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They may not be everywhere, but hackers did get into Backbar's website this past weekend.

By Jim Clark

Staff and visitors to the website of Backbar, a Union Square drinking establishment, got quite a shock on Saturday when they pulled up its homepage only to discover that the site had been hacked with a message purportedly placed there by the extremist group ISIS.

The proprietors of Backbar confirmed that the site had been compromised and an image put on the homepage that stated "Hacked by Islamic State – we are everywhere."

Investigators said that they have no direct evidence that the hack was carried out by the Islamic State, and that it might be the work of a prankster seeking public attention.

A number of similar "virtual graffiti" incidents have occurred across the country involving various businesses and organizations.

Backbar's website was restored to its former state, and its staff is cooperating with the FBI in its ongoing investigation into the matter.

Katrina Leskanich rides a 30-year wave of sunshine to Johnny D's

By Blake Maddux

In the summer of 1985, Katrina Leskanich and her band The Waves were ubiquitous on radio and MTV thanks to the worldwide smash hit Walking on Sunshine.

Thirty years later, the song is no less familiar to subsequent generations due to its continued rotation on radio and inclusion in countless movies and television shows. (In 2011, Katrina & The Waves threatened legal action against Michelle Bachman after the Minnesota congresswoman played the song at a rally).

It addition to her work with The Waves, who enjoyed a bit of a resurgence in 1997 upon be-



'Flashback Friday' page 13 ing named the United Kingdom's winner of the Eurovision Song Contest, Leskanich has sung back-up vocals on songs by artists as diverse as Finnish hard rock band Hanoi Rocks, English progressive rock keyboardist Rick Wakeman, and Australian singer-songwriter Natalie Imbruglia. Continued on page 17

Katrina Leskanich wiil be entertaining at Johnnie D's on Wednesday, March 18.

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Somerville Pop Warner is hosting a Cookies and Cocoa Registration at Clarendon Hill Towers Wednesday (today) from 6-8 p.m. at the community room, 1374 Broadway. Somerville Pop Warner and Cheerleading registration for boys and girls, aged 5-15, by July 31. Fee: \$20. Scholarships available. No child is ever turned away for inability to pay.

We heard that Ward 6 Alderman, Rebekah Gewritz is returning from her leave of absence (recently having had a baby) to the Board of Alderman this month. It will be nice to see her back. We hear also that she's been very active in keeping on top of things in Ward 6 while she was on leave, tracking the snow removal in Davis Square and the rest of her ward.

Again, we can't say it enough. If you think for an instant that the Somerville DPW didn't do a good job, weeks now after the first two feet of snow fell, then go over and see the conditions on Medford's streets. What a mess, including the potholes on the narrow streets. Good job to Commissioner Stan Koty and the men and women of the Somerville DPW.

Speaking of snow removal, if you want to see a sight go to Temple Rd. and Mystic Ave. under I-93 and look at all the snow piled up under the highway that will eventually melt, leaving a mess later on. But the sight of the piles of snow under the highway is something else.

We want to wish the following Villens here and from here a very Happy Birthday: Lifelong resident and all around great guy - not to mention great Real Estate agent - John Pratti is celebrating this week, and we wish him the very best. Another long time resident and well-known family member is celebrating this week, Marc Piro. We wish him the very best. Even though he moved to NH, his roots and family are still here. Well-known Shriners clown Donald Coutoumas is celebrating this week. Realtor Nick Kondilis of Bremis Realty, a good guy, is celebrating this week as well. Another wellknown name is celebrating this week, Dennis Fischman. We wish him the very best as well. A lady whose roots are also here in Somerville, Pat Crawford,

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TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

Response to: Snow emergency in effect, March 7 update

ritepride says:

The TV weathercasters in April will be yelling that we are in a drought.

Meanwhile the Capitol Hill Gang will be placing the American citizens in harms way by playing games with our lives with their uselessness on Capitol Hill. minimizing Homeland Security, our military, while congress continues to play in the sandbox instead of dong their jobs. Time to impeach them all.

LindaS says:

For anyone who's bummed about this, I can tell you that I was driving through Medford yesterday, and it was HOR-RIBLE.

It doesn't look like they've done ANY snow removal whatsoever other than on Main Street, streets are narrow, loaded with snow on both sides and going down Main street was still a hazard because of the narrower space, with 2-way traffic trying to get past one another and not side-swipe as you go by.

For all my complaints about the City of Somerville during this harsh winter, seeing how bad the residents in Medford still have it make me appreciate what the City has gotten done so far.

Don't they have any decent snow removal procedures in Medford? If I lived there, I'd be furious, especially since it's been at least 2 weeks since the last significant snowfall.

Guess we should count our blessings.

Julie Bee says:

Thank you yuppies! :D

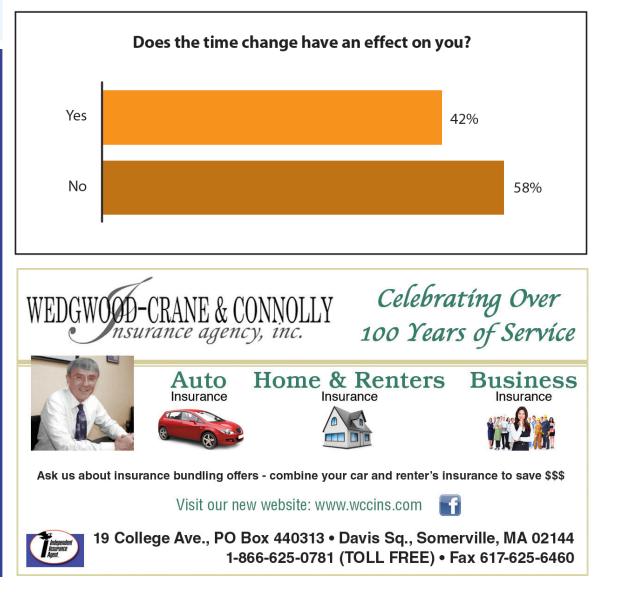
driveways says:

Driveway owners have as much right to street parking as the guy who was too cheap or poor to get a place with a driveway. If you want guaranteed parking you pay for it otherwise you suffer with the rest of the em.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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The Somerville Times Youth and community members come together for summit

By Haley Houseman

For the first time, CHNA and Teen Empowerment, in conjunction with Mount Auburn Hospital, will host a Community Health Youth Summit for Thursday, March 19, in Cambridge. It will draw participants from six surrounding towns, including Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville, Waltham, and Watertown. These cities involved are connected through CHNA 17, a coalition made up of representatives from public, non-profit and private sectors from all six communities.

The youth and adults, among them students, police officers, city workers and community advocates are all invested in the well being the community and its young people. The group will be focused on challenges in health, uniting passionate members of the community across city lines.

With funding from Mount Auburn Hospital, CHNA 17 funds the ten Youth Leadership and Community Health Grant winners, whose work will be highlighted at the summit. The ten Youth Leadership grantees include Teen Empowerment, Somerville Groundworks, the Margaret Fuller House and the Cambridge Prevention Coalition. Other participants are Somerville Cares About Prevention, and the Cambridge Health Alliance/Somerville Public Schools.

"These young people are lead-



Loans Available for Snow-impacted Somerville Small Businesses

Somerville small businesses impacted by snow this winter can apply for \$5,000 to \$10,000 micro-loans through a new fund, Gov. Charlie Baker and the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) announced.

The MGCC, a quasi-public agency charged with spurring economic development across Massachusetts, will make up to \$1 million available through a snow storm loan fund intended to help small business regain their financial stability. The program will run through May 2015. More information and the application can be found on the MGCC website at www.massgcc.com/ about/article/application-storm-loan-fund. Businesses will need approval and signoff from a local partner entity, and local signoffs for Somerville can be completed by the City of Somerville's Economic Development office. For signoffs or additional questions, contact Max MacCarthy at 617-625-6600 x2515 or mmaccarthy@somervillema.gov. Teen Empowerment has a long history of bringing area youth and community leaders together to establish dialogs that help each side to better understand the other's wants, needs and expectations.

ers in their school and communities, they care and actively work to bring awareness and implement solutions to some of the most pressing health issues," says Heang Ly. Ly is the director of Consulting and Training for the Center for Teen Empowerment.

Teen Empowerment uses workshops to teach group skills and cooperation. The organization has recently been contracted to support and work with all city departments in Somerville to direct outreach programs for young people. Most recently, they brought together with great success a group of youth, community members and police to build relationships around this traditionally strained relationship.

In the upcoming summit the organizations hope to share and learn from youth leadership and community projects in order to better address health issues. In building a constructive dialogue they will be teaching leadership and stress management skills for both youth and adults.

Among the issues they hope to tackle are relationship violence and homelessness, as well as drug and alcohol abuse and reproductive issues. They will also discuss school-related concerns such as bullying, and the availability of health resources both mental and physical.

The desire is to galvanize change in the community by connecting passionate members of the community of all ages and backgrounds. In the wake of particular moments of protests and tensions within the community, the summit hopes to build a profitable and supportive dialogue.

To learn more about the Youth Summit, its programs and sponsors, visit www.tinyurl.com/ youthsummit2015.

Community Health Youth Summit for Thursday, March 19, 5-8:30 p.m. at the Dante Alighieri Italian Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire Street in Cambridge.

Pi Night at the Healey School





6th, 7th and 8th grade students from throughout the district and their families are invited to celebrate Family Math Night by joining the fun at Pi Night at the Healey School on Friday, March 13. The annual event, sponsored by the Somerville Mathematics Fund, will focus on π (pi), the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. There will be various pi-related activity stations where participants can actually win a delicious pie. There will also be "pizza-pi" for attendees, and everyone gets to take home a small pie as well. — *Rebecca Danvers*



Police chase down one hot car, passenger

While on patrol last Thursday evening, police performed a routine RMV inquiry on a vehicle that had pulled alongside the police cruiser near the intersection of Broadway and Cross St.

As the vehicle in question was reported as stolen out of Arlington on Feb. 23, the officers signaled for the car to pull over, but instead it took off at a high rate of speed onto Route 28 and then abruptly turned onto Blakely Ave., crossing over Garfield Ave., where the street dead ends.

The driver of the car and a passenger reportedly got out and began fleeing on foot. The officers gave chase and eventually caught up with one of the men, the passenger, who they detained for questioning.

The passenger was identified as Joel Lopez, of Cambridge. When asked why he ran he at first said that he was told to do so by the driver of the vehicle. Later he reportedly admitted that he knew the car was stolen and that he had been riding around in it for a few days, and identified the driver for police.

When the car was searched, a number of personal items were reportedly found scattered around inside, including two knives, a few sets of car keys, and two cell phones. One of the cell phones reportedly displayed a photo of the driver that had gotten away on foot. A warrant for the man was immediately activated.

Lopez was placed under arrest and charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle and resisting arrest.

Feisty bar patron removed from premises

Police were dispatched to Michael's bar on Washington St. last week on a check condition call.

Upon arrival, other officers were spotted escorting a woman out of the bar while a man, later identified as Patrick Courtney, of Malden, reportedly kept trying to place himself between the officers and the woman.

Courtney was repeatedly asked to go back into the bar and leave the officers alone, according to reports, and the woman being led away asked that Courtney be kept away from her.

Courtney reportedly pushed his way past the officers as he attempted to approach the woman. One officer reportedly turned to Courtney and asked him again to go back inside the bar and not to push him again. Courtney then assumed a fighting stance while patrons in the bar urged him on, police said.

According to reports, Courtney cursed at the officer and continued to behave in an aggressive manner. Although he was repeatedly asked to calm down, Courtney reportedly continued this behavior and he eventually had to be physically restrained after being taken to the ground.

According to reports, Courtney continued to kick and flail as he was held to the ground and pulled an officer's holster off of his gun belt, as well as a police radio microphone.

Pepper spray was used to distract Courtney and he was eventually handcuffed. He was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, and disorderly conduct.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Patrick Courtney, of 202 Oliver St., Malden, March 2, 10:22 p.m., arrested at 97 Washington St. on charges of resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, and disorderly conduct.

Christopher MacInnes, of 64 Gibbon St., Medford, March 3, 11:21 a.m., arrested at 65 Holland St. on warrant Ash Ave., March 6, 5:24 a.m., arrested at 253 Medford St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Ronald Collins, of 7 Memorial Rd., March 7, 12:33 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of assault and battery, defacing property, assault and battery on a family or household member, and assault ported a theft at Washington St.

March 4, 11:53 a.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

March 5, 9:21 a.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

March 5, 10:44 a.m., police reported a theft at Fountain Ave.

March 5, 2:18 p.m., police reported a theft at 250 Elm St.

ported a breaking & entering at Revolution Dr.

Vehicle Theft:

March 5, 10:48 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway.

Assault:

March 3, 8:42 p.m., police reported an assault at Oakland Ave.

March 4, 10:57 p.m., police

ported a destruction of property at Ten Hills Rd.

March 5, 10:06 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Sewall St.

March 6, 7:50 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Linden St.

March 6, 4:54 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Pitman St.

March 8, 8:30 p.m., police re-

charges of possession of a class A drug and shoplifting by asportation.

Felipe Guimaraes, of 20 Kenilworth, Malden, March 5, 1:56 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of speeding and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Joel Lopez, of 8 Museum Way, Cambridge, March 5, 10:48 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of receiving a stolen motor vehicle and resisting arrest. Holbein Santiagos, of 49 and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Rafael Rodriguez Martinez, of 55A Dunstable, Charlestown, March 8, 9:33 p.m., arrested at 55 Mystic Ave. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Incidents:

Theft:

March 3, 8:13 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway. March 3, 10:41 a.m., police reported a theft at Tennyson

St. March 3, 4:27 p.m., police reMarch 5, 3:11 p.m., police reported a theft at Central St. March 6, 4:26 p.m., police reported a theft at Perry St. March 6, 5:32 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave. March 8, 4:59 p.m., police reported a theft at 570 Somerville Ave.

March 8, 11:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

Breaking & Entering: March 3, 8:42 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Perkins St.

March 5, 7:02 a.m., police re-

reported an assault at Summer St.

March 7, 7:52 p.m., police reported an assault at 701 Somerville Ave.

Destruction of Property:

March 3, 10:30 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Greenville St. March 5, 8:04 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Dimick St. March 5, 5:50 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Ten Hills Rd.

March 5, 6:24 p.m., police re-

ported a destruction of property at Marshall St.

March 9, 8:01 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Broadway.

Drug Violation:

March 3, 7:54 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Beacon St.

March 4, 5:10 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Parker St.

DUI:

March 6, 5:24 a.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Medford St.

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Somerville student among poster award winners



Somerville High School's own Alexi Delcid was among the top five winners of the 2015 Poster Project, co-sponsored by Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc.

By Rebecca Danvers

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc., are pleased to announce that Tristan Khim, a student at Nashoba Valley Technical High School in Westford is the winner of the third annual 2015 Poster Honorable Mention Project. Certificates were awarded to: Nick Rioux, a student at Keefe Technical High School in Framingham; Chormrern Chan from Greater Lowell Technical High School in Tyngsborough; and Alexi Delcid from Somerville High School.

More than 190 posters from middle and high school students throughout Middlesex County were submitted for the 2015 Poster Project. The winners were selected by a panel of judges which included art teachers, police officers, school administrators, and staff of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth. This year's poster contest theme was, "I'm Worth More." This theme emphasizes the importance of self-confidence and stresses that healthy personal relationships are based upon mutual respect, acceptance, and an appreciation of the differences

which make individuals unique.

"We will be using the posters created by these students as part of this office's outreach campaign to other young people," said District Attorney Ryan. "When my office hosts workshops based on our 'I'm Worth More' theme, our message will be reinforced by the visual images on these winning posters. They encourage young people to stand up for themselves and to resist peer pressure when they are being pulled toward negative behavior which may be unsafe and even criminal."

(Attached to this email is a photograph taken today at the awards ceremony held at the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, 15 Commonwealth Avenue, Woburn. Seen in this photograph are, from left to right: Tristan Khim, Alexi Delcid, District Attorney Ryan, Chormrern Chan, and Nick Rioux.)

In addition to the Poster Project, a companion program, the PSA Project, is held yearly by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Middlesex Partnerships for Youth. Students in middle and high schools across the county are invited to submit videos they create for public service announcements. This year's PSA Project theme is also, "I'm Worth More." Information about the contest may be found at www.middlesexpartnershipsforyouth.com/ about. The deadline to enter is May 1, 2015.

Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc. (MPY) is a non-profit organization which provides prevention and intervention resources and training to Middlesex school districts and communities. District Attorney Ryan is the Chair of the MPY Board of Directors.

Through the efforts of District Attorney Ryan and MPY, educators, parents, and students can regularly engage in collaborative trainings with law enforcement, social services, and community-based organizations as well as share the latest information and resources. Such interactions provide the foundation for creating solution-oriented, community-based, multi-disciplinary approaches to addressing youth violence, substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, hate crimes, and harassment across Middlesex County. For more information on prevention and intervention programs visit www.middlesexda.com and www.middlesexpartnershipsforyouth.org.

Middlesex County is the largest county in Massachusetts and one of the largest counties in the country with 54 cities and towns and 26 colleges in urban, suburban, and rural areas, comprising over one quarter of the population of Massachusetts. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office has offices throughout the county, including in Ayer, Cambridge, Concord, Framingham, Lowell, Malden, Marlborough, Newton, Somerville, Waltham and Woburn.



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By Tom Bannister

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Everybody is welcome and we hope to see you soon!

Cameron Bourque, 20, was charged with possession of a sawed-off shotgun and possession of ammunition without a license. The Assistant District Attorney is Brian Doxtader. Allen Harmon, 36, was charged with assault to rape, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and indecent assault and battery. The Assistant District Attorney is Kate Kleimola.



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MassBike thanks legislative supporters

By Tom Bannister

The Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition ("MassBike") recently expressed its deep appreciation of each of the state legislators that sponsored bills to make roadways safer and more convenient for bicyclists. Among them, 27th Middlesex Rep. Denise Provost supported both bills that were presented, and 34th Middlesex Rep. Christine Barber supported the Bike Lane Protection Bill.

The newly appointed Executive Director of MassBike Richard Fries said in a statement released on Monday said, "I want to acknowledge and thank them for showing the political courage to support cycling and cyclists in Massachusetts. Please join me in thanking your senators and representatives for sponsoring these important bills."

According to Fries, "Things are changing for the better for bicycling here in the world's largest college town, Massachusetts. Working with our former executive director and current government affairs advisor, David Watson, we filed two bills for the new legislative session on Beacon Hill. The first was a Bike Lane Protection Bill, which makes it illegal for motorists to block established bike lanes. Every cyclist has experienced frustration with those hard-won bike lanes being used for everything from deliveries to taxi lines to double-parking spaces."

The second piece of legislation is a Vulnerable Road Users Bill, which brings together pedestrians, cyclists, road workers, tow truck operators, police officers, and emergency personnel as vulnerable road users and defines what is a safe-passing distance. "This is landmark legislation that makes our entire state safer," said Fries.

42 lawmakers signed on as sponsors or co-sponsors for each of the bills, representing 25 percent of the State Senate and 21 percent of the State House. "This support will not go unnoticed," Fries said. "For too long, bicyclists have been simply tolerated by the transportation system. This legislation, if passed, will show that the Bay State - which has so much to gain by integrating pedestrians and cyclists into its streetscape - is not looking to just tolerate bicyclists but also to welcome and protect them as an important part of the transportation grid."

Fries further stated that these lawmakers recognize that for the Bay State to be a leader in transportation, the bicycle is an important part of the streetscape, roadways, and transportation grid.



The Executive Director of MassBike Richard Fries praised state legislators for their support of improved conditions and safety measures for Massachusetts cycling enthusiasts.



Springing ahead with Irish Soda Bread

To make a truly authentic Irish Soda Bread, only four ingredients are needed: flour, salt, baking soda and sour milk. There are many variations of soda bread recipes that have been passed down through generations, some family specific. Some include adding butter, raisins, sugar, orange zest and even caraway seeds, these ingredients, bring their own uniqueness of flavors and textures to the bread. But, once any additional ingredient is added, it is no longer considered Irish Soda Bread, but rather a Tea Cake.

Some people may also be wondering how the bread rises without using yeast. It's a simple chemical reaction between the baking soda and the acid within the liquid (citric acid if lemon juice is used or acetic acid if vinegar is used). Once the ingredients are blended together, carbon dioxide gas is released, now creating a leavening effect. This bread is so simple and easy to make, from start to finish about an hour in total including the 50 minutes when the bread is in the oven.

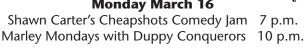


all dry ingredients, optional ones too, if you decide to use them. Add the preferred liquid of soured milk* or buttermilk and stir until the dough holds together. Knead on a floured surface until all ingredients are incorporated. Shape into an 8" round disk. The height of the dough will be about 1 1-2" thick. With a sharp knife, make an X across the top of the bread, about 1/4" deep. Transfer the loaf to the prepared baking sheet. Place into the oven on the middle rack and bake for 45-50 minutes, or until it is slightly browned. Transfer to a cooling

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Solly O'Brien's 335 Somerville Ave. 617-666-3589 Monday March 16 Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam



Tuesday March 17 St Patrick's Day! Food specials all day! Tom McHagerty and The Not-So-Irish Lads featuring Bucky's Kilt 7 p.m.

> Wednesday March 18 Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday March 19 Nancy Hewitt with Michael Bean 7:30 p.m. Hillbilly Holiday, The Weisstronauts, Jack Grace 9 p.m.

Friday March 20 Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m. New Million Box, Spongy, Steve Walther Orchestra 9 p.m.

Saturday March 21Kevin & The Byrneouts6 p.m.One Thin Dime\$5 cover9:30 p.m.

Sunday March 22 Amy Kucharik & friends 6 p.m.



NEVER A COVER!!! www.sallyobriensbar.com Yield (1-8" round loaf)

4 cups flour 1 1/2 teaspoons salt 1 teaspoon baking soda 2 cups soured milk* (see note below) or buttermilk 1 cup raisins (optional) 1/2 tablespoon caraway seeds (optional)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with slightly greased parchment paper. In a large bowl, mix together

rack and let rest for a couple of hours.

*Note: To make your own soured milk just add 1 tablespoon of white vinegar or lemon juice to 1 cup of milk, stir, and let stand for 5-10 minutes. Once the milk slightly curdles, it's ready to use.

I like to serve the bread or tea cake with orange marmalade or strawberry preserves along with a steaming cup of English Breakfast Tea.

Please see the website for The Society for the Preservation of Irish Soda Bread at www.sodabread.info for a full history of Irish Soda Bread.

The above recipe was adapted from The Fannie Farmer Cookbook

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Somerville's Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival pours it on sweetly

By Douglas Yu

Few people equate good quality syrup with Somerville. But when the Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival was first held in the city 16 years ago, many locals instantly pushed their Somervillian pride a bit further.

The annual festival, organized by Groundwork Somerville, took place on Saturday at the Somerville Community Growing Center, situated in a quarter of a gently sloped hillside near Union Square. After a series of record winter storms, this community green space was blanketed with a thick layer of snow. However, it didn't stop people from all across the city from tasting a hot sample of the freshly tapped tree sap.

Stephen Pichardo, who volunteered for the festival, helped set up the syrup boiler at the event. "We show people the process of how maple syrup is made. The process is kind of hard, because it takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup," he said.

For many local residents, it was their first time to witness a syrup boiler in person, and many of them were amazed at how much sap needs to evaporate in order to distill the final product.

Standing right next to Pichardo was an old-fashioned rusty boiler with labels affixed to it, the words barely recognizable. Chris Mancini, Executive Director of Groundwork Somerville, said the machine had been used for 10 years.

"Inside the boiler, it's firewood burning to heat the whole thing up," Pichardo said, explaining the functionality of the boil machine that's about the size of two washing machines. "All you put on top is just the sap. And the sap is 98 percent water, and all the water will eventually end up evaporating out," he said.

After the water in the sap is dried out, the syrup will automatically come out of



Volunteers come out to help boil down the sweet maple tree sap, while others come to sample the resulting syrup.

— Photos by Douglas Yu

Somerville doesn't have a local syrup manufacturing company. However, at the festival several types of syrup were displayed from Vermont, including Vermont Fancy that was made in 1999 and "A" Dark Amber, made in 1999 as well, to compare with Somerville's counterpart.

"Somerville's syrup has a great balance. It doesn't taste too heavy or too light," one resident said at the festival.

The local flavor of boiled syrup was not the only thing for people to taste at the event. Children and adults also welcomed the unboiled, freshly milked tree sap, which filled half of a bucket.

"The reason why there's not a whole lot right now is because the sap that flows in the trees depends upon the temperatures that are above and below freezing," Nick Pittman, a volunteer from Groundwork Somerville, explained, while handing out samples of sap to the public. Because of the recent cold weather, the sap mostly sits in the bottom of trees. That makes it hard to drill the sap out of the trees. The movement of tree sap is seasonal. When the temperature is warm enough, especially during the spring, the trees will transport sap from the roots toward the leaves in order to provide enough nutrition for plants to grow.

An explanatory graphic at the event showed that most trees have four layers before reaching the heartwood, which is the spine of the plants. From the outermost part toward the innermost, there is bark, phloem, cambium and xylem. Xylem is the part of the tree that transports tree sap.

"Every tree has sap in it, but certain trees like the maple have higher percentage of syrup in their sap," Pichardo said. "Maples are very easy to find here."

The Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival started in 2000, and Mancini took over the festival in 2005. "People think of making syrup in Canada and New Hampshire, but you can do this in the densest city in New England," he said. that and the end product," Liou said, adding that events like the Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival makes Somerville residents come together and socialize.



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a faucet attached to the boiler."It'll immediately taste sweet," Pichardo said.



A jug of some of Somerville's finest.

Groundwork's environmental youth employment program, the Green Team, helped drill the maple trees at the Tufts campus. During the festival, they were standing at the entrance of the Community Growing Center, selling Somerville syrup and pancakes to the residents.

"It's a fun event. People get to see the food cycle from the harvest to the product," Mancini said.

Alice Liou, a Somerville resident, made her first visit to the syrup making festival. When she tasted a slice of pancake after dipping it into a cup of local syrup, she only had good things to say about the event.

"The syrup is sweet and the pancakes are good. I can taste the sap over there. And that's directly from the trees at Tufts. It's cool to taste the difference between Anniversaries, Bridal & Baby Showers, Pig Roasts, Retirement Parties, Birthday Parties, Holiday Parties and more!

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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. 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. Timothy Toomey

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for SYSTEM TO INFORM MEMBERS (H 2015)

House 36-119, rejected a rule that would require the House Clerk to prepare and post on the Legislature's website for both formal and informal sessions a calendar that includes matters that are on the House agenda. Current rules only require this to be done for formal sessions.

Informal sessions are ones in which there can be no roll call votes and a single legislator can hold up consideration of a bill until the next formal session. The rule would also require the clerk to e-mail and tell the members that the calendar is online at least 30 minutes before the session begins. Current rules only require the e-mail to be sent "reasonably promptly."

Supporters said the rule would ensure that members are better informed about matters that might be taken up at a House session.

Opponents said the proposed rule would just create more confusion and bureaucracy and argued this responsibility and power should remain in the hands of the House Clerk, a nonpartisan position elected by both parties.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	No
Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENTS (H 2105)

House 34-121, rejected a rule that would prohibit more than one consolidated amendment from being considered in a single vote. The consolidated amendment system works as follows when the House is considering the state budget: Individual representatives file dozens of amendments on the same general subject matters including local aid, social services and public safety. They are then invited to "subject meetings" in Room 348 at which they pitch their amendments to Democratic leaders who draft "consolidated amendments" that include some of the individual representatives' amendments while excluding others. Current rules allow several of these consolidated amendments, each on different subjects, to be lumped together into a single, omnibus consolidated amendment and put to a vote. The proposed rule would prohibit that practice.

Supporters said the omnibus consolidated amendment creates a dilemma for legislators who support one or more of the consolidated amendments contained within the omnibus consolidated amendment but oppose the others. They argued members should have the right to vote on each consolidated amendment separately. in 48 hours on the Legislature's website. The current rule is vague and requires committee votes to be "kept in the offices of the committee and be available for public inspection." The House has already approved this rule but it only applies to House committees. This would apply it to all House-Senate joint committees.

Supporters said this long-overdue proposal would promote transparency and give the public immediate access to the committee votes of their legislators. They noted under current rules, a person has to come to the Statehouse in Boston during regular business hours in order to obtain this information.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

\$38.062 BILLION FISCAL 2015 BUDGET - Gov. Charlie Baker fired the first shot in the likely six-month battle over the state budget. He filed a \$38.062 billion state budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2015 -- a 3 percent increase over last year. The House will hold hearings on the governor's package and then draft its own version that will be debated and amended on the House floor. The Senate will follow suit with its own draft, and a House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and then sent to the governor.

HAZARDOUS WASTE (S 2105) - Effective March 16, a new law will amend a current law that requires companies responsible for hazardous materials spills to reimburse the city or town for the cost of its emergency response. The new law would expand current law and require reimbursement even for the "threat" of release of the materials.

Another provision releases private homeowners and renters from reimbursing the community for the cost of any cleanup of oil or hazardous material on their property if they notify the local fire department of the incident immediately, the home was only used as a residence, and the owner or renter was not grossly negligent and did not illegally possess oil or hazardous materials.

Supporters say currently communities use lots of resources and dollars to respond to these calls but are not reimbursed unless there is an actual spill. They note that non-commercial private homeowners and tenants should not be liable for cleanup costs if they meet certain conditions.



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 county of Middlesex.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' votes on roll calls from prior sessions on the debate on legislative operating rules for 2015-2016. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Opponents said that current rules already allow a single member to separate his or her amendment from any consolidated amendment and request an up or down individual vote on that amendment.

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

Rep. Christine BarberNoRep. Denise ProvostNoRep. Timothy ToomeyNo

COMMITTEE ROLL CALLS ON WEBSITE (H 2017)

House 154-0, approved a rule that would require all joint House-Senate committee votes to be posted with-

BED COUNT (H 2050) - Effective March 19, hospitals will no longer be required to de-license beds if their annual occupancy rate falls below a certain level. De-licensing means that the bed is no longer available for patient use. Under current law, when the occupancy rate decreases a certain amount, hospitals are required to de-license beds.

Supporters say current law often affects hospitals in tourist areas at which bed counts fluctuate because of seasonal population changes. They noted that while the beds can be reinstated, it is not an easy process and takes time away from administrators who could be doing more important tasks.

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COURT UPHOLDS STUN GUN BAN - The Supreme Judicial Court upheld the 2011 conviction of Jamie Caetano who was convicted of possessing a stun gun. Caetano had argued that the state's ban on private ownership of these weapons violated her Second Amendment right to bear arms. She said she carried the weapon that administers incapacitating electrical shocks to defend herself against an abusive former boyfriend.

The court unanimously ruled that stun guns are not the type of weapons subject to the Second Amendment and said the Legislature retains its right to determine whether stun guns are banned. According to Jim Wallace, executive director of the Gun Owners' Action League (GOAL), 42 states do not have a ban on stun guns.

OPIOID ADDICTION - The Senate created a 10-member special committee to make an investigation and study of opioid addiction prevention, treatment and

continued

recovery options. The panel's eight Democrats and two Republicans are charged with finding ways to further strengthen opioid abuse prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery options.

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 March 2-6, the House met for a total of one hour and 24 minutes and the Senate met for a total of two hours and two minutes.

:	Mon. March 2	 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. a.m. to 11:43 a.m.
	Tues. March 3	No House session No Senate session
	Wed. March 4	No House session No Senate session
	Thurs. March 5	a.m. to 12:21 p.m. a.m. to 12:24 p.m.
	Fri. March 6	No House session No Senate session

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New blood for Union Sq. Civic Advisory Committee

By Tom Bannister

The Union Square Civic Advisory Committee (CAC) will be welcoming eight new members into its ranks. The committee is looking to expand and broaden its experience, diversity, and representation of the neighborhood, as the community planning process for the square continues.

The new community members, local advocates and business owners with a range of skill sets and perspectives were sought by the city to both fill vacancies on the CAC created after some original members resigned, and to expand and broaden the committee itself.

According to the city, the expanded CAC continues to include local residents, business owners, members of the Somerville Community Corporation, the Somerville Chamber of Commerce and the city's maker movement. New members of the committee represent Somer-

ville's clean energy economy, the city's faith-based community, and members of neighborhood organizations including Union Square Neighbors and Union United. The new members of the CAC are:

Angelica Benatti, owner of Master Printing & Signs in Union Square. Member of Union United and native of Brazil.

Jennifer Blundell, finance professional and Union Square resident. Has served in an advisory capacity to a number of banks and investment firms.

Pokye Casserly, owner of Reliable Market in Union Square. Member of Union United and the Somerville Chamber of Commerce.

Richard Curran, St. Joseph's Church. Member of Union United and active participant in past CAC meetings on issues affecting St. Joseph parishioners. Irma Flores, City of Somer-

ville's Spanish language Somer-

former Viva liaison, and Somerville Public Schools family liaison, with a background in community organizing. Parent organizer for Sociedad Latina. Native of El Salvador.

Chris Mancini, executive director of Groundwork Somerville. Member of Union United, the steering committees of Mystic River Watershed and Shape Up Somerville, and the Somerville Food Security Coalition.

Emily Reichert, executive director of Greentown Labs in Union Square. Experience with green tech, the maker movement and manufacturing.

Shu Talun, designer and project architect. Founding member of Union Square Neighbors. Fluent in Mandarin.

The CAC will serve as a public sounding board for master developer partner Union Square Station Associates (US2) over the next year, while providing feedback and input that will shape the terms of a master land disposition agreement between the Somerville Redevelopment Authority and US2.

The neighborhood plan that will be created through the ongoing community planning process will serve as the foundation of that land disposition agreement, and the CAC will also provide input for individual land agreements that detail the timing and nature of development on the seven blocks identified for redevelopment in the state-approved Union Square Revitalization Plan. In addition, the CAC will prioritize components of a community benefits agreement between US2 and the city, addressing matters including affordable housing, open space, job training and employment opportunities, support for local businesses, and financial support of needed infrastructure improvements.

Formed in January 2014, the CAC is advising the city on strategic planning decisions and development in the Union Square area, including areas such as economic development, land use, housing diversity, transportation, open space, quality of life, and preservation of the square's character. At the start of this process, the CAC evaluated Union Square master developer applicants, recommended four finalists and, after participating in due diligence trips to projects completed by those finalists, submitted an evaluation of each finalist and final recommendations to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA), which ultimately voted to select US2.

The CAC's monthly meetings are open to the public. Update on their progress as well as further information on the project and how to become engaged can be found at their website www. unionsquarefutures.org. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 at 6 p.m.

LETTER TO THE MAYOR

Dear Mayor Curtatone,

understand that several vacan- and offer current members the chance to reapply for the position. USN believes the City's open application process sets good policy because it encourages broad community interest and participation. It also underscores the continued importance of board members exercising decision-making authority that is sensitive to the concerns and input of the community. We are strongly supportive of filling these vacancies and expired appointments with individuals who have knowledge of the City's zoning code and have expertise in areas such as real estate development and finance (including residential and commercial development), urban planning and design, ar-

chitecture, landscape design,



We wish to thank you and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OS-PCD) for undertaking a community-wide search for applicants to fill vacancies on several community boards related to development including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historic Preservation Commission, and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority. We hope that your office received a healthy pool of qualified candidates to fill these positions. Since the search process began in November, Union Square Neighbors (USN) understands that one vacancy has been filled on the Planning Board. We also cies and expired appointments remain, and we are eager to see these positions filled, including: Somerville Redevelopment Authority: 2 vacancies

• Zoning Board of Appeals: 4 expired appointments

+ Historic Preservation Commission: 1 vacancy, 3 expired appointments

Given the increased development pressures occurring in Somerville, we believe it is all the more important that these community boards have a fully appointed membership and that the members are serving under a current appointment. When an appointment approaches expiration, it presents an opportunity to solicit new members

and transit oriented development. It is also important that members share the values of Union Square and Somerville as a whole. These values, which are articulated in SomerVision, include our community's commitment to economic growth, diversity, arts and innovation, open space, affordable housing, multi-modal transit, and historic preservation. There are many talented and committed individuals in Somerville who can bring a wealth of relevant expertise to these boards. We believe it is important that these boards include representation by members with expertise to help guide the realization of these community values.

to meet with you or members of your staff to discuss our perspective in more detail. We wish to thank you for your ongoing leadership and look forward to seeing these community boards working at full capacity.

As always, we would be pleased

Sincerely,

Tim Talun, Chairperson Union Square Neighbors USN Steering Committee: Tim Talun (Chairperson), JT Scott (Vice Chairperson), Rob Buchanan (Secretary), Andy Greenspon (Treasurer), Suzanne Bremer, Stuart Dash, Sam Engelstad, Jim McGinnis, Annette McGloin, Philip Parsons, Shu Talun, and Bonnie Tominack.

COMMENTARY

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Growing a sustainable local economy by supporting local businesses



By Joseph A. Curtatone

This week, I once again had the pleasure of speaking to Somerville's business community at the Somerville Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Town Meeting, about how we're working to support and protect our local businesses. Our local businesses are the lifeblood of our neighborhoods and squares. Not only do local residents rely on them for goods and services but more and more are becoming destinations that draw visitors from across Somerville and the region. They fill our neighborhoods with people, and become the places where we meet and greet our neighbors. Local businesses build communityon a personal level, but also on a financial level. They create the strong economic foundation that allows us to continue investing in the people of Somerville, but these benefits don't happen by accident. They happen when we plan for, attract and support our businesses as well.

One way we plan for businesses is to create the type of envi-

ronment they thrive in and seek. These days, that includes being a walkable, bikeable community connected by public transportation. As a community, we've developed SomerVision goals that call for vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood-style development around transit centers that creates housing-including affordable housing—and jobs. We set those goals because our residents want them for their own life quality. But it also attracts businesses that bring benefits too. Transit-oriented development makes room for more businesses and offices that bring in an active daytime population, which in turn supports local businesses. Successful businesses bring more commercial tax revenue that allows us to invest in our schools, our infrastructure and city services that we all rely on. All these pieces fit together to ultimately create a sustainable local economy and desirable community.

Another way we keep our local businesses thriving is to invest in them and create incentives and supports for them, which is a core mission of our SomerVision plan. Our proposed customer-friendly zoning overhaul includes incentives for small local businesses and checks against chains and bigbox stores. It also supports our arts and creative economy with fabrication districts that will be zoned for arts and maker spaces only, and by including builtin supports and requirements to establish creative spaces as a percentage of designated new construction. Meanwhile, with a fairly small investment, our pilot Small Business Suite has brought large benefits to neighborhood Winter Hill and Magoun Square businesses looking to grow with the community. And thanks to our partners at US2, that program is being expanded to Union Square to provide long-time businesses with support from business best practices to understanding advertising to social media training. The city's three SomerViva language liaisons have expanded the reach of the program as well by assisting Portuguese, Spanish and Haitian Creole- speaking business owners in taking part. Finally, we are connecting local workers with local jobs and vice versa through our First Source workforce development efforts, strengthening our businesses and our residents at the same time. And we're continuing to make it easier for businesses to apply for permits and licenses through our online CitizenServe portal, with renewals now available through that service.

Our efforts are paying off. All the financial signs are pointing in the right direction. Last year, our local option meals tax revenue was up 14 percent over the previous year, bringing in \$1.24 million through November-a sign not only of new restaurants opening in the city, but that our community is increasingly known for its food scene. Last fiscal year, we saw the most new growth in more than a decade. We're projected to surpass that this fiscal year, and over the next decade we should see years in which our new growth is double and even triple what we will receive in new growth revenue this year. And the commercial share of our tax base that pays for our children's education, public safety, roads and city services is likewise projected to increase over the next decade, as we continue to attract larger enterprises that alleviate property tax pressure on both residents and small business owners. This is Somer-Vision in action.

So again, it's important to remember why SomerVision is key here. With so many factors and pieces that go into building a strong foundation for a local economy, planning is critical. That's why we spent years as a community creating our plan— SomerVision, a single stop that brings together the planning for every area, from housing to transportation, sustainability, green space, diversity and jobs. It codifies not what we want to build, but what we value as a community and the kind of the community we want to be

in 2030. Whenever we're faced with a decision, our first question is always: Does this help us reach our goals in SomerVision?

Those values are what is guiding the creation of Somerville's newest neighborhood, Assembly Row, where this past year the first new T station in a generation opened, the first high-tech tenant moved in and Partners HealthCare broke ground on its new home. This is what is guiding and will guide the growing of Union Square, where Somerville by Design is working with the community—including through a visioning session held in five languages simultaneously—to develop plans for the seven key blocks targeted for revitalization. SomerVision guided the creation of our draft plan for the Inner Belt and Brickbottom and guides our continuing expansion of mobility, from the Green Line Extension, to more and better bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

Somerville is growing, and as we do, we want to make sure we are tending to what makes our city great. That includes those local, small businesses that help define our neighborhoods and build our community. So while we expand our economy and envision a thriving future, we will keep working to protect those local businesses that have helped make us who we are today—and will help us create that thriving future.

Life in the Wille by Jimmy Del Ponte Best day ever



Previously published on March 14, 2012.

If I had the one day to live over again, and I could do any-

thing I wanted, I'd blend together all the best parts of my life in Somerville into 24 hours.

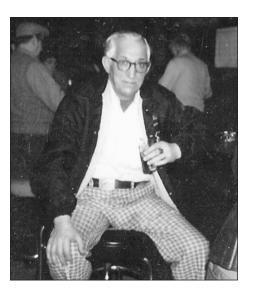
I would start the day with one of my favorite breakfasts that my Dad also liked. He would make "a whole mess" of scrambled eggs and cut up hot dogs. Oh yes, Dad is back for my special day, along with the rest of my family. For such a special day, maybe we would splurge and eat breakfast at the Waldorf in Davis Square.

As we were walking to Davis Square, we would say "hi" to our neighbors. "Hel-

lo Mr. Lamb, Mr. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Pine, and Mrs. Foster." DJ Sullivan's dog "Shep" would run over for a quick pat on the head! I would watch a few episodes of The Three Stooges the way I used to just about every morning before school.

Speaking of school, part of my best day ever would be marching with the rest of the class of 1971 at our class day celebration with a fast-forward to graduation day at Dilboy Stadium. Of course for lunch I would grab an Italian sub at Bella Meos in Powder House Square or a meatball sub at Todis in Ball Square or maybe both! We would drive over to my grandma and grandpas' house and pick some grapes while visiting. (everyone is alive again!) We would stop at the BP station and gas up Dad's 1967 Dodge Dart. We would give a honk to the cop in the round traffic stand right in the middle of the square. Perhaps we would be stopped at the railroad crossing while a freight train rolled by.

One of the best memories was when Dad took us to Fort Devens and we got a VIP tour. I can't help but think that Dad told them he was a big wig for the city of Somerville. Come to think of it, he was sort of the unofficial mayor of Davis Square for a while. How about a movie? I would have to pick A Hard Day's Night at the Somerville Theatre. Maybe my special day could be on July 4th so we could get a free Hoodsie that the elected officials used to give out to all the kids. It wouldn't be the best day ever without a performance of Oliver by Project STAR, 1969. I was Artful Dodger in that awesome show. Let's block off the street



and have a Somerfest concert with Shadowfax! For old time's sake, I would come in the house when the streetlights came on, but only to shower and get dressed for a night out in *Continued on page 20*

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times



Who thought this thing up anyway? Spring forward, fall back. Or is that fall forward, spring back? The only way we can ever be sure is if we're early or late for church Sunday morning, or whatever it is you do on Sunday morning.

To be fair, there's usually someone around smart enough to know the difference, if it isn't you yourself.

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is also celebrating this week. Another well-known guy, John Ciriello, is celebrating his birthday this week. And we wish to say Happy Birthday to Linda Pye Greene who is celebrating this week as well. Finally, we want to say Happy Birthday to the father of Rod Kreimeyer (our favorite pest control) guy. His father Roy is 92 this week and still lives alone and gets on very well by himself. To all others we wish a very special birthday this week, too.

But back to the main question at hand, who did think this up?

Popular belief has it that it's all about farming and the agrarian lifestyle that dominated western societies for the past few hundred years. Digging a little deeper, it turns out that the whole thing was invented by a gentleman from New Zealand named George Vernon Hudson, an entomologist (bug lover) who highly valued his daylight time and detested those who slept away those precious sun filled hours of summer. Long story short, he got the ball rolling, and some hundred or so years later we're still locked into that bug-loving cycle of spring forward (or backward) and back again. Year after year. There is a lot to be said for getting that extra hour of sunshine going when spring finally...springs. But how much fun is it when the reverse is the case and we suddenly end up plunged into darkness by late afternoon?

It's all above the average person's pay grade to know just what to make of it, and why we keep at it year after year. It's just what we do, isn't it?

wonderful showing of support from the community here in the city with her very first campaign kickoff/fundraiser upon her serving her first term in office as Alderman At Large. It's the season; this year is city elections so a lot of candidates in and out of office will be hosting several of these events.

Notice the new heading on our paper? It's the first of several changes being made over the next several weeks here at *The Somerville Times*. A new format and look to keep up with the times. Also, we want to make sure we look different than some other so-called newspapers. *The Times* here in Somerville is always changing, always looking to improve. Let us know what you think of our new look. And also feel free to give us ideas. If you would like to contribute to *The Times*, either as a writer of articles or opinion pieces, give us a call or email us. and short films. Beer and wine will be served. They are also pleased to be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 18 from 2-7 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

about Somerville High Learn School's Center for Career and Technical Education programs at the 2015 CTE Vocational Fair on Saturday, March 21. Guests will get an inside look at the CTE's 13 trade programs, and have an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities. The day's events include tours led by CTE Student Ambassadors. Somerville High School's CTE programs are preparing students for success beyond high school, using the latest technology and the most cutting-edge techniques. Stop in on March 21 between 9:00 a.m. and noon to find out more. Free and open to the public. *****

5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information please call: 617-629-5476 or 617-625-6600 x6449. Sponsored in collaboration with the Somerville Public Schools Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant and Somerville Community Schools.

Adults and high school students are needed to help plan and execute the city's annual Patriots Day event, a Colonial Fair at Foss Park on Monday, April 20. Volunteers are needed in several areas, including: community outreach; working with youth to create drawings about the event and our community in Colonial times; and assistance with event logistics, by leading Colonial era games, serving refreshments, and distributing and stamping Colonial Passports. For more information or to volunteer, contact Brandon Wilson at 617-625-6600 ext 2532, or BWilson@somervillema.gov.

Our good friend and former Ward 3 Alderman Tom Taylor is having a rough time of it recently in and out of treatment. We know everyone wishes him the very best. His wife Celia and family would like to have a so-called "celebration of life" for Tom while he is still with us. The event will take place Sunday, April 26 at the Somerville City Club, 4-8 p.m. It will also be Tom and Celia's 25th anniversary on May 12. The invitations went out on Facebook, but if the family missed anyone please feel free to add yourself to this event. It's a surprise, so don't say you read it here. The family will need some help with food, drinks, desserts. They would like EVERY ONE to come!

Last week, Mary Jo Rossetti had a

The Arts at the Armory have partnered with The Surfrider Foundation to host The New England Expression Session: A Night of Surf Art and a Silent Auction, happening Saturday, March 14 from 7-10 p.m. at The Armory. This exhibition will feature over twenty local artists, a performance by the local band Squirrelly Bird, live art, Join in for a family workshop focused on student learning and family fitness. The workshop takes place at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powderhouse Blvd., and is open to all Somerville families. A light supper will be served from 5:00-5:30 p.m. (registration required), followed by Family Fitness and Learning Activities from

Leaders of Somerville's faith communities are invited by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Health and Human Services Department to the first meeting of the newly reorganized Inter-Faith Council. The meeting will be held tonight, March 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Continued on page 23

Somerville High School Science and Engineering Fair and Exhibition

By Tom Bannister

Seventy-eight Somerville High School students representing 45 projects competed in this year's Science and Engineering fair, hosted by the Somerville High School Science Department on Thursday, March 5.

Students from every grade level work on a project for several months, which allows them to explore ideas and curiosities they have about a science topic of their choice. It also gives students an opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge of the scientific method and engineering design process that they have gained in their classes to an authentic scientific problem. Projects and presentations were judged by 19 judges from various universities and industries including Artisan's Asylum, Beryllium, Biogen IDEC, Re-Seed, Sigma-Aldrich, and Tufts University.

Students were also able to showcase their work and knowledge at the first-ever Science and Engineering Fair Exhibition Night, held that evening at Somerville High.

Parents, teachers, and community

members toured the projects and listened to students present their research and discuss their findings.

While all of the projects reflect the students' hard work and effort, only those projects earning the highest scores advance to the Region IV Science and Engineering Fair where they compete against other high school winners from all over northern Massachusetts for entry into the State Science and Engineering Fair held at MIT in May.

The Region IV Science and Engineering Fair will take place at Somerville High School on Saturday, March 14th, 9:00am to noon at the SHS Field House. Winners of local school fairs will compete at Region IV for an opportunity to advance to the Massachusetts State Science Fair at MIT in May. Judging for the March 14 competition at Somerville High School will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

Exhibits will be open for public viewing from 1-3 p.m., and the Awards Ceremony is scheduled to take place from 3-4 p.m. Six Regional Science Fairs serve as qualifying competitions for the May state event.







'Flashback Friday' at the City Club

"Flashback Friday" blasted off at the City Club on Friday, March 6. Participant took a journey back in time and danced the night away to songs from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90's. All proceeds benefit The Somerville PTA Scholarship Dinner Dance.









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SPORTS

Full Circle's Gabrielle Etienne excels at finals

By Rebecca Danvers

Gabrielle Etienne, a junior at Full Circle and member of Somerville's Varsity Girls' Track Team, heaved a personal best of 40'0" at the New England Track Finals on Friday, February 27 to earn a 6th-place finish in the shot put event. She topped her previous personal record by more than 2 feet.

Etienne's previous best of 37'8" came in a 4th-place finish at the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) State Finals held at the Reggie Lewis Center on Saturday, February 21.

Her personal best throw at the State meet took her from 7th place to 4th place, and qualified her for the New England Finals the following week.



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1. Bill Clinton's presidential campaign served as basis for what documentary?

2. What animal is found on Kentucky's state quarter?

3. Who are the two flyboys pictured on North Carolina's quarter?

4. Sterling silver is an alloy of 92.5 % silver and 7.5% of what other metal?

5. "Water water everywhere, not any drop to drink" is a quote by what 7. Which of Christopher Columbus' three ships never made it back to Spain after his first voyage to the New World?

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8. FBI agents are also known as "G-men" – what does the "G" stand for?

9. What fuzzy little fruit share its name with New Zealand's national bird?

10. Which word can mean a cliff or a hill with a broad, steep face?

11. Soldiers in ancient Rome were paid part of



Full Circle's Gabrielle Etienne had good cause to celebrate after her outstanding performance at the New England Track Finals.

Ras na hEireann USA 5K set for this coming Sunday 'The Race of Ireland & U.S.A.'



English poet?

6. What do you call a robot designed to resemble a human?

their salary with what seasoning?

12. What's the Italian city hiding in "Andromeda?" Answers on page 23

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The organizers of the Ras na hEireann USA 5K refer to it as the most genuine Irish race this side of the Atlantic. The race will be held on Sunday, March 15, starting at 11:00 a.m., beginning and ending in Davis Square. There will be loads of Craic - a celebration and appreciation of heritage and history, the magic and mystery that move everyone to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Go online at http://baevents.com/rasnaheireann/ for details and registration information.



The 2014 Marathon Sports Somerville Jingle Run and 2015 Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5Km "The Race of Ireland" was pleased to recently donate \$3,500 to the Somerville Recreation Youth Foundation founded by Dave Mangan. George Scarpelli of the Somerville Recreation Department accepted the check on behalf of the Somerville Recreation Youth Foundation. Go to http://somervilleyouthrecf.org/ for more information on this local organization doing great things for our local youth.

Courtney O'Keefe: Decision Made

Dear Friends & Supporters,

I hope this message finds you doing well and looking forward to the spring season. I know I am!

I wanted to take a moment and address recent published reports regarding my aspirations in 2015. After much thought, conversations with family and a weekend in Maine to think, I have decided not to pursue political office in the City of Somerville this election year. Between family obligations and a very fulfilling professional opportunity I have had since last fall, my time is being taken up by the things I love and the goals I would like to achieve.

In the coming months, I look forward to continued change on Somerville's political scene and learning more about candidates running for various seats on the School Committee, Board of Aldermen and/or Mayor.

I will be spending this campaign season publishing my thoughts and meeting recaps on my blog: Ward 5 Online, supporting local businesses as a member of Somerville Local First's Board of Directors and reaching out to the community in my professional capacity for the Community Credit Union. Fitting in time with my beautiful nieces, Shannon and Shayne, will be rounding out this busy life of mine. I cherish my role as an Aunty!

I am certainly keeping my options open and have not ruled out a future run for office including a campaign for Mayor. Somerville has been my home all 34 years of my life and I am excited about giving back to the community that has given me so much.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of me as a person and as a candidate and would like to wish all entering the 2015 campaign season the best of luck!

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Here are the latest headlines for Somerville Neighborhood News #35: Learn how a Union Square neighbor is helping homeless women and meet one who will probably change your opinion on the issue, check out the Somerville High School drafting class, hear what folks in Union Square think about recently announced building plans, hear how and why some projects in the city will soon benefit from a \$2 million dollar fund, and get the latest on the Lincoln Park renovations.



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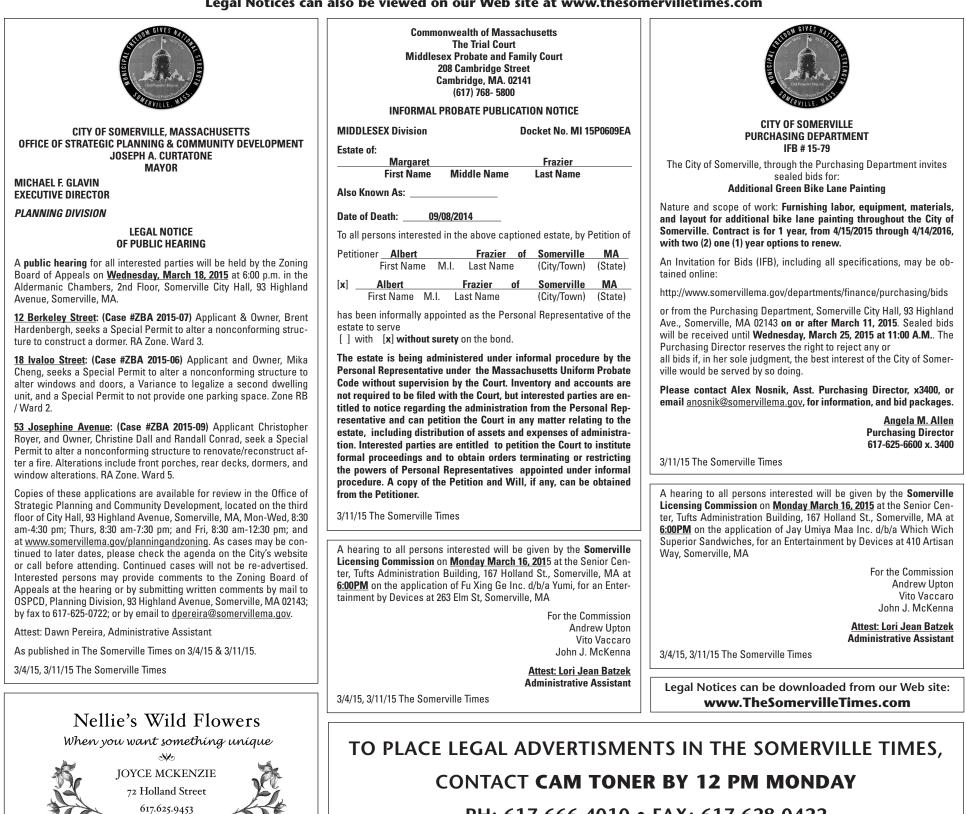
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The Somerville Times Katrina Leskanich rides a 30-year wave of sunshine to Johnny D's

CONT. FROM PG 1

Leskanich is currently preparing to tour the United States in support of the recently released Blisland, her first solo album in a decade. She will be performing at Johnny D's on Wednesday, March 18.

Katrina, as she is more famously known, spoke to The Somerville Times by phone from her home in London, where she says - "they have one snow plough" and "it is about 65 degrees."

The Somerville Times: What are some of the more interesting or surprising instances in which you have heard Walking on Sunshine played?

Katrina Leskanich: American Psycho is one. That was a bit of a surprise, because it was done in such a kind of a cool, ironic way, and I thought, "Well, that's sort of a refreshing take." Dolly Parton's cover of Walking on Sunshine, the mash-up with Beyoncé [on Glee] was good and interesting. Where it pops up in movies is always fun. I guess when people say it was played at somebody's funeral is a little bit different, but I get it. People want to send their loved ones out on a high.

ST: What was your career with The Waves like prior to 1985?

KL: The song that got us recognized to begin with was a song called Going Down to Liverpool, and that was covered by The Bangles. They were signed on Columbia Records, and it was at a time when we were signed with Attic Records, which was a Canadian label. So we made a couple of albums for them and ended up touring Canada for three years until we started noticing people sitting in the corner, kind of dressed with dark shades on and in a suit, taking notes. Some would come and say hello afterwards and others

would just leave. And there was suddenly this interest in us because I think people were wondering, "OK, The Bangles have got Going Down to Liverpool, now where does that song come from?"

We'd been together for five years before we had success with Walking on Sunshine. That's a lot of gigs, that's a lot of trial and error, that's a lot of stinking it up, but of course you're so hungry and you're so happy that you're just in the music business and able to do it. I was washing dishes on an American base [her father was a colonel in the United States Air Force] at the chow hall for five years during our rise. Our bass player was drilling holes in bowling balls for the bowling alley on base. Kimberley Rew was a postman, and Alex Cooper, our drummer, was working at a mortuary. He's a really strong guy, so he was carrying dead bodies around.

ST: Did you release Walking on Sunshine with the expectation, or at least the hope, that it would break you worldwide?

KL: Well, it was interesting when we started off that a song called Do You Want Crying? was supposed to be the first single and Capitol had identified that single, we were going to go with it, we made video for it. And Capitol sent out a demo tape to all the DJs that had four tracks on it. And the DJs came back and said, we don't want to go with Do You Want Crying?, we want to go with the Sunshine song. It's got the drums at the beginning that they could talk over and do the big announcement up to that "OWWW!" and that was kind of exciting for them. It was at time in 1985 when there were a lot English bands coming over, and we were part of that because two members of the

group were English, plus the fact that we lived in England made everybody think that we were an English group. [Leskanich was born in Topeka, Kansas, and lived in eight different states before moving with her family to Europe in 1972 and to England four years later]

We were all really surprised because we thought Walking on Sunshine was more of a novelty song for us, because we thought we were really cool, you know. We thought we were The Velvet Underground, you know, like The Ramones. I thought I was [Velvet Underground vocalist] Nico with the black turtleneck and eyeliner. You can kind of see from the first album the vibe that we were going for: no smiling, taking it quite seriously. Then Walking on Sunshine hit and every TV show, every interview, everything that we did after that photographers would be like, "Come you guys, do some smiling. Do some jumping around! We're gonna do this one on the beach. Take your sunglasses off. Why aren't you guys smiling and being happy?"

ST: Did it require several takes in the studio? If so, how did you keep up the required amount of energy to get it right?

KL: I've got a very low boredom threshold. I would sing a song once, which was supposed to be like the run-through, and it would always end up being the one. And then I could never really be bothered to sing it many more times. That's the first take, and even in the line where I go, "And I just can't wait for the day when you know on my door," I'm sort of smiling because at the time Vince de la Cruz, the bass player, was shooting a moon through the window of the control room into the studio. And that why I've got a smile on my face. I've got a smile on my voice, is what it should be. ST: The last person whom I interviewed in advance of a show at Johnny D's was Midge Ure. The two of you were on the Retro Futura tour last year along with The Thompson Twins and Howard Jones. How did you come to be part of that bill? KL: They obviously needed a woman, so my phone rang and it's the first time that my phone had rung for a gig in America in 20 years. It was the first time that I had performed there in 20 years. The Thompson Twins, Howard Jones, Midge Ure, it was a really good bill. And I thought, "Well, this will be fun and a good way of getting back into the American scene." And also



at the time, they were all coming with original material, and I thought, "Uh oh, I don't have any original material!" So it really inspired me to get down and write all the material on Blisland. which is my new album. I wasn't sure what was going to happen or how it was going to work out or what the process was going to be or anything, but I didn't have too much time to sit around and contemplate, work it out, or labor over it, and so the writing for that came very, very quickly. And it sort of transformed my life: to finally, after 10 years of not recording any original material, writing something and releasing it as a record.

I saw that there was a chasm, there was an emptiness that needed to be filled by something. I wasn't quite sure what it was or what it should be, and when I got down to writing the material for Blisland, I thought, this is it. This is what's been missing from my life. I really do need to feel a part of the creative process of contributing something musically and not always being about something that retrospective or happened 30 years ago or whatever. So it's been really fun. It's hard work when you're doing it on your own because you don't have a deal, but at the same time the power that you get of having total control is quite fun. ST: Had you worked or been in contact with any members of the Retro Futura tour in the

but in the 80s nobody talked to anybody else. I'm only talking to people like Howard Jones and Tom Bailey from The Thompson Twins and Midge Ure now because everybody's chilled out and everybody's of a certain age where we're all just so grateful that anybody like you would want to talk to us and take the time to find out stuff. It's very precious, and also there's a time limit, you know, your voice gives out or you're too old to do it or you get sick or you lose interest or whatever. I'm really grateful for the way things worked out.

ST: Tell me about your book Peggy Lee Loves London.

KL: This is a photographic book. I've lived in London nearly 30 years. I have my cool spots, my favorites: pubs, bars, clubs, even bakeries, parks, whatever. I know all the coolest places to go. I took a picture of them and let my little poodle, Peggy Lee, be the model for them, because I don't want to get my old mug in there. And it was just kind of a really fun thing to do. ST: Do you have any plans for a follow-up? KL: I was thinking about doing a book, Peggy Lee Loves America and have 50 pages in it and get a picture of her in some iconic situation relating to each American state and the say something about it, even if it's really basic, like "The capital is this, the population is this, known for this," and then just have a sweet little picture of her.

Blisland

KATRINA LESKANICH

Leskanich's latest album, Blisland.

KL: You pass these people. You do TV shows, especially in Germany, and you know they're in the dressing room next you,

1980s?

Katrina Leskanich. Wednesday, March 18 at Johnny Ds. Doors at 5:30, show at 7:30. \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show.

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (617) 666-5223

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

IF THE CITY CALLS A SNOW EMERGENCY AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED THE SCOA WILL ALSO BE CLOSED AND ALL PROGRAMS, GROUPS, EXERCISE CLASSES & EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY WILL BE CANCELLED.

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is coming to our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – Starting in March – A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early!

Boston Flower & Garden Show – Thursday, March 12th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 9:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. A fee of \$26.- includes tickets and round trip SCM transportation. Lunch at a waterfront area restaurant is an additional cost. This year's theme is "Season of Enchantment." Gardening, cooking, floral design demos, lectures and so much more. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

Afternoon at the Movies is Back! – Monday, March 16 – 12:30 P.M. in the atrium of our Holland Street Center. This month we are showing the comedy / drama "This is Where I Leave You" starring Jason Bateman, Tina Fey & Jane Fonda. Please RSVP to Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Just Make Something – Tuesday, March 24 – 6:00 P.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. This is a hands-on art workshop with Artist Miranda Aisling Hynes. Turning basic art & recycled materials into non-traditional art. There is a \$4.00 fee for materials. For additional information and to sign up for the workshop, please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT – Monday, March 30 – Check in time: 8:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 8:15 at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. – A \$25.- fee includes transportation, \$10.- food coupon and \$10.- free bet / Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. and talented musicians representing all of Somerville's elementary schools as they present a wide variety of selections you are sure to enjoy. This is a free event. Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

The SCOA is NO LONGER excepting applications for free smoke alarms / carbon monoxide detectors. It is the hope of both the Somerville Fire Department and the Somerville Council on Aging that we will receive the grant again in the future. If you would like your name put on a waiting list should this grant be received again, please contact Maureen Bastardi at the Somerville Council on Aging at 617-625-6600, extension 2316. The trip to the **Boston Flower & Garden Show** scheduled for March 12 is SOLD OUT.

March Madness Super Bingo scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th at the Ralph & Jenny Center is SOLD OUT. The St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Thursday, March 19th is SOLD OUT.

The trip scheduled to Wildwood, NJ on May 11th – 15th is SOLD OUT. But we have added a second bus and it is filling up fast. Only 13 seats left! Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your seat.

LGBT EVENTS

LGBT Pizza & Movie Night – Monday, March 16th – 5:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. At approximately 5:30 we will be having a pizza & salad dinner with a little time to socialize followed by a showing of a yet to be determined movie. Move details to follow. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, April 13 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. Hot & Cold lunch options available – food provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder services – suggested donation of \$2.00. RSVP required by 2:30 P.M. Thursday, April 9th. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2316 or MBastardi@Somervillema.gov This event happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

IMPORTANT NEWS:

Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

The Ralph & Jenny Center will remain closed on Mondays and will resume Mondays after the first of the New Year.

Please note in the "Upcoming Schedule" section several changes in the times that our Cross Street Center and our Ralph & Jenny Center are open over the next couple of weeks.

STAY ACTIVE:

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H) Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H) Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes and dues Zumba for All, 5:15 P.M., \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

Strengthening, 9:30 A.M., \$3 per class (RJ) LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M.

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M. *Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month, pre-registration required.

Upcoming Schedule

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

Wednesday|March 11

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads
"Hopey Changey Thing" – Stoneham Theatre

Thursday March 12

9:00 Yoga (H) 10:00 Current Events Group (H) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ) 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ) 12:45 Bingo (H, RJ) Flower Show

Friday March 13

11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday March 16

9:30 Veterans (H) 10:30 Moonlighters (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 5:30 LGBT Pizza & Movie Night (H-Atrium)

Tuesday March 17

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:30 Low Vision Group (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)
6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)
March Madness Super Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday|March 18

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Somerville's All City Band – Tuesday, March 31 – 3:00 P.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Please join Rosemary Sears and Richard Romanoff Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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Mondays:

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, 1:00 P.M. (H)

Tuesdays:

Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H) Dalcroze Eurhythmics, \$2.00, 1:00 P.M., (H) LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

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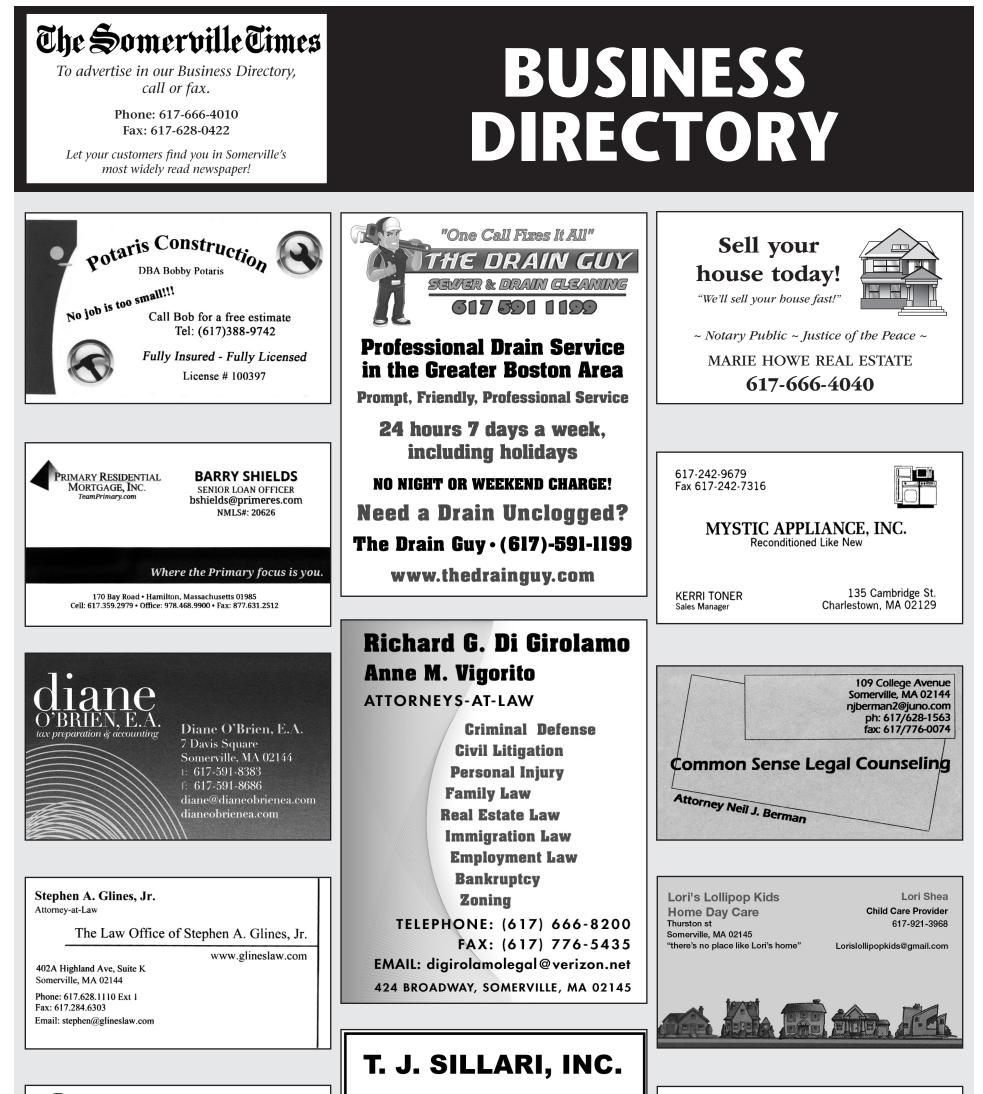
the 'Ville. I'd hit Studley's, The Blarney Stone, The Surrey Room, and check out The Embassy Lounge and Khoury's (with a designated driver, of course). I would have to have my 1973 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham with the extra large back seat and footrests that could fit about 10 of us. Maybe we could reenact my 30th birthday when my pal Dave was the driver and my friends and I were decked out in crazy outfits and silly hats. We drove around Somerville all afternoon acting like goofs and having a blast. It would be so great to see some of the friends that I lost, back again for one last bash.

What was your best day ever? That's a difficult one isn't it? If you could go back and enjoy one particularly awesome day what would it be? Would it be the day your kids were born? Was it the day you bought your first car? Maybe it was your wedding day (or the day your divorce was finalized!) Was it when you were a teen bopping around the city in your bellbottoms and Member's Only jacket? Growing up in Somerville, I have witnessed many cool changes. Friends and family members have come and gone. I drive through the 'Ville everyday and if I am not cursing a tailgater or some nut banging a U-turn in the middle of Highland Ave, I am taking in the scenery. I recall when things were different, and marvel at the progress we have made as a city. Is that Al standing on the corner? Nope ! Al moved 30 years ago.

The best day ever ends up being today because today will be a memory that we recall many years from now. I love looking back, and wish I could go back, but I am happy to have my memories of the best place ever to grow up. Somerville rocks. One of my friends told me about one of her best days ever. "When I was in 6th grade 1966 my Dad took me and my friend Rita M. to see the Beatles movie at the Brattle Theater in Harvard Square. It was the first time I ever heard an English man speak. I loved my dad so much for taking me. I'll never forget that day."

Here's another. "One of my best days was Somerville's 2004 Memorial Day parade. My dad was in his WWII uniform on the trolley. I remember being so proud of him."

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6:30am	Road to Recovery	6:00pm	TBT: Throwback Thursday a SCATV Production	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
7:30am	Life Matters	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Active Aging	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group:
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:30am	Art at SCATV	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group	6:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
11:00am	Abugida TV	11:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group		Henry Parker Presents
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	Friday, I	March 13	7:30pm	Fluff Festival	5:00pm	,
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2:00pm	Physician Focus	7:30am	Shrink Rap	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	Ville Pirates
2:30pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	Youth Programing
3:30pm	What the Fluff Festival	9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	The Somerville Line
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	10:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape	Sunday,	March 15	8:00pm	Abugida TV
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6:00pm	Trance: A Romantic Journey	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	1:00pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
7:00pm	Mystic Youth Chorus	2:00pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday,	March 17
7:30pm	Crossroads: a Search for An American Dream	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Evangelico	-	
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:30am	Active Aging	7:00am	The Struggle
8:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	5:00pm	Somerville Jazz Festival 2014	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	11:30am	Taking Back Your Health	9:00am	The Struggle
10:00pm	Art at SCATV	6:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00pm	Inside Talk	10:00am	Shrink Wrap
10:30pm	SCATV Presents Honk Festival	6:30pm	Art at SCATV	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group	11:00am	Wicked Sober
11:00pm	Visual Radio	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group:	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:30am	Ablevision
Thursday	, March 12	8:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	9:00pm	Energy Theater	2:00pm	Legacies - A SCATV Production	1:00pm	What the Fluff Festival?
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:00pm	Art at SCATV
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9:30am	Girls Talk	11:30pm	Wikiest link	5:00pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Dead Air Live	Saturda	y, March 14	6:00pm	Abugida TV	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer (L)
11:00am	Greater Somerville	6:00am	Arabic Hour	7:00pm	African Television Network		The Literati Scene
11:30am	Ablevision	7:00am	The Somerville Line	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	
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1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	6:30pm	Culture Club
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	Monday,	March 16	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:00am	Ablevision	7:30pm	Greater Somerville (L)
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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

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	Wednesda	ny, March 11	7:00pm:
	9:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol	7:30pm: Some
	9:15am:	Connecting Communities - Housing	9:00pm:
	12:00pm:	Somerville By Design – Massing &	9:30pm:
	1:30pm: 2:00pm: 2:30pm: 3:00pm: 6:30pm: 7:45pm: 8:15pm: 8:45pm: 9:10pm:	Program Workshop SomerViva en Espanol Raising Families Voices of Somerville – GLASS Green Line Funding Announcement Somerville By Design: Union Sq. Visioning – PORTUGUESE Voices of Somerville - GLASS Connecting Communities – Housing SomerViva en Espanol 3.12.15 BOA Meeting Agenda	Sunday, Marcl 12:00am: 12:30am: 1:00am: Some 2:30am: 3:00am: 9:00am: 12:00pm: 12:30pm: Ke 1:00pm: 1:30pm: 3:30pm:
	Thursday, 12:00am: 12:30am: 1:00am: S 2:15am: 2:45am: 9:00am: 12:00pm: 12:30pm: 1:00pm: 7:00pm:	March 12 Connecting Communities - Housing Aldermen at Work – Mary Jo Rossetti omerville By Design – Union Sq. Visioning Raising Families Somerville By Design – Union Sq. Visioning - ESPANOL Aldermen at Work – Mary Jo Rossetti Senior Circuit Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults Land Use Committee – Public Hearing Board of Aldermen Meeting – LIVE	6:30pm: 7:00pm: 7:30pm: 8:00pm: 8:30pm: Monday, Marc 12:00am: 12:30am: Ke 1:00am: 1:30pm: 9:00am:

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SomerViva em Portugues Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY Raising Families 9:00am: 12:0 3:30 6:00

12:00pm: SHS College & Career Night 1:00pm: Playoff Hockey: SHS v Marblehead 3:00pm: Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert 4:00pm: SCAP Youth Risk Behavior Game Show 5:00pm:Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer Finals 6:00pm: Girls' Intramural Middle School Soccer Finals SHS College & Career Night 8:00pm: Playoff Hockey: SHS v Marblehead 9:00pm: 11:00pm: Capuano Kindergarten Winter Concert Thursday, March 12 12:00am: SCAP Youth Risk Behavior Game Show 12:30am:

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Friday, March 13

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1:30am:	SHS Hockey v Medford - 1/10
9:00am:	Connecting Communities -
	Teen Empowerment
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12:00am:	Connecting Communities -
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12:30am:	Teen-Police Basketball Game
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10:00am:Bo	bys' Middle School Intramural Soccer Finals
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	Teen Empowerment
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11:00pm:	ESCS Black History Month Concert
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	ennedy School Grades 4-8 Winter Concert
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12:00am:	Raising Families
12:30am:	SomerViva en Espanol
1:00am:	Land Use Committee – Public Hearing
9:00am:	Raising Families
12:00pm:	Somerville By Design: Massing &
	Program Workshop
1:20pm:	Raising Families
2:00pm:	Aldermen at Work – Mary Jo Rossetti
2:30pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq. Charette I
6:30pm:	Aldermen at Work – Mary Jo Rossetti
7:00pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq. Charette I
8:30pm:	Raising Families
9:00pm:	Voices of Somerville - GLASS
9:30pm:	Connecting Communities – Housing
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	Program Workshop
Saturday	, March 14
12:00am:	Raising Families
12:30am:	Voices of Somerville - GLASS
1:00am:	Connecting Communities - Housing
1:30am:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq. Charette I
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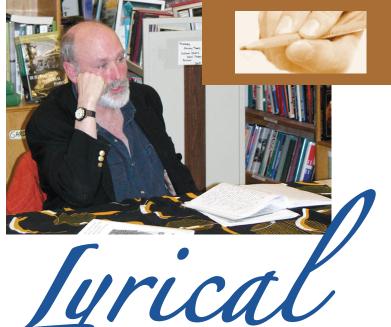
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3:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	1:00pm:
6:00pm:	Voices of Somerville - GLASS	2:30pm:
7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - LIVE	4:00pm:
Tuesday,	March 17	5:30pm:
12:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol	
12:30am:	Connecting Communities - Housing	6:00pm:
1:00am:	Somerville By Design: Traffic, Parking,	7:00pm:
	& Brownfields	9:00pm:
3:00am:	Green Line Extension Funding Agreement	10:30pm
9:00am:	Connecting Communities - Housing	Saturda
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:00am
12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	3:00am:
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:00pm:	SHS Girls' Basketball v Cambridge
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:00pm:	SHS Girls' Basketball v Everett
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:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
:00am:	Raising Families- Smoking Cessation
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2:30am:	SHS Basketball v Belmont @ TD Garden



SOMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Susan Tepper sent us what we hope will be the last winter poem for awhile.



Away the Winter

As with the maple your leaves come off in silent streams

Litter the bed and on the floor crunching where you meant to keep

away the winter

hiding behind curtains crouched in the rafters

Have you heard the windows gasp— cold and so dark surely they have died too.

— Susan Tepper

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OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

Theatre@First: A Nurturing Arts Organization in the heart of Somerville

There is something to be said about sitting at your favorite table, beside a fireplace, having a bagel, with the requisite smoked fish – tomatoes and onions, and a dark roast. Of course, I am talking about my favorite haunt, Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square, Somerville. My guests on this cold winter's morning were the founder of Somerville's Theatre@First, Elizabeth Hunter and playwright Andrea Humez.

Hunter, a gregarious woman somewhere in her 40s, moved with her husband from the hinterlands of Arlington to the Paris of New England a couple of years ago. She lives behind Davis Square, and finds Somerville "An intense city, interactive, with a strong sense of community." Hunter started Theatre@First in 2003, and their first production was "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead," by Tom Stoppard.

Besides producing plays, Hunter and director Andrea Humez have started a new program, First-Works. that provides workshopping opportunities for playwrights to receive feedback on their new scripts from experienced directors and actors, and from the audience itself. Their first staged reading is titled *That Night in the Field*, by Christopher Lockheardt, that is described on the website as a play that involves "A black envelope, a visit from a summer fling ... recriminations at a family gathering, etc..."

According to Humez, First Works has a reading committee of theater professionals who review and

vote on the most important manuscripts. The program provides the playwrights help with drafting, the play, rehearsals, etc.

Hunter told me that the organization is a non-profit, but they get most of their their funding through ticket sales. They perform at a number of venues in Somerville, like the Elizabeth Peabody House, the Unity (church), the Somerville Theater, and elsewhere. They have extensive experience performing Shakespeare (*As You Like It, A Winter's Tale,* etc.), and have received press coverage in *The Boston Globe* and other media outlets.

Hunter is a graduate of Wellesley College, and has acting and directing experience in college and community theater settings. She had an acting role as the psychiatrist in Equus - a role traditionally played by a male. Hunter reflected, "Being a woman changed the relationship with the protagonist. It brought in a maternal element, a relationship with a sympathetic woman."

Humez is an educational researcher, and is finishing up her PhD. She had her first directing experience at MIT in 1997, and has been involved in theater ever since.

Hunter is excited about doing theater in Somerville. She said, "There is a huge explosion of playwriting-conversation-engagement, and audiences that are willing to pay attention to all of this."

For more information go to: http://www.the-atreatfirst.org.



Olio

The War Room
 The Santa Maria
 A racehorse
 Government
 Orville and Wilbur
 Kiwi fruit
 Wright
 Bluff
 Copper
 Samuel Taylor Coleridge
 Rome
 A humanoid or android

Left to Right: Andrea Humez and Elizabeth Hunter.

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in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, and will discuss issues faced by each organization, plans to address issues, and to share information about city and organization services and resources. The Somerville Inter-Faith Council is an opportunity for leaders in the faith communities in Somerville to regularly meet and share ideas and opportunities with the Mayor and members of his staff. Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville or to attend meetings, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Betsy Allen, at extension 2323 or ballen@somervillema. gov. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Nancy Bacci at NBacci@somervillema. gov, or 617-625-6600 ext. 2250.

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