for safety in their homes and for their family. There should be a law that only people whose background is good should have a gun. Also we should try to prevent people from bringing random guns to our country. We need to do more to keep guns out of the hands of people who will use them for killing or for violence.
Sincerely:
Mario Pena

Dear Editor,
Hello, I'm Meriam and I'm from the Healey School. Currently, we are working on the topic of gun control. As a social service, we'd like to have an article published in a local newspaper. Gun control is a rising problem, at a state and federal level. It's becoming harder and harder to control who gets guns, and what they do with it. It seems that anyone in anyplace can get a gun as easy as getting supplies at a store. Background checks are minimal in most states. Recently, a law to strengthen background checks was denied. We hope, by publishing an article in your newspaper, to let people know that we must take action for our crimes. Gun control is an ongoing debate amongst politicians and the people who put politicians in office. However, the people's opinions aren't being recognized in congress, and are being ignored. We, hopefully, can bring this problem to attention-even if on a small, state scale. Thank you for your time!
Sincerely,
Meriam Sarrah

Dear editor,
Hi my name is Michelle Velasquez. I am a student at the A.D.Healey School in Somerville. I believe that gun control laws should be stricter. Statistics say that if one state or place has weaker gun control laws then people can easily get it from another city/state and bring it to an area with strict gun laws. This affects everyone around this person. I also think stricter background checks should be necessary. The Sandy Hook tragedy shows us that the government should check about mental health and criminal background before someone can buy a gun. They shouldn't have turned down the bill that would have bigger background checks. With those background checks we could



have stopped a lot of gun violence.
Sincerely,
Michelle Velasquez

Dear Editor,
My name is Thomas, a 13 year 7th grader at the Arthur D. Healey School. We have been working on a service learning project and my main subject has been Gun control. Ever since the Newtown school shooting, I have been doing research on the pros and cons and history of gun control. I would like to express my feelings about gun control. I think if additional gun control legislation did get passed it would stop some violence. But what about the rest of the violence in America? People do not only kill with guns. They have bombs, knives, and even can kill with hands. Like I've said in a past essay, should we have hand control? No. Despite this, I'm for gun control, because it would bring the death rate down a little more. We want to intervene into some of the bad gun control ideas as well, mainly the school protecting ideas. The NRA thinks it's a good idea to arm teachers with guns, and set up armed guards around schools. This is a horrible idea. Not only is it dangerous in the hands of teachers (whose job is to teach, not shoot), it's also dangerous in guards. I don't think that more guns around kids is a good idea. We need to work together to reduce the number of accidental and intentional gun deaths in our country.
Sincerely,
Thomas Pinto Franco

Dear Editor,
I am a student at the Arthur D. Healey School in Somerville Massachusetts. My opinion on gun control is I think it's a bad idea. I think it's a bad idea because most crimes that are committed with a

gun, the gun isn't bought legally. People who would follow new gun control laws probably won't commit crimes anyway and the people who do commit crimes will still get guns illegally. Let's say someone bought a gun illegally and tried to rob someone's house. If the law was that you can't have a gun bigger than a 9 mm, and the person committing a crime has an assault rifle, then person committing the crime obviously has the upper hand. So this is why I think controlling if someone can have or can't have a gun will not stop gun violence. I think a new good gun law is stopping people from buying a gun online and stopping people from buying a lot of guns because they will only buy more than what they need so they can sell it to people who don't have licenses to buy guns or for people who can't buy guns.
Sincerely,
Tommy Tran

Dear Editor
I am Liam O'Keefe. I go to the Arthur D. Healey School right here in Somerville. In our class we have been exploring gun control as well as its pros and cons. Being a big gun control advocate, I may be a bit biased on this subject, but still I would like to present my case.
Even though we have relatively strict gun control laws, I think we could improve them in a very important way. Every day guns are transported from states with easier gun control laws to states with strict gun control laws. (I am talking to you Colorado). Even if we in Massachusetts as a whole make our laws stricter, it does not stop others from bringing guns from other states here. The solution is to make stricter national laws so you go through the same process to get a gun everywhere.
Sincerely,
Liam O'Keefe

Truck falls into sinkhole in Somerville



A Massachusetts Waste System truck was traveling down Newton St. in Somerville when its rear tire fell into a sinkhole. Somerville Fire, Police, DPW and National Grid responded to the scene. Somerville Fire secured the truck and Coady's Tow Service was able to lift the truck out. Somerville Police shut down Prospect St. and Newton St. to traffic leading to Union Square as city officials assess the damage.

Photos by Bobbie Toner

COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Happy 4th of July, Somerville!

The View From Prospect Hill



The Fourth of July holds a special significance in the hearts of truly patriotic Americans. Not only is it a time to celebrate the birth of our nation, but it also happens to fall at the best time of year to make good times happen, summer.

Who among us doesn't enjoy the occasion? Who can resist the warm glow of good fellowship between friends, neighbors and families as the "birthday" of our nation comes around?

Great memories for the future are made each year as we attend a patriotic gathering, watch some fireworks, or just take a quiet look around and realize that America is still the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. There's nothing corny about these ideas. They are concepts that live and breath as vitally today as they ever have.

We must never take these freedoms for granted, nor minimize their importance

in assuring that we Americans enjoy one of the finest standards of living among all nations of the world.

Yes, we have our challenges and burdens to bear, just as all others have. But we also seem to push through successfully as we strive to solve our many difficult issues, and to soothe the afflicted among us.

For whatever exists momentarily that may divides us, there are important times like these when we can unite to-

gether in the spirit of true patriotism and national pride to celebrate the great gift of being Americans, and commemorating the sacrifices of our forebears in bringing this nation to life. We owe it to their memories to take the time to pause and reflect on what their efforts mean to us today.

Enjoy the day and remember what it stands for. That's the most important thing of all.

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she brought to Century Bank. A definite first class lady and person who was a constant professional, but also with a soft side. We hold a special feeling for her and we will miss her very much.

On July 17, candidate Suzanne Bremer is having a campaign kickoff at the Independent Restaurant from 6 to 8 p.m. Suzanne is a candidate for Ward Three Alderman. She's one of four people running for the office, and the election will be coming up soon.

Speaking of elections, now that Ed Markey is the newly elected U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, this leaves his congressional seat open for a special election...yes again. State Representative Carl Sciortino, who represents Ward 4 and Ward 7 along with South and West Medford, has decided to campaign for the seat to go to congress. He's being joined by a long line of candidates from all over this crazy district which includes Malden, Medford, Cambridge and beyond.

Well ahead of time, but Happy Birthday to Mr. Somerville, Tony Alibrandi. Although we're not going to say

anything about age, on good sources he's over the 80 mark, and still working running his famous Barber shop up on Holland Street, being on the election commission in Somerville and he sponsors many of the sports teams here. The man is a legend in his own time, a well-respected individual, a lifelong resident, and if you want to know what's going on, just ask him! Now we hear that on his birthday, July 13th, there might be a cake or small celebration at the shop. Cash presents, we know, will be much appreciated. We also hear about 11 a.m. Now, that's hearsay so we can't confirm, but then again that's what we do, spreading rumors. Isn't it?

On July 13, there is another craft market that eschews the ordinary: Boston Handmade Market Place. Here you'll find jewelry, ceramics, textiles, paper goods and handspun yarn. Plus, you can learn a thing or two as The Stitch House of Dorchester, The Common Cod Fiber Guild, Mudflat Studio, and Muscat Studio will conduct demos and interactive DIY activities all day. There will be live music to boot! The event takes place Saturday, July 13 3-7 p.m. at

Union Square Plaza.

Beginning on July 5, 2013 for approximately three weeks, Medford Street in Somerville will be closed between the McGrath Highway and Ward Street to allow for sandblasting and painting of the Medford St. Railroad Bridge. A summary of the closure and map of the traffic diversion plan can be found on the GLX website: http://greenlineextension.eot.state.ma.us/detour_data.html. This plan was developed after receiving community input at the public meeting held last week in Somerville. This joint meeting with the City of Somerville detailed the reasons for the closure and outlined a preliminary traffic plan. A copy of the presentation can be found at : http://greenlineextension.eot.state.ma.us/docs_meetings.html#Phase1. This work is part of the widening of the Medford Street Railroad Bridge to allow for Green Line tracks to run alongside the Commuter Rail tracks.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 1 Alderman Maureen Bastardi, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invite

all interested community members to a public meeting on Monday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss design ideas for the new "green" park to be built on the vacant parcel at Peal Street and Florence Street. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Capuano School on Glen Street. All are welcome. If you have questions about the meeting, or the planned park, please contact OSP-CD at 617-625-6600 ext 2500.

Help the Red Cross support our fellows by donating blood to the Boston Marathon Memorial Blood Drive taking place at the Arts at the Armory(191 Highland Ave) July 10 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. These donations will be used to replenish the blood stock. Donation Types: Double Red Cells, Blood. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability.

The 2013 SomerMovie Fest features Class of 1993 films just after sunset throughout the City of Somerville. For a full listing of SomerMovie Fest films and locations, visit www.somervillema.gov. First showing is Jurassic Park, July 11 at Seven Hills Park, Davis Square.

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COMMENTARY

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A declaration of equality



By Joseph A. Curtatone

This week 237 years ago, our nation's forefathers declared, "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." That maxim in the Declaration of Independence has echoed throughout history ever since, but did so a little more loudly last week when the Supreme Court struck down and dismissed federal and state acts

that denied equality to married gay and lesbian couples.

In striking down the Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), the Supreme Court ensured that Somerville residents and those around the country in same-sex marriages will receive the same federal protections as any other married couple. The Supreme Court also dismissed an appeal on the overturning of California's Proposition 8, which like DOMA treated married gay and lesbian couples as second-class citizens.

At a base level, the DOMA case was about taxation and benefits. Edith Windsor faced a \$363,000 tax bill after the death of her wife, Thea Spyer,

a bill that no straight woman would face after the death of her spouse, but a burden forced upon Windsor because the federal government did not recognize her marriage, a ceremony that symbolized the 42 years of love and commitment between Windsor and Spyer.

By striking down DOMA's Section 3, Windsor is plainly treated the same as any other widow, as are married gays and lesbians throughout our country. They have the same access to the more than 1,100 federal protections based on marital status, from access to Social Security survivor benefits to using family medical leave to care for a husband or wife. And no longer will

binational couples face separation and live under the threat of a spouse's deportation because they were denied a green card after their legal marriage was not recognized.

While the Windsor's case is at a base level about taxation and federal protection, it is obviously about more than that. It is about the inherent worth of people, of our gay and lesbian family members, friends and neighbors. Justice Anthony Kennedy's repeated use of the word "dignity" in his written opinion is a careful and powerful choice. In a pluralistic society where we celebrate the fact that individuals can hold varying opinions, one thing should unite us: that we

are treated equally in the eyes of our government. That no matter our sexual orientation, religious beliefs, ethnicity or otherwise, our country treats each of us the same: as a citizen.

We are nation of laws, not men, an idea enshrined in Massachusetts' very own Constitution. DOMA existed for no other reason than to explicitly not treat gays and lesbians the same as the rest of our citizens, to "express moral disapproval of homosexuality," in the exact words of the House Report to Congress. It eschewed rule of law, bypassing state rights, and created a second class of citizens where none existed before. The Supreme Court's

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Fiscal Ponzi and economic displacement



By William C. Shelton

The city's new fiscal year begins this week, and the budget has increased to \$196 million.

Our reserves are about 6% of this sum. To many, this may seem like a prudent amount. I don't think it is. In fact, I believe that our city's fiscal circumstances are more precarious than most Villens realize.

We are relying on what I be-

lieve is an unsustainable revenue source—*net* taxes on residential property growth—but we are spending it freely. Massachusetts law requires that annual property taxes increase by no more than 2.5% of a city's total assessed value, plus the tax on newly created real property.

For years, a substantial portion of our growth in property taxes has come from new *residential* property. And much of this came not from new construction, but from converting multi-unit properties to condominiums. The condos sold for top dollar, producing a collective property value much higher than their buildings' pre-condo value. The hot market also cre-

ated opportunities for people to renovate residential properties, resell them, and make a bundle.

We seem to be reaching a limit on how many old homes can be converted or renovated. Now, growth is coming from high-priced housing projects like Assembly Row, Maxell's Green, the Stop and Shop project, and many smaller ones.

But commercial property pays taxes at 166% the rate of residential property while costing the city only half as much to provide municipal services. Put another way, residential property does not generate tax revenue anywhere near what the city must spend to deliver residential services.

Each year, the value of new real property increases the limit that the city can collect in taxes. In Somerville, that new property is overwhelmingly residential. But each year, the city increases its spending right up to that new limit, even though the newly created *residential* property will eventually cost the city more than it pays in taxes.

Meanwhile, we rely heavily on state aid, as do distressed communities like Lawrence, Chelsea, and Springfield. It accounts for a quarter of our municipal revenues. When the state catches cold, Somerville gets pneumonia, as was the case in 2001 when the state cut our aid allocation and the city laid off em-

ployees and cut services.

Other revenue sources can be uncertain as well. We've learned that the federal government will no longer allow the city to use HUD funds to pay something like \$500,000 in Strategic Office of Planning and Development salaries and \$300,000 to retain technical and professional services.

Yet we are spending money as if are flush and have no worries for tomorrow. The expenditures that I believe to be unwise and unnecessary are the subject of another column. In this one, I'm concerned about Somerville's failure to grow its commercial tax base.

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

A million Villens



The weather was ominous. Would it rain or would the gods of fireworks look favorably on our plans?

Last Thursday night was Somerville's annual fireworks celebration. I arrived at Trum Field at around 5 p.m. The DPW was busy setting up barriers, stages and chairs. The sky was grey and it had been raining lightly, but the show was on!

For me it was a big night because two singing groups that I direct were performing together for the first time. The Sunsetters and The Moonlighters (swinging singing seniors) sang three songs together to kick off the evening's entertainment. Oh yea, I was also the DJ for the evening! The

performers performed, and the fireworks went off leaving everyone with a feeling of extreme patriotism.

What impressed me the most was not the meticulous planning of organizers like Carlene Campbell, Public Works, Police, and the Mayor's Office, but rather the people of our great city. We all came out to celebrate our country's birthday and the gift of freedom. This year was extra special because of the tragedy at The Boston Marathon. We felt closer, and needed to be together more than in past years. I have attended many many Somerville fireworks celebrations but this year's was by far the best.

There were more people than I ever remember seeing at the previous gatherings. As I said, I was doing the deejaying,

but as soon as Booty Vortex began playing I took a little walk through the crowd. I knew we were headed toward a record turnout. I saw people I hadn't seen in years! I saw one couple for the first time in over ten years. They had their three kids with them and their oldest son was as tall as me. The last time I saw him he was in a stroller. There were hugs, handshakes, fist pumps, and high fives.

I made my way back to the main stage where Mayor Joe and Frank Santangelo, from the DPW, were hanging out. As a Motown song blared from the speakers, we performed impromptu yet synchronized dance steps that The Temptations would have been jealous of. Well, that might be a slight exaggeration, but the crowd members who saw

it seemed to like it.

That was the atmosphere Thursday night. People left their worries at home and enjoyed themselves. Deputy Chief Mike Cabral stood watch in front of the bandstand for the entire night, and there was an increased police presence. By the time Joe started the countdown to shut off the lights and start the fireworks, the crowd was at its thickest. There were people as far as the eye could see in every direction. I can honestly say that it was the biggest Somerville crowd I have ever seen. As one of my Facebook friends said, "Somerville really knows how to throw a party!" Even with a slight mist and the chance of a downpour, seemingly a million Villens came out to enjoy an evening of fun. We feasted on fried

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on one roll call and local senators on four roll calls from the week of June 24-28.

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.

A “pairing” process, used only in the Senate, is a procedure that allows an absent senator to express how he or she would have voted on a roll call. Under the arrangement, the absent senator contacts a senator who is present and plans to vote the opposite way. The present senator agrees to “pair” his or her vote with the vote of the absent senator. Neither vote is counted in the official total--they cancel each other out. This process allows both senators to be unofficially recorded on the roll call.

HIKE IN GAS TAX, CIGARETTE TAX AND OTHERS (H 3535)

House 105-47, Senate 34-6, approved a transportation package that proponents say will raise \$500 million through tax hikes. Some opponents of the measure dispute the proponents’ projections and argue that the total in tax hikes will be dramatically more than \$500 million.

Provisions include a 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state’s current 21-cent-per-gallon gas tax, which, beginning in 2015, would also be indexed to inflation. Other provisions include a \$1 hike in the current \$2.51-per-package cigarette tax, an increase in the tax on cigars and smokeless tobacco, a change in the way utilities are classified for tax purposes, and the reinstatement of tolls at exits 1 through 6 on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Western Massachusetts. The legislation also imposes a new 6.25 percent sales tax on computer system design services as well as services to modify prewritten software.

Supporters said the bill is a reasonable package that will provide \$805 million in revenue by 2018 to begin to solve many of the structural and financial problems that plague the state’s transportation system.

Opponents said the proposed tax hikes will hurt already overburdened taxpayers and businesses and urged the Commonwealth to live within its means.

The vote margins in both branches are sufficient to override a possible veto by Gov. Deval Patrick.

In a statement released shortly after the vote, Patrick said, “While I appreciate the efforts the conferees have made, the conference report would not provide the reported \$805 million in new revenue for transportation. Therefore, I cannot support this bill in its current form. I expect to return this bill with an amendment and look forward to working with the Legislature to enact it.” (A “Yes” vote is for the tax hikes. A “No” vote is against them.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

OBAMACARE (S 1812)

Senate 38-1, approved a bill making many changes to state health care laws to bring Massachusetts into compliance with the new federal health care law, also known as Obamacare.

Supporters said the changes are necessary to comply with federal law. They argued that these changes will expand health care coverage and bring in an estimated \$205 million in revenue and savings.

The lone opponent said the bill does not do enough to protect small businesses, which are facing extreme health insurance premium rate increases. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Didn’t Vote
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

STUDY MEDICAL DEVICE TAX (S 1812)

Senate 14-25, rejected an amendment that would require Gov. Deval Patrick’s administration and local medical device manufacturers to conduct a study and evaluation of the impact of the federal medical device tax on the state’s medical device manufacturers and the economy. The 2.3 percent tax went into effect in January and is designed to help pay for the cost of implementing Obamacare.

Amendment supporters said the tax is estimated to cost Massachusetts medical device makers more than \$400 million per year and will result in job losses and the cost of the tax being passed along to consumers. They said while the state can’t repeal this federal law, it can conduct a study to show the dire consequences of the tax in order to give more ammunition to the movement to repeal the tax.

Amendment opponents said the state cannot repeal federal laws and argued the study would be a waste of time and state resources. Some said the IRS, slated to play a major part in implementing the health care law, would be better positioned to assess the impact of the tax. (A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against the study.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

MASSHEALTH USERS MUST BE VERIFIED (S 1812)

Senate 5-32, rejected an amendment that would use a computerized eligibility system to verify income, assets and identity of current recipients and new applicants for MassHealth, the state’s Medicaid program that provides health care for qualified low-income and disabled persons.

Amendment supporters said this cutting-edge system would ensure that only people truly eligible for MassHealth will receive it. They argued it would save the state millions of dollars and help eliminate fraud and duplication of benefits.

Amendment opponents said the system would create

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a number of problems. They also noted that the Legislature previously approved similar but more workable amendments. (A “Yes” vote is for the verification system. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No (Paired/Absent)
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAN DISCRIMINATION BASED ON HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (H 1758) - The Labor and Workforce Development Committee heard testimony in favor of legislation that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of a person’s height or weight. Supporters testified that overweight people are often not hired or not promoted because of their weight and noted this type of discrimination is on the rise and is more acceptable and pervasive than race, gender or sexual orientation discrimination. They argued that often people are unaware they are being discriminated against until after they shed pounds and are suddenly promoted. Dr. Scott Butsch, a gastroenterologist at MGH, said he believes weight discrimination stems from the myth that obesity is a character flaw.

OTHER WORK-RELATED LEGISLATION - Another bill on the Labor Committee’s hearing agenda would make workplace bullying and harassment illegal (H 1766). Supporters testified that between 37 and 59 percent of employees in America directly experience health-endangering workplace bullying, abuse and harassment.

Other measures included requiring employers with more than 50 employees to allow workers who are victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault to take up to an annual 15-day leave of absence to address issues arising from the incident (S 853); prohibiting employers from discriminating against veterans (S 853); and requiring all rooms at public schools to be “properly cooled” from May 15 through Oct. 15. The rules and regulations would be established and the term “properly cooled” would be defined by the attorney general (S 881).

FLU VACCINE - The Public Safety Committee held a hearing on measures that aim to maximize the num-

ber of adults and children who get a flu vaccine and also lower the costs. One proposal would allow local communities to give the vaccine to students in a school building (H 2108). Others would allow qualified pharmacy interns to administer the flu vaccine under the direction of a pharmacist (S 995) and medical assistants to do so under the direction of a doctor (S 1021).

TAX ROLLING PAPERS (H 2570) - A bill before the Revenue Committee would impose a new \$5 per package tax on rolling papers used to roll tobacco and marijuana. Supporters say this would raise revenue from citizens who use rolling papers primarily to roll marijuana. Some opponents say the proposed \$5 per pack tax is a ridiculous one that exceeds the cost of the rolling paper itself. Others note that many smokers now buy the papers to roll their own tobacco because of the increased tax on packaged cigarettes.

CELL PHONE RESTRICTIONS -The Transportation Committee held a hearing on several pieces of legislation regulating or banning cell phone use. Legislation includes banning the use of all cell phones in vehicles (H 3124); allowing the use of only “hands-free” cell phones in vehicles (S 1647); and prohibiting the use of cell phones in school zones (H 3123).

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“The revenue generated by modest taxes will allow for meaningful investments in the Commonwealth’s transportation system and beyond and will provide lasting economic benefits for residents, visitors and businesses.” – *Sen. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre), chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, on the \$500 million tax hike backed by the Democratic leadership and approved by the Legislature.*

“(Election Day in) ... November of 2014 can’t come soon enough for all of the hard-working families struggling to get by in a job market bogged down by the Democrats’ higher taxes.” – *Kirsten Hughes, chair of the Massachusetts Republican Party, on the \$500 million hike.*

“Another example that validates how UMass Lowell provides its students with a high-quality education that helps them meet their career and personal goals after graduation.” – *UMass Lowell Chancellor Marty Meehan on a Business Insider report that ranks UMass Lowell as*

the most underrated university in the nation.

“As a pedestrian, I see a lot of bad driving that would probably improve if people would put down their cell phones and pay attention to the road.” – *Rep. Denise Provost (D-Somerville) on a bill banning the use of all cell phones in vehicles.*

“I’m certainly going to be on the ballot next year. That’s my present plan. I have no plans to retire ever.” – *Secretary of State William Galvin.*

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 enough or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that are filed. They note that the infrequent and /or short meetings which the Legislature holds during its normal sitting time often prompt irresponsible late-night sessions and urgency to act on dozens of bills in the final days of each year.

During the week of June 24-28, the House met for a total of 16 hours and 7 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 13 hours and 43 minutes.

Mon. June 24	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:28 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
Tues. June 25	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
Wed. June 26	House 12:06 p.m. to 7:34 p.m. Senate 1:05 p.m. to 7:38 p.m.
Thurs. June 27	House 11:03 a.m. to 3:21 p.m. Senate 1:01 p.m. to 3:29 p.m.
Fri. June 28	House 11:04 a.m. to 2:49 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 2:47 p.m.

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Family Fun Day in Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

“You see the people wearing ‘summer recreation’ shirts? They are part of the mayor’s youth employment programs,” Youth Services Coordinator at the City of Somerville, Nancy Bacci said. “Those teenagers donate their time to supervise all the recreational activities.”

There were 22 volunteers from different high schools and colleges working at the Family Fun Day. They used this opportunity as a training day to prepare for the summer camp next week, which is a summertime program, according to the Somerville Recreation Department.

Bacci mentioned that the Police Department, Fire Department and the local ambulance services were also there in support of the holiday.

“Young people are able to come and see them when there is nothing bad happening,” Bacci said. “You are able to go in an ambulance, lay on a stretcher and see what is like. Kids can climb on the fire truck, and hit the siren on the police car.”

Michael Finnegan, firefighter, came down to the Trum Field Park this day to show kids his apparatus. “I let the kids to climb on the truck. It’s good to get the experience,” he said. “All the firefighters are rotating shifts, and I think a few different trucks all around the city will be coming down throughout the day. This is absolutely a good education for kids. They can ask questions to see what is all about.”

Even though thunderstorms had been broadcasted, the

weather turned out to be sunny on Family Fun Day.

Kalila Bemoit, a mother of three kids, was invited by one of her friends to come to the Fun Day. “It’s not crowded. It seems safe,” Bemoit said. “I met a lot of people in the neighborhood whom I didn’t talk to before. Also, this is a good chance for kids to set up a play date.”

Somerville is a hardworking community. Family Fun Day is a good chance for people here to relax. “Family Fun Day is definitely healthy for kids and our staff,” George Scarpelli of the Somerville Recreation Department said. “Most parents work all summer, they don’t have that much time to travel to Florida. So this is their vacation. This is their Disneyland.”

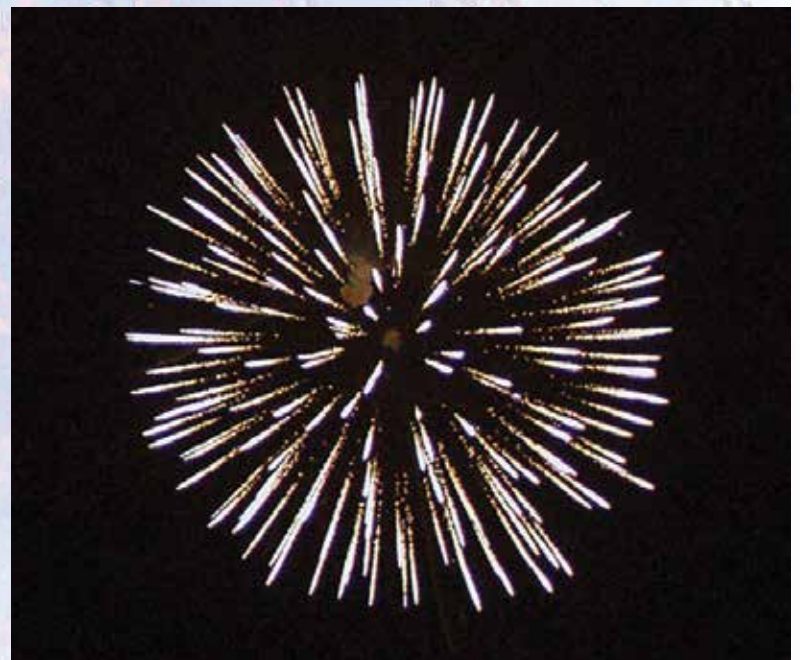


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SPORTS

Alibrandis stays sharp, improves to 13-1

By Mike Stoller

The beat goes on for the Somerville Alibrandis baseball team, which seems to be playing to the tune of *Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now*. With two more wins, Alibrandis improved to 13-1 in the Yawkey League last week. First, Alibrandis defeated the Brighton Braves, 9-0, at Rogers Park in Brighton. "Once again the bats we're going for us," Alibrandis assistant coach Cam Lynch said. "If the weather stays in our favor and we play consistent baseball, we will be a tough team to beat." Jon Morse was again terrific on the hill, tossing five scoreless innings, while allowing only one hit and improving his season ledger to 4-1. Lamarre Rey pitched the sixth inning and recovered nicely after

walking the first batter to strike out the next three hitters. Brian Tanguy threw a scoreless seventh inning. He got into a bit of a jam with three walks, but struck out two to finish it. Offensively, Alibrandis put on a big show. Mike Maguire went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, including a double to right center. He also had a stolen base. Justin Crisafulli had two hits in three tries, including a pair of doubles and two RBIs. Teddy Dziuba, Marc Des-Rochers, Mark Adessa, and Logan Gillis also each drove in a run. The Braves, of the Johnny Pesky Division, fell to 6-6. Alibrandis followed up that win with a solid 2-1 victory over the visiting South Boston Saints at Trum Field. Chris Foundas tossed five strong innings to chalk up the win. Rey pitched a scoreless



Photo by Harry Kane

The Somerville Alibrandis team currently holds an impressive 13-1 record for the season.

sixth, and Tanguy sealed his seventh save, breaking an Alibrandis single season record in that category. Offensively, Alibrandis completed a two-run first inning when Gillis scored on a passed ball with runners at first and third. The Saints, of the Carl Yastrzemski Division, dropped to 5-4. This week, Alibrandis was scheduled to host the McCay Club Beacons at Trum Field on Monday, and visit the 12-2 Revere Rockies on Tuesday.

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Why was *The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll banned in China?

2. What Texas city got its name from the Spanish word for yellow?

3. How many of the 32 teeth in an adults mouth are molars?

4. What are the seven numbers from 0 to 100, that look the same when written upside down?

5. What was the first electrified lighthouse in the United States?

6. Which of the Great Lakes is the only one

without a border?

7. Who became the Pillsbury mascot in 1965?

8. Who was the only U.S. President that never married?

9. What two U.S. Presidents died on July 4, 1826?

10. Why do we celebrate July 4th with fireworks?

11. Who was the first and only U.S. President to elope?

12. What building is on the back of a twenty dollar bill

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Andre Rolim wraps up stellar SHS track career

When Andre Rolim stepped onto the track in Greensboro, NC on Sunday, June 16 to vie for the 800m national title, he entered as Somerville High School's most decorated student-athlete in school history.

It was his final competition as a high school athlete, wrapping up a stellar track & field career as a Highlander that included numerous MIAA Division I and All-State indoor and outdoor wins, a Boston Globe "Runner of the Year" title, a top 5 indoor national ranking in the 600 meters, and a multitude of *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* All-Scholastic Track & Field honors.

He now adds a top 10 national 800m finish with a personal best of 1:52.31, finishing ninth overall in the 800 meters while besting four state champions and recording a faster time than three runners from the top-seeded heat of 11 at that meet. Before heading off to college, Andre Rolim can also add a Boston Globe/Will McDonough Male Athlete of the Year award to an impressive, and growing, list of accomplishments.

When asked about his student-athlete's accomplishments

on the track, Somerville High School Track & Field Coach Dave Dickerson emphasized Rolim's character as a driving force to his success. "There are so many moments that add to the mix of character that shows through all that Andre does. Such as when Andre won his first MIAA All-State Championship and was asked in the post-event interview why he wore the pink socks that clearly stood out in his run. Andre immediately responded – between gasps for air – that wearing the socks inspires him because it helps remind him of his mother and how hard she works every day."

During his track & field career at Somerville High School, Rolim amassed eight (8) Greater Boston League (GBL) All-Star Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field honors. In this, his final year at SHS, he earned Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic Indoor Track & Field honors, was named an Indoor and Outdoor GBL All-Star, and was also named to the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald All-Scholastic spring track teams.

Yet despite the numerous accolades, Rolim has maintained



Andre Rolim, the most decorated student-athlete in school history finishes his track & field career at Somerville High School.

a sincere level of humility and respect for his sport and his fellow competitors that have earned him the admiration of his high school peers, teachers and administrators. During the

school's annual Class Day celebration on May 31 – a "handing off of the torch" sort of ceremony that marks the culmination of a journey for one graduating class and the beginning of one

for the school's incoming freshmen – Andre received a thunderous standing ovation as the school's Headmaster recited highlights from Andre's Highlander athletic career.

A declaration of equality

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ruling partially undoes that injustice.

The ruling does not mean every married gay couple will get tax breaks. Some may have to pay more. If their children apply for federal student financial aid, they now must list the income of both their parents, instead of treating their parents as if they were divorced as they had been instructed under DOMA, potentially affecting how much they can receive in student aid. But is that not the point? This is not about dollars and cents. It's about basic equality and fairness. All we want is for our gay and lesbian family

members, friends and neighbors to be treated the same as us, and vice versa. No child should have to ask why they need to treat their parents, who have loved and cared for them, as if they're divorced when filling out a federal student aid application. We should never have to lie about who we are or who our family is.

Ensuring equal treatment under the law for married gay couples is an ongoing battle. Section 2 of DOMA remains law, which allows states to discriminate against gay couples legally married in other states, and 36 states still ban same-

sex marriage. Yet the arc of the moral universe bends toward justice, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, and with this decision, we saw the arc bend a little more. The pending Respect for Marriage Act would fully repeal all of DOMA. State-by-state, lawful discrimination is crumbling under the light of equality's truth. As we celebrate the Fourth of July this week, we look forward to when we can celebrate Independence Day knowing that the law secures for the LGBT community the Founding Fathers' promise of unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

A million Villens

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dough, pizza, and ice cream. We purchased silly hats, necklaces and light up toys, many that would break before the evening's end. But we were out hanging with our fellow Somerville people. There were politicians, reporters from both newspapers, young people, seniors, police and fire personnel and even drug and bomb sniffing dogs. And what was the outcome of this extensive gathering of jovial people? A mix of

patriotism and fun that went off without a hitch.

The city of Somerville should be proud of what they accomplished last Thursday night. They provided their citizens with an evening of peaceful enjoyment. God Bless and happy Birthday America, and God bless Somerville. We are hardworking, God fearing, family loving, and passionately patriotic people. It's just too bad most of us had to get up and work in the morning!

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.

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Monday July 8

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m.
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Tuesday July 9

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Wednesday July 10

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

Thursday July 11

Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

Friday July 12

The Kevins featuring Jimmy Ryan & Bucky Bear 6 p.m.
Surftastic! Tsunami of Sound, Beachcombers,
Dust Clouds of Mars \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday July 13

Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m.
Rotary Prophets & friends 9 p.m.

Sunday July 14

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11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

Thursday|July 4

Independence Day - Libraries Closed

Friday|July 5

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

Central Library
Teen Anime & Manga Meet-up: Persona 4 Day
Cynthia or Ron|617-623-5000-2936
2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Tuesday|July 9

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

Wednesday|July 10

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

Central Library
Kidstock Theater presents Clamalat
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library
East Branch Summer Reading Club Kickoff: Rosalita’s Puppets in Rosalita and the Giant Bugs
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

MUSIC

Wednesday|July 3

Johnny D’s
Quinny|Hannah Daman|Free! No Cover
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
Comedy|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
Jared Fonzi|Dan Rodman|Lucrezio|Joe Fox
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
Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band - Original & Roots Reggae
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

Radio Bar

UP: Fantastic Wednesday!! (with Butcher Boy and Civil Warblers)Free Show
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|July 4

Johnny D’s
Closed-Happy 4th!
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays |7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Back Closed
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
Closed
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
Precinct open at Noon|Happy 4th
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe’s
Bar is open-No Live Music
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Radio Bar
Closed|Have a happy safe 4th!
379 Summer St

Friday|July 5

Johnny D’s
New York Funk Exchange|Free! No Cover
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Stan Martin Band |6 p.m.
Brass Knuckles with Caitlin Bell
\$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
Team Shred Presents|Westgate|Nerve 8
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA’S Lounge
B&B Presents: This Tour is a Party|Professor Shyguy|D&D Sluggers|Cathode Rays|Amanda Lepre
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ starting at 10 p.m.
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

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

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

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

Radio Bar
Down: Greg Allen’s Fringe Reli-

gion|The Idlers|Strange Avenues|Pieces
379 Summer St.

Saturday|July 6

Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam|Hot Sauce BPS
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
The Family Jewels |6 p.m.
Dizzy Bats with Connor Frost \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Endation|Schooltree|The Burners
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
Drama / Leah V Presents!
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe’s
Otis Grove|Runk
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Radio Bar
Private Party|Up & Down
379 Summer St

Sunday|July 7

Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam featuring the Matthew Smart Band
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Jeremy Lyons Trio |5 p.m.
Amber Casares Band |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

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

Radio Bar
Roy Sludge Trio 4p.m., No Cover
Wholly Karaoke with DJ Gus|7.30 p.m.
379 Summer St

Monday|July 8

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

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |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
Full Scene Ahead Presents|Soundacity|The Heartsleeves|Tic Tok|Answer-man|70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Radio Bar
UP: Americans Mondays at Radio|No Cover Charge featuring Greg Klyma|Jow Klompus|Steve Latanision and special guests
379 Summer St

Tuesday|July 9

JohnnyD’s
Mystic Bowie
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
TBA
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
Full Scene Ahead Presents|Skinny Bones|Foe Destroyer|Photo Ops|Quill|The Devils Twins
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

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

Radio Bar
UP: Wholly Karaoke with DJ Magic
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Wednesday|July 10

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Highland Kitchen

TJ The DJ Presents The People’s Karaoke
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Samba Bar & Grille
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Radio Bar
UP: Mark Kolenski presents: Airoake
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Boston Marathon Memorial Blood Drive
2 p.m.- 8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|July 3

Central Library
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday|July 4

Independence Day- Libraries Closed
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
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Saturday|July 6

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|July 7

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

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

Monday|July 8

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

Central Library
Summer Evening Writing Adventures
Alan Ball-617-636-9033
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|July 9

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|July 10

Central Library
Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World
Kevin|617 623 5000
7 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

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:

Farmer's Market is back at Holland Street Center in parking area. Every Thursday from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Discount for Seniors. Great prices and great produce.

Next Book Club is July 12. The book is the "The Lemon Tree." Copies available to borrow from our center.

Indoor Garden Club next meets July 8 at Holland Street Center at 9:00 a.m. New members welcome.

Veteran's Group is a monthly group get-together of Veterans from all service branches. This is open to new members. This month the group is meeting on June 24 at Holland Street Center at 9:30 a.m.

Zumba for All with Cheryl. Come at the end of the day, after work. Open to all. Wednesdays 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Holland Street Center. \$3 for a class or \$15 for 6 classes. Get in shape this summer.

Wii Bowling League begins at Holland Street Center Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Free. If you haven't tried this, come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

LGBT Events:

Our first event was a huge success with over 60 people attending. Don't miss out on the next one. MUST RSVP ahead.

July 8 - 11:30 am Lunch time together. Holland Street - Masala Somerville (Indian Food). \$6.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available.

July 22 - "Fire" with dinner from Masala Indian Restaurant. Holland Street Center. 5:30 p.m. dinner. RSVP a must. \$6.

Men's Club meeting July 10 - Recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our Men's Group and connect with your old friends or come make some new friends. Wednesdays at Holland Street Center. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All 55+ are welcome.

July 9 - REVERE Beach Slide Show and Reminiscing with Bob Upton, a long time Revere Beach enthusiast who will narrate a slide presentation that features 80-100 images of historical Revere Beach and its wonderful past that takes you through the current day. Come join us and relive the heydays of Revere Beach and share your stories. Time: 10:30 a.m. Lunch and transportation available upon request.

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

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

Cross Street - starting July 9, the Center will open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please join us for a Super Bingo. \$9 for lunch from Maya Sol and bingo cards.

Trip Corner:

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.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Free.

Zumba for All - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

July 3

Holland Street Center

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

167 Holland Street | 617-625-6600 x 2300

July 4

Independence Day - all centers closed

July 5

Main office open - All centers closed

July 8

Holland Street Center

Indoor Gardening | 9 a.m.

English Conversation | 11 a.m.

LGBT Congregate Meal | 11:30 a.m.

Wii Bowling | 1:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street | 617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny

Cards & Cribbage | 10 a.m.

Bingo | 12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street | 617-666-5223

July 9

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercises | 9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt. | 10 a.m.

Revere Beach Slide show | 10:30 a.m.

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

167 Holland Street | 617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage | 10 a.m.

Walking Club | 10:30 a.m.

Bingo | 12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street | 617-666-5223

Cross Street Center

Bingo | 12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway

July 10

Holland Street Center

Fit-4-Life Classes Groups A & B | 8:45 a.m./9 a.m.

Mens's Group | 12 p.m.

Flexibility & Balance | 1:15 p.m.

Zumba for All | 5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street | 617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Lunch from Maya Sol | 11:30 a.m.

Super Bingo | 12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway

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

Enjoying the fireworks



A fun time was had by all who attending this year's City of Somerville Fireworks Celebration. Pictured above, Margie Ray, Irene McCune and Mary Wessick. Below, Singers of Sunsetters and Moonlighters led by Jimmy Del Ponte.

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Ms. Cam's

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Olíio

Answers

1. It portrayed people and animals as equals

2. Amarillo

3. 12, including 4 wisdom teeth

4. 0, 1, 8, 11, 69, 88, 96

5. The Statue of Liberty

6. Lake Michigan

7. The Pillsbury Dough-

boy

8. James Buchanan

9. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

10. Many feel it represents "bombs bursting in air"

11. John Tyler, who ran off to marry Julia Gardiner

12. The White House

'Dancing in the Streets' of Somerville

By Martynas Limantas

Dancing in the Streets, a series of performances that hit City Hall, local plazas, parks and basketball courts over the past month, finished off the lineup this past Saturday at Davis Square with showings from Weber Dance and EgoArt Inc. The shows sought to engage the public in live performances, expressive movement and create awareness of American dance.

"This is the first year of this specific series and it features local talent," said Gregory Jenkins the Executive Director of the Somerville Arts Council.

Jenkins said the idea started ten years ago by showcasing an event entitled *Somerville Struts*. The Council further support-

ed the idea through an ArtBeat showcase at Union Square, and through a LCC grant.

"We did have a desire to hold dance performances in different areas of the city. We intentionally wanted to do productions in areas outside of Davis and Union. The work in Foss Park, Magoun Square, Somerville Ave., and Conway Park has been great," elaborated Jenkins on the progress of events.

The sky was darkening and the stage was set. In the Bank of America parking lot at Davis Square, and with a big crowd on hand, the music and dance was about to begin. The lights were on and the performers lined the reflecting dance floor. The crowd looked on with anticipation as the music sud-

denly engaged the movement of the dancers.

In a continuous development, the dances progressed with shapes and forms of the shifting bodies ever changing and expressing. Under beaming lights the shadows mimicked the motions and patterns, bringing out the power of live performance.

The show concluded with loud applause, whistles and shouts in the crowd.

"We have always done programming with the community, to enliven that community. We intentionally seek out local talent to support them and to provide a forum for them to showcase their work to neighbors and friends," said Jenkins of the importance of the performing art shows in Somerville.



Photo by Martynas Limantas

The Somerville Arts Council is helping to promote appreciation of the art of dance by sponsoring events such as *Dancing in the Streets*.

Fiscal Ponzi and economic displacement

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is not just burdening homeowners and putting our fiscal health at risk. It's creating a pattern of development that makes a majority of Villens uneasy.

Paying for our schools represents a substantial portion of residential municipal services, increasing their cost and thereby reducing *net* residential property tax income. Accordingly, city policy now appears to be one of encouraging the development of housing targeted to high-income consumers who don't have children, thereby reducing a portion of the permanent costs that come with new residential development. I don't know if this policy is one of commission or omission.

Unfortunately, those pesky new residents have a tendency, over time, to reproduce, and they don't always move on when their kids reach school age. Of course they don't always have kids ei-

ther, and those who do, don't all stay here. They also sell out, inflating housing prices.

Both outcomes are making our city unaffordable, and unfriendly to families. The bonds of community continue to dissolve. And Villens who oppose developments that damage the character of their neighborhoods are systematically ignored.

It was not always thus. Over the lifetimes of people in my generation, Somerville went from being an industrial center to a bedroom suburb. As industrial properties became vacant, city authorities manipulated zoning decisions in behalf of well connected developers who converted those properties to residential uses.

Over the same period, Boston and Cambridge made intense, focused, proactive, and successful efforts to increase their commercial property base through land transformations. The first

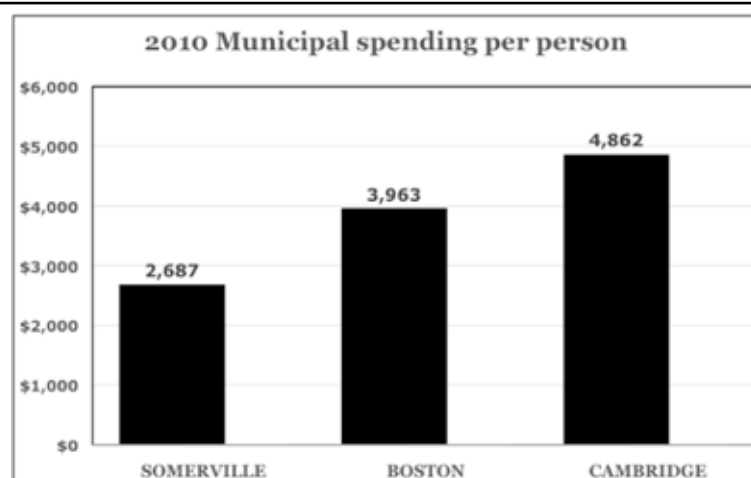
graph shows the growth in the three cities' residential property over the last 27 years. Accounting for economic cycles, Somerville's has remained flat.

The second graph shows the results of this pattern. Per resident, Cambridge is able to spend 181% of what Somerville spends and still remain fiscally sound; Boston, 148%.

Boston and Cambridge have two jobs for every working resident. Somerville has two residents for every job. Office buildings and research-and-development facilities bring a broad range of permanent jobs, from entry level to highly skilled. In addition to strengthening Somerville's finances, having those kind of jobs here could help reduce the number of Villens who are economically displaced from their own city.

With its location and \$7 billion in transportation infrastructure, Assembly Square was our best hope to grow the commercial tax base. Developed as an office/R&D-based neighborhood, it could have produce \$30 million per year in *net* new tax revenue and 30,000 new jobs.

When Joe Curtatone first ran for mayor, he promised that if Assembly Square zoning were weakened to allow Assembly



Square Limited Partners to build whatever they wanted, the revenues generated by their creations would lower the tax on an average two-family home by \$1,000 per year. Ten years is enough time to say that relying on residential and retail development isn't going to get us there. Or anywhere near.

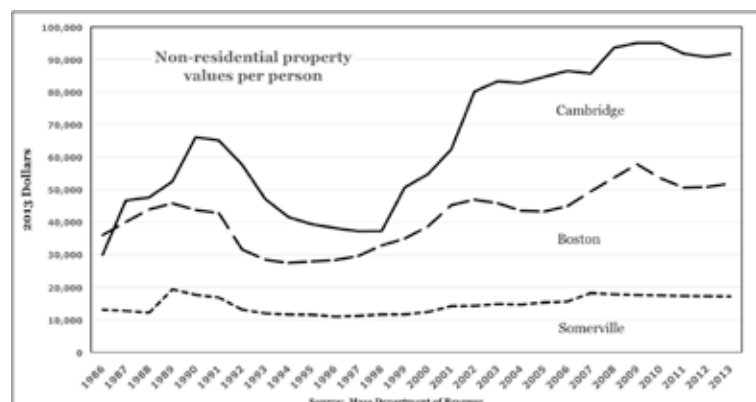
We need city leadership that will tell developers what we expect, rather than the reverse. A case in point is issuance of bonds that will cost Villens \$50 million over 30 years to pay for infrastructure that Assembly Square developers were legally obligated to cover.

A similar example is the East Somerville Stop and Shop. Neighbors rose en masse to oppose its development in 2001. The city dismissed their concerns and approved a planned

unit development on the promise that Stop and Shop would build an adjacent office building. A dozen years have passed and Stop and Shop now wants to build 200 housing units instead of an office building. City officials seem prepared to accommodate them.

I have been talking with aldermanic candidates who, in turn, have been talking with their constituents. They tell me that people under 40, even high earners, are concerned that they will be priced out of the city. People over 40—old or new Somerville—aren't as concerned about being economically displaced. Rather, they are troubled by the changes they see in their city.

Both concerns result from the same trends. Wise politicians will act to change them.



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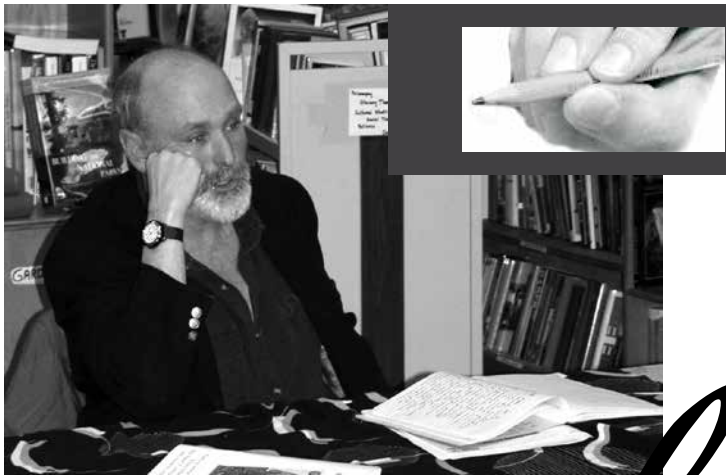
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6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Tele Magazine
7:00am	Healthy Hypnosis	6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	4:00pm	Somerville News Reading
7:30am	Life Matters	7:00pm	Bate Papo Con Shirley	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (LIVE)	6:00pm	Basic Buddha
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	9:30pm	The Struggle	6:30pm	Energy Theater
10:00am	Science Issues & Innovations	Friday, July 5		8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Abugida TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Road to Recovery	10:30pm	Couch's Corner
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	7:00am	Shrink Rap	11:00pm	Gay TV (Free Speech TV)
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Sunday, July 7	
2:00pm	Culture Club	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV
2:30pm	Somerville Back in the Day	10:00am	Energy Theater	6:00am	Program Celebrai
3:00pm	Medical Tutor (LIVE)	11:00am	Culinary Kids	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe
3:30pm	Inside Talk	11:30am	Drawing with Mark	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Shrink Rap	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
5:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	10:00am	International Church of God
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	10:30am	Basic Buddha
6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	11:00am	Atheist Viewpoint
7:00pm	Tonight's Special	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	Noon	Play by Play
7:30pm	Basic Buddha	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Physician Focus
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits (LIVE)	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	1:00pm	From the SCATV Archives
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	The Steve Katso's Show	7:00pm	African Television Network
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	10:30pm	Creepy Castle	8:00pm	Telemagazine
6:30am	Perils for Pedestrians	Saturday, July 6		9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Arabic Hour	11:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	Culinary Kids	Monday, July 8	
10:00am	Basic Buddha	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00am	Free Speech TV
10:30am	Culture Club	8:30am	Drawing with Mark	6:00am	Healthy Hypnosis
11:00am	Dead Air Live	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	6:30am	Physician Focus
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	7:00am	Eckankar
1:00pm	African Television Network	11:00am	Dead Air Live	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Youth Programming Block	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	9:00am	Road to Recovery
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Dukes of Sports	10:00am	Bay State Biking News

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		1:30pm:	Congressional Update	9:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections	10:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary
Wednesday, July 3		2:00pm:	Family Fun Day	10:00pm:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	11:30pm:	Healey School Spring Concert
9:00am:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	2:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	11:30pm:	An SHS Music Department Interlude	Sunday, July 7	
12:00pm:	Taste of Somerville	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	Thursday, July 4		12:00am:	SHS Softball vs St Clement
12:30pm:	Somerville By Design 5.25.13	7:30pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	12:00am:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.	2:00am:	World Language Awards Night
1:30pm:	Special Olympics 2013	8:30pm:	Congressional Update	12:30am:	ESCS Spring Concert	3:00am:	SHS Scholarship Awards
2:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	9:00pm:	Family Fun Day	1:30am:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	9:00am:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony
7:00pm:	Special Olympics 2013	Monday, July 8		2:30am:	Healey School Talent Show	10:00am:	ESCS Spring Concert
8:00pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	9:00am:	Argenziano School Spring Concert	12:00pm:	SHS Class Day 2013
9:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	12:30am:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	10:00am:	Our Schools, Our City	2:30pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert
Thursday, July 4		1:30am:	Congressional Update	10:30am:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert	3:30pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert
12:00am:	Special Olympics 2013	2:00am:	Family Fun Day	11:30am:	Healey School Spring Concert	4:30pm:	SCAP Annual Meeting
1:00am:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	9:00am:	Family Fun Day	12:00pm:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	6:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show
2:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	12:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	1:30pm:	Somerville School Day Games	7:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
3:30am:	Veterans in the 'Ville	1:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	2:30pm:	2013 SHS Graduation	8:00pm:	El Sistema Benefit Concert
9:00am:	Congressional Update	2:00pm:	Somerville By Design – 5.28.13	4:30pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary	9:05pm:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	6:00pm:	SHS Spring Concert	9:30pm:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.
12:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	8:00pm:	Special Olympics 2013	8:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	10:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert
1:00pm:	Taste of Somerville	9:00pm:	Somerville By Design – 5.28.13	9:00pm:	Argenziano School Spring Concert	11:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
1:30pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	Tuesday, July 9		10:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City	Monday, July 8	
6:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	12:00am:	Voices of Somerville	10:30pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert	12:00am:	SHS Class Day 2013
7:00pm:	Talking Business	12:30am:	Taste of Somerville	11:30pm:	Healey School Spring Concert	2:30am:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert
7:30pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	1:00am:	Special Olympics 2013	Friday, July 5		9:00am:	Healey School Talent Show
9:00pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	2:00am:	Somerville By Design – 5.28.13	12:00am:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	10:00am:	ESCS Spring Concert
10:00pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	9:00am:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	1:30am:	Somerville School Day Games	11:00am:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
Friday, July 5		12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:30am:	2013 SHS Graduation	12:00pm:	SHS Cheer 2012-13
12:00am:	Voices of Somerville	12:30pm:	Talking Business	9:00am:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	1:00pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary
12:30am:	Talking Business	1:00pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	10:30am:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary	2:30pm:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet
1:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	1:30pm:	African American History in Somerville	12:00pm:	Middle School Basketball Finals	4:00pm:	Middle School Basketball Finals
9:00am:	African American History in Somerville	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert	6:00pm:	2013 SHS Graduation
12:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	7:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	3:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections	8:00pm:	ESCS @ Edgerly Memorial Day Assembly
12:30pm:	Somerville Special Olympics	8:00pm:	Family Fun Day	3:30pm:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.	9:00pm:	Healey School Talent Show
1:30pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	8:30pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	4:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	10:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert
7:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	10:00pm:	African American History in Somerville	5:00pm:	WSNS Moving Forward Ceremony	11:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
7:30pm:	Somerville Special Olympics	Wednesday, July 10		6:00pm:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Assembly	Tuesday, July 9	
8:30pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	6:35pm:	GBL Track Meet @ Dilboy Stadium	12:00am:	SHS Cheer 2012-13
Saturday, July 6		12:30am:	Veterans in the 'Ville	8:30pm:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.	1:00am:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary
12:00am:	SomerStreets: Carnival	1:00am:	Family Fun Day	9:00pm:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	2:30am:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet
12:30am:	Somerville Special Olympics	1:30pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	10:30pm:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary	8:00am:	ESCS @ Edgerly Memorial Day Assembly
1:30am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	3:00pm:	African American History in Somerville	Saturday, July 6		9:00am:	SHS Class Day 2013
9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		12:00am:	Middle School Basketball Finals	12:00pm:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley RCHS
12:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	Wednesday, July 3		2:00am:	ESCS Spring Concert	2:00pm:	SHS Spring Concert
12:30pm:	Somerville Special Olympics	9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Summer Connections	9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City	4:00pm:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet
1:30pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	10:00am:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	10:00am:	The Secret Garden @ Kennedy Elementary	5:30pm:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.
7:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	12:00pm:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.	11:30am:	Healey School Spring Concert	6:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony
7:30pm:	Somerville Special Olympics	12:30pm:	ESCS Spring Concert	12:00pm:	SHS Softball vs St Clement	7:00pm:	West Somerville Neighborhood School Spring Concert
8:30pm:	Somerville Preservation Awards	1:30pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	2:00pm:	World Language Awards Night	8:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
Sunday, July 7		2:30pm:	Healey School Talent Show	3:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards	9:00pm:	SHS Class Day 2013
12:00am:	SomerStreets: Carnival	3:30pm:	SHS Cheer 2012-13	5:30pm:	Raising Families - SPF Jr.	Wednesday, July 10	
12:30am:	Somerville Special Olympics	4:00pm:	Multicultural Fair	6:00pm:	WHCIS-Grade 8 Moving Forward Ceremony	12:00am:	SHS Baseball vs Mystic Valley RCHS
1:30am:	Somerville Preservation Awards	5:00pm:	An SHS Music Department Interlude	7:00pm:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	2:00am:	SHS Spring Concert
9:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	6:00pm:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet	8:30pm:	kid stuff - Somerville Recreation	4:00am:	92nd Annual All City Track Meet
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:30pm:	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	9:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City		
12:30pm:	Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest						



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Former Somerville News Editor George Hassett and the 'Gangsters of Boston'

Lyrical

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Alan Feldman is the author of two prize-winning books: *The Happy Genius* (SUN, 1978), which won the 1979 Elliston Book Award for the best collection of poems published by a small, independent press in the United States; and *A Sail to Great Island* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2004) which won the Pollak Prize for Poetry. His work is represented in a number of anthologies, including *Best American Poetry* (2001; 2011), *Best American Erotic Poems 1800-Present*, and *To Woo and To Wed: Poets on Love and Marriage*. He was a professor of English and department chair at Framingham State University, and for 22 years taught the advanced creative writing class at the Radcliffe Seminars. Feldman lives in Framingham and, in the summer, in Wellfleet, and currently offers free, drop-in poetry workshops at the public libraries in those towns. "Benched" grew out of an in-class assignment he gave to his workshop: Write about a word, or words, that you personally wouldn't use. "Of course," Feldman says, "the delight of this assignment is that you do get to use those words."



BENCHED

Like every writer I have my own list—words I've had to bench. I imagine them sitting out the game, watching other words stand up to add their little bit to poems, then sit down again. But these always sit.

For example, other writers can use "fucking," but I never can. Too prim? some suggest. Sure. I can speak it. But I can't write it without risking affectation. As for "existence," it's obvious. Every poem is about fucking existence. So I've banned it in my work after cringing at the portentous ways it can seep into sentences, harming them like a toxic effluent.

And then "stars." Too many poems end with them. Stars scatter themselves across the black ceiling of my brain when I'm trying to express the vastness of fucking existence.

And then there's "poignant"—everything is poignant, and getting more so, as if I'm seeing everything I cherish—should I bench "cherish"?—for the last time, which would be poignant, if I were dying, but I'm not aware that I am.

And I think it's hard to get "money" into a poem if you seem to have enough money, allying yourself with the forces of oppression, not the oppressed, whose existence is made fucking miserable by the lack of it. Though the fact that it's often the reverse can sometimes be poignant, like the happy poor in Dickens ...

And now I feel a great urge to end this meditation by gazing at the stars—but I will never reach them, my pockets weighed down with words that sit there, heavy and imploring, until the language is obliterated, and someone, utterly free of literature, sees them glimmering.

— Alan Feldman

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A number of years ago I had the privilege to work with George Hassett, the baby-faced former editor at The Somerville News. And during his tenure at the paper I became aware of his interest in crime. He was a student of the Winter Hill Gang, the machinations of Whitey Bulger, and many others of this ilk. Because of Hassett's passion for the nêr-do-wells of the world it came to no surprise for me that he penned "Gangsters of Boston."

On the back cover of "Gangsters..." it states the book is "...the first comprehensive account of three centuries of thug life in a city where America began." That is of course Boston and the immediate environs, including Somerville.

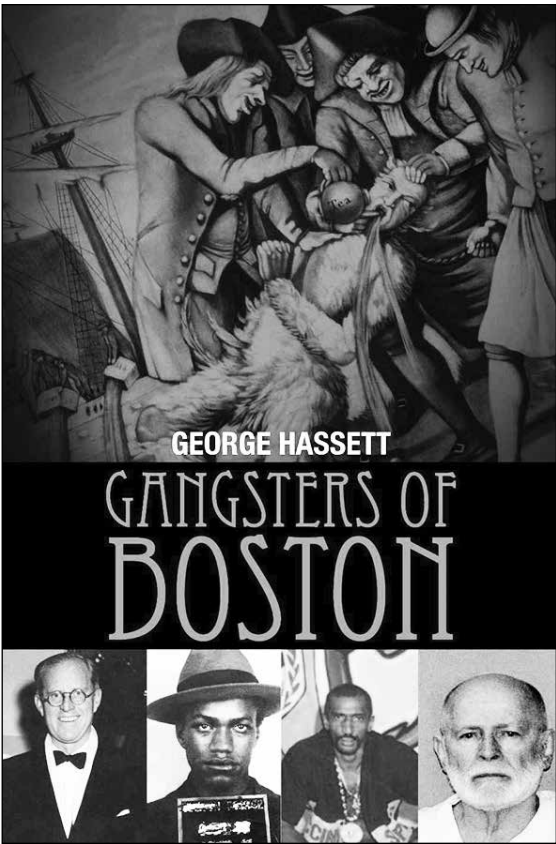
Hassett goes back to colonial times and explores how gangs helped spark the American Revolution. One early gangster was Ebenezer Mackintosh. According to Hassett this nascent thug went up against the hated Stamp Act. He is described by the author:

"At various times imprisoned and deemed a drunkard...Mackintosh finally had the chance to prove his dedication to liberty. To attack the British crown he summoned the laborers, fishermen, and seamen from the rough and tumble ranks of the town's waterfront community. Also members of the town's perpetually warring street gangs were there. Each of them, however, respected Mackintosh and followed his command as the night wore on."

Mackintosh, with the help of his hardscabble band of brothers caused severe havoc when Andrew Oliver--the British appointed official--was to implement the Act. This colonial thug led a crowd that ransacked and plundered Oliver's office building.

From the Colonial era Hassett goes on to explore criminals from many of the historical eras of Boston. Hassett's gimlet eye roves over to Malcolm X who resided in Boston, and who was involved in petty and not so petty crime. Hassett explains how Mr. X used his criminal past to bolster his street credibility during the Civil Rights Era. Hassett also covers the Brinks Job, The Winter Hill Gang, Whitey Bulger, Joe Kennedy, the Chinese gangs, and gives us a fly on the wall view of a Mafia induction ceremony.

According to Hassett the exacting requirements to join the "family" included killing your own brother if need be, and leaving your mother's death bed to take care of family business. Hassett is a consummate observer of this pond scum of book-



makers, liars, thieves, murders, and maintains an objective reporter's viewpoint.

And of course there are all the colorful names that gangs etc... come up with for their partners in crime. Like Charlestown's Arthur "Butchy" Doe "Animal" Joe Barboza, the "Cheese Man," George Mook "The King of the Chinese," or the drug seeking female thug "Dotty from Dorchester." All these characters make for lively reading.

At an event at the Book Shop at Ball Square, Hassett read from his new book and answered questions from the audience. I asked Hassett if the gangsters of Boston could be considered heroic. Hassett opined that perhaps in colonial times when they went against the British, but he would be hard pressed to pin a medal on contemporary gangsters who were and are actively involved in the drug trade. Hassett, who wrote for the *Boston Phoenix* before it hit the alternative press dust said that he would not go after Mafia figures after he graduates law school. He feels that the "Mob" is greatly diminished and the significant and savvy characters of the past are now in their dotage. But because of Hassett those bad boys of a bygone era will be remembered for generations to come. And this is important because one thing we can surely learn from this book is that in the end—crime doesn't pay.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

Visit the Somerville Mobile Farmers Market, Saturdays throughout the Summer EBT and WIC customers pay half price and the Mobile Market accepts cash, credit or debit. Saturday, 10am-1pm at the Mystic Housing Development (530 Mystic Avenue) and 2-5 p.m. at the North Street Playground. For more information, contact Groundwork

Somerville at (617) 628-9988.

Sunday, July 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m. enjoy, Somer-Play - Old Time Games in the Garden, at the Somerville Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal Avenue. Egg toss, hula hoops and more. For more information, visit the calendar at www.thegrowingcenter.org.

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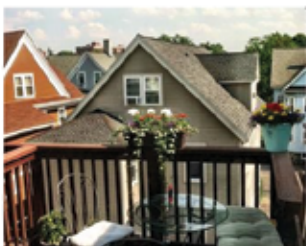
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