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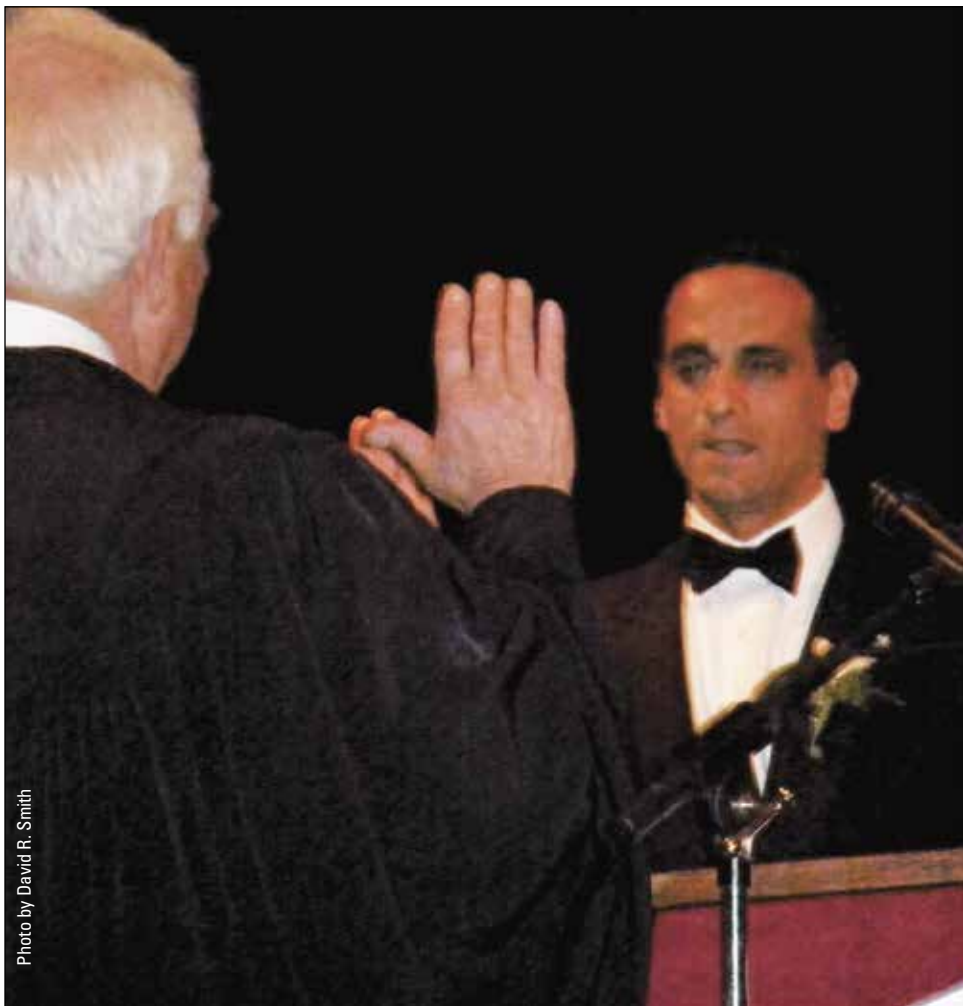


Photo by David R. Smith

Somerville District Court Presiding Justice Maurice K. Flynn III swears-in Mayor Joseph Curtatone for his sixth term Monday evening, making him the longest-serving mayor in the city's history.

By David R. Smith

The East Somerville Community School played host to the city's annual inaugural ceremonies Monday evening, during which Mayor Joseph Curtatone and members of the Board of Aldermen and School Committees were officially sworn-in to their terms by Maurice K. Flynn III, the presiding justice of the Somerville District Court. While the inauguration is nothing new, this year's event saw Curtatone being sworn in to an unprecedented sixth term and five seats on the 11-member board being filled by new people.

The music provided by a string quartet in the hallway outside the auditorium prior to the ceremony was carried into the auditorium courtesy of Somerville High School senior Francesca Zimmerman, who performed the National Anthem, as well as a two-song performance by the Haitian Holy Baptist Church Choir.

The solemnity of the occasion, which, in addition to the music, included the posting of colors by members of the Somerville police and fire department honor guards and an invocation by Rev. Justin Hildebrandt, the lead pastor of Connexion (UMC) Somerville, was punctuated by moments of humor by both the elected officials who spoke to the

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Plays, music and culture at the Somerville Theatre Festival

By Erica Scharn

Performing Fusion Theatre kicks off its first Somerville Theatre Festival at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, and Saturday, Jan. 25, at The Somerville Center for Arts at the Armory at 191 Highland Ave.

Presented by the Performing Fusion Theatre, which aims to promote multiculturalism through the integration of art, each night will showcase the same 10 short plays of 10 minutes or less with the theme of "equality," as well as live multicultural entertainment. The plays were selected out of more than 50 submissions to the call for plays in the fall. Tickets for the show can be bought in advance or at the door, with a cash and credit bar for food and drinks.

"We have an opportunity to bring people of different colors, sexual orientations and ages together in the community," Ayshia Stephenson, executive director of the Performing Fusion Theatre, said. "It was really important to us that with this festival we give a

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"Equality" is the theme as Performing Fusion Theatre takes to the stage with its Somerville Theatre Festival to be presented at The Somerville Center for Arts at the Armory Jan. 24 and 25.

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Hopefully everyone is back from vacations and ready to start that diet that we all know we won't stick to for more than three days –and the same with the cigarettes. But what we will have is a new year for the city to move forward with new ideas and innovations to make it better, such as those proposed by Mayor Joe Curtatone and assisted by the Board of Alderman at the city's inaugural address this past Monday night.

We wish all those who retired from service on the Board of Alderman this year the very best, and hopefully they haven't gone away altogether and will remain a vital part of the future. To all the new and returning board members, we wish them the very best in the future for us as a city.

By the way, if you haven't been to the Armory Saturday mornings for the Winter Farmers' Market, you are missing something great. Some of us from The Times have been going now for two weeks and find it fantastic. What a great place to roam around and check out the various stations and variety of both foods and beverages. If you haven't been, make sure to go. There is plenty of parking out back.

Somerville High Class of 1979 and 1980 are having a joint get together from 7 to 11:55 p.m. this Saturday at the Tavern in Porter Square, 1815 Massachusetts Ave.

Happy Birthday this week to some of our Villens here in Somerville and wherever they happen to find themselves these days. A big-time "Happy Birthday!" to one of our favorite teachers here in the Ville, Sophia Carafotes, who is one of the nicest – and always upbeat and smiling – people around. And the same to longtime Villen Dominick Silvestri Jr., who runs his sign business over there in Magoun Square. Another good guy, Kevin O'Donovan, who is a life-long resident, employee and head of youth hockey here, is also celebrating. Our good friend Jerry "JR" Roach, who is not technically a Villen, although he's a fan of our paper and is in Somerville a lot, deserves a birthday shout out, as does another good friend, Michelle

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Comments of the Week

Response to Somerville's development challenges:
The casino across the river

A. Moore says:

I would venture to say from many I have talked to here in the city that they would be more interested in the casino than the Assembly project. People in Medford were concerned over Assembly and the impact it would have on them by the problems it would create in Wellington. This is a done deal and we will just have to live with it. Like many here in Somerville neither one has anything in it of interest for us.

Felina Hackett says:

We are doomed.

amen says:

destination places like this would be and Foxwoods don't bring crime or destroy areas. I should say I'm confused as I believe you can offer gambling and not be responsible for people who abuse it. as you can offer bars the same way. but I don't believe the government should be making money off people with problems. I'd mostly like to say gambling didn't destroy Atlantic City, federal government programs did that. We created generations of people who won't work and are comfortable with the benefits lifestyle. People who work the A.C. casinos live in neighboring towns, not right in A.C. so it's benefiting those areas, but will never benefit AC while government dependence continues.

it seems there has to be financial consideration for Somerville and surrounding areas that will clearly be impacted by traffic.

JPM says:

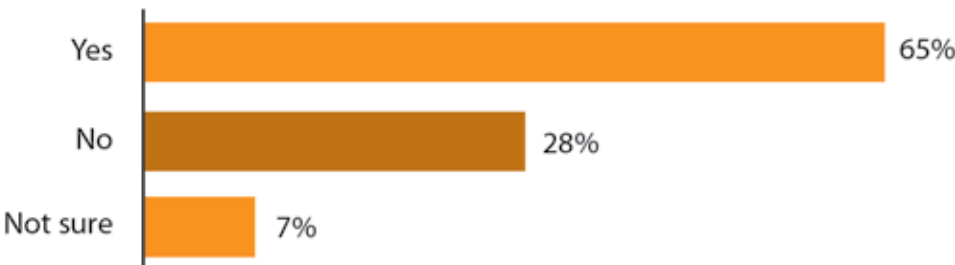
The fact that Partners Health Care is a "non-profit" is so absurd – it is almost beyond belief. I mean, GE or Exxon might as well be a non-profit.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.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 looking forward to the change in the upcoming administration as new aldermen are sworn into office this week. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

Are you looking forward to the change in the upcoming administration as new aldermen are sworn into office this week?



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Green Line Extension meeting tonight

The state Department of Transportation and the MBTA will hold six public meetings to discuss noise and retaining walls proposed as part of the Green Line Extension project. The first meeting takes place from 6 to 8 tonight (Wednesday, Jan. 8) at the Holiday Inn at 30 Washington St. and will focus on the Inner Belt, Brick Bottom and Union Square (Union Square Branch) areas.

The proposed extension consists of two branches: a "main-line" branch that will operate within the existing right-of-way for the MBTA Lowell Line, beginning at a relocated Lechmere Station in Cambridge and traveling north to Medford; and a branch line operating within the existing right-of-way for the MBTA Fitchburg Line to Union Square. There will be seven new

stations constructed as part of the project, including the relocated Lechmere Station. A vehicle storage and maintenance facility will also be constructed. Once completed, trains will operate every five to six minutes in the peak periods.

Anyone with questions can email info@glxinfo.com. More project information can be found at www.mass.gov/green-lineextension.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency. For more information, or to request reasonable accommodations and/or language services, contact Joe Sgroi at jsgroi@gilbaneco.com or 617-996-0771. For TTY, call 857-368-0655 and ask to speak with someone about the Green Line Extension project.

Upcoming meetings:

Washington Street to Medford Street

(includes Washington Street Station)

6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14
Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., Somerville

Medford Street to Lowell Street

(includes Gilman Square Station)

6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15
Center for the Arts at the Armory
191 Highland Ave., Somerville

Lowell Street to Broadway

(includes Lowell Street and Ball Square stations)

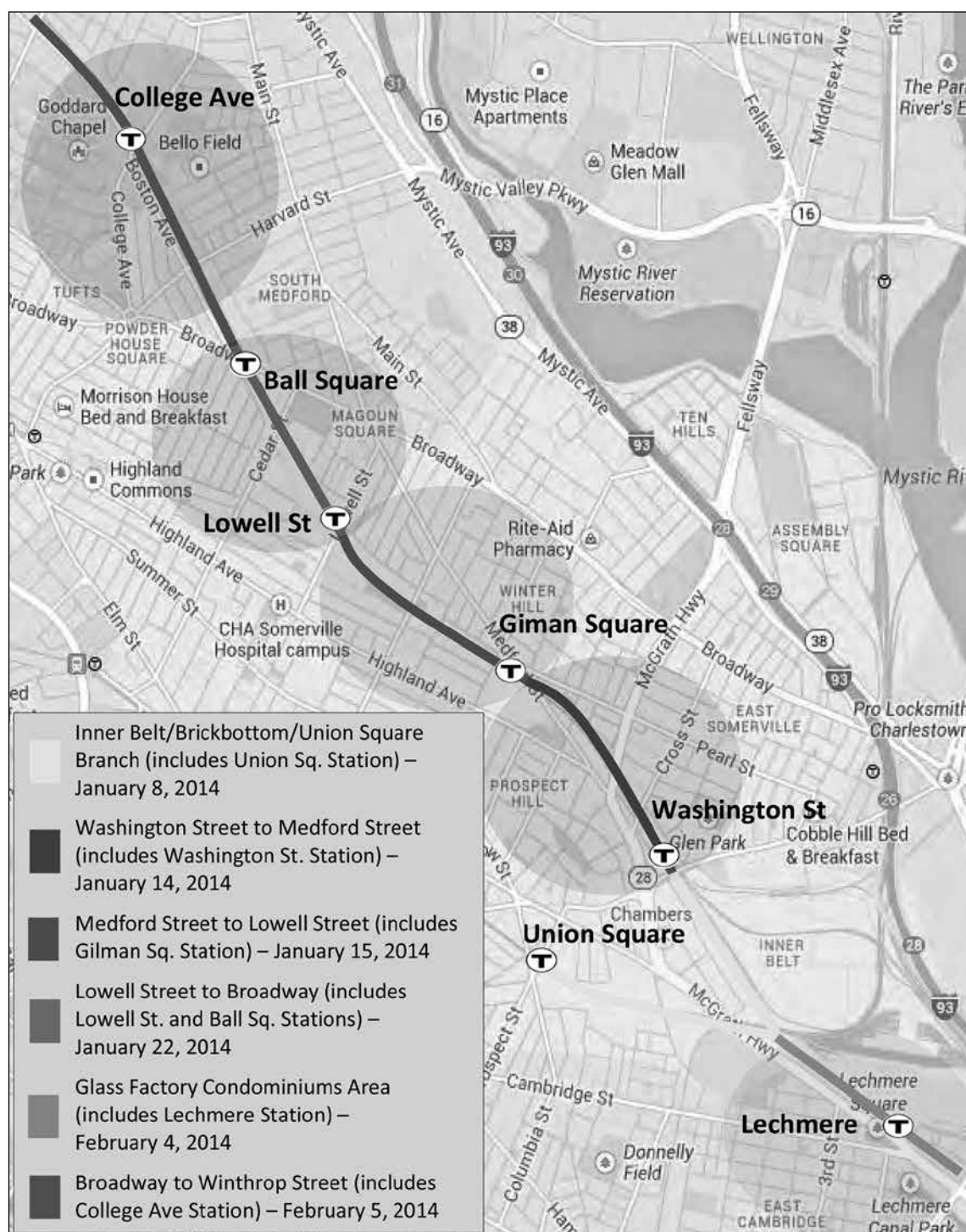
6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22
Center for the Arts at the Armory
191 Highland Ave., Somerville

Glass Factory Condominiums area

(includes Lechmere Station)
6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4
Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center
41 Second St., East Cambridge

Broadway to Winthrop Street

(includes College Avenue Station)
6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5
St. Clement School
579 Boston Ave., Medford



Green Line Extension timeline:

- Phase 1 consists of the reconstruction of the Harvard Street Railroad Bridge in Medford and the Medford Street Railroad Bridge in Somerville, as well as the demolition of the MBTA-owned facilities at 21 Water St. in Cambridge. This work began in 2013 and is expected to be complete in 2015.
- Phase 2/2A extends service from the (new) Lechmere Station to Washington Street and Union Square Stations. The construction of this phase is estimated to be complete in late 2016, with completion of testing and commencement of revenue service by early 2017.
- Phase 3 constructs the vehicle maintenance and storage facility (VMSF). Phase 3 will commence construction in January 2016 and is scheduled to be completed six months prior to the scheduled date for Phase 4 revenue service to College Avenue Station.
- Phase 4 extends service from Washington Street Station (completed as part of Phase 2) to College Avenue Station. The initial risk-evaluation process indicated that there is a 50 percent probability that Phase 4 construction will be complete at the end of 2018 and that testing will be complete and revenue service will begin on or before July 2019.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Armed robbery suspects fingered by victims

Police were dispatched to the Cedar St. and Highland Ave. area last week on reports of an armed robbery committed by a two individuals.

Investigating officers spoke to the victims, who supplied descriptions of the suspects, and also reportedly said that the two men had fled down Alpine St. after assaulting and robbing them.

A multi-unit search of the area was conducted and two men matching the descriptions provided by the victims were detained at the intersection of Lowell St. and Vernon St. while the victims of the robbery were transported to the area to conduct a show up identification of the suspects.

The moment that the victims arrived they reportedly identified the two men as the ones who accosted and robbed them saying, "That's definitely them! 100%."

Kirby Calixte, 21, was placed under arrest and charged with armed robbery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Sean Manuel, 19, of Medford, was placed under arrest and charged with armed robbery and assault with a dangerous weapon, and also booked on warrant charges of failure to stop or yield, failure to wear a seat belt, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Police: It wasn't just recreational use

Members of the Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit were alerted last week to possible cocaine trafficking activities by a suspect that has been the subject of investigation prior to the informant contact.

The informant reportedly told police that they had been privy to a conversation wherein the suspect, Jean Exil, 31, of Boston, was anticipating making a delivery of a quantity of cocaine.

According to the informant, Exil was to meet at a Franklin St. home in Somerville in order to distribute the cocaine.

Surveillance of the Franklin St. residence was set up and at the appointed time a person matching the description of Exil that the informant provided arrived in a car. Police reportedly took notice of the smell of marijuana coming from Exil's car.

Police immediately stopped Exil for questioning. According to reports, Exil stated that he had come to visit a friend at the Franklin St. residence.

Police noted that Exil appeared nervous and appeared to be attempted to keep his hands close to his body.

Concerned that he might have concealed weapons on his person, police asked Exil if he had any weapons or other contraband on him, to which he replied that he did not.

When asked if he would allow officer to search him Exil reportedly complied. Police said that a bag containing a white powdery substance believed to be cocaine was found in Exil's jacket pocket.

As Exil was being placed under arrest he reportedly claimed that the cocaine was for his own personal use only.

Exil was placed under arrest and charged with drug possession to distribute and drug violation near a school.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Aime Zoua, 48, of 39 Cleveland St., Everett, December 31, 4:22 p.m., arrested at 500 Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of marked lanes violation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Sean Manuel, 19, of 32 Cubby St., Medford, January 1, 2:26 a.m., arrested at Cedar St. on charges of armed robbery and assault with a dangerous weapon, and on warrant charges of failure to stop or yield, failure to wear a seat belt, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Kirby Calixte, 21, of 66 Vernon St., January 1, 2:26 a.m., arrested at Cedar St. on charges of armed robbery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Jekeenin Patterson-Hollis, 21, of 10 River Rd., January 1, 10:14 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of witness intimidation.

Justin Geezil, 32, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, January 1, 12:14 p.m., arrested at 22 McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of possession of a class C drug, drug possession to distribute, possession of a class A drug, possession of a class B drug, and distribution of a class E drug.

Sandra Modesto, 38, January 1, 1:34 p.m., arrested at 17 Aldrich St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery on a child with injury.

Christopher Carreiro, 30, of 81 D Hanna Way, Rockland, January 2, 1:56 p.m., arrested at 81 Mt. Vernon St. on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

Luis Regino, 26, of 6 Summer St., January 2, 3:43 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Timothy Travers, 47, of 165 David St., Quincy, January 2, 9:17 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Johnny Hyppolite, 31, of 2 Hiawater Rd., Boston, January 3, 6:15 p.m., arrested at Franklin St. on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation and receiving stolen property of \$250.

Jean Exil, 31, of 15 Havelock St., Boston, January 3, 6:15 p.m., arrested at Franklin St. on charges of drug possession to distribute and drug violation near a school.

Jose Nunez, 23, of 69 McGreevey Way, Roxbury, January 4, 11:11 a.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a charge of conspiracy to violate drug law.

Nicole Miller, 20, of 13 Grandview Ave., January 4, 11:11 a.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a charge of conspiracy to violate drug law.

Shane Beals, 37, of 22 Wales St., Abington, January 4, 2:10 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on charges of possession of a class C drug and larceny over \$250.

Stephania Lugin, 33, of 5 Briarcliff Rd., Hopedale, January 4, 8:39 p.m., arrested at 124 College Ave. on a warrant charge of violation of miscellaneous municipal ordinance.

Chad Spade, 30, of 65 Walding Field Rd., Ipswich, January 5, 1:34 p.m., arrested on a warrant charge of possession of a class A drug.

Michael Sciarra, 29, of 139 Park Ave., Medford, January 5, 5:07 p.m., arrested at 1364 Broadway on a warrant charge of possession of a class A drug.

Abelino Fabian, 40, of 30A Summer St., January 5, 11:12 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery, and on warrant charges of motor vehicle by-law violation, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol second offence, motor vehicle lights violation, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Incidents:

Theft:

January 1, 2:00 a.m., police reported a theft at Cambridge St.

January 1, 3:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

January 2, 9:23 a.m., police reported a theft at Day St.

January 3, 6:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Meacham St.

Robbery:

January 1, 2:26 a.m., police reported a robbery at Cedar St.

Breaking & Entering:

December 31, 10:49 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cherry St.

December 31, 5:32 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Josephine Ave.

December 31, 7:50 p.m., po-

lice reported a breaking & entering at Ivaloo Ave.

January 1, 10:51 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Summer St.

January 1, 11:27 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

January 2, 1:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Mt. Vernon St.

January 4, 2:19 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Elm St.

Assault:

January 1, 10:14 a.m., police reported an assault at River Rd.

January 2, 9:21 a.m., police reported an assault at Puritan Rd.

January 4, 10:14 a.m., police reported an assault at Marshall St.

January 4, 6:18 p.m., police reported an assault at Davis Sq.

Drug Violation:

January 3, 6:15 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Franklin St.

January 4, 11:11 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Highland Ave.

January 4, 2:10 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 180 Somerville Ave.

Child blamed for starting fire

A child playing with a lighter caused Somerville's final fire of 2013 the morning of New Year's Eve.

According to the Somerville Fire Department, the Tuesday, Dec. 31, fire on the second floor of 127 Cross St. was reported at 10:41 a.m. The blaze was confined to the front bedroom with smoke and water damage to both the first and second floors of the two-family duplex. Damage is estimated at \$50,000. No injuries were reported.



Somerville responded to a fire at 127 Cross St. Tuesday, Dec. 31.
— Photo courtesy of Somerville Fire Department

Rep. Provost heading to U.K. for climate change talks

State Rep. Denise Provost, D-Somerville, has been invited by the British Consulate in Washington, D.C., to join a government delegation traveling to Great Britain this month. The purpose of the trip is for state legislators from the United States to learn about initiatives by the U.K. and European Union to address climate change through a variety of legislative and public-policy measures. Provost, representing Massachusetts, will join state representatives and state senators from Maine, Michigan, Washington and Oregon for an intensively scheduled program of meetings, briefings and site visits.

"Massachusetts is already a national leader in clean energy and promoting the green economy," Provost said, "but there's always more to learn about achieving a sustainable future. Britain, for instance, hosts the world's largest offshore wind farm, as well as many based on land, even though their population density is far greater than ours. I think we have much to learn from their success."



State Rep. Denise Provost will be traveling to Great Britain to participate in a fact finding mission to learn more about Europe's climate change strategies.

Great Britain's Department of Energy and Climate Change will provide detailed information on its "Green Deal" for energy efficiency, which includes grid modernization and electricity market reform, its Green Investment Bank; low-carbon economic benefits, and transportation-sector transformation programs. One highlight

of the trip will be a visit to the port city of Bristol, which was recently awarded the prestigious title of European Green Capital 2015 for its efforts to become a "green" city.

"Since my roots are in city government, I'm especially looking forward to finding out what Bristol is doing to make such an impact," Provost said.

Intruder caught in the act

By Jim Clark

Police were called to a Mt. Vernon St. residence last Thursday afternoon in response to a report that a man was seen trying to break into the home.

According to reports, a witness to the home intrusion in progress had called 911 and was keeping the police informed until officers arrived. The reporting party reportedly told police that he had spotted a man trying to climb through a window at the back of his neighbor's house.

When police arrived at the

scene they were met by the reporting party, who led them to where the attempted break-in was occurring.

The officers reportedly spotted a man, later identified as Christopher Carreiro, 30, of Rockland, trying to climb through a window of the house.

Officers reportedly saw that Carreiro already had one leg in the house as they confronted and attempted to remove him from the window area.

According to reports, one of the officers on the scene recognized Carreiro, having had prior experiences with him in the line

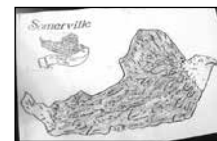
of duty.

The officers said that Carreiro did not cooperate at first when they ordered him to step down from the window, but that he did eventually do as police instructed.

The officers noted that the window screen had been sliced open. They asked Carreiro if he was carrying a knife and he admitted that he was. A folding knife was taken from his jacket pocket by police.

Carreiro was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with felony daytime breaking and entering.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



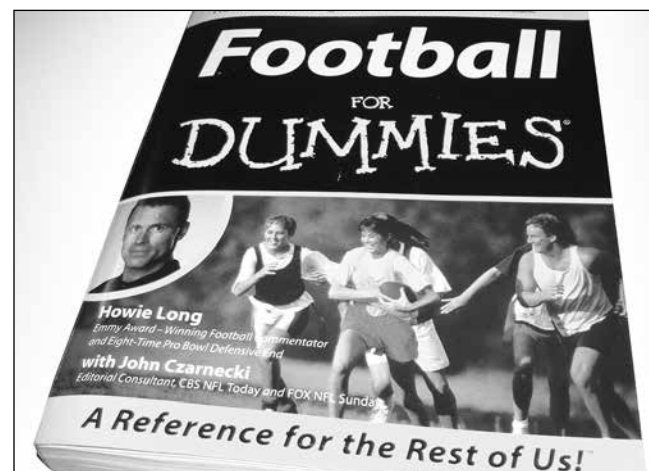
Eagle feathers #43

Little Howie

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

He was born in Somerville, or "Charlestown Beyond the Neck," on January 6, 1960. This date is called the 12th day of Christmas in many countries or "Little Christmas." He lived a tough early life in a then rough section of Charlestown during the very tumultuous "busing era" in Boston.

Born on Little Christmas, Howie Long was not little for very much time. By the age of 14, he had grown to just over 6 feet and weighed 220 lbs. At this time, he was rescued from his broken home and went to live with an uncle in Milford, 40 miles away. It was a drastic change in his environment, from cobblestone and pot-holed streets to grassy fields and woods.



He was a city kid, weaned on street hockey and pick-up basketball. Because of his size, he was recruited at his new school to play organized high-school football, which he immediately took to. Now he felt he belonged. At this early age, he found his life's passion on which he focused and excelled. After playing well in high school, Boston College offered him a one-year scholarship, but Villanova University offered him a full four-year scholarship, which he accepted. While at Villanova, he lettered for four years in football, became the Northern Collegiate Boxing Champion, and topped it off by being voted the most valuable player in the 1980 Blue Grey Game.

This brought attention to him from the National Football League, and he was subsequently drafted by the Oakland Raiders. By this time, Howie Long had grown to 6' 5" and weighed 270 lbs. Looking and performing like he was chiseled out of Bunker Hill Memorial granite, he began his professional Football Hall of Fame quest in 1981. For the next 13 years, Howie would dominate the position of Defensive End for the Oakland/LA Raiders. He played in the Pro Bowl an amazing eight times during this period. Wearing his 1984 Super Bowl Championship ring, he and his patriotic #75 were inducted into the Football Hall of Fame.

While on the football field, Howie was a force to be reckoned with; but off the field he was a gentleman and absolute family man. He spent his time with his wife and raising his three sons, who now also play football. He left professional football while he was on top. Although sustaining many injuries and having many operations, he left football in good health.

After retiring, Howie eclipsed his playing fame by becoming a national television football analyst, authored the book *Football for Dummies*, became a sales spokesman for various products, and acted in movies, just to name a few of his endeavors.

He stands 6' 5" and is sometimes known as "Little Howie" because his father was even taller. Since that day in Somerville on Little Christmas, "Little" Howie has done many "big" things.

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Inauguration focuses on community

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standing-room-only auditorium and by Master of Ceremonies Pauline Lim, an artist who has called Somerville home for 25 years.

Although describing herself as a “goofball” who found it “frankly surreal” that she was asked to host the ceremonies, Lim is an established and accomplished artist and Harvard graduate whose credentials include being named president of the Brickbottom Artists Association. She credited Curtatone, who she referred to as “Mayor Joe” and Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston for their contributions to revitalizing the Brickbottom area, where she lives and work. She went on to note that the same spirit of cooperation and rejuvenation has clearly extended to other parts of the city, such as Union Square.

“It’s exciting to be within walking distance of such a happening place,” she said, “and we’re all within walking distance of it.” She went on to note that East Somerville, where the inauguration was held, was also receiving some long overdue attention.

The joint effort between residents and town officials to reverse decades of bad developments have gone a long way towards bringing Somerville from where it was when it was described, in her words, as “funky” in the bad way.”

“Let us continue to be a city of makers,” she said.

The change for the better Lim felt is taking place throughout the city has to do with more than just new restaurants and updating infrastructure, according to School Committee Chairperson Christine Theberge Rafal.

“We aren’t just about pumping out test scores,” she said. “Our goal is balancing tried-and-true practices and bold innovations.

A whole and happy community needs whole and happy youths.”

That theme of strengthening Somerville’s sense of community, a common thread throughout the evening’s speeches, was picked up by Board of Alderman Chairman Bill White, who said the decisions facing the city now would be felt for decades to come.

“There is a real distinction between a city and a community,” he said.

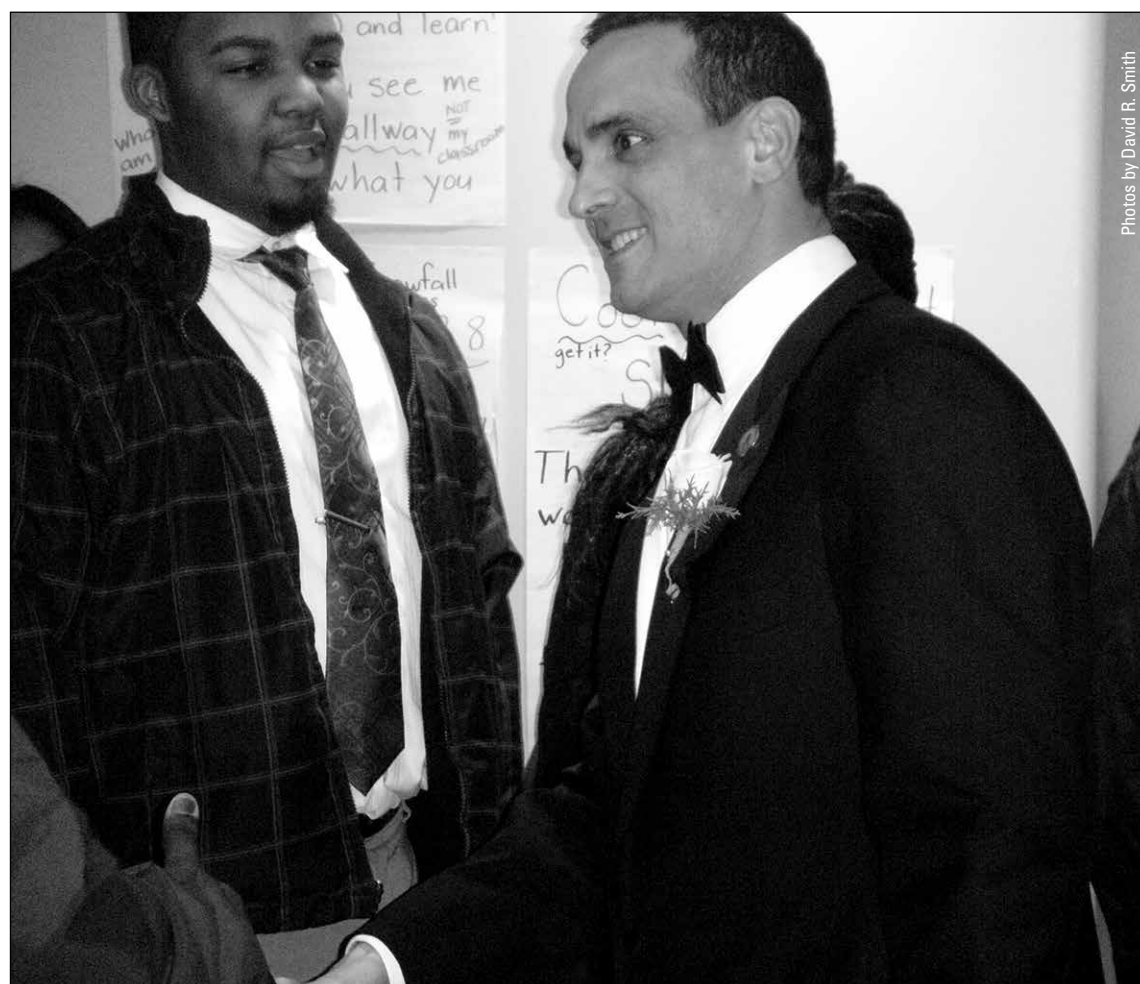
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He referenced 2010 U.S. Census figures showing an overwhelming number of respondents, 76 percent, had not lived in their homes for more than a year, as well as a 30 percent drop in the number of school-age children in the city from 2000 to 2010.

He called for more two- and three-bedroom housing units for parents who do not want to leave the city but are often forced to as their families grow. And while he pointed to the growth the city has seen since the ‘90s, he said continued development should be undertaken with an eye towards the future.

“Those buildings and construction will live on long after us,” he said.

In addition to careful planning, he said cultivating a real sense of community among residents



Photos by David R. Smith

Mayor Joseph Curtatone had no shortage of well-wishers prior to his inauguration at the East Somerville Community School Monday night.

“falls on us all.”

Like those who spoke before him, Curtatone reflected on the city’s history as a place where multiculturalism and diversity were everyday facts of life long before the terms were in use or the idea of diversity was seen as something to strive for.

He reflected on his and his family’s history in the city, as well as his experience growing up of hearing continents of languages just by walking a block down the street.

“My story is your story,” he said. “It’s Somerville’s story.”

He recounted improvements to the city since taking office a decade ago, which includes making the Green Line Extension a reality, the soon-to-come Orange Line stop at Assembly Square, plans to bring McGrath Highway down to street level

at the McCarthy overpass and the city’s passage of the Community Preservation Act. He also pointed to creation of a 20-year comprehensive plan for the city, a lower crime rate and solid bond ratings as evidence of the city’s turn around. All of those, he said, would not have happened without the support of individual residents, city boards and committee and community organizations.

“I am not alone when it comes to providing a voice for the ambition and aspirations of this city,” he said.

He also noted that Somerville has gained attention on both the local and national stage, whether by being named as the best-run city in the state by the Boston Globe or being ranked the seventh most walkable city in the entire country.

“We are a city others look to because we lead the way,” he said.

He presented a list of areas still in need of attention and improvement. He cited the need for more affordable hous-

ing, job-training programs and investments in education and public health as top priorities. He also said he wants to implement a community budgeting process, curbside trash collection, a ban on plastic shopping bags as other cities have done, as well as seeing the city’s retirement program divest from investments linked to fossil fuel production (and have the city reach a zero percent carbon emissions rate by 2050). He would also like to make more city data easily available to the public and strengthen the city’s ethics ordinance so that it goes well beyond the state’s standards.

Pointing to both past accomplishments and future goals, Curtatone expressed confidence in the ability of the city to do whatever it sets its collective mind to.

“We decided to control our own destiny, and we did,” he said, adding. “We are special today for the same reason we were generations ago: our people.”



Board of Alderman President Bill White approaches the lectern during Monday night’s inauguration ceremony hosted by artist Pauline Lim (at lectern). The School Committee is seated to the left of the stage and the mayor and Board of Aldermen to the right.



The Haitian Holy Baptist Bible Church Choir performed during Monday’s inauguration.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. The House and Senate began the 2014 legislative session last week with its usual ceremonies, always with much pomp and circumstance. The January 2 snowstorm led to brief sessions and both branches adjourned early. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen
DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Medford, Somerville, entire city, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

Beacon Hill Roll Call has obtained the 2013 official list from the state treasurer’s office of the “per diem” travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature’s 40 state senators from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The list reveals that senators collected a total of \$60,239.

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

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

Some supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They note many legislators spend a lot of money on travel to Boston and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions. Others argue that some legislators accept the per diem but use all of the revenue they receive to support local nonprofit causes. They say that not taking the per diem would leave that money in the state’s General Fund to be spent on who knows what.

Some opponents argue most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. They say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes and funding for important programs has been cut. Others say the per diem is especially inappropriate given the recent 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state’s current 21-cent-per-gallon gas tax and the creation of automatic gas tax hikes by linking the tax to the U.S. Consumer Price Index.

The 2013 statistics indicate that 15 of the state’s 40 senators have received reimbursements ranging from \$410 to \$11,820, while 25 senators have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that senators must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The senator who received the most per diem money in 2013 is Sen. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst), who received \$11,820.

The other four senators who received the most are Sens. Benjamin Downing (D- Pittsfield), \$9,090; Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport), \$5,625; James Welch (D-Springfield), \$5,544; and Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester), \$5,220.

SENATORS’ PER DIEMS FOR 2013

The dollar figure next to the senator’s name represents the total amount of per diem money the state paid him or her in 2013. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the senator certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period. Senators who have not requested any per diems have “0 days” listed.

That is not meant to suggest that these senators didn’t attend any sessions but rather that they chose not to request any per diems.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	\$0	(0 days)
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	\$410	(41 days)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

HEATHER’S LAW (S 1950) - The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a bill that would prohibit the next of kin charged with the murder of a spouse or other family member from claiming the body. The proposal also allows the accused murderer to appeal the denial to the Probate and Family Court and requires the court to act on the appeal within two days.

The legislation is championed by Ginny Marcheterre, whose 19-year-old daughter Heather was murdered in 2010. Funeral services for Heather were delayed for more than a month because Kyle Alleyne, her husband and alleged killer, refused to release the rights to her body. A court eventually ruled that the mother and family had legal rights to Heather’s body. In February, Alleyne was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

HELP MILK FARMERS (H 751) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill that would reimburse an estimated 100 small independent dairy farmers from a special insurance fund created in the 1980s to protect them when dairy processors go out of business without paying the farmer. The program is funded by the dairy farmers themselves and does not involve state money. Farmers would be reimbursed based on what they have contributed to the fund over the years. It is estimated that each of the dairy farmers would receive amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

CONCUSSION TRAINING PROGRAM (H 1887) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would amend a current law requiring all public schools to provide an annual mandatory training program about concussions and head injuries for coaches, trainers, doctors, nurses, school marching band directors and parents of any child who participates in an extracurricular athletic activity. The bill would require the same training in all charter and private schools.

GOODBYE GED - The state announced it will no longer use the well-known General Educational Development (GED) exam as its high-school-equivalency test for adults over 18 who never graduated from high school and for 16- and 17-year-olds who dropped out of school. Beginning in a few weeks, the state will use the HiSET, an exam developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The state has used the GED for the past 68 years but decided to make the switch this year.

The HiSet, like the GED, measures whether these test takers qualify for the Massachusetts High School Equivalency Certificate, a valuable tool when applying to a university or for a job. Education officials chose ETS over two other companies that applied for the three-year contract.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I don’t begrudge the Legislature having hearings. That’s their job. I get that. And if there is a systemic issue in

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this or any other case, I'm the first one who's interested in it because it's my job to deal with systemic issues, but I haven't seen any evidence of that yet." – Gov. Patrick on legislative oversight hearings into the Department of Children and Families following the tragic case of Jeremiah Oliver, the Fitchburg boy neglected by a state social worker and now missing and feared dead.

"Having served with her father in a city (Revere) whose representation we share, I had the unique opportunity to see Kathi-Anne Reinstein grow from a young high school student and mature into an outstanding legislator. (She is) a close friend. I will miss her greatly." – House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) on the resignation from the House of Rep. Reinstein to take a job as government affairs manager for the Boston Beer Company, brewer of Samuel Adams Beer.

"Let's get a beer." – Reinstein hugging and joking with Gov. Patrick.

"To state the obvious, it's snowing outside. We have

a serious and significant winter storm that will affect the whole of the state." – Gov. Patrick on the January 2 snowstorm.

"As an editor once told me, 'It must be great to have a front row seat for one of the oldest democracies in the world.' It sure was." – Dan Ring, veteran Statehouse reporter for Springfield's *The Republican* newspaper, announcing his retirement last week.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency

and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 30-January 3, the House and Senate each met for a total of 47 minutes.

Mon. December 30	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Tues. December 31	No House session No Senate session
Wed. January 1	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:04 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Thurs. January 2	House 1:09 p.m. to 1:38 p.m. Senate 1:07 p.m. to 1:36 p.m.
Fri. January 3	No House session No Senate session
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I love this job



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The following is the beginning of the mayor's inaugural address that was delivered at the inauguration ceremony on Monday, January 6, 2014. The full text will be made available online with a link available at www.thesomervilletimes.com.

As I reflect upon the past decade, I think back to why I wanted to run for Mayor in the first place.

I love this city. My parents came from Italy and settled here seeking a better life for their family. They came to Somerville because they sought opportunity. They wanted to make their hopes and dreams a reality.

My neighborhood was filled with similar stories. Families

from Ireland, Greece and Portugal, we all came together here to pursue our dreams.

I remember neighbors leaning over their fences to share their prized tomatoes or freshly grown basil. I remember walking down the street in my neighborhood and hearing different languages from all over the world.

I remember carrying my hockey gear in a bag down the street with my friends and kids playing ball in the street, while parents chatted on their porches. Somewhere, you could hear someone playing music.

I saw a city filled with hard working, optimistic, proud and creative people. I saw the potential in my family, my neighbors and my friends. I took in our diversity, all the tastes, smells, and sounds from neighborhood shops and squares, and I knew that here – here – we had something uniquely ours.

I took pride in being from Somerville. I knew that by working together, the potential within

all of us – my family, my friends and my neighbors – could combine to create something bigger, better and brighter.

My story is your story – it's Somerville's story. We've all written our own chapters of that story, but they're all part of the larger narrative that is Somerville.

It's Alex Whitmore's story. Inspired by his first bite of stone ground chocolate in Mexico, he came to Somerville and started his own chocolate factory – Taza Chocolate, lauded in the gourmet world.

It's Silvia de la Soto's story. She immigrated here from Peru, built up her credit while living in Somerville's affordable housing, and used that credit to get a small business loan. And in the face of a tough economy, she decided to pursue her dream. Now she's part of Somerville's thriving restaurant scene as the owner of A-Gua-cate Verde.

It's Tom Bent's story. Born and raised here, Tom graduated from Somerville High School, earned a vocational degree and then set

up shop in his hometown. Now he's not only the successful owner of Bent Electrical, which offers great jobs in a union shop, he gives his time and passion here in the city and elsewhere.

It's Gui Cavalcanti and Jenn Martinez's story. Looking to pursue their passions of building robots and creating costumes, but lacking the space to pursue their dreams, Gui and Jenn saw the vibrant, creative and diverse community of Somerville as the perfect home for Artisan's Asylum, a place where they and anybody could pursue their craft in an inspiring and supportive environment.

These are just a few of the many individual success stories that together form the narrative that is Somerville. These are stories of creativity, resourcefulness and dogged persistence.

I love being Mayor because I see these stories play out every day. I get to tap into this wonderful marketplace of ideas and rely on the collective depth and wisdom of this

great community.

They say that leadership can be a lonely experience, but my experience as Mayor of this great city has taught me that I'm never alone.

When I fought for the Green Line, Orange Line, or the Community Path extension, I wasn't alone – I had STEP, Mystic View, the Friends of the Community Path and scores of others beside me.

When I advocated for the Trust Act, Centro Presente was on the State House steps with me.

When I worked to help pass the Community Preservation Act my partners were many – the Somerville Community Corporation, Historic Somerville, Groundwork Somerville, Invest in Somerville and countless community leaders.

I am never alone when it comes to providing a voice for the aspirations and ambitions of this community – I can always count on you. That is why I love this job.

Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

Luck of The Ville



Talk about luck! When I have a bit of bad luck, it seems there is always a little good luck that goes along with it. I hope it's the same way for you. It brings to mind the old adage that "things could always be worse."

Some of my good luck had nothing to do with me. I truly feel that it was good luck that I ended up in Somerville. It's convenient to Boston, where all my relatives and friends are, my house is there, and I know how to get around town. OK, that was pretty dumb, but seriously, I believe in luck, both good and bad. We just never know when it's going to strike.

Last week we decided to take a little trip down to Rhode Island to visit my new granddaughter. I pile my nearly 90-year-old aunt, my cousin and my two sons into the truck and head off for the 140-mile round-trip drive. We had a very nice visit and drove back to Somerville. I dropped off the boys, auntie and my cousin and picked up my girlfriend and her daughter to go to Best Buy in Meffia. As we approached the traffic light at the

intersection of McGrath Highway and Broadway waiting to go left, smoke starts coming from under the hood of my truck. My truck, which is approaching 127,000 miles. My truck that is almost brand new from replacing parts. My truck that just did a round trip to Rhode Island.

I start to freak out, of course, and beep at the one car in front of me. My girlfriend says, "What are you doing? She can't go through the light!" So the longest red light in history finally changes and I head over to Fellsway Auto and pull in. I pop the hood and see some steaming liquid all over the engine.

"Jimmy," the owner says, "leave the keys. I'll look at it and call you."

The first two hunks of good luck already happened: Thank God the truck didn't break down someplace in Rhode Island on the interstate; and thank God the radiator blew right in front of my trusty mechanic's garage! Do I have luck or what? (By the way, let me explain to you that any little out-of-the-ordinary snafu, problem, sidetrack, blemish, delay, spillage, leak, phone call, incoming text message or even an unexpected sneeze sends me into a nervous panic. It always works

out, but I still spaz out. That's just me.)

My third bit of good luck was seeing my pal Sal, who was picking up his vehicle at Fellsway Auto just in time to drive us back to my girlfriend's house to get her truck. We drove there in the comfort of his Cadillac Escalade (the quintessential Ville ride!), catching up on Somerville news and gossip. Sal's been my friend since the '70s. Another great advantage to living in a city like ours all your life is having friends like Sal all over the Ville (The trick is trying to avoid the pains-in-the-asses you also know! That's another bit of luck we hope comes our way!).

The fourth bit of luck was that Jimmy, my mechanic (best mechanic around!), had my truck all done by noon the next day. We barely lost a beat. Unfortunately, there was no luck involved when it came to paying the bill for the repair. Reasonable but still painful! Then, on New Year's Eve, I get a call from my tenant that she had no hot water. Awesome ... new hot-water heater! Lots of cash later, they once again have hot water (and before the blizzard!) Hey, I can't be lucky all the time, right? Let's just hope that I get a break from any more expensive "breaks"



for a while.

The good luck was that my trusty plumber (another Somerville kid) did it very quickly. He also told me he noticed a bad water pipe in the cellar that's ready to go. Great! See? Good and bad.

So, all in all, I guess I have pretty good luck. You have to take the good with the bad and basically be glad it isn't worse. Although ... I was already at my desk Thursday when my boss informed me that I need not come in because of the snowstorm. That's bad luck. But I got to look good (can you say "brown nose"?) by coming into work and staying for a few hours when I didn't have to! That's good luck (unless the boss sees the brown-nose crack!) Like I said, you have to take the good with the bad. Good luck!

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Welcome and good luck to our new aldermen. Enjoy the ride!

The View Of The Times



Common themes emerged during the speeches and promises offered during the ceremony at the East Somerville Community School Monday night marking the inauguration of Mayor Joe Curtatone for an unprecedented sixth term and the swearing-in of members on both the Board of Alderman and School Committee.

Politics is politics, so there will always be the same buzzwords in such speeches, regardless to which particular board, committee or position the person behind the lectern has been elected. Hope and teamwork, progress and learning from the past aren't necessarily anything new when reassuring voters

that majority rule ruled the right way at the polls.

Even a political cynic, though, could pick up on the Somervilleness (let's pretend it's a word) of Monday's speeches. The city that was once home to immigrants is still home to immigrants looking to equally assimilate and add to the culture they have joined. The city that seemed perhaps like an afterthought of urban "planning," the city that was a place to put factories and industries when there was nowhere else for them to go and the city that served as a way to get from "A" to "B" without ever being considered either "A" or "B," has become something very different in the past 10 or 15 years – never-

mind the past 50 or 100.

The challenge now, when one listened to the commonality of references and visions Monday, is to take the city's internal (and collective) perception of itself and bring that outside for all to see. That will take time, planning, consensus and, of course, money. All, obviously, easier said than done.

Contradictions and tensions exist even when there seems an apparent agreement on the overarching opinion of where the city should go and how it should change in the very-near and not-so-very-near future. Yes, everyone wants Somerville to be affordable, but people want it to also be innovative and eye-catching, forward

moving and fabulous.

Making it "hip," however, begs the question: hip to whom? And making it affordable begs the question: affordable at what cost? Stuck between the two "Gs" of "ghetto" and "gentrification," the city and its leaders are, as many speeches noted Monday, at a crossroads.

While the decisions they face are not easy ones, at least the initial sense of agreement expressed during the first few days of this new year offers some hope that some sort of answers are out there.

We elect our leaders to lead. And while we will hold them to their words now that they've been sworn in, we also hope they will listen to ours.

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Busler of Townsend, who is a realtor and a fan of The Times. Big "Happy B"irthday also to John Caruso, who is celebrating this week and is very active in the local Democratic committee. Also celebrating this week here in the Ville is Kathy DeFazio. A happy birthday to Jillian Kippenberger from the Ville who works over at Cambridge Health Alliance. Happy birthday to Dana Campo, formerly of the Ville and now a resident of Tewksbury. Last but not least, happy birthday to Eileen Bahey.

Beginning with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. this Friday, Jan. 10, and going until Jan. 26, the Nave Gallery Annex, Davis Square, 53 Chester St., will present *Doodle*. First used in the Middle Ages to describe the sketching of a subject for a piece of art, cartooning has

evolved over time to serve a number of purposes, from entertainment to advertising to political and social commentary. *Doodle* is a show on cartooning in all of its forms. Check out the exhibition's webpage <http://navegallery.org/wp/doodle>.

We will be proposing some new box locations here in the city. So far we have over 20, and it looks like we might be doing another 20 or so to make it easier to find us all over the city.

Don't forget about the Somerville High School adult education evening classes, which has an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday evenings at the SHS main entrance. Principal Sophia Carafotes has some very nice program offerings this coming semester, such as "Extreme Couponing" and

"Free ZumbaGold," which begins Jan. 14. Other classes include a real-estate license course at a huge difference in price than what is offered by other locations. Go online and check things out or go to the school and talk to Sophia or one of her staffers. The website is www.somerville.k12.ma.us/eveningschool and the phone number is 617 625-6600, ext. 6100. Check it out. She has made it very interesting with a wide variety of classes being offered.

Somerville Special Education Parent Advisory Council, Advise the Advisory Parent and Caregiver Discussion will take place at Argenziano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St., Somerville, MA on January 9, 2014, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will be a discussion of concerns about Somerville's Special Education services for anyone currently in

the Special Education System or who wonders if their child may need assistance. RSVP to advisetheadvisory@gmail.com to Kim at 617-312-5407.

Registration is open for the Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5K Road Race, which both sets off and ends at Davis Square. The race begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 16. The Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5K, sponsored by Marathon Sports, Mizuno and Harpoon Brewery, is the most genuine Irish race this side of the Atlantic. The race was born in Ireland and named in honor of its famous sister race, the Ras na hEireann International Cross Country held in Termonfechin, County Louth, Ireland. The race is open to both runners and walkers of all skill levels. Please see www.baevents.com for more information and to register.

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238th annual 'Grand Union' flag-raising ceremony

The 238th annual “Grand Union” flag-raising ceremony at Prospect Hill Park took place on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014. A procession from the City Hall Concourse was led by a re-enactor portraying General George Washington on horseback.

The annual ceremony commemorates the raising of the nation’s first official flag, featuring 13 red and white horizontal stripes, atop Prospect Hill on New Year’s Day, 1776. At the time, Prospect Hill was a key site in a string of fortifications created by Washington and the Continental Army in their siege of British troops in Boston during the first year of the American Revolution. This year, new historical research was presented by Byron DeLear of the North American Vexillological Association including an important discovery: the first documentary evidence of the name of our nation – “United States of America” – was written in George Washington’s headquarters in Cambridge following the Prospect Hill ceremony raising the “first flag of America.”

The afternoon’s program included songs, readings, and participants from the Ancient and Honorable Company (first chartered in 1638), as well as the Charlestown militia. This year’s celebrations once again included His Majesty’s 10th Regiment of Foot, which represented the British Army and delivered a message from King George III. The American Legion Post 19 Honor Guard led a military salute as a commemorative flag was raised atop the Prospect Hill Tower.





SPORTS

Pino takes to the court



Somerville High School's Chris Pino is seen here charging the court as the Junior Varsity Basketball team went up against Reading Memorial on Monday, Dec 23, 2013.

'Blizzard of 2014 5Km'



Olde Magoun Saloon sponsored a very chilly race on January 2, 2014. The results of the 5Km challenge are as follows: 1. Tommy Boland, 23:10; 2. Carrie Ozols, 28:30.

'Ho Ho Ho 5Km'



Olde Magoun Saloon's "Ho Ho Ho 5Km" race was held on December 19, 2013. The top 5 finishers were: 1. Tim Briggs, Fast, KBFR; 2. Sam Culwell, Somewhat Fast, KBFR; 3. Allison Berg, Movin'; 4. John Singleton, Hobblin', SSAC; 5. Diane Shepard, Backwards, MPMR (KBFR=Kier Byrnes Freedom Runners; MPMR= Marsh Post Martini Runners; SSAC= Somerville Striders Athletic Club).

'Figgy Puddin' 5Km'



The 'Figgy Puddin' 5Km' was also sponsored by Olde Magoun Saloon and was run on December 12, 2013. The following runners topped the field: 1. Brady Hoovah, 19:26, SSAC; 2. Jeremy Selwyn, 24:45, SSAC; 3. Adam Bodner, 24:48, BTRC; 4. Marie Kemp, 25:20, SSAC; 5. Sam Culwell, 25:55, KBFR; 6. Carlos Moriera, 25:55.1; 7. Ringo Davey, 25:55.2, SSAC; 8. Kevin Christian, 26:46, SSAC (BTRC= Bodytoppers Running Club; SSAC= Somerville Striders Athletic Club; KBFR= Kier Byrnes Freedom Runners).

Ms. Cam's Olio #404

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What is the Winter Solstice? | 7. What common office device was adopted and worn in World War II by the citizens of Norway to show their resistance to Nazi occupation? |
| 2. What does "Solstice" mean? | 8. How many years did it take to build Mt. Rushmore National Memorial? |
| 3. In earlier years what were the poor whites called in Georgia and Florida? | 9. How tall are the president's heads? |
| 4. What was the name of the famous talking dog on <i>The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show</i> ? | 10. Where was the first practical fire engine invented and when did it go into service? |
| 5. In 2006 what famous American Portrait fetched a world record of \$21.3 million at auction? | 11. What was King George VI's first name? |
| 6. Who was the American Pulitzer Prize winning poet who wrote <i>North of Boston</i> and <i>A Boy's Will</i> ? | 12. |

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Indira Evora named NE-10 Rookie of the Week

Saint Michael's College women's basketball first-year Indira Evora, of Somerville, was named Northeast-10 Conference Rookie of the Week for the week ending on Sunday, Jan. 5. Juniors Kelly Frappier (Colchester, Conn./Bacon Academy) and Maggie Sabine (Litchfield, Maine/Oak Hill/Central Maine CC) landed on the NE-10 Weekly Honor Roll, as the three Purple Knights all drew their first career league accolades after helping their squad knock off No. 22 Stonehill College, 61-59, on Saturday.

Evora was Somerville High School's top player in girls' basketball.

A 5'7" combo guard, Evora dis-

played her versatility against the nationally-ranked Skyhawks, who had qualified for eight of the past 11 NCAA Tournaments, scoring nine points in addition to totaling season highs of 12 rebounds and five assists. She did not commit any turnovers and also added a steal while shooting 4-of-8. Evora has made an immediate impact in her first season of college hoops, scoring 11.2 points per game while leading the Purple Knights in free throws (39) - a figure good for a tie for 10th in the NE-10 - and standing second on the squad in assists (25), three-pointers (12), blocks (8) and steals (18). She has committed only 20 turnovers. Already one of only two

Purple Knights 5'7" or shorter to ever block as many as eight shots in one season, Evora also turned in a rare feat on Dec. 20 by becoming just the third player in program history to go at least 11-for-11 on free throws. However, she was the first to do so in an opposing gym.

Saint Michael's is 3-8 overall and 2-5 in the NE-10 heading into its Saturday contest with Le Moyne College. Tip-off from the Ross Sports Center is set for 1:30 p.m. The Purple Knights sit one game out of fourth place and two games out of second in the NE-10 Northeast Division, as the top five from the league's two divisions qualify for the postseason.



Somerville's own Indira Evora shines as brightly at Saint Michael's College as she did at Somerville High School.

'Mr. Murph' ceremony rescheduled to Friday

The Jan. 3 ceremony to honor Lorne A. Murphy, known affectionately as "Mr. Murph," has been rescheduled to 7 p.m. this Friday, Jan. 10, and will take place prior to the tip-off of the Somerville High boys basket-

ball team's home game against Malden. The original ceremony was cancelled due to last week's snowstorm.

Murphy, 85, died May 25, 2012. He served his country proudly in the Army during

World War II. After retirement, he worked for numerous years as a locker room security attendant for Somerville High School. Mr. Murph was a proud member of the SHS Boys Basketball Program for over 30 years.

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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:

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.

Wii Bowling League is here at Holland Street Center Mondays at noon 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 (Open to all ages):

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

Ralph & Jenny Center Weekly Events:

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

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

Trip Corner:

Atlantic City/Taj Mahal - We are off January 12-14 for two nights at the Luxurious Taj Mahal Resort and Casino. Transportation is included. Non stop entertainment, a dazzling array of shops and so much more.

Supper and Bingo at Hanscom Airforce Base - Join us January 22nd in the evening for Supper and Bingo at Hanscom Air force Base. The cost is \$30 dollars per person. Transportation and meal is included into the cost. RSVP is required. Hope you can join us.

Book club will be meeting Friday, January 3 at 10 a.m. for coffee and discussion of the Pulitzer Prize winning book "behind the beautiful forevers- Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity" by Katherine Boo. The Group meets promptly at 10 a.m. in the Holland St. center conference

room. Free.

January Breakfast - Please join us for our first monthly breakfast of 2014 at Holland St. The guest speaker will be leading an interesting discussion on "What to do with your leisure time." This talk is presented by a representative from the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling/Ad-Care Council. \$2 suggested voluntary donation per meal. RSVP required.

Men's Group - Come join in for some interesting conversation a cup of coffee with some likeminded men. Group meets once a month on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 167 Holland St. Free.

Veteran's Group - Social group meets on the third Monday of each month with a different topic/speaker each month. Open to veterans and their spouses. Free.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland - Mondays at noon. Free-Zumba for All - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes.

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

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

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

MONDAYS

Monthly Breakfast - First Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Holland Street Center. RSVP required.

Veteran's Group - Third Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Holland Street Center unless otherwise noted.

Gardening Group - On hiatus until February.

Moonlighters - Singing group meets at 10:30 a.m. Holland Street Center. Free.

Wii Bowling League - 12 noon - 1 p.m. at Holland Street Center. Free.

LGBT Congregate Meal - second Monday of each month. No meal in November.

Fit-4-Life Exercise and Nutrition Program - Group C: 1 p.m. Pre-registration and waiver from doctor is necessary to start program. Talk to Chris for more details. \$10/month.

LGBT "Movies to Come Out To" and Dinner - Fourth Monday, 5:30 p.m. Holland Street \$6.

TUESDAYS

Strengthening with Geoff - 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Holland

Street. \$3 per class or \$25 for 10 weeks.

Men's Group - First Tuesday of the month 10:30-11:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted at Holland Street Center. Free.

English Conversation - We offer discussion and practice for non-native English speakers at 9:30 a.m. Work on your English skills in a fun and supportive atmosphere. Cross Street Center. Free.

LBT Fit-4-Life Exercise and Nutrition Program - 6 p.m. Pre-registration and waiver from doctor is necessary to start program. Talk to Chris for more details. \$10/month.

Caregivers Support Group - Third Tuesday of the month 6-7:30 p.m. at Holland Street. Free.

WEDNESDAYS

Fit-4-Life Exercise and Nutrition Program - Group A at 8:45 a.m., Group B at 9 a.m., Group C at 12 noon. Pre-registration and waiver from doctor is necessary to start program. Talk to Chris for more details. \$10/month.

English Conversation -Cross Street Center. 10:30 a.m. Free.

Bowling - Meet at Flatbreads on Day Street at 1 p.m. \$10 per week includes shoe rental and dues.

Zumba for All - Zumba provides modified, low-impact moves and easy-to-follow pacing for a healthy lifestyle. 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 per class, \$15 for 6 classes. Resuming January 8.

THURSDAYS

Strengthening with Geoff -10-11 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. \$3 per class or \$25 for 10 weeks.

Current Events Group - Lively discussion of the day's news 10-11 a.m. at Holland Street. Free.

Crochet & Knitting - 10:45 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. Free

Musical Conversation - Second Thursday of the month. 12 noon. Holland Street. Free.

LBT Fit-4-Life Exercise and Nutrition Program - Holland Street Center. 6 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Book Club - Meets the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. at Holland Street.

Fit-4-Life Exercise and Nutrition Program - Group A 8:45, Group B 9:55 a.m.

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

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, January 22, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

31 Clyde St: (Case #ZBA 2013-84) Applicant and Owner, 31-33 Clyde Street, LLC seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by reconstructing the front porch while making other by-right changes including dormers. The Applicant also seeks a Variance of 1 parking space. RB Zone. Ward 5.

50-52 Whitman St: (Case #ZBA 2013-90) Applicant and Owner, Deborah Flaschen, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming FAR by finishing the basement. RA Zone. Ward 7.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Jenneen Pagliaro**
Executive Secretary

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD) will hold a public hearing on the 2014-2015 One Year Action Plan and Citizens Participation Plan to receive community input on priority needs related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness for grants funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and the HOME Program. The public hearing will be held at the Ralph & Jenny Center (9 New Washington Street, Somerville, MA) at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. Requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Monday, January 13, 2014 by contacting Betsy Allen at 617-625-6600 x2323. Accommodations for non-English speaking or hearing impaired persons are available by contacting (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500; requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Monday, January 13, 2014. General questions about the hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. Written comments will be accepted up to Tuesday, February 18, 2014 @ 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to the attention of Alan Inacio at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or email to ainacio@somervillema.gov.

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The **Somerville Housing Authority (SHA)**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for **SHA Project No 1401, Supply of Vinyl Replacement Windows for Brady Towers Apartments (31-3)** in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with Specifications prepared by the SHA Modernization Department.

These supplies are estimated to cost between \$75,000 and \$85,000. Bids are subject to M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 30, 2014** at the **Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.**

The contract will be awarded to the responsive and responsible bidder offering the lowest price for the supplies, as specified in the Bid Documents.


The SHA may reject any and all bids if such action is in the public interest.

Bidding documents will be available for pick-up, at no cost, at the **SHA Modernization Office, 30R Memorial Road** after 10:00 a.m. **Wednesday, January 8, 2014.**

For more information regarding this project, contact Tim Healy, Director of Operations, at 617-625-1152, ext. 344, or Gabe Ciccariello at 617-625-1152, ext.330.

Date: January 8, 2014

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding the proposal by Applicant, Lolastar LLC, to demolish the c.1841 dwelling at 8 Mt. Pleasant Street.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@somervillema.gov.

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Holiday cheer and goodwill were especially abundant this December, as Johnny D's and The Burren put on concerts and the artisans of the NAVE Gallery held their annual Wrap Around Sale, all to benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC). The Radio Bar, Blue Ribbon Barbecue, PA's Lounge, and the Tap and Trotter also dedicated proceeds of recent events to benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

Johnny D's hosted Chandler Travis's Christmas Cavalcade along with the Boston Typewriter Orchestra, Jeff Potter, the Philharmonic Trombone Shout Band, and many other musicians for their 10th Annual Cavalcade. Each year Chandler Travis brings an array of musicians to Johnny D's for the Cavalcade, a wacky take on traditional holiday music, and donates all proceeds to the Somerville Homeless Coalition. "Chandler and the folks at Johnny D's keep raising the bar on putting on a great show," declared Mark Alston-Follansbee, executive director of SHC. He added, "We are grateful to Chandler and Carla and the staff of Johnny D's for all of their hard work, and to all of the musicians who made the night such a success. We are amazed that the show raised more than \$6,000 on our behalf and know it will make a huge impact on our work."

The Burren's owners, Tommy McCarthy and Louise Costello, performed together in an Al-

joint recording. Both are known throughout the world for their beautiful Celtic music which showcases a perfect blend of the regional styles of West Clare and North Galway.

Tommy and Louise, aware of the high cost to shelter homeless families, wanted to prevent more people from becoming homeless. They contacted the Homeless Coalition and graciously donated this Album Release party's proceeds. Brian O'Donovan of "A Celtic Sojourn" fame was host for the event. Tommy and Louise played to a sold out audience, who were eager to hear selections from their new album, *Grace Bay*. The night's proceeds totaled \$3,000, almost the equivalent of the average cost for SHC to prevent three families from becoming homeless.

Tori Costa, Susan Berstler and Margaret Ryan of the NAVE Gallery organized their annual Wrap Around Sale from mid-November to mid-December. Representing hundreds of hours of knitting and crocheting by dozens of volunteers, the sale of numerous scarves, mittens, hats and other hand-crafted good raised over \$2,000, which they have donated to the Somerville Homeless Coalition. "We do what we can, and know that if we all do something, it will make a big difference," explained Tori Costa, to which Mark Alston-Follansbee added a heartfelt "Amen and Thank you!"



The Burren's Tommy McCarthy and Louise Costello (left, center) performed their enchanting Celtic music at thier album release party, earning SHC over \$3000.



Chandler Travis's 10th annual Christmas Cavalcade brought smiles and good cheer to Johnny D's for the one-of-a-kind fundraiser benefitting the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

Aimee McGrath of Radio Bar in Union Square also wanted to "give back" to the community and offered to dedicate an evening of music and food to the Homeless Coalition. Ron Stollhoff of Blue Ribbon Barbecue quickly accepted her offer to partner on this event and donated finger lickin' good food for the evening. After a fire temporarily closed Radio Bar, the owner of PA's Lounge graciously made his venue available for the scheduled event. Just before Christmas, the Tap and Trotter also hosted a party to benefit SHC. "Not only do these events raise much needed funds, they raise awareness about homelessness in our community and give everyone an opportunity to do something to help, for which we and our clients are most grateful," commented Alston-Follansbee.

Since 1985 the Somerville Homeless Coalition has been “working to put ourselves out of business,” by providing Homeless Prevention Programs, Case Management and Supportive Services for those seeking assistance to find or maintain their housing, Adult and Family Shelters, and a food pantry, Project

SOUP. Last year SHC served over 2,000 people, a number expected to grow as government support for affordable housing and meals programs continue to decrease. "We couldn't do this work without the generous support of local businesses and individuals, and all these events

attest to what a caring community we have here," affirmed Alston-Follansbee. "Together, we serve as a safety net for our neighbors in need."

For more information about SHC or to get involved, visit www.shcinc.org or call 617-623-6111.



The NAVE Gallery's Wrap Around Sale raised more than \$2000 for SHC.



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Friday|January 10

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

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

Sunday|January 12

Central Library
Reserved for Children’s Room Event
Cathy x2950
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran’s Memorial Rink
Free public skating
3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Tuesday|January 14

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 9-11
Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216
9:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
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Robert Elliott with Bucky Bear, Jimmy Ryan, Jeff Allison |6 p.m.
Northbound Train \$5 cover|9 p.m.
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Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Jimmy’s Down
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10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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Saturday|January 11

Johnny D’s
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p.m.
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Sunday|January 12

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Open Blues Jam featuring Mat-
thew Smart Band
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Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase
|5 p.m
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Front Room
Sunday Americana with Sean
Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan,
Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7
p.m.
Back Room
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345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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Dub Apocalypse
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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
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Mass Appeal
3 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland
Ave

Monday|January 13

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

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Com-
edy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy
Conquerors|10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room
Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.
Back Room
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra
Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 14

Johnny D’s
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Danielle Miraglia & friends
35 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swing-
ers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Stump Trivia (with prizes)
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ing Bee Night hosted by Victor
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Pub Quiz
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Wednesday|January 15

Johnny D’s
World Music Event with Fanfare
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Back Room
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Arts at the Armory
MBTA Green Line: Medford Street
to Lowell Street (includes Gilman
Square Station)
6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

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Wednesday|January 8

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

Thursday|January 9

Central Library
Information Session: Affordable
Housing Rental Opportunity
Vicki Wairi617.625.6600 x 2588
5:30 p.m-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Avenue

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Friday|January 10

Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland
Ave

Saturday|January 11

Arts at the Armory
Winter Farmers’ Market
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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|January 12

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

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

Monday|January 13

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

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadi-
ra Jamal
6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadira-
jamal.com

Tuesday|January 14

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

Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland
Ave

Third Life Studio
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Women with Susan Robbins,
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7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday|January 15

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Meeting**
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Bards) Poetry Reading
Harris Gardner 617-306-9484
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One man’s trash is this artist’s treasure

By Douglas Yu

A couple of blocks away from Conway Park in Somerville, an “art hacker” is working on one of her latest pieces as her friend’s birthday present in an open multifunctional workshop called the Artisan’s Asylum.

Melissa Glick is playing around with a piece of artwork her friend made years ago. It is a nude and athletic female body, painted with pink color and white circles. By the end of this February, this painting will be decorated with remnants from various electronic devices.

Glick “hacks” remnants from electronic devices, especially computers, and makes them something beautiful.

“A hacker is someone who takes things apart and makes something else with them,” Glick said. “I take apart computers and make them two-dimensional and three-dimensional collages. The pieces inside the computers will be the building blocks for my sculptures.”

Glick is an artist, educator and administrator. Before working at Artisan’s Asylum, she owned a workshop in Cambridge. That is where she started her earliest metal assemblage, an art form

that makes compositions by putting together found objects.

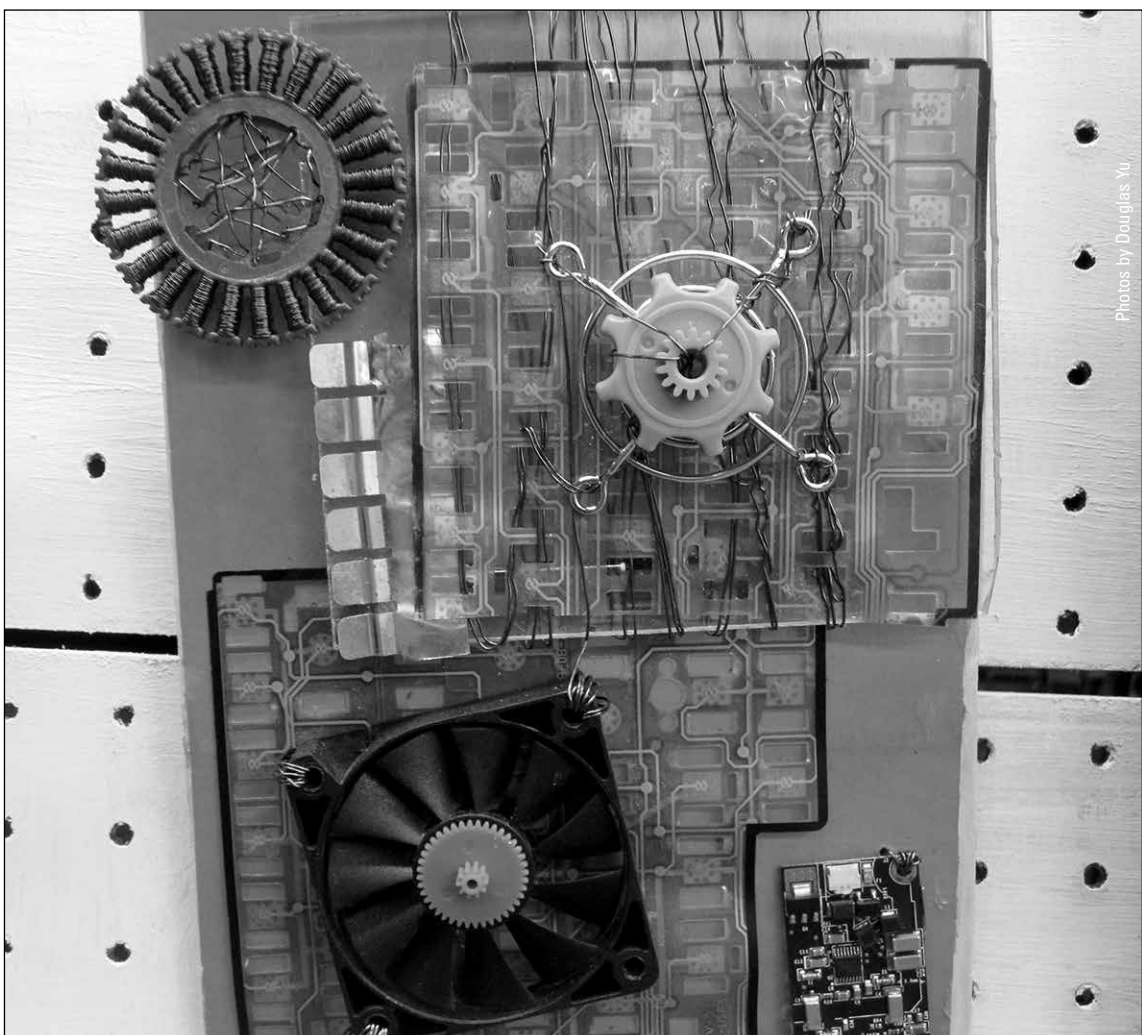
“Joseph Cornell is the father of assemblage,” Glick said. “He was a mailman in New York and he had an immense influence on modern artists. If you walk around the galleries in Somerville, you’ll see how (Cornell) influences those assemblage artists.”

Having a master’s degree in arts education, one of Glick’s biggest inspiration is to educate people with the beauty of art. She recalled the period when she worked at the Museum of Fine Arts.

“I love showing people around in art museums,” she said. “Everyone understands art. They just need guidance to show them the purpose and beauty of it.”

Glick’s artworks are full of shapes, lines and colors. And these can be found in cable wires, electronic chips and even metal sheets under your computer keyboards.

Back in the ‘60s, Glick’s father worked at Raytheon, a major American defense contractor and industrial corporation with core manufacturing concentrations in weapons and military electronics. He saved a lot of things from the company that



Beauty is always in the eye of the beholder, and according to Melissa Glick it is everywhere, even in your trash bin.

were outdated and tried to create things out of them.

“He was one of the earliest recyclists,” Glick said. “He used to bring home a cable of wires, like the telephone wires. He would make sculptures or little animals

with them.”

When Glick’s father passed away six years ago, she inherited her father’s collections and started creating artworks. The shapes and colors of those remnants transform into different three-dimensional frame arts through Glick’s hands. Some of her artworks include Christmas tree glass balls filled with shining electronic chips and a string of kindergarteners’ chairs tumbling in the air.

“The shapes (in these artworks) are moving actually,” Glick said. “When you put this black spinning stuff and put it above a white background, you

can see the shadow is moving. It’s caused by optical illusion. It’s beautiful and pleasurable to look at.”

Boxes and boxes of remnants are ready for Glick to put together and make into any forms of dimensional art in her workshop. A radio body, a corner of a magazine or a light bulb can be inspirations for her.

“I’m giving (those remnants) a purpose,” she said. “I see beauty in other people’s throwaways.”

For more Glick’s artworks, you can view them through www.etsy.com/shop/Melsplace

And <https://sites.google.com/site/melissasgart/Home>.



Above: Glick in her studio. Below: A thing of beauty.



Ms. Cam’s

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Answers

1. Winter Solstice is an astrological phenomenon occurring in December, every year when the sun’s elevation with respect to Earth reaches its lowest value 25.5

2. Solstice means when sun stands still

3. Crackers

4. Mr. Peabody

5. George Washington’s portrait

6. Robert Frost

7. A paper clip, worn on their lapel

8. 14 years

9. 60 feet tall

10. Cincinnati, OH, on January 1, 1803 – it was a wagon with 3 wheels drawn by 4 horses

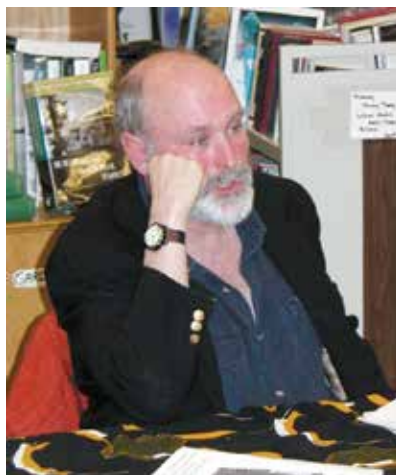
11. Albert

12. November

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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22	1:30pm:	SomerViva	12:30am:	Sit & Be Fit	10:30am:	SHS Hockey v St. Joes Prep
Wednesday, January 8	2:00pm:	2014 City Hall Inaugural Ceremonies	1:00am:	2014 City Hall Inaugural Ceremonies	12:00pm:	SHS Hockey v Cambridge
	6:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		1:30pm:	SHS Hockey vs King Phillip



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Bagel Bards Celebratory Reading – Jan. 15



Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

In this picture you see the half face of poet Robert K. Johnson outside the window of the house at 33 Ibbetson Street in Somerville, Mass. This is where Somerville's literary magazine *Ibbetson Street* was birthed in 1998.



DARKNESS BACKS OFF FROM MY BED

and I slide free from the tangle
of blankets and pull them smooth;

then rid my room of clutter--
clothes strewn on chairs, loose change
scattered on top of a bureau;

and cleanse my palate of any
lingering taste of anger
or regret, so I can savor
this newest day.

HOW THE MIND LOVES

to play a kind
of peek-a-boo with us--

quickly revealing
in the morning

dozens of words
we put in

crossword-puzzle squares
but hiding

in some secret place
till nightfall

eight more words we need
to fill the other squares.

Alternative?
Addition?
Whatever.

THE DAY'S SUNLIGHT

does not now become
brighter, or glow
more softly; the leaves,

noon still, are not
breeze-surprised
to the least stir;

the nest-resting birds
stay hushed behind
their trees' thick green;

yet an unseen feather
quick brushes my skin
and joy
rills through me.

– Robert K. Johnson

There will be a Bagel Bards Celebratory Reading at the Somerville Library (main branch), Highland Avenue (next to the High School) on January 15. There is a pot-luck reception 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. The reading is from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

This reading is to celebrate the occasion of the Somerville Library accepting # 1-8 of Bagels *With The Bards Anthologies* for permanent archiving in the Local History Room.

The Bagel Bards is a literary organization founded by Doug Holder and Harris Gardner in 2004. This group of poets, novelists, playwrights, poets, stumble-bums, and whoever joins us on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. at the Au Bon Pain in Somerville, is an egalitarian group, an informal band of brothers and sisters, outside the mainstream, outside the academy, and just outside from the mandarin environs of the Republic of Cambridge, and the Brahmins of Boston. Some of the readers for the said event:

Joseph A. Cohen
Dennis Daly
Bridget Galway
Harris Gardner
Steve Glines
Lawrence Kessenich
Irene Koronas
Gloria Mindock
Limin Mo
Tomas O'Leary
Denise Provost
Lainie Senechal
Zvi Sesling
Wendell Smith
Kim Triedman
Chris Warner
Afaa M. Weaver

Plays, music and culture at the Somerville Theatre Festival

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range of people who otherwise might feel politically alienated a voice."

Stephenson co-founded the Performing Fusion Theatre with Brian Moore-Ward, artistic director, in the summer of 2013. Stephenson, who is also on the English department faculty at Salem State University, has a background in writing, sociology and performance. Moore-Ward was a theatre major and has been involved in the Boston theatre scene for over 20 years. They are actively involved in the art scene in other ways, as well, including an upcoming full-length independent film by local producers called *The Stoop*.

"When we were thinking about an area for this, a lot of things happen in Cambridge and Boston. But Somerville, all the different artists...I think to have something like this in Somerville is just great for the community," Moore-Ward said. "It was kind of the perfect place."

The majority of the playwrights that won the

contest are local residents, and out of more than a dozen actors selected during auditions, several are from the city. In addition to access to local talent, Moore-Ward and Stephenson pointed to the importance of local organizations supporting the arts, including the Armory and Bunker Hill, which granted access to its space.

Before creating the Performing Fusion Theatre, Stephenson and Moore-Ward said they knew they wanted to start a theatre company, so they started brainstorming the specifics.

"We just really wanted to see the stage and the audience really be more representative of the different faces, backgrounds, ethnicities in Boston," Stephenson said. The plays, she added, highlight "the sort of multicultural issues that we feel we don't want swept under the carpet."

The shows end at 10:30 each night. Tickets, which are \$15 in advance, can be purchased www.eventbrite.com/e/somerville-theatre-festival-tickets-8575865645. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

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