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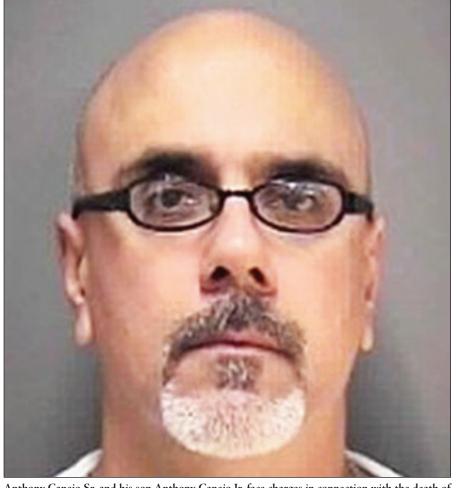
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Father, son arrested in connection with murder

Dangerousness hearing Friday for Anthony Canejo Sr.



Anthony Canejo Sr. and his son Anthony Canejo Jr. face charges in connection with the death of roommate Vincent Lalli.

By David R. Smith

A Level 3 sex offender was arrested along with his son last week and will face a dangerousness hearing this Friday in connection with the murder of a Somerville man whose dismembered body was discovered in the woods behind a Norwood school last month.

Anthony Canejo Sr., 52, and Anthony Canejo Jr., 30, both of Somerville, have been charged in connection with the investigation of the death of their roommate, Vincent Lalli, 66. Canejo Sr. was convicted of two counts of rape in 1985.

Canejo Sr. was arrested last Thursday (Feb. 13) in Quincy. Anthony Canejo Jr. was arrested last Friday morning in Watertown. Canejo Sr. was arraigned Friday, Feb. 14, in Somerville District Court on charges of armed assault with intent to murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Somerville District Court Judge Antoinette Leoney ordered him held without bail pending this Friday's hearing.

Canejo Jr. was also arraigned Feb. 14 in Somerville District Court and was charged with being an accessory after an armed assault with intent to murder and accessory after an assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Leoney ordered him held on \$250,000 cash bail. He was also held without bail on a probation violation. His next court date

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Olympic bobsledders have roots in Somerville

By Nidhi Mathson

If you caught the two-man bobsled race in the Sochi Winter Olympics this past weekend, you may have seen Steve Langton, on Steven Holcomb's team, representing the United States. His brother Christopher Langton is also at the Olympics as an alternate for TeamUSA. What you may not know is that both Steve and Chris Langton are former employees of Langton & Douglas, a contracting company in Somerville.

Although born and raised in Melrose, Steve and Chris' parents, Steven and Anne Langton, as well as their grandparents, are Somerville natives. Steven Langton co-owns Langton & Douglas (you may recognize the back of the trash trucks with the sign "Sliding for the gold ... with local talent").

The oldest of three boys, Steve also competed in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, where he captured gold as part of Steven Holcomb's four-man team, "Night Train Squared."

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Steve and Chris Langton are representing Somerville as well as TeamUSA at the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

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This Saturday, Feb. 22, is the Somerville Democratic Caucuses at 10 a.m. The caucuses to elect delegates to the 2014 Democratic State Convention in Worcester will be held at the cafeteria at Somerville High School. Please note, Ward 3 will caucus March 1. Visit www.somdems.org/2014_caucuses for more information.

A special shout out and happy birthday to our good friend Cheryle Snow who is celebrating this week. She is originally from the Ville and every day drives through to her office in Charlestown. She had a surprise party Saturday thrown by her husband, Wayne. Due to the storm, some of us here couldn't make it, but we certainly wish her the very best of birthdays. She's a special lady from a special family.

To another good friend from another well-known Somerville family, we give a shout out and happy birthday to Denise Racicot-Kallis, who celebrates this week as well. She's another special lady from a special family who is lots of fun and always smiling and full of jokes whenever we see her, a true Villen in every sense of the word.

We also have our good and old time friend Celia Taylor, who is celebrating this week, while watching a careful eye over her hubby, Tom, who is in and out of the hospital. Celia is an old-time Somerville activist going back to the '70s here in the city. She's a great lady, always nice to everyone and always has a big smile, no matter what.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to Somerville's Development Challenges: Gentrification

MarketMan says:

02144 is nothing like 02138. Have you been to Brattle St in Cambridge?? In my opinion, all the effort to avoid gentrification has hurt Somerville more than it has helped. We need to work more on bringing in business. That will alleviate tax burden and help at least those on fixed incomes.

cambridgeyuppie says:

Change is not always better... There is some serious emptiness in the new Somerville. I used to live in Cambridge, now I live in Davis Sq. I have a good IT job and so all should be good, right? Unfortunately, my local life has progressively become empty. Davis Sq just feels very sterile and fake these days, it does not have the vibrant qualities it used to have (those qualities were why I moved there in the first place)... It will take some serious crisis to get people to bond again. There is no other way, really. Everybody has to feel threatened and they have to feel like they are in the same boat again.

Freebie says:

Surprising fact about diversity: The non-white population of Somerville has increased steadily since 1970 from under 5% to over 25% with no sign of abating.

Philb says:

Somerville is a safer place to be now because of gentrification. There is no debating that by a rational person. Most people who lived here "back in the day" got out to better places because it was terrible. The people who are left are a self selected population who are delusional about what life was like here. It worked for them back in the day, and they are unable to see that it didn't work for others who left.

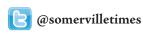
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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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 think Somerville is becoming too gentrified. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

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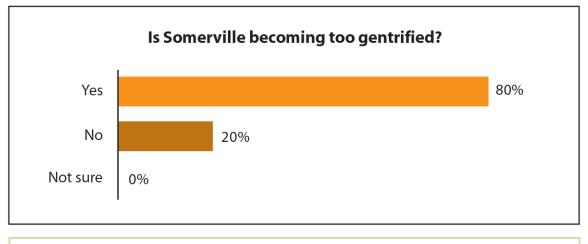
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MAPC joins with SCC and city to keep Somerville's diversity

By Douglas Yu

While the Green Line Extension project is on its way to connecting Lechmere Station and Union Square, some long-term Somerville residents are concerned they might be pushed out of the neighborhood they love.

Melody Chapin shares this concern with many other residents. In the early 2000s, when Chapin was in her teenage years, her family moved from apartment to apartment. When she got married, Chapin said, "My mother found that Somerville and the area surrounding it were also gentrified. It was too expensive (to live here). She moved to Worcester."

As a consequence of those concerns among residents like Chapin, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) partnered with the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) and the city of Somerville to research and report on the impacts that the Green Line Extension (GLX) will have on the housing market in Somerville. They work with the community to try to come up with solutions for people like Chapin, who risk being pushed out of the neighborhood due to the climbing cost of housing.

Chapin and her husband are fortunate enough to continue to live in Somerville. And they noticed that their neighborhood started changing in a way that many people do not expect.

"I've been seeing a lot of the young professionals coming in," Chapin said. "And I feel like when I'm out during the day, during the festivals, I see a lot less people of color. And that makes me worry about (racial demographics), because a lot of times, that's very connected to socioeconomic status."

Dimensions of Displacement report, 40 percent of apartments in the GLX corridor are affordable to low-income households, but the same applies to only 29 percent of apartments near Red Line stations. When the new stations along the GLX are built, the apartments around these stations could see the average rent climb more than 25 percent and as much as 70 percent. Washington Street, Ball Square and Union Square might see the biggest increases.

"Everybody has the opportunity to grow up in the neighborhood that they desire to be in"

The possible result is that more low-income families get pushed out and have to seek cheaper housing in other neighborhoods, such as Malden and Everett.

"We already know that we need more housing in Somerville," Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone said. "In SomerVision, as a community, we set for the goal of creating 6,000 new housing units to a minimum 1,200 affordable housing for the next 20 years."

In terms of racial diversity, the report suggests that Somerville became more diverse from 2000 to 2010, driven largely by increase in the Asian and Hispanic

"Everybody has the opportunity to grow up in the neighborhood that they desire to be in," Curtatone said.

Tim Reardon, assistant director of data services of MAPC, said that communities like Somerville hold so much di-



Tim Reardon, Assistant Director of Data Services of MAPC, explained how some of the residents in Somerville become cost-burdened over the years.

vulnerable people that the city needs to pay attention to. He also added that after investing in transit accessibility, such as the GLX project, in many cities across the U.S., higher income households end up moving into those areas.

"[Higher-income households] who have more discretionary income tend to have higher auto ownership. As lower-income households find it more difficult to stay in that community, they end up moving out to more remote locations that are less transit accessible," Reardon said. "[Lower-income families] end up not benefiting from [the investment in transportation]."

Somerville does not have to follow that story, in which low-income families are forced to move to less transit-accessible locations.

"One thing we know is that According to MAPC's The versity, and there are so many whether Green Line will be built,

Somerville is going to change," Reardon said. "What we need to do is to make sure that there are continued opportunities for low-income households to move into Somerville."

The city will continue to deal with a lot of tasks it is working on right now, according to Reardon. The tasks include planning for the transformational areas, working with the community on new zoning for the city's squares and corridors and working with organizations like SCC to ensure the creation of more dedicated and affordable housing plans.

Five months ago, Chapin was complaining with her husband and a couple of other working-class people about the fact that moving out of Somerville is going to happen anyway, but she decided to speak up for families like hers in the neighborhood when MAPC joined with SCC and the city to start tackling housing issues.

"I think that we really just need to start being active about finding creative ways to increase housing, speak with our community and get the people who have lived here for a long time on board with staying here," Chapin said.

Father, son arrested in connection with murder **CONT. FROM PG 1**

is March 28 for a pre-trial hearing.

Lalli, a Vietnam veteran, was discovered Jan. 29 behind the Coakley Middle School by a man walking his dog. Norfolk County District Attorney Michael Morrissey said at the time police did not believe Lalli was murdered where his body was found. Authorities now believe Lalli was killed in the apart-

ment in a home on Sycamore Street he shared with the Canejos. Lalli was identified by his fingerprints.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is conducting an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.

Police believe Canejo Sr. assaulted Lalli with a crowbar and strangled him in the apartment Jan. 24. Canejo Jr. allegedly picked his father up Jan. 26 from the Sycamore Street apartment in his tow truck, which was towing a damaged car to Rhode Island. Canejo Sr. allegedly placed trash bags and two suitcases in the trunk of the car being towed. Police say they pulled into the school in Norwood and disposed of the suitcases and bags containing Lalli's remains.



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By Jim Clark

Illegally carried guns removed from vehicle

While on patrol Sunday evening, a police officer received an alert regarding a vehicle traveling near the Clarendon Hill Towers that might belong to an associate of an individual who had an outstanding arrest warrant.

The officer spotted the vehicle in question and, after observing that one of the license plate lights was not functioning, pulled the car over.

The officer reportedly noticed that two of the three occupants of the vehicle, both passengers, were shifting their positions as he prepared to approach the car.

Additional backup units arrived and the officer was advised

to exercise caution as it was reported that one of the vehicle's occupants might be in possession of a weapon.

The investigating officer approached the car and queried the driver, Kayla Decareau, 19, of Everett, for her license. The officer noticed reportedly felt that she and the two male passengers were acting nervous, possibly due to the fact that a strong smell of burned marijuana seemed to be present in the car.

Decareau reportedly told the officer that she only had a learner's permit and that she was out with her boyfriend, Rudy Umana, 19, who was teaching her to drive.

As the officer inspected the permit and registration documents, he recalled having seen a bulletin about Umana that warned he might be in possession of a firearm.

Out of concern for himself, his fellow officers and nearby residents, the patrolman ordered the occupants out of the car to be searched and questioned. The passenger in the rear of the vehicle was identified as Martin Acosta, 22.

After the car's passengers were stood at the rear of the vehicle, the officer reportedly spotted what appeared to be the butt end of a pistol sticking out from beneath the backseat of the car. As the gun was retrieved, Umana reportedly turned and ran from the scene, but he was soon apprehended by officers and handcuffed.

None of the car's occupants admitted to owning the gun, according to reports.

Umana was placed under arrest and charged with resisting arrest, receiving stolen property over \$250, carrying a firearm with ammunition, and carrying a firearm without a license. Acosta was placed under arrest and charged with carrying a firearm with ammunition, and

carrying a firearm without a license. Decareau was placed under arrest and charged with carrying a firearm with ammunition, carrying a firearm without a license, and miscellaneous equipment violation.

After being taken in for booking, Umana reportedly told police that the gun found in the back belonged to Acosta. He also told police that he himself had hidden another gun under the passenger seat in the front area of the car. Police then reportedly looked for and found the other gun that was determined to have been stolen from Norfolk, VA last year.

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Arrests:

Maria Dasilva, 53, of 138 Gordon Ave., Hyde Park, February 10, 11:23 a.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise and on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Robert Beavers, 38, February 10, 5:24 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Devendra Pun, 33, of 7 North St., February 11, 7:40 p.m., arrested at 1119 Broadway on charges of possession of a class A drug and possession of a class B drug.

Christopher Tardo, 31, of 62 Bradley St., February 12, 8:02 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Augusto Desouza-Batista, 23, of 11 Flint Ave., February 12, 9:25 a.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and witness intimidation.

Patricia Delmedico, 80, of 252 Medford St., February 12, 11:42 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Sergey Bondarev, 33, of 755 Somerville Ave., February 12, 6:43 p.m., arrested at Beacon St. on charges of habitual traffic offender, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor 2nd offense.

Guy Kehoe, 50, of 326 Somerville Ave., February 13, 6:31 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charge of assault and battery.

Dennis Orellana, 28, of 143 Perkins, February 13, 7:13 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charge of larceny from a building.

Anthony Canejo, 53, of 84 Sycamore St., February 13, 10:38 a.m., arrested on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and armed assault to murder.

Kim Smith, 24, of 23 Rosedale St., Dorchester, February 13, 2:05 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on a charge of abuse prevention order violation and on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault to murder, larceny from a person, abuse prevention order violation, felony nighttime breaking and entering, miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, threat to commit a crime, and possession

of a burglarious instrument.

A juvenile, February 13, 6:48 p.m., arrested at Fellsway West. on a charge of escape from Department of Youth Services and on a warrant charge of escape from Department of Youth Services.

Anthony Canejo, 31, of 38 Sycamore St., February 14, 11:25 a.m., arrested on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and accessory after the fact.

Mark Anderson, 52, of 14 St. James Ave., February 14, 2:20 p.m., arrested on multiple warrant charges of open and gross lewdness.

Eduardo Santos, 29, of 25 River Rd., February 14, 11:23 p.m., arrested at home on multiple charges of assault and battery.

Travis Yagjian, 31, of 27 Wainwright Rd., Unit 51, Winchester, February 15, 10:03 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Rudy Umana, 19, of 10 Memorial Rd., February 16, 8:10 p.m., arrested at 141 Morrison Ave. on charges of resisting arrest, receiving stolen property over \$250, carrying a firearm with ammunition, and carrying

a firearm without a license.

Martin Acosta, 22, of 20 River Rd., February 16, 8:10 p.m., arrested at 141 Morrison Ave. on charges of carrying a firearm with ammunition, and carrying a firearm without a license.

Kayla Decareau, 19, of 216 Veterans Ave., Everett, February 16, 8:10 p.m., arrested at 141 Morrison Ave. on charges of carrying a firearm with ammunition, carrying a firearm without a license, and miscellaneous equipment violation.

Incidents:

Theft:

February 10, 11:23 a.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

February 10, 6:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland St. February 11, 4:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Rossmore

February 12, 11:22 p.m., police reported a theft at River Rd.

February 14, 8:57 a.m., police reported a theft at 115 Sycamore St.

February 14, 8:49 p.m., police reported a theft at 220 Broadway.

February 15, 12:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

Breaking & Entering:

February 10, 4:10 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Temple St.

February 12, 5:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Webster Ave.

Vehicle Theft:

February 11, 9:18 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Highland Ave.

February 13, 5:56 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Linwood St.

February 14, 9:13 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Delaware St.

February 15, 9:23 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 30 Washington St.

Assault:

February 10, 8:18 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

February 12, 9:25 a.m., police reported an assault at Flint Ave. February 12, 11:10 a.m., police reported an assault at Marshall St.

February 13, 3:05 p.m., police reported an assault at Alewife Brook Pkwy.

Drug Violation:

February 11, 7:40 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 1119 Broadway.

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Urban Agriculture Ambassador program seeks applicants

By Somerville Times Staff

The city of Somerville and Green City Growers, a Somerville-based urban agriculture company, are seeking applicants for the 2014 Urban Agriculture Ambassador program, a community-based food education initiative. The program, which started as a pilot in 2013, will train 20 residents in urban-growing techniques in exchange for 30 hours of volunteer service in garden projects across the city.

The mission of the partnership and curriculum is to encourage knowledge sharing within the community about growing food in the urban environment, increase access to healthy food and nutrition education and provide opportunities for local economic activity and neighborhood-based leadership and social interaction.

The course takes place on four consecutive Saturdays in March and April (March 29 and April 5, 12 and 19) and will cover topics including building raised beds, planting and harvesting, troubleshooting pests and an introduction to bee- and chicken-keeping. Local experts will be brought in for presentations throughout the month-long course, and several hands-on field visits will be coordinated during the summer and fall.

In exchange for the training, the residents will be asked to volunteer for at least 30 hours at a Somerville garden project.

Last year, eight sites were identified as "hosts," and volunteers were then matched to projects according to preferences, skills and location. The organizations who participated in the 2013 pilot included The Growing Center, Groundwork Somerville, The Walnut Street Center, East Somerville Community School, The Healey School, Shape Up Somerville, The Welcome Project and The Council on Aging. The program is also seeking organizations and garden projects for its 2014 season.

Interested community groups should contact Program Coordinator Adrianne Schaefer-Borrego at urbanagambassadors@ gmail.com.

This program showcases the significant focus by the Mayor's Office and partner community groups on food systems and creative growing techniques. In 2012, Somerville was the first city to pass a zoning ordinance allowing urban growing, as well as bee- and chicken-keeping. The Growing Center, Groundwork Somerville, and Green City Growers are just some of the many organizations and businesses dedicated to supporting a local food system and economy.

The program is open to all Somerville residents and the deadline for submitting applications is March 10. Applications are available at all three branches of the Somerville Library, or by emailing urbanagambassadors@ gmail.com.



set to commence this spring.

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Many Somervillians are DIYing, yoga-going, composters who pride themselves on being environmentally conscious. Although recycling isn't the newest environmental trend, the people of Somerville are ready for an update to the state's most effective recycling program: the Bottle Bill.

The 5 cent deposit on beer and soda bottles increases recycling of these containers by 60% and has eliminated over 30 billion beverage containers from our waste stream since 1983. It is well-loved by recycling fanatics and 20-something party-hosts alike—but wouldn't it be great if bottled water, Gatorade, and Nantucket Nectars were also included?

This might sound like a no-brainer policy update but the bottling industry and liquor lobby don't share Somervillian values. They have spent millions to protect their profits by blocking the bill in the legislature for over a decade. During the November election, the citizens of Somerville, and our fellow Bay Staters, will get chance to use their people power to push back against the bottling industry by voting "yes" on the Updated Bottle Bill.

- Samantha Gibb Somerville Resident

On behalf of the Somerville Pride Girls Basketball teams, I would like to thank some of our local businesses that donated gift certificates to help make our Snow Ball Dinner Dance a success.

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I would also like to say a special Thanks to The Dante Club for letting us have our event at their establishment. Last but not least without the hard work of all our volunteers this wouldn't of been possible so a big Thank you goes out to Maria & Dale Estey, Jay & Courtney Rizzo, Linda McEwen, Justin Moeling, Judy Sabatino, AnnMarie Browne, and Karen Toner.

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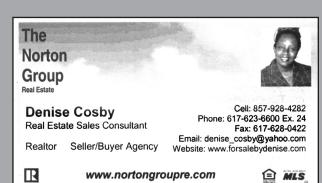


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Report suggests schools, city, nonprofits coordinate for kindergarten prep

By Somerville Times Staff

A report commissioned by the schools, the city and the School Committee on preparing children for kindergarten recommends that rather than pursuing solely school-based universal preschool for 4-year-olds, that the community establish an early childhood system for pre-kindergarteners of all ages through a provider network that would include Somerville Public Schools, nonprofit and private early-childhood care providers and other local agencies working collaboratively to support universal kindergarten readiness.

The report recently presented to the School Committee, SomerReady: Creating a Citywide, Universal Kindergarten Readiness System, calls for coordination and collaboration among the existing early education and care services in Somerville, including the city, school department, Head Start, nonprofit providers and private and faith-based groups.

The report cites research showing that providing children and families with education and support beginning with pregnancy and continuing until kindergarten, rather than waiting until the child is 3 or 4 years old, is critical to creating the foundation for a child's success in school. A strong early education and care system is needed to deliver programs and services to all families and children. Critical programs and services noted include: home visits by health or child development specialists; parent education; early intervention and special education services; childcare; pre-kindergarten; and physical and mental health services.

The report states that because both public and private organizations in Somerville already offer these programs and services, these existing resources should be coordinated and enhanced for infants to 4-year-olds rather than the city pursuing a solely school-based universal preschool. It recommends instead that public, private and nonprofit providers work collaboratively in an integrated system to provide a set of streamlined, coordinated and comprehensive services to all families, ensuring that each child and family receives education and support, all with the same high standards. Joint professional development for all service providers in the

system and a more structured support system for early childhood programs across the city is also recommended.

"This impressive study recognizes the complexity of raising children who are ready to take full advantage of all that our schools offer, especially for families who may experience additional challenges," Somerville School Committee Chairman Christine Rafal said. "The recommendations could be seen as a modern way to implement the traditional wisdom that it really does take a village to raise a child to his or her fullest potential."

Recommendations for instituting this integrated early childhood strategy include a new director of early education and care who would be responsible for coordinating these efforts. It also includes creating a single point of entry into Somerville's early education and care system, with Somerville Public Schools' Parent Information Center (PIC) expanding to include early education and care information and referral services. A new website would also provide families with an overview of all the programs, services and options available in the city.

The proposed plan would transition from the current and somewhat separate public and private systems to an integrated approach through which public and private services collaborate in providing support for young families. The goal is to provide universal kindergarten readiness for all Somerville children and to bring greater continuity to those children's experiences across the education and care settings of their pre-kindergarten years while also offering Hexibility and choice to families to choose a provider setting that best suits their child.

"High-quality preschool education has been shown to narrow the achievement gap by as much as half, according to the National Education Policy Center, but it's more than just preschool that can make a difference. As we know in Somerville, it takes a holistic approach, supporting our children not only academically, but in all areas of their lives," Mayor Joe Curtatone said. "This should be a fundamental right for every student, not a luxury, and this report makes innovative recommendations on how to provide this to all of our children, from diapers to day one of kindergarten, by utilizing both public and private resources in a collaborative way that preserves flexibility for our families."

The report is in response to a 2013 request from the Somerville School Committee and the Mayor's Child and Youth Study Team, which is a joint effort by the city and schools, to study kindergarten readiness in Somerville. Initially focused on the future possibilities within Somerville Public Schools' SMILE preschool program, the report's authors found that focusing on the broader idea of universal kindergarten readiness, instead of only universal preschool, would better serve the diverse community in Somerville while capitalizing on the resources and programs already available.

"Our focus on universal kindergarten readiness based on research and best practices to maximize student potential supports our community's vision and desire to share best practices and learn from one another, and develop an approach that works for our community," School Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi said. "Somerville is a unique community that brings together a wide range of cultural experiences and knowledge. We want to build on that collective wisdom."

The report outlines how Somerville is well poised to play a leadership role in the creation of a robust and coordinated network of early education and care, with many of the necessary elements already in place, recognizing that no one sectorpublic schools, the city, private providers or other community agencies—can achieve universal Kindergarten readiness alone.

"The report includes recommendations for a bold commitment to early childhood education in Somerville, a commitment that will advance our city's role as a state and national leader in support for early learning," added Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Dr. Vince McKay. "These steps represent good social policy as well as good economic policy. One of the most compelling arguments for investments in the early years is that they have been widely proven to reduce later social and economic costs. This is the right thing to do, now, for our children."

The Somerville Times **Historical Fact of the Week**



Eagle feathers #46

Raise your glasses

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

If you find yourself driving along Rt. 128 just south of Rt. 2, it's hard to miss the brown and white signs directing you to the De Cordova Museum. It's art exhibits are found in and surrounding the grounds of the former Julian De Cordova Mansion, the heart of the popular museum that he donated to the town of Lincoln. Julian acquired much of his wealth as the last owner of the Union Glass Company of Somerville.

The first owner was Amory Houghton who emerged into the glass business in 1851 and founded Union Glass Company in 1854. The family-owned company operated it for over a decade. It employed a small crew that grew to over 250 workers, Somerville's largest industry at that



time. The large factory works were located on the eastern side of Webster Avenue, just beyond Prospect Street. In 1864, the company outgrew the local demand for its various shaped glass offerings. The family sold the business and moved to New York City, acquiring the Brooklyn Flint Glass Company. Four years later, they relocated 250 miles north of the city, taking on the name of that sleepy little town, Corning.



Through the years, it became an internationally known conglomerate. Today the company is the world leader in specialty glass and ceramics, and its creations touch everywhere around the globe and beyond, from fiberglass boats to nose cones for rockets.

Some members of the Houghton family acquired fame in their own right. One was women's rights advocate, Katharine Houghton Hepburn, whose daughter was the twelve-time nominee and four-time Oscar winner, actress Katharine Hepburn. She was the granddaughter of the Union Glass founder.



Corning began in Union Square and its products haven't left. In fact, new ones keep coming back in the form of dinnerware on our tables, fiberglass insulation in our homes and the ruby red safety light systems along our train rails. From lights and lanterns above the streets, to the automobiles along the streets, to the fiber optics under the streets, Corning is there. Its roots were planted in Union Square 163 years ago, and today it is the world's #1 pioneer in glass. The screens on your televisions, computers, iPhones, laptops, and cell phones all have something in common ... you are looking through clear, Corning glass.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on two roll calls and local senators on two from the week of February 10-14.

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

ty of Middlesex.

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. -Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the coun-

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 3899, S 2010)

House 146-2, Senate 37-0, approved different versions of a supplemental budget to pay expenses for the current fiscal year. The price tag on the House version is estimated to be \$154 million while the Senate package came in at \$196 million. A conference committee will likely hammer out a compromise version. One of the major differences is that the Senate version does not include a freeze in unemployment insurance rates adopted by the House. The payments are made by employers and go into a fund that provides benefits to laid-off workers.

Supporters said the package is fiscally responsible and funds necessary programs including several that are running out of money.

Opponents said they cannot vote for this additional \$196 million in spending that is on top of the massively excessive \$34 billion state budget that was based on unnecessary tax hikes and provided insufficient local aid.

(A"Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

GAS LEAKS (H 3873)

House 152-0, approved and sent to the Senate legislation that would require gas leaks to be repaired by the gas company in a time frame based on a three-tier classification system of dangerousness. Grade One leaks are most likely to cause an explosion and would have to be repaired immediately. Grade Two leaks are expected to create a hazard in the future and would have to be fixed within 15 months, while Grade Three leaks are non-hazardous and would have to be reevaluated every six months.

Another key provision requires gas companies to file major repair plans for aging infrastructure and pipes with the state and to apply for a rate increase from their customers to fund the repairs.

Supporters said the state's gas delivery system is the second oldest in the nation and has 5,700 miles of leakprone distribution pipe and 20,000 known leaks. They noted the bill will help avoid gas leak tragedies, save lives and have a positive impact on the environment by reducing methane gas.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

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

FOSTER CARE MORATORIUM (S 2010)

Senate 32-5, approved an amendment that would impose a six-month temporary moratorium on the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) placement in foster homes any individuals or family members convicted of a felony unless an investigation finds that the placement poses no threat to the safety of the child. The amendment also requires the state to examine all existing foster care placements to ensure each placement is appropriate and the child is safe.

Amendment supporters said current DCF policies do not automatically disqualify prospective foster parents who have been convicted of crimes such as soliciting sex from a minor, possessing "obscene pornographic" material and assault and battery and instead allows them to seek a waiver. They cited recent media reports that there are currently 552 homes caring for children where the guardian has a prior criminal conviction.

Amendment opponents said the state commissioned the Child Welfare League of America to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the state's foster care system. They urged set comes out so that a comprehensive solution can be developed to solve the many problems at the troubled DCF.

(A "Yes" vote is for the moratorium. A "No" vote is against it.)

> Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

GOOD SAMARITAN LAW (S 1993) - The House approved a Senate-approved bill that would protect off-duty firefighters and EMTs from liability when providing emergency care. The current "Good Samaritan" law only protects civilian who are not trained in emergency response. Only final House and Senate approval are needed prior to the bill going to Gov. Deval Patrick for his signature.

Supporters said under current law, these firefighters and EMTs would be liable if anything went wrong as a result of their efforts to provide emergency care. The proposal has gained steam since the Boston Marathon bombing, in which hundreds of off-duty personnel were running in the race and then responded immediately after the bombing.

VACCINES (S 1971) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a measure that would create the Vaccine Purchase Trust Fund to fund the purchase, storage and distribution of routine childhood immunizations. The state would charge an assessment on insurance companies for the costs. The new law also requires insurers to provide benefits for immunizations on each health care plan and exempt the immunizations from copayments and deductibles.

Supporters say this law now makes all these important vaccines available at no cost to all children. They note passage of this law was more important than ever as an increasing number of states are granting exemptions from childhood vaccinations, causing the return of preventable illnesses including mumps and measles.

EZ-ID VEHICLE RECOGNITION (S 1712) - The

Transportation Committee heard testimony on legislation that would create a task force to study the feasibility of requiring all Massachusetts license plates to feature a symbol, like a star, diamond or heart, along with four numbers and letters. This system would replace the current system, which has six random letters and numbers.

Supporters said the new plates would make it easier for adults and children to remember license plate registrations and report them to law enforcement officials to track down vehicles used in child kidnappings and other crimes. They cited studies showing both children and

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adults have trouble recalling the current plates.

The two chairs of the committee both said they wanted more information on scientific studies that prove these symbols will make plates easier to remember.

DUAL LIQUOR LICENSES (H 3420) - A bill before the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee would allow cities and towns to issue a liquor license allowing supermarkets to sell packaged alcohol and serve alcoholic drinks inside the store. Current law prohibits any establishment from offering both. The measure was filed on behalf of Wegman's Supermarket in Northborough, which noted it is allowed to do this in other states.

Supporters say this archaic law should be changed to leave the decision up to local communities.

Opponents say the new law would damage smaller local supermarkets, restaurants and liquor stores that do not have the space to do this.

PRICE GOUGING DURING EMERGENCIES (S

1113) - The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee's hearing agenda also included legislation making it a crime to price gouge during a declared state emergency. The measure imposes up to a 2.5-year prison sentence and/or \$50,000 fine on anyone who charges excessive prices for necessities including food, fuel and shelter.

WOMEN'S DEFENSE CORPS (H 2836) - The House gave initial approval to a bill designating April

2 as Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps Remembrance Day. The day would recognize "the generous contributions of the approximately 18,000 women who volunteered to train as air raid wardens, drivers, communications personnel, canteen workers medics, chemical detections personnel and as emergency fire fighters during World War II."

OFFICIAL STATE SEASONING (H 3753) - The House gave initial approval to a measure designating Bell's Seasoning as the official state seasoning. The seasoning was created by William Bell, a Boston inventor, in 1867 and has been manufactured in East Weymouth since 1971. The measure is sponsored by Bob Tallent, who is the National Sales Manager at Brady Enterprises which owns Bell's Seasoning.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"For a progressive state such as Massachusetts, spending less than one percent (of the \$34 billion state budget on environmental protection) is a disgrace." - George Bachrach, President of the Environmental League of Massachusetts, proposing a "green budget" designed to ensure that there is sufficient funding for environmental projects.

"Massachusetts desperately needs additional funding for transportation improvements, and right now, the gas tax is the best means to that end. Indexing the tax to inflation protects our investment in infrastructure for future generations." - Mark Shaw, President and CEO of AAA Southern New England, announcing he is opposed to repealing the law that indexes the gas tax to inflation and provides automatic hikes based on the Consumer Price Index.

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 February 10-14, the House met for a total of eight hours and 52 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 12 hours and 24 minutes.

Mon. February 10 House 11:05 a.m. to 12:43 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.

No House session Tues. February 11

Wed. February 12 House 11:01 a.m. to 6:09 p.m.

No Senate session

House 11:08 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 1:16 p.m. to 4:13 p.m.

Senate 11:01 a.m. to 3:13 p.m.

Fri. February 14 No House session

Thurs. February 13

No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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From diapers to day one of kindergarten, supporting families and educating children



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a holistic approach to every issue and understanding that in each situation there are multiple factors that affect the outcome has been a guiding force in so many of the city's accomplishments. Take public safety, for example. If we're serious about reducing crime, we don't simply put more officers on the street or make more arrests. We go to the root of the problem. We support strong family units. And we support strong education, which is a complex system, too.

That's why I'm pleased to see a new report that takes the broad and complex - but not complicated - view by recommending that instead of looking at universal preschool as the sole means of preparing children for kindergarten, Somerville should look toward establishing an innovative citywide early childhood network where all providers, both public and private, can help families in laying the groundwork for their children's academic success. This approach would ensure that from diapers to day one of kindergarten, children and their families can get the support and services they need for children to reach their full potential.

We've long taken the holistic approach to the K-12 education we provide our children. Starting a decade ago in the midst of a brutal economy, we watched other school districts in Massachusetts lavoff teachers, hike up fees and slash music, world language and athletics programs. In Somerville, we did not cut programs, we did not even merely sustain them. We continued to invest more, ensuring that every Somerville student gets a comprehensive, well-rounded and high-quality education in our

The Somerville Public Schools

budget for the current school year expands those programs, providing more students than ever before the opportunity to learn a foreign language, take a music class or participate in intramural sports. We know those programs are not extras but an essential part of education, proven to improve academic success, and we don't nickel and dime our families for them. Our schools also serve the whole student by providing an array of services from nutrition and tutoring to family engagement. Education does not stop in the classroom. The factors that affect success are community-wide. We are studying these factors, tracking the data, looking at the systems that impact learning, and we are seeing results.

This year's school budget also funded two additional classrooms in the popular SMILE preschool program because expanding preschool education makes a huge difference in children's future. High-quality preschool education has been shown to narrow the achievement gap by as much as half, according to the National Education Policy Center, and this opportunity to achieve this kind of success shouldn't be a luxury for families, but a fundamental right for every child. Adults who attended preschool programs as children have higher college attendance rates, higher employment and earnings, fewer arrests and less drug abuse.

But is school-based universal preschool education alone enough? The School Committee and my Child and Youth Study Team, a joint effort by the city and schools, asked last year for a study of kindergarten readiness in Somerville. The comprehensive report delivered last week, "SomerReady: Creating a Citywide, Universal Kindergarten Readiness System," cites research that shows instead of waiting until a child is three or four years old, providing education and support for children and families beginning with pregnancy has a significant impact on how a child will perform academically.

That report recommends that we should take the same approach for infants and toddlers that we take for all our K-12 students, because again, we know that education does not stop in the classroom. That approach means serving the whole child, and because Somerville already has diverse options for early education and care services across a variety of providers - including the city, Somerville Schools, Head Start, nonprofits and private and faith-based groups - we can tap into that existing network and make it easier for families to access the services they need and support universal kindergarten readiness across the board.

The key here is an innovative public-private approach with all these providers working collaboratively. There's no point in duplicating efforts when high-quality options are already available in Somerville, but there is good reason to ensure that all early education and care providers benefit from joint Continued on page 20

Life in the William by Jimmy Del Ponte

Somerville Lumber: Big store with a small store feel



"Before there Depot Home or Lowe's, my family always went to Somerville Lumber for any home project that

needed to be done." Somerville Lumber was located on McGrath Highway in the area where Stop & Shop is now. You may remember the huge American flag that flew over Somerville Lumber.

I can still see those red shirts that the employees wore. I can't believe how many people I know who used to work at Somerville Lumber. Some of the best appliances I ever bought were from there, and lots of people have told me that they still have items purchased from Somerville Lumber. As a matter of fact, I'm on my second washing machine, and my tenants are still using the washer and dryer we bought at Somerville Lumber years ago! Many sheets of wood paneling that still adorn many Somerville homes were purchased there.

Somerville Lumber was owned by the Cohen family, and they were very well liked. At one time, it was the single largest single-site distributor of Armstrong floor products in the U.S. "We would sell you your lumber, cut it up, load it and tie it onto your vehicle ... not just point you to a box of string and leave you to fend for yourself."

A former employee recalls, "I worked there for 8 1/2 years and was a proud member of the "Red Eye Crew." We used to actually call over the paging system for the "Crew" to come to the time clock so we could all go to Moriarty's for liquid lunch and darts. What great times we had at Somerville Lumber. Good people."

Another friend says, "I met my husband while working there. It was a great place to work ... we had a lot of fun." Kids had fun causing a ruckus in the doorbell-display area and hiding and playing in the lumber yard.

"The staff was friendly and helpful and they felt like a family. The owner would actually send bouquets of flowers sometimes when an employee had a new baby."

"I remember this one time, these guys came in and bought a ton of sheetrock and wanted it on top of their VW van,



the old hippie kind with the rounded roof. As we're loading it, the roundness of the roof starts to flatten out, and even though I'm telling them this ain't cool, they say to keep going. We loaded it up and tied it down. They left with the roof flattened down and not much spring left in the suspension. It was a pretty funny sight. Lots of people would pull out of there with their rear ends (dragging) down and their front wheels barely touching the ground." In the mid-70s, there was a fire. When

it was rebuilt, it wasn't the claustrophobic two-story building anymore. The new building sprawled along McGrath Highway with a parking lot, lumberyard and loading area.

There is still a store called Somerville

Lumber in Bridgewater, N.J.!

Somerville Lumber was a family-run business, and it really was like a big family. Many friendships and relationships blossomed and endure today.

There was a reunion of employees in 2009, and many former Somerville Lumber employees still keep in touch. Someone "who was there" told us that Somerville Lumber closed its doors in October 1997, citing "the continuing weakness in the New England economy."

The saga of Somerville Lumber takes its place in the city's grand history of businesses gone by. You don't have to look too far to find someone in the city who has something good to say about the old Somerville Lumber store.

COMMENTARY

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The View Of The Times



Tufts needs to commit to specifics with how it will use the building proposed to replace the Powder House School on Broadway.

In the second of a series of public meetings last week seeking community input on the building and how the open space near the site and the Tufts Administration Building (TAB) behind the current school on Holland will be designed and what recreational features will be included, a representative from Tufts said the university wanted to maintain flexibility with how it will use the new building.

That rubbed Board of Aldermen President Bill White the wrong way. He not-

ed the lack of specifics is holding up his board's work on drafting the land disposition agreement between the city and Tufts necessary to move forward. The agreement, he said, should contain as many details as possible to ensure what is approved is what ends up happening. Zoning changes would also be required, and without knowing what building the purpose will serve makes it impossible to zone it accordingly.

A casual mention of classroom space being among the uses considered also drew criticism, as that use was not mentioned in the university's request for proposals for the site, which drew a majority, though not unanimous, approval from the committee tasked with screening the applicants interested in developing the property.

The need for a stated plan has to do with more than just creating a sense of good will, a feeling already tenuous among residents and some city officials who are still wary, despite repeated statements to the contrary, that Tufts will indeed pay taxes on the property. As surveying work is now underway, and it appears the parking lot under the building cannot go more than one level deep because of bedrock, the plans are now being developed with more above ground parking than originally proposed. Without knowing how many people will be in the build-

ing at peak occupancy, and not knowing what percentage of those people will be driving, it seems counterintuitive from both a practical and aesthetic perspective to possibly create more parking spaces than necessary.

Tufts, though ADD Inc., the design firm hired to create and fine tune the proposal with residents' input (a single building, as opposed to two, was not part of the preliminary vision for the site but was changed after the first meeting with neighbors), has shown a willingness to listen to neighbors' concerns and ideas. And though the courtship to this point has been going smoothly, it's time to put a ring on it and set the date.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

We certainly wish her the very best and a blessed happy birthday to her. And to Tom, we wish he gets better and enjoys his retirement. He deserves it.

Another special lady – we can't mention her age – but what a nice lady, Mrs. Donna Davis-Alibrandi is celebrating her bithday this week. She's a nice lady and from a great family. She and her husband Tony have given so much over the years to various charities and sports teams – too many to mention – their generiousity is beyond words. We certainly wish Donna the best. She and Tony better have a good night planned for out to dinner. Happy Birthday Donna!

Other well-known Villens this week celebrating their birthdays include: Robert Lomanno, who we hope has a great day; our good friend Alan Jones. Although from Arlington, he does read our paper every week, and we wish him HB; former police officer and another

great guy, Scott Gamble is celebrating this week; and the very popular Brian Barton of the Electricial Union in Boston, who is also from the Ville, we wish you a happy birthday.

Saturdays through March 1, 1-4 p.m., Somerville Winter Farmers Market, at the Mystic Head Start Classroom, 35 C Memorial Road. Half price for Mystic residents and EBT Cards. For more information, contact Groundwork Somerville at (617) 628-9988. Saturdays through March 29, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Somerville Winter Farmers Market, at the Center for the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue. Bus routes 88 and 90. For more information, visithttp://somwintermarket.org.

Thursday, March 20, 6 p.m., 12th Annual Brian Higgins Foundation Trivia Night, at Tufts University's Cousens Gym. Save the date. For more information, visit www.thebrianhig-

ginsfoundation.org or emaildebby@ thebrianhigginsfoundation.org. \$25 donation per person; up to 10 people per table/team. Light dinner provided by Kelly's Roast Beef and dessert by Somerville High School Culinary Arts. Stay connected by "liking" BHF at www.facebook.com/TheBrianHigginsFoundation.

The Union Square Farmers Market is now accepting applications for the 2014 season. The standard season runs every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm, June 7 through November 22, and this year they are excited to offer an extended season for three weeks in May, beginning May 17. Union Square Main Streets manages this market to support a culture of healthy eating and active living, to nurture local food based businesses and the identity of Union Square as a dynamic food destination, and to increase pedestrian activity that advance the brick and mortar businesses here in

the neighborhood. Returning vendors are giving priority and their deadline is February 28, 2014. The deadline for new vendors and first selection of guest vendors is March 15, 2014. Applications accepted through ManageMyMarket's on-line portal: http://www.managemymarket.com/landing.aspx?orgID=477.

The City of Somerville seeks qualified candidates to work as a Crossing Guard for the current school year. Morning shift is 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. The afternoon shift is 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Salary is \$25.47 per day for working both morning and afternoon shifts. Applications available at the City Hall Personnel Office, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143. You can also fax (617-666-4426) or email resume to: employment_opportunities@somervillema.gov or to the Somerville Police Safety Officer Sean Sylvester: ssylvester@police.somerville.ma.us

Asian Night at ESCS

The inaugural Asian Night was held last Thursday (Feb. 13) at the East Somerville Community School auditorium.

The event was organized by the Friends of Asian Culture club (FAC). The club's intention in organizing the event was to kindle an appreciation for different cultures in Asia and to give students a platform to showcase their talents.

Around 100 parents, teachers and students attended the event, which had two parts. From 6 to 7:30 p.m., attendees enjoyed Chinese, Nepali and Indian food, and young kids learned to make origami stars, Chinese paper lanterns and traditional Chinese paper-cutting of characters representing words such "spring" and "joy." FAC also fundraised through an arts-and-crafts sale, with 50 percent of the proceeds going to Philippines typhoon relief.

From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., 18 Somerville High School students and parents delivered 11 performances that featured poetry recitation, Mandarin, Cantonese, Indian, Tibetan and Japanese songs, as well as Chinese, Bollywood and Korean dances.

There were several highlights. Marianne Henriksen, a junior, controlled the sound, designed the program brochure and also sang a beautiful Japanese solo. Karishma Sukhu, founder and president of FAC, did a fabulous job organizing the students' auditions and rehearsals. Jordan Young, a junior, not only did an amazing dramatic interpretation of an original, six-part haiku, but also gave 50 percent of what he made from his jewelry sale to FAC. Dega, a parent, sang a powerful a cappella Tibetan solo. All the performers and volunteers did an excellent job.





















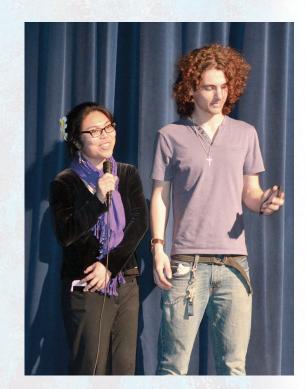














Photos by Claudia Ferro

SPORTS

Students to take part in annual Somerville City-Wide Swim Meet

Students from all over Somerville are invited to participate in the Somerville City-Wide Swim Meet at the John F. Kennedy School Pool from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1.

The annual event is open to students in grades 1 through 8. Students in grades 1-5 will participate in the Elementary division, while students in Grades 6-8 will compete in the Middle School division. Participants must sign up in advance to participate as a member of their school team, and they can do so at the Kennedy Pool at 5 Cherry St., by calling the Somerville Pool at 617-629-5445 or by talking to their school's physical education teacher. Participants are asked to select two swim strokes in which they'll compete as a member of their school team. Strokes include the front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.

Rich Cheney, director of the Kennedy Pool for the Somerville Public Schools, sums up the philosophy of this event: "I like to see the smiles on the kids' faces when they finish their event. We don't recognize a student for coming in first. We try not to encourage the individuality of it. It's all about team and working together."

The event is co-organized by the Somerville Public Schools SPS and the Somerville Recreation Department to encourage youth to take swim classes and get involved in swim teams. The program is in the final stages of transitioning from a fourth-



The Somerville City-Wide Swim Meet takes place at the John F. Kennedy School Pool from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1.

Ms. Cam's lio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What is the longest one syllable word in the English language?
- 2. How did the expression "knuckle down" originate?
- 3. What animal are the Canary Islands in the Pacific named after?
- 4. What are the only four words in the English Language that end in "dous"?
- 5. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 6. What is the name of Nike's company logo?
- 7. What is the difference

- in appearance of a manx cat from other cats?
- 8. What other sport was the term "home run" used in long before baseball?
- 9. What was the name of the Carol Burnett's comedy series in the 1990's?
- 10. What country developed india ink?
- 11. What are the names of the awards given for a) movies, b) television, and c) theater?
- 12. What was the device that used a cat's whisker?

Answers on page 21

grade to a third-grade program, with the final two schools currently making that transition.

Participants in the upcoming meet on March 1 must be able to swim either 25 yards (Elementary division) or 50 yards (Middle School division), but staff members are happy to work with students who may need extra help.

As Cheney explained, the staff will "put a life jacket on

a student and guide a student down the pool to make sure every child gets a chance to participate."

Somerville has run this event more than 10 years, the last five of which have been held on the same winter weekend. Team trophies are handed out based on highest participation from a single school and best results across events for the school team in each division.

The Brown School and Healey School took top Elementary and Middle School team honors, respectively, last year. Every swimmer receives a free T-shirt. Participation in this event has ranged from 80 to more than 150 students in past years. For additional information about Somerville City-Wide Swim Meet, or Kennedy Pool hours and programs, visit www. somerville.k12.ma.us/pool.

Somerville High Athletics schedule for Feb. 19-26

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Mulloy Tournament – Everett at Veterans Memorial Rink – TBD. Ice Hockey: Girls Varsity Game – Algonquin Regional at Algonquin Regional – 12 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20

Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game (Rescheduled from 02-

Veterans Memorial Rink Senior Night - 2 p.m.

Basketball: Girls Freshman Game (Cancelled) Winthrop at Winthrop - 3:45 p.m.

Basketball: Girls Junior Varsity Game – Winthrop at Winthrop - 5:30 p.m.

Basketball: Boys Junior Varsi-

15-14) vs. Latin Academy at ty Game vs. Peabody Veterans Memorial at Somerville High School - Field House - 5:30 p.m. Basketball: Girls Varsity Game Winthrop at High School - 7

> Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Peabody Veterans Memorial at Somerville High School -Field House - 7 p.m.

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Somerville High School Senior Night 2014











Senior Melissa Baptista scored her 1,000th point in the game against Notre Dame during the recent Senior Night at SHS.

- Photos by Dorothy Wedge-Metivier

Olympic bobsledders have roots in Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

"Steve was hungry for competition and has always wanted to be in the Olympics," his father said. "He saw an ad online for bobsledding and applied."

According to his father, Steve played soccer and football in high school and was a sprinter and jumper on the track and field team at Northeastern University.

A naturally athletic family, the elder Steven Langton was involved in a number of extracurricular activities, including basketball, football, golf and skiing at St. Clement School in Medford, while Anne Langton was a dancer at Somerville High School. Christopher Langton, their youngest son, is a lacrosse player at Cornell University, though he has put his lacrosse career on hold to follow in his brother's footsteps at the Olympics.

Christopher, who had to stay

behind during the Vancouver Olympics to finish his lacrosse season, was inspired by his brother after he had watched him on TV.

"He saw [Steve] in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and wanted to follow in his footsteps," their father said, explaining how Chris left his lacrosse team to join Langton in the Sochi Olympics as an alternate bobsled racer for Team USA.

"We loved watching the Olympics - we always watched it, every time, never missed it," Anne said. "[As the parent of an Olympian], you feel very proud, and for the Olympians it's such an honor to represent your country. The sacrifices that all athletes make to reach the pinnacle of whatever sport they're competing in is amazing. It takes sacrifice, hard work and determination. We're hoping they'll



This sign can be found on the backs of Russell Disposal trucks.

bring home the gold."

Many Somerville residents will likely be hoping for the same thing.

If you missed the bobsled

To

race this past weekend, you can still catch Steve Langton in the four-man race this Saturday and Sunday.

Update: On Monday, Steve

Langton and teammate Steven Holcomb won a two-man bobsled bronze medal, the first Americans to do so in 62 years of Olympic competition.

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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PLANNING DIVISION LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

OF PUBLIC HEARING

24 Beacon Place: (Case #ZBA 2014-02) Applicant and Owner Ethan Beauvais, seeks a special permit under §4.4.1 to reconstruct a nonconforming 3-family home previously damaged in a fire with modifications including sideyard and front setbacks, increase in nonconforming FAR, height, and window and door alterations. RB Zone. Ward 2.

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

Docket No. MI 14P0414EA

LETTERS OF AUTHORITY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Estate of: Albert F. Gaulin

Date of Death: ___11/07/2013

Janice M. Jesme 925 6th Street West Hastings, MN 55033

You have been appointed and qualified as Personal Representative in [] Supervised [X] Unsupervised administration of this estate on February 03, 2014

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I certify that it appears by the records of this Court that said appointment remains in full force and effect. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court.

Date: February 10, 2014

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

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

61 Medford St: (Case #PB 2014-06) Applicant, Matthew Kochaba, and Owner, Tim Coskren, seek a Special Permit per SZO §5.3.8 to alter a previously approved site plan by adding site equipment including a generator. TOD 100 Zone. Ward 2.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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Please note that due to construction the Cross Street Center and its events have been CANCELLED for the next two weeks.

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Trips and Events Corner:

The Somerville Council on Aging & Culinary Arts are hosting a luncheon at the Highlander Cafe High School Atrium. Tuesday, March 4. \$9. The Highlander Café is located at the atrium of the high school, which is located closest to the library. Limited seating, please specify meal choice with payment: Baked Haddock or Pork Roast. Doors Will Open at 10:45 a.m. For more info call or Connie 617-625-6600 Ex 2300.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wii Bowling League - at Holland 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.

Zumba for All with Cheryl - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes. Come at the end of the day, after work. Open to all.

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. Holland and 9:30 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

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

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

Bowling at Flatbreads - Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

LGBT Events (Open to all ages):

Holland Street Café – Next lunch will be Monday, March 10. RSVP a6 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

LBGT Advisory Group – We meet the 4th Monday of each month. Our next meeting is Monday, February 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Ralph & Jenny Center Events:

Ralph and Jenny Center will be open four days a week (Mon-Thurs).

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

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

Strengthening Exercises with Geoff. 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

BINGO every day at 12:45.

Cross Street Center Events:

Center open every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please note that due to construction the Cross Street Center and its events have been CANCELLED for the next two weeks.

English Conversation group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 and Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Enjoy conversation, and stay for lunch with new friends from all over the world.

Holland Street center:

Book club meets first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. The book for February is "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society."

February 19

Bowling at Flatbreads at 1:00 pm

Holland Street Center Fit 4 Life A|8:45 a.m.

Fit 4 Life B|9 a.m.

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Fit 4 Life C|1 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage | 10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

February 20

Holland Street Center

Current Events 10 a.m. Lunch|11:30 a.m. BINGO|12:45 p.m.

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

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Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

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February 21

Holland Street Center

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

February 24

Holland Street Center

Moonlighters 10:30 a.m.

Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Fit-4-Life C|1 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

February 25

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercise 9:15 a.m.

SHINE by appt. 10 a.m.

Lunch|11:30 a.m. Fit 4 Life LBT 6 p.m.

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Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

February 26

Holland Street Center

Fit 4 Life A|8:45 a.m.

Fit 4 Life B|9 a.m.

Lunch|11:30 a.m. Fit 4 Life C|1 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

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Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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ESCS salutes African-American History Month













The 8th Grade World Ensemble performed Buya iAfrica, a seven-part arrangement for marimba ensemble, under the direction of Adam Epstein at the East Somerville Community School Thursday, Feb. 13, during the African-American History Month assembly.

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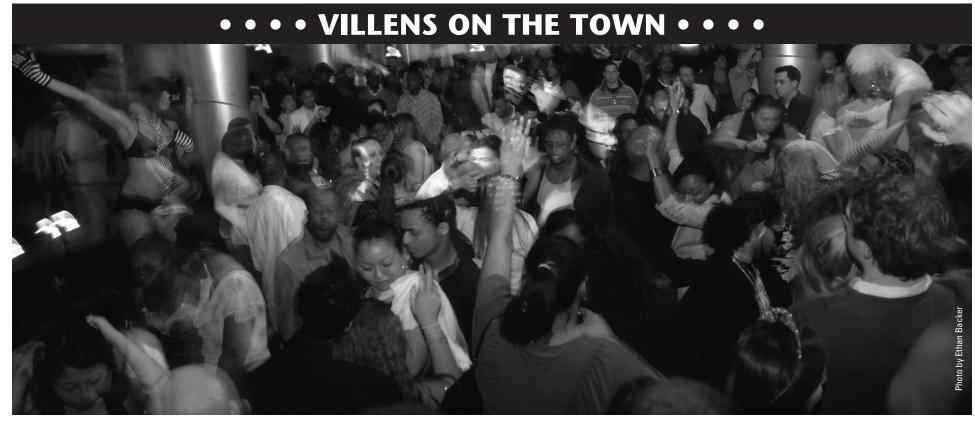
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11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-

Central Library

Library Maker Faire with Melissa

Cathy Piantigini | 617-623-5000

2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday February 20

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday | February 21

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

Teen Game Day Cynthia or Ron 617-623-5000-

3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating

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

Saturday | February 22

Central Library

StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 x2910 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Reception for Art Exhibit by Kirk Etherton Kirk Etherton617-776-5953

12:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Sunday | February 23

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating 3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Monday February 24

Central Library

Sing-Along with Jordan Voelker Cathy x2954

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

Arts at the Armory

Knucklebones

9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday | February 25

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 9-11

Tammy McKanan|617-591-0216 9:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College

Central Library

Avenue

StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday|February 26

East Branch Library

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

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Wednesday | February 19

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Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory

Do The Math 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square 617-625-5700

Thursday|February 20

Johnny D's

Pablo Palooza|9:30 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

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The Burren

Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. **Back Room** Scattershot |10 p.m.

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247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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Precinct Bar

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Bull McCabe's

Dub Down Featuring The Scotch **Bonnet Band** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Somerville Theatre

Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

mory 7:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Castle of Comedy

Third Thursday Jazz at the Ar-

8:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave **Somerville Theatre**

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square 617-625-5700

Friday February 21

Johnny D's

World Music Event featuring Romano Drom|7:30 p.m. Free Friday featuring Wild Adriatic, Sunshine Riot 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m. Tsunami of Sound \$5 cover | 9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Cover Up

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

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

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Casey's Entertainment every Friday

173 Broadway 617- 625-5195 Radio Bar

379 Summer St. Arts at the Armory

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Saturday | February 22

Johnny D's

EthanRossiter & The Jamberries/\$3/kids,\$5/Adults |4 p.m. HearNowLive Presents: Alexi Paraschos ("Something Greater" Album Release Party)|7:30 p.m. Sophistafunk with Back on the Train|10 p.m.

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band | 6 p.m Answerman, Little Blood, Trick Wallace Trio \$5 cover | 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Jimmy's Down 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar

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Arts at the Armory

Alembic

8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

Asaf Avidan 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square|617-625-5700

Sunday | February 23

Johnny D's

Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band|4 p.m. 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m

Natalie Flanagan & Friends |8

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The Burren

Front Room

Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller 7 p.m.

Back Room

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

PA'S Lounge

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Precinct Bar

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Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Radio Bar

379 Summer St

Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DJ 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

Arts at the Armory

Chili Takedown 2 p.m.|Performance Hall Cafe Rags

7 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre Angelique Kidjo 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square|617-625-5700

Monday|February 24

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Tight Five 7 p.m. Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy 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** Irish Step Dancing 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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Americana Night 345 Somerville Avel617-776-1557

Precinct Bar

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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 | February 25

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Mike Gent & The Rapid Shave |9 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

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The Burren Front Room

Jason Anick and the Swing-

ers|8:30 p.m.

Back Room

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Radio Bar

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Somerville Theatre

Band Of Horses: A Special Acoustic Performance 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square|617-625-5700

Wednesday | February 26

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Public Interest 8 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | February 19

Third Life Studio

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

Thursday | February 20

West Branch Library

Learn English at the Library! (Session 1)6:00 PM - 7:00 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 PM - 8:15 p.m. 40 College Avenue

Central Library

Dear Bawa Muhaiyaddeen (short documentary) Kevin O'Kelly|617-623-5000 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Drop-In Meditation Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.|79 Highland

Avenue First Church Somerville

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

Third Life Studio

Roots and Rhythm

33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

Friday February 21

Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga

2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

Saturday | February 22

Central Library

Reception for Art Exhibit by Kirk Etherton Kirk Etherton617-776-5953

12:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.|79 High-

land Avenue

Winter Farmers' Market

9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bagel Bards

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Third Life Studio

lazz Dance Brunch! A Six Week Jazz Dance Class Series with Jen Farrell January 25 through March 1 10:30am-12:00pm|33 Union Sq

Sunday | February 23

Unity Church of God

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

Third Life Studio

basement.

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

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

Monday February 24

East Branch Library

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

Central Library Book Group: Books-into-Movies

Discussion Group 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue **Third Life Studio**

Discover Belly Dance with Nadi-

6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadira-

Tuesday | **February 25 Central Library**

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

Ave

Third Life Studio The Art of Group Singing For

Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.

7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. | 33 Union Sq Wednesday | February 26

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professional development and the mutual sharing of best practices that will enhance all the programs available in Somerville.

The other key is creating a single point of entry into the early education and care sys-

tem, so families can easily find and access the services they need. Whether a family needs a home visit by a child development specialist, mental health services, childcare, or early intervention or special education services, by creating a single point of entry we could ensure that every family and every child can easily access the support they need.

Education is a lifelong endeavor, and we shouldn't be waiting until kids are on the verge of entering kindergarten to make sure they're on the right track. We're fortunate that Somerville already has so much knowledge, expertise and high-quality services right at our fingertips. If we can adopt this report's recommendations, our city can lead

the way on early education and care, again provide a model for others to follow, and most importantly educate each and every child and create an environment where all Somerville children can reach their greatest potential.

Old School Game Show will blend trivia, matchmaking and robots

By Erica Scharn

The interactive variety show Old School Game Show will add matchmaking to this month's installment at The Davis Square Theatre at 6 p.m. Feb. 23. Sunday's show, Slow Jam Jubilee, will feature its own version of The Dating Game, in honor of Valentine's Day.

Held on the last Sunday of each month at The Davis Square Theatre at 255 Elm St., Old School Game Show (OSGS) is a 70s-inspired live theater experience. Audience members have the opportunity to participate in buzzer-based pop-culture trivia challenges, with prizes from local sponsors. OSGS showcases local talent, including musicians, comedians and dancers. The audience can expect live music, comedy skits, elaborate throwback costumes, special guests and performances by The Cubic Zirconia Dancers.

"I describe it as The Price Is Right meets The Muppet Show, but without muppets," said Mike D'Angelo, OSGS host and creator. "It is definitely an R-rated, alt trivia comedy show."

D'Angelo, a Somerville resident, said that he was coming up with games for his girlfriend's

birthday party a few years ago when his friends encouraged him to explore the concept in a public setting. OSGS - which first came on the scene in May 2013 following a successful Kickstarter campaign - sold out of tickets the past three months.

"I've always had a fascination with old-timey, old school stuff, like vaudeville, silent movies," D'Angelo said. "A lot of the stuff that's in the show has inspiration, like the character and the time period, of the late 70s, early 80s." Even though the show is about "honoring and parodying that period," the pop-culture trivia is a mix of old and new. D'Angelo said that the show draws a crowd of all ages.

Unless they opt out of the opportunity to play, audience members have their names put in the OSGS fishbowl. Announcer Mo Lotman randomly picks names and calls the contestants up. Teams of four stand behind Family Feud-like corrals and face off one-on-one. To make for a more fulfilling buzzer experience, OSGS had an electrician create custom-made buzzers. For the romance-themed trivia, singles will ask pop culture-related questions of their potential soul mates, and local sponsors



Interactive theater experience Old School Game Show combines elements of pub trivia and 70s inspired variety. Next show Sunday, February 23, 7 p.m. at the Davis Square Theater in Somerville. More info at oldschoolgameshow.com.

will provide the two dates.

Each month, the show features both new and recurring characters, themes, guests and music. Some of the current crowd favorites have their roots in the house party that started it all. Contestants identify songs that have been sped up in Chipmunk Speedmetal. In Robot Thespian, one of the cast members dress-

es in a retro-futuristic robot costume and contestants guess movie monologues that are delivered via computerized voice.

"It's very social. The crowd gets very involved in the game," D'Angelo said. "It's a community, it's not about getting the right answer. The audience feeds on that; it's an interactive and fun thing."

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The show is 7-9 p.m., with doors open for registration and cocktails at 6 p.m. (it is a 21+ event). Tickets, which are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, can be purchased at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/570671. A limited number of "guaranteed contestant" spots are available

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Answers

Snow scenes of Somerville









The recent snowfall created some memorable moments around the city.

1. Screeched 2. From playing marbles 6. Swoosh - players used to put their knuckles down to get a better shot 8. Cricket

- 3. Dogs the Latin word for dogs is "canis" – one isle is named Canaria because of the dogs that used to live there
- Hazardous, horrendous, stupendous, and tremendous

- 5. About 116 years
- 7. They have no tails
- 9. Carol & Company
- 10. China
- 11. a) Oscar, b) Emmy, c)
- 12. Radio



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7:30am	Life Matters	5:30pm	The Folkorist	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	11:00pm	Penny's Dreadful and Shilling Secret
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Dead Air Live	Monday,	February 24
9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	7:30am	Eckanka
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Chatting with History	1:00pm	Play by Play	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Art at SCATV	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
11:00am	Abugida TV	9:30pm	Water is Life	2:30pm	Culture Club	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Friday, Fe	bruary 21	3:00pm	Telemagazine	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	7:30am	Shrink Rap	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Physician Focus	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
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Green Line Extension Meeting

2014 City Hall Inaugural Ceremonies

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1:00am:	Congressional Update
1:30am:	Aldermen at Work
2:00pm:	BOA Public Hearing - Property Assessment
9:00am:	SomerViva
12:00pm:	Voices of Somerville
12:30pm:	Congressional Update
2:00pm:	SomerViva
2:30pm:	Asian Night: Philippines Tsunami Benefit
7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
Tuesday,	February 25
12:00am:	A Discussion on Housing in Somerville
1:00am:	Somerville By Design: Davis Square Plan
1:30am:Th	ne Spirit of Somerville: Eugene Brune Lecture
2:30am:	Aldermen at Work
9:00am:	Green Line Extension Meeting
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout
1:00pm:	SomerViva
1:30pm:	School Committee Meeting –
•	REPLAY OF 2.24.14
7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE
12:00am:	Senior Circuit
12:30am:	Sit & Be Fit: Diabetes Workout
1:00am:	School Committee Meeting –
	REPLAY OF 2.24.14
EDUCATION	DNAL CHANNEL 15
Wednesd	ay, February 19
9:00am:	kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville
9:30am:	Our Schools, Our City -
	Learning In a Digital Age
10:00am:	SHS Indoor Track vs. Everett
12:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs Norwood
1:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Cambridge
3:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. NDA
4:30pm:	SHS Boys vs. Malden Catholic
6:00pm:	kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville
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Sunday, February 23

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7:00pm:	SHS Indoor Track vs. Everett
9:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs Norwood
10:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Cambridge
Thursday, Fel	bruary 20
12:00am:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. NDA
1:30am:	SHS Boys vs. Malden Catholic
9:00am:	SHS Hockey vs. Latin Academy
11:00am:	SHS Hockey vs. Revere
12:30pm:	SHS Hockey vs. Lynn Classical
2:00pm:	kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville
2:30pm:	Kennedy School Winter Concert
3:30pm:	Argenziano School's MLK Concert
4:30pm:	WHCIS Fashion Show
5:00pm:	SHS Boys vs. Malden Catholic
7:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody-LIVE
10:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody
Friday, Febru	ary 21
12:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody
2:00am:	SHS Hockey vs. Latin Academy
8:00am:	Student of the Quarter Awards:
	Argenziano School
9:00am:	SHS Friends of Asian Culture Club's
	Asian Night!
11:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Cambridge
12:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Cambridge
2:00pm:	SHS Hockey vs. Cambridge
3:30pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody
6:00pm:	SHS Friends of Asian Culture Club's
7.20	Asian Night!
7:30pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards:
	Argenziano School
8:30pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Cambridge
10:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Cambridge
Saturday, Feb	-
12:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody
2:00am:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. NDA
3:30am:	kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville
4:00am:	SHS Indoor Track vs. Everett
9:00am:	WHCIS Fashion Show
9:25am:	Student of the Quarter Awards:
10.00	Argenziano School

Our Schools, Our City -

Learning In a Digital Age

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WHCIS Fashion Show

SHS Hockey vs. Medford

SHS Hockey vs. Revere

SHS Hockey vs. Everett

Argenziano School

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SHS Hockey vs. Everett

Argenziano School

kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville

Student of the Quarter Awards:

SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody

SHS Boys Basketball vs. Burke HS

SHS Boys vs. Malden Catholic

Asian Night!

Student of ther Quarter Awards- WHCIS

Student of the Quarter Awards:

SHS Friends of Asian Culture Club's

SHS Girls Basketball vs. NDA

SHS Boys vs. Malden Catholic

SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody

Student of ther Quarter Awards- WHCIS Student of the Quarter Awards:

6:00pm:	SHS Friends of Asian Culture Club's
	Asian Night!
7:30pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards:
	Argenziano School
8:30pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Cambridge
10:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Cambridge
Saturday, Fe	ebruary 22
12:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody
2:00am:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. NDA
3:30am:	kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville
4:00am:	SHS Indoor Track vs. Everett
9:00am:	WHCIS Fashion Show
9:25am:	Student of the Quarter Awards:
	Argenziano School
10:00am:	SHS Hockey vs. Revere
12:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody
2:00pm:	kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville
2:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. NDA
5:00pm:	WHCIS Fashion Show
5:25pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards:
	Argenziano School
6:00pm:	SHS Hockey vs. Revere
8:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody
10:00pm:	kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville
10:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. NDA
Sunday, Feb	ruary 23

	Argenziano school
8:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. NDA
11:00pm:	SHS Friends of Asian Culture Club's
	Asian Night!
Monday, F	ebruary 24
12:30am:	SHS Boys vs. Malden Catholic
2:30am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody
9:00am:	Student of ther Quarter Awards- WHCIS
9:20am:	Student of the Quarter Awards:
	Argenziano School
10:00am:	SHS Friends of Asian Culture Club's
	Asian Night!
12:00pm:	SHS Hockey vs. Latin Academy
1:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. NDA
3:00pm:	Student of ther Quarter Awards- WHCIS
3:20pm:	Student of the Quarter Awards:
	Argenziano School
4:00pm:	SHS Friends of Asian Culture Club's
	Asian Night!
6:00pm:	SHS Hockey vs. Latin Academy
7:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. NDA
10:00pm:	SHS Hockey vs. Revere
Tuesday, F	ebruary 25
12:00am:	SHS Hockey vs. Revere
9:00am:	kid stuff -Groundwork Somerville
9:30am:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Everett
11:05am:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Everett
1:00pm:	SHS Hockey vs. Everett
3:30pm:Stu	ident of the Quarter Awards - Brown School
4:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball vs. Everett
5:35pm:	SHS Girls Basketball vs. Everett
7:30pm:	SHS Friends of Asian Culture Club's
	Asian Night!
8:30pm:Stu	ident of the Quarter Awards - Brown School

CACAC SOMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Somerville Poet Afaa Michael Weaver is a two time Pushcart Prize-winner and an English professor at Simmons College. His poem American Income was recently republished in The New York Times.

American Income is part of my book The Plum Flower Dance (U Piit 2007), the first of a trilogy. In the trilogy I have set myself the task of organiz-



ing my life experience and my poetry according to what I have learned in a lifelong engagement with Chinese culture, specifically with Daoism as I have encountered it in practicing Chinese internal development, known as nei gong, which includes qigong and Taijiquan.

It was late in the summer of 2007, and I had just returned from Taiwan, where I was studying Mandarin and visiting friends there and in Mainland. I stumbled across an article about a statistical study of the relationship of weight loss to income. It seemed black men were the only ones who could not achieve an income rise after weight loss. I was inspired immediately and wrote *American Income* in my living room.

My references to Chinese spirituality in the poem are an effort to find a place where the entanglement of America's race problem achieves some clarity for me, which is to say a place where I can understand that injustice, however senseless and cruel, happens everywhere. Our hope lies in forgiveness and compassion.

On a more deeply personal level, the blending of my experience with what I perceive as Chinese culture is about a homecoming. I remain a Christian raised in the deep cultural matrix of an African American southern ethos. The intersections of cultures help me understand hybridity, but I maintain a faith in the grounding concept of a specific home.

Even as I wrote with spirituality in mind I had my doubts, and still feel that while a certain serenity is to be had by spiritual resolve, it remains to take effective action against such weighty racial oppression, action aimed at petitioning for a more genuine sense of humanity through the assertive example of a life lived according to a spiritual conviction.

The Government of Nature (U Pitt 2013) is the second book in my trilogy. The third and final book of the trilogy is entitled City of Eternal Spring and is forthcoming.

OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Women Musicians Network 17th annual concert, March 5

Lucy Holstedt, my neighbor and friend on School St. in Somerville puts on this great musical event in Boston every year. Here is an article by her husband Kirk Etherton, who also helps with this festive occasion.

By Kirk Etherton

Once a year, there's a once-in-lifetime show. This year, it's Wed., March 5th. The focus – as always – will be on Berklee women students and their bands from around the world. Just make sure you're at the Berklee Performance Center, prepared to be surprised and amazed.

This year's WMN concert features 12 original acts. They range from Latin jazz and cabaret pop, to electronic, Middle Eastern, and big band. Something for everyone, or everything for everyone, perhaps, given the consistently high level of originality and musicianship. The WMN show is always extremely diverse, but never at the expense of quality. Note: men are not excluded; you'll see plenty of very fine, non-female musicians.

Somerville resident Prof. Lucy Holstedt is WMN co-founder, faculty advisor, and always-en-



gaging concert host. Co-directing the show once again, and also leading a performance of her Balkan Choir, is Prof. Christiane Karam.

Women Musicians Network, 17th Annual Concert, 2014, Wed., March 5, 8:15 - 10:00 p.m., Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston. Tickets: www.berklee.edu/BPC. \$8 in advance, \$12 at the door. Box Office: 617.266.7455.

American Income

The survey says all groups can make more money if they lose weight except black men...men of other colors and women of all colors have more gold, but black men are the summary of weight, a lead thick thing on the scales, meters spinning until they ring off the end of the numbering of accumulation, how things grow heavy, fish on the ends of lines that become whales, then prehistoric sea life beyond all memories, the billion days of human hands working, doing all the labor one can imagine, hands now the population of cactus leaves on a papyrus moon waiting for the fire, the notes from all their singing gone up into the salt breath of tears of children that dry, rise up to be the crystalline canopy of promises, the infinite gone fishing days with the apologies for not being able to love anymore, gone down inside earth somewhere where women make no demands, have fewer dreams of forever, these feet that marched and ran and got cut off, these hearts torn out of chests by nameless thieves, this thrashing until the chaff is gone out and black men know the gold of being the dead center of things, where pain is the gateway to Jerusalems, Bodhi trees, places for meditation and howling, keeping the weeping heads of gods in their eyes.

– Afaa Michael Weaver

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