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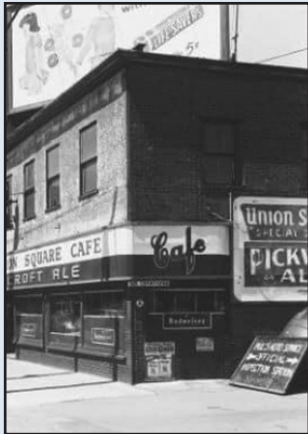


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Somerville Board of Health lifts indoor mask mandate



After nearly two years of requiring face masks in public indoor spaces, the City of Somerville Board of Health has lifted these mandates.

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

Since April 2020, the City Somerville has been requiring face masks at all indoor spaces in the city. Now, almost two years after the implementation of these, masks are finally off in Somerville. It now joins Boston and other cities and towns in the area that have lifted their indoor mask requirements.

In a meeting last Thursday for the Somerville Board of Health, members voted on rolling back mask mandates in the City of Somerville. The measure passed unanimously revoked the indoor face covering mandate beginning last Saturday.

During the meeting held online, Board members presented their arguments and reasoning as to why they believed masks should no longer be required in Somerville's indoor spaces. They also discussed recent spikes in *Continued on page 4*

'Connections/Conexiones' spotlights Cuban artists

The Brickbottom Gallery will be showing original prints by contemporary Cuban artists, most of whom are living on the island. This is the first half of an international print exchange.

In 2019, Janette Brossard Duharte, president of the Printmaking section of the Visual Artist Association of Cuba, approached The Boston Printmakers with an idea for an international print exchange. She invited members of The Boston Printmakers to exhibit in Havana and asked the organization to sponsor an exhibit of Cuban artists in the Boston area.

The Boston Printmakers happily accepted, and the Brickbottom Gallery agreed to exhibit the original prints, never shown here before.

Brossard brought the work of 37 artists to the gallery from Havana in 2019. The subjects of the prints explore themes ranging from politics to religion to eroticism. The graphic styles run the gamut from realism to colorful abstraction to the printed book.

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Rafael Zara, *Manolete*, woodcut. Part of the Connections/Conexiones exhibition at Brickbottom Gallery, March 10 – April 9.

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Somerville's indoor mask mandate ended Saturday, March 5. But businesses can still set their own mask policies, so make sure to check before heading in. Masks are also still required for city buildings. Beginning March 14, masks will be optional for students and staff of Somerville Public Schools. More information, including where to find the latest health guidance can be found at somervillema.gov/maskmandateupdate.

Meet Your Local Chocolatiers, Friday, March 11, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Aeronaut Brewing Company, 14 Tylers St., Somerville. Join the Somerville Museum's Community Curators, José Falconi and Santiago Montoya, for a night of chocolate and conversation. Joined by local chocolatiers, Mateo from Prophecy Chocolate and Eric from Somerville Chocolate, this event is part of the Bittersweet exhibition's Chocolate Stories Salon series. This event is free to all with a suggested donation of \$10/person. Donations support the operations of the Somerville Museum and events like this.

The ArtBeat 2022 planning has begun. This year's Artbeat theme is "rise." Things are looking up, lifting, rising. At this year's ArtBeat Festival we invite artists of all kinds and community members to interpret the "rise" theme in myriad ways. Literally, let's think about what's above us – the sky, stars, trees, cranes, birds, and buildings. And figuratively, how might "rise" resonate? What's beyond us, what's within reach? The online applications for both the community and craft vendors are now available. To apply, go to: <https://somervilleartscouncil.org/resources/calls>.

Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday to C21 North East real estate agent and long-time resident John Pratti. We hope John has a great birthday. Happy birthday to a former City of Somerville staffer, Nancy Ross Aylward. We hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to the senior Jim Halloran. We hope he has a great one as well. *Continued on page 7*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of March 9 – March 15 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Wednesday March 9	Cloudy	45°/33°	9%	4%	SSW 10 mph
Thursday March 10	Cloudy	51°/36°	12%	6%	SSE 9 mph
Friday March 11	Cloudy	48°/41°	25%	12%	ESE 9 mph
Saturday March 12	Rain	57°/25°	48%	33%	SW 19 mph
Sunday March 13	Sunny	38°/28°	2%	0%	WNW 17 mph
Monday March 14	Partly Cloudy	47°/38°	1%	0%	SW 12 mph
Tuesday March 15	Partly Cloudy	54°/36°	13%	8%	SW 14 mph

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville Pilots New Rodent-Control Technology

Good start says:

Great start. How about adding development sites with the developer paying the cost? Large hotel being built in my neighborhood. The space was industrial lot, vacant for at least 20 yrs. Rats all over our neighborhood for the first time ever. We all bore the cost on of traps, and preventive measures. We used poison, not good for anyone, but Its affordable. Someone's making a lot of money here, and it's not us.

Response to: Civil unrest over Somerville parking issues

Donna says:

I share the frustration the residents within the Highland Ave are are feeling; I know first hand how frustrating it is not to be able to find parking near your home. I do not believe the School Committee thought about the teachers and where they would park. Watching that new High School go up anyone could have told ANY ONE that there would be a parking nightmare. Why wasn't a parking garage built? The design took away parking, did anyone really think that all teachers were going to ride bikes, take public trans, Seriously? Is anyone questioning the School Committee's decisions, plans, etc. I question quite a bit with that group – why did they remove the ability of residents using school parking (where there is one) during snow emergency (not very neighborly)? who is paying for those special permits that allow non-resident school committee to park on Somerville streets till 7 pm (better be deducted from the employee) – I hope I am not paying for that employee and my own...and cannot park on my street because of that person!! Who made the decision to take away the High School parking – who approved the design of an oversized High School with no parking? Was any common sense used in any of the decisions?

Response to: The view from the park

David Hynes says:

Ahhh, back when you traveled the inner-city for FUN

Tom M says:

I moved to Somerville in 1975. I remember Cedar Drug store, one on Broadway now a sign store. Johnny's Foodmaster in Ball Sq. Think it was a Texaco gas station at corner of Cedar and Highland.

Kneelands convieniece store at Lowell and Highland.

Dairy Queen and Friendly's and Royal Cleaners

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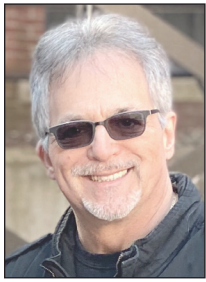
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Life in the **VILLE** by Jimmy Del Ponte

Old Union Square

Re-Union Square edition



The new Union Square T stop will open on March 21. I asked our friends to reminisce about the old days of the square. It was named for the Union Army during the Civil War. My reliable friends shared what they remember about the pre-Green Line square.

“Midnight Variety was the only store that stood out for me then and now.”

“White Sport.” “Red House.” “Mama Gina’s Brighams.” “Thom McAnn.” “There was a monument in the middle of the square. We all hung out there. it was a great place. We were mentored by a guy named Elmer Bumpus. Or Bump to us.

He was a great guy.” “George’s Shoe Store ... loved that place!”

“White Sport and the Firehouse ... my dad was there for years.” “Brighams Ice Cream.”

“The Fire Station, Brown & Flaherty Funeral Home, St. Joseph’s, the original Police Station.” “Cardillo’s Drugstore and Dipratos (Dippys).”

“I remember that you could go all the way down Washington Street from McGrath Highway to after Beacon! I remember a police officer on a podium on the street! I remember Shea’s Cleaners across from St. Joe’s!”

“My memories are with my Mom’s Deli (Sunny’s Deli). We had so many good friends that would come in from her sub shop. Dave Pignone owned Sunnyhurst



at the time. Then we had sooo many laughs with Johnny C the meat man! Pay attention! Great memories always in my Somerville days!”

“Buster Brown school shoe shop.”

“Hawkins Street Deli.” “Barney’s Diner.”

“I had a CETA summer job at SMAP in 77. It was above Mama Gina’s.” “Went to Reliable Meat Market every Saturday with my dad. Frank always gave us a slice of cheese.”

“50’s and 60’s ... Florida Fruit Market, Gorin’s, First National groceries, Grant’s, Sam’s Shoe Store, Marie’s Hair Salon, Union Square Baptist Church ... loved those days.”

“Virginia’s, where we got our double English in the grill and a Vanilla Coke.

Police officer in the box, helping everyone across. Locals sitting on the monument with beverage in the bag.”

“Union Sq. Hotel, *Continued on page 4*

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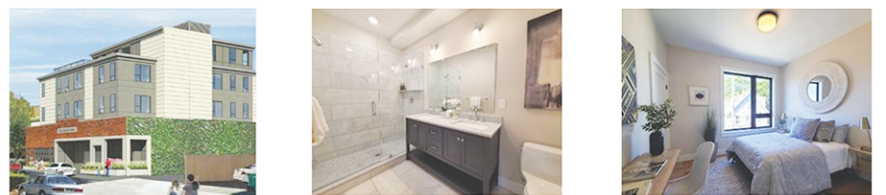
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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

All she did was hit the 'go' pedal

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the intersection of Grand Union Blvd. and Great River Rd. last Thursday just after midnight on reports of a single motor vehicle accident.

Somerville dispatched informed the officers en route that the vehicle was on the island and the parties were outside the vehicle.

Upon arrival, the officers observed a male and female standing at the rear of the vehicle. The couple was asked who was driving the vehicle and the woman,

later identified as Angie Henriquez, of Dorchester, reportedly stated that she was the operator of the vehicle.

When asked what had taken place, she reportedly told the officers that she hit the "go" pedal numerous times. When asked what she meant, she indicated that she meant the gas pedal.

According to reports, Henriquez stated that they were parked in a spot next to Legal Sea food, pulled out and missed the turn into the rotary.

When the officers pointed out that the tire tracks in the snow were straight and not consistent with someone pulling out of a spot, Henriquez reportedly became defensive.

When asked if she needed any medical attention, she reportedly answered, "Go XXX yourself".

When the male passenger was asked about what had taken place, he reportedly said that they were at Tony C's and got into the accident after they pulled out of their spot.

The man confirmed that Hen-

riquez was the operator of the vehicle and he was only the passenger. When asked if he needed any medical attention, he declined, stating he was OK.

Somerville dispatch informed the officers that Henriquez had a suspended driver's license and had an outstanding warrant. She was placed under arrest on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

She was transported to Somer-

ville Police Headquarters and booked for the new offense and her outstanding warrant.

The officers followed up with Assembly Row security and reviewed the surveillance camera footage in the area. Henriquez's vehicle is seen on camera heading northbound on Grand Union Blvd. towards the rotary coming from the Foley St. area at a high rate of speed. Her vehicle is seen hitting the first smaller island before finally coming to rest in the larger island.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Angie Henriquez, of Dorchester, March 3, 12:41 a.m., arrested at Great River Rd. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license. **Justin Paquette**, of Cambridge, March 6, 9:33 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of armed robbery.

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Somerville Board of Health lifts indoor mask mandate

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the city and addressed a large spike centralized at Tufts University.

"Among those were affiliated with Tufts University, especially around the dormitories," Doug Kress, Director of Health and Human Services for the City of Somerville said. "I've had conversations with Tufts University, and they've implemented several things to make sure that they can look at this a little bit more."

According to the City of

Somerville's COVID-19 dashboard, in the past 14 days there have been 23.2 cases per 100,000 in the city.

Paula Machado, a member of the Board of Health, expressed her approval to rolling back mask mandates in Somerville. "I'm ready to lift it all to be honest with you," Machado said, "I think it's time we kind of move on."

Although the mandate was rolled back, Kress talked

about how people can continue to wear masks if they wish to. "People will always have a choice of wearing a mask, if people choose to wear a mask, that is an acceptable and appropriate behavior. We don't know what their background is, we don't know what their symptoms are," Kress said.

Following the vote from the Board of Health, the City of Somerville released a statement by Mayor Katjana Bal-

lantyne reacting to the revoking of the mandate. "We will take this next step based on the data, the science, and the guidance, as we continue to help residents remain without protection to get vaccinated," the statement read in part.

Jill Carter, manager at the Comicazi Comic Book Store in Davis Square gave their reaction to the decision from the Board of Health. "I'm not surprised that it happened, whether I think it's

too early or not, I am going to continue to wear my mask certainly at work," Carter said. "I've been immunocompromised and in general for the safety of my coworkers."

Looking towards the future, Carter believes only time will tell if the rolling back of restrictions was too early. "Only time will tell, whether it was too early or not. For the most part I feel comfortable in my shop anyway," Carter said.

Old Union Square

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Elm Farm. DiPrato's big 5 cent pickle (dill or sour). "The Independent."

"Kennedy's Coffee & Eggs."

"DiNitto's Market." " St. Joseph's Church."

"Cardillo's Drug was next to Shea's Cleaners, DiPrato's Cobblers was on Mama Gina's block." "The old Somerville boys and girls club that was in the old po-

lice station."

"Have so many great memories. Moved years ago but my heart has always been back there. Now 3 years ago we moved into a new building for seniors named west union Square." "There was a record store near Barney's." "Caterino's Market. Angelo!" "Sam's shoe store, Gorins, Smoke shop, Kennedy's, Leonard's jewel-

ry, Shea cleaners, Cardillo Pharmacy."

I don't know if it was technically Union Square but who could forget the red hot bread sign at Roma Bakery. Yum!

Thanks to all my friends who took the time to share their comments and memories.

When I think of Union Square, I recall that house with all the old radiators in

front. I also think of the used car parts places and junk yard sand the old fire station.

Can't forget my run in with the old Union Square Police Station where five of my pals and I spent a few hours after a rowdy house party! If the T stop was there, we could have taken it right back to Ball Square when they let us out!

Paving the way to improving Washington St.

By Kyle Dante

For West Washington improvements, improvement projects will go from Washington St. to Line St. to Webster Ave. The projects will cover sidewalk and ramp reconstruction, street paving, and new tree planting.

The program stems from 2019 neighborhood meetings on the future of Washington St. as a street design concept. Notably, protected bike lanes in both directions were considered. Somerville city staff added onto the concepts in 2020 with bus improvements.

A pilot evaluation began in 2021 that evaluated Washington St. as needing improved paving.

The pilot has several goals, leading to the proposed developments. It aims to improve bus service for the 86 line, as well as enhancing and improving Washington St., not only for safety concerns, but also the vis-

ibility of crosswalks. In doing so, it will reduce speeding behaviors and minimize the impacts of reduced on-street parking.

At the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) Zoom meeting on March 1, a public poll was taken on what else should be a part of the project. Specific items discussed included bus lane changes, new bike lanes, landscaping zones, traffic calming, improvement of crosswalks, sound for traffic signals, and changing the locations of street parking.

What the project will not cover includes substantial utility work, street lighting, green stormwater infrastructure, traffic signal control, and network design. The uncovered items have either been previously undertaken, such as the green infrastructures, or stalled due to budget shortfalls.

The scope of the project be-



gins in March and extends to fall 2024. The month of March is dedicated to community feedback. Beginning in April and running throughout through May, the feedback will take shape as a tentative concept.

More feedback on the initial designs will be sought at the end of May into June. Final designs will be due in July. By October 2022, all construction plans are to be completed, bid on, and given to the

contractor. By spring 2023, the construction begins and ends in fall 2024.

We will provide further information on the project following the second neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, March 15.

Union Square Plaza and Streetscape redesign public meeting

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott, Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, and the Union Square Community Design Team invite you to a virtual public meeting for updates on the Union Square Plaza and Streetscape Redesign project. This transformative public space and infrastructure project will reimagine the Union Square plaza and adjoining streetscapes to better serve the community. The Community Design Team has been leading a research and engagement process and has collected feedback from thousands of stakeholders to date.

At this meeting, staff will present two designs for Union Square's public spaces, which were informed by community input and the Union Square Neighborhood Plan. The presentation will also be posted on the project website after the meeting, along with additional opportunities to share feedback.

The meeting will take place virtually on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. To learn more and register to attend, visit somervillema.gov/UnionSqRedesign.

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Stuffed Sweet Potatoes

This is a perfect dinner for a meatless Monday or any other day. This hearty and filling dish is so satisfying that you'll find yourself wanting to add it to your meal rotation. I make it every other week. It hits all the taste buds. It's sweet, it's savory, it's smoky, and has a hint of heat. It also has great texture from the vegetables and beans along with the creamy sauce.

- 4 sweet potatoes (medium sized)
- 1 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 red onion, small diced
- 1 celery Stalk, small diced
- 1 carrot, small diced
- 1/2 jalapeño, finely minced, or pinch of cayenne pepper
- 2 garlic cloves, finely minced
- 1 15.5 oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed
- Salt and pepper

- 1/2 cup raw cashews

- 1 lemon zested and juiced
- 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast
- 1-1/2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon yellow mustard
- Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400°. Soak the cashews in water, enough to completely cover them and set aside. Thoroughly wash the sweet potatoes and prick with a fork before placing in the oven. They will take about an hour to an hour and fifteen minutes to roast.

In a sauté pan, add the olive oil, onion, celery, carrot, jalapeño, along with a pinch of salt and pepper. Cook vegetables for about 10 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté for about 30 seconds, then add the black beans and cook for an additional 10-15 minutes. Taste and add more salt and pepper if needed. Set aside.

Once the sweet potatoes are fully cooked and cool enough to handle, cut in half, and scoop out, leaving about 1/2" of the potato around the



bottom and edges. Add the scooped sweet potato to a blender along with the cashews and liquid, zest and juice of the lemon, nutritional yeast, paprika, and mustard. Blend until smooth. You may have to add additional water to thin it out a little, but it should be thick and pourable.

Taste and season with salt and pep-

per. Now scoop the bean and vegetable filling evenly into the eight halves of the sweet potatoes, 2 per serving. Now pour the sauce over the sweet potatoes and enjoy!

Makes 4 servings.

Visit Dorothy's website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief>.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of February 28-March 4.

OFFSHORE WIND INDUSTRY (H 4515)

House 133-12, approved and sent to the Senate a bill to further develop and expand the offshore wind industry in Massachusetts. Provisions include investing hundreds of millions of dollars over the next decade in infrastructure, innovation, job training, supply chain capacity and transmission upgrades; providing job training, tax incentives, grants and loans; investing in long-term energy storage to help the state's transition to renewable energy; and implementing a new charge that would add an estimated \$1.37 to the average gas customer's monthly bill to raise an estimated \$23 million in new revenue that would be used to fund the programs, tax incentives and grants.

"I am thrilled that today the House passed legislation crucial to the development of a strong offshore wind industry in Massachusetts," said Representative Jeff Roy (D-Franklin), House chair of the Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. "Massachusetts waters have the greatest offshore wind potential out of the contiguous U.S. and this legislation will ensure that the commonwealth is prepared to harness that energy while also creating a just and robust local economy, educational opportunities for our residents and critical upgrades to our energy infrastructure without causing undue harm to our coastal habitats or maritime industries."

"I'm immensely proud of the steps that the House took today to ensure Massachusetts remains at the forefront of renewable energy development," said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy). "Not only will this legislation help us reduce our carbon emissions and combat climate change, it will also spur economic development, modernize our energy infrastructure and create thousands of new jobs in the process."

"While I completely agree that we need to do something about encouraging clean energy and offshore wind development, I think we could have found the funds in the current budget and not put the costs on the ratepayers," said Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut), the only Democrat to vote against the measure. "It is the economically challenged folks who can't afford the major rehabs of older homes to save on gas and electric heating costs who will get hit with these charges. I believe this is definitely not the time to be adding more costs to homeowners with inflation and a slow economic recovery from the pandemic."

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes

ELIMINATE THE ESTIMATED \$1.37 PER CUSTOMER CHARGE TO FUND TAX CREDITS AND JOB TRAINING (H 4515)

House 28-127, rejected an amendment that would eliminate a new charge that would add an estimated \$1.37 to the average gas customer's monthly bill. The estimated \$23 million in new revenue would be used to fund training programs, tax credits and incentives for companies.

"This would amount to about a 2 percent increase in a natural gas user's bill each month," said amendment sponsor Kelly Pease (R-Westfield). "It does not sound

like a lot, but during these inflationary times and with gas and oil prices going out of control due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, it is not the time to raise rates on the people of the commonwealth. The critics of the amendment said it would get rid of the trust fund which would do away with job training and tax credits as well. This is true. By removing the funding it would eliminate those parts of the bill, but I believe that given the commonwealth is very financially strong that the trust fund and programs should be paid for out of existing state funds and not be putting the burden onto the citizens of Massachusetts by adding a rate increase to their monthly bills."

Rep Jeff Roy (D-Franklin), House Chair of the Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, said that the amendment seeks to strike the meat and potatoes from all of the elements that will strengthen this industry.

"The amendment would have eliminated provisions of the bill that make crucial investments into offshore wind and other clean energy technologies," said Roy. "Massachusetts stands to realize significant economic gains by investing in our green infrastructure and workforce, and that's an opportunity for our constituents that we cannot pass up."

Readers: Please read carefully what a "Yes" and "No" vote mean.

(The amendemnts was on striking the estimated \$1.37 fee. Therefore a A "Yes" vote is against the fee. A "No" vote for the fee.)

Rep. Christine Barber	No
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	No

FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS (H 2730)

Senate 40-0 approved and sent to the House a bill that would require primary and secondary schools, homeless shelters and prisons to provide free disposable menstrual products in a convenient and non-stigmatizing way.

"That we considered this bill today is a result of the leadership of so many young people, particularly high school students across the state, from Brookline to Belchertown," said sponsor Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville). "Once you start thinking about it, the need seems obvious. As the menstrual equity coalition says, 'non-menstruating people go into a bathroom expecting their basic bodily needs to be met—this is not the case for menstruators.' This is now being seen as an issue because new generations are saying words out loud that used to be hidden by euphemisms, and they're talking about needs that were unrecognized because they weren't named."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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PREGNANT AND POST PARTUM MOTHERS (H 2731)

Senate 40-0, approved and sent to the House legislation designed to ensure that pregnant and postpartum mothers get necessary and potentially life-saving health care by extending MassHealth insurance coverage to 12 months after pregnancy. MassHealth is the state's Medicaid program that provides health care for low-income and disabled persons.

"Today, the Massachusetts Senate has taken another step to combat inequities in maternal health," said sponsor Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem). "By extending postpartum healthcare coverage to a full year, birthing individuals will be able to access vital physical and behavioral health resources that will decrease mortality and severe morbidity and improve the overall health of parent and child, especially for our minority populations."

Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) said, "The danger of dying during pregnancy or childbirth is still far too high in the United States, particularly for Black women, but the Senate is committed to continuing our efforts to ensure pregnant and postpartum mothers and people who give birth receive the critical care they need and deserve."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

STATE SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA - Gov. Charlie Baker ordered all Massachusetts executive branch agencies to review their contracts and terminate any agreements with any executive department agency that is currently contracting with any Russian state-owned company or otherwise engaged in any partnership, affiliation, or exchange with any Russian state-owned company, Russian government-controlled entity or Russian governmental body. The executive order also encourages independent agencies and authorities, public institutions of higher education and all other constitutional offices to follow this policy

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of February 28-March 4, the House met for a total of six hours and 24 minutes and the Senate met for a total of four minutes and 28 minutes.

Mon. Feb. 28	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:36 a.m.
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Tues. March 1	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. No Senate session
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Wed. March 2	No House session No Senate session
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Thurs. March 3	House 11:02 a.m. to 4:34 p.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 3:03 p.m.
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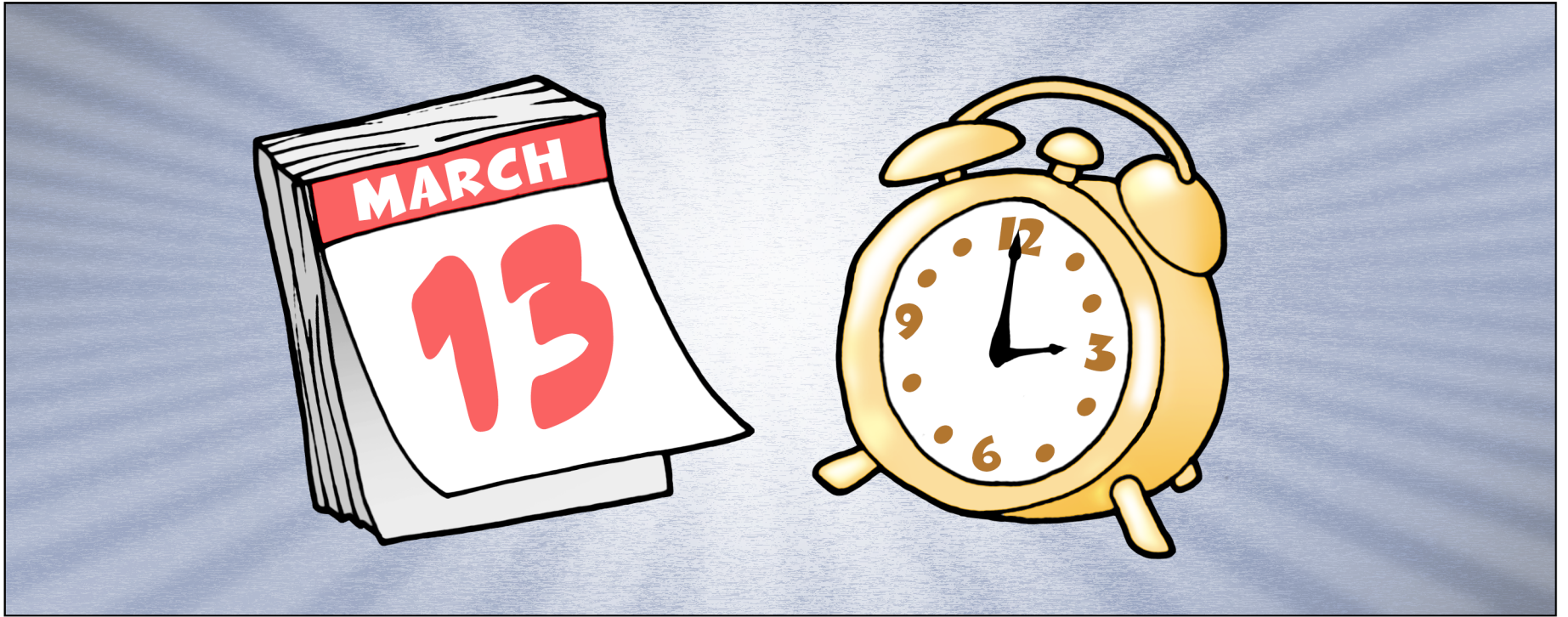
Fri. March 4	No House session No Senate session
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COMMENTARY

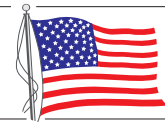
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Don't forget to "spring forward" this Sunday morning.

Our View Of The Times



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.

But back to the main question at hand, who thought this thing up anyway? Pop-

ular 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? Some people become seriously depressed during the shorter days of winter. Others aren't bothered by it at all, the ones who shun the sunshine.

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.

All we know is we better stick with the program or we'll bound to be late for ... one thing or another.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy birthday to Karen Love, of Magoun Square, a pleasant and always nice lady who greets you with a smile whenever you see her. Happy birthday to Antonia Digirolamo, who celebrates today. We wish her the best. Happy birthday wishes go out to Dennis Fishman, we wish him a great day. We wish all of our Facebook friends such as Shu Tai, Diane Wong, Patrick Callinan, Jackie Levy Harrington, Denize Ramos and Donald Coutoumas a very happy birthday. To all those that are also celebrating this week, we wish them a happy birthday.

Our condolences go out to the family of Jerry C. DeCristofaro who passed away on February 26. He was a devoted husband, beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was the father of Register of Probate, Tara DeCristofaro. He will be missed by many. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph's Church where Jerry, a man of great faith, was a lifelong parishioner.

Massachusetts Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is holding the Second Annual Crossing Guard Appreciation Campaign. Crossing guards are outside -

rain or shine - to keep students safe during arrival and dismissal. If you think your crossing guard goes above and beyond for your school and should be considered for the Crossing Guard of the Year Awards. Nominate your favorite crossing guard. The deadline to nominate is Wednesday, March 23. please nominate them using this form https://form.typeform.com/to/ryDIzTVM?typeformsource=www.mass.gov&fbclid=IwAR2qs_TjOX-z7Xw65hSSTeASUEkIjype6zxbdY-ABdUXGC38jMiaE7CV3M_p0%20%20%20T. Thank you to all Crossing Guards.

Liam Mannion and Bob McWatters invite the public to Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave., on March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Irish heritage. Corned beef and cabbage are on the menu as well as pints of Guinness and Irish music. All are welcome to stop by Sally's for a festive time.

The City of Somerville has an opening for its citywide Community Garden Coordinator position. In this role, you will be the liaison between each of the 11 Community Gardens and the city.

The coordinator receives a \$500 annual stipend paid quarterly. If you have any questions or are interested, please feel free to contact: Malik Drayton, Conservation Agent, Deputy Tree Warden, 617-625-6600 c2514, MDrayton@somervillema.gov.

Book Fair at Bow is right around the corner. Join them on Sunday, March 13, for a day celebrating everything books. There will be book themed workshops in @remnantbrewing, a book seller and art market, and a cookbook swap on @sausatbowmarket patio. There will also be readings, poetry and an open mic at Wild Child. Bow Market, 1 Bow Way.

The CHA Somerville Vaccine Center is now accepting walk-ins, as supply allows. The center is open to all, five days a week and some Saturdays. You can get booster shots for ages 12+ and initial vaccines for ages 5+. The vaccines are free, regardless of immigration or health insurance status, and you don't need to show ID. Full hours and details are here: challiance.org/vaccine. You can still make an appointment at tinyurl.com/metronorthvaccine. If you're a CHA patient you can also make an appoint-

ment through MyChart: challiance.org/mychart. If you need assistance finding a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, you can call 3-1-1 (617-666-3311).

Calling all 6-8th graders interested in theater! The Middle Grades production of HONK! needs crew and cast members. Fill out the Google form to join: https://forms.gle/9dLG3phsFeN-7mLxZ6. Email Music Teacher Ms. Schorr for more information: eschorr@k12.somerville.ma.us The All-City Theater of Somerville was founded in 2018 with the mission of creating after school opportunities for middle school students across all 8 Somerville Public Middle Schools to participate in extra-curricular dramatic arts. Check out the website: https://bit.ly/ACTSsps.

The Somerville Historic Preservation Division invites you to take home a piece of Somerville history. Designed by local artists, this historic collection of Somerville stickers and magnets tell a unique story of Somerville's history. Purchases help support local organizations and small business, and display the Somerville pride. Visit the Somerville Historic Preservation Division Continued on page 10

FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- International Women's Day is celebrated on which date in March?
- Which Roman God is the month of March named after?
- What is television chef Rachael Ray's signature phrase?
- What would you call a nautical unit of speed?
- What is a hairstyle with two ponytails – one on each side of the head – called?
- Who was appointed the first female United States Secretary of State?
- During the 1980s, Willie Nelson recorded *To All The Girls I've Loved Before* with whom?
- Who was the first child actor to ever receive a salary of \$1 million?
- What is the name of the first cloned sheep?
- What is the name of the musical crab in Disney's *The Little Mermaid*?
- Who knocked the Celtics out of the 2018 NBA Playoffs?
- How tall is the NBA's Kevin Garnett?

Answers on page 11

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

- Edgar Allan Poe married his thirteen-year-old cousin.
- Salt used to be used as a form of currency.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THE OSCARS

ACROSS

- "In the Hall of the Mountain King" composer Edvard ____
- Marlboro debris
- Academy Award ceremony audience sound
- Botch
- Sigma ____ fraternity
- Ten million, in India
- Embryo sacs
- Literary "even"
- Tax evader's fear
- Most nominated streamer in this year's Oscars
- Most-nominated Black actor in Oscar history
- Opposite of yang
- Lard cousin
- Milk ____ movie snack
- Poetic source of Norse mythology
- 2020 demographic event
- Arrival times, acronym
- Baseball points
- Camelot to King Arthur
- Actress Campbell
- Where Oscar-winner "Slumdog Millionaire" was set
- Not in favor
- What Halle Berry did when she won an Oscar in 2002
- Jet black
- Lively
- Paid killers (2 words)
- Upon
- Rally repeater
- Sweet-talk
- Not outs
- Total Oscar nominations for "The Power of the Dog"
- One of this year's Oscar hosts
- Exotic juice flavor
- Jamie Foxx won an Oscar in 2005 for this flick
- Bizet's "Carmen," e.g.
- Off kilter
- 1942's "Holiday ____," Oscar winner
- Admit (2 words)
- Afterward
- And so on acronym
- Took the Kool-Aid

DOWN

CROSSWORD													
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- J. Edgar Hoover's man
- Ice on a window
- Antonym of "is"
- Enlighten
- Puck stopper
- Kilimanjaro top, e.g.
- Pronoun
- Hinduism follower
- "Parallel Mothers" nominee Penelope
- Prospector's mother
- Seed coat
- Lassie, e.g.
- Type of horse gait
- Lemur from Madagascar
- European Economic Community
- Playground attraction
- "Belfast" nominee, "Shakespeare in Love" winner
- First cradles
- Lifeboat support
- Denis Villeneuve's sci-fi nominee
- Type of tide
- Not so crazy
- Extremist
- **"King Richard" nominee, once a fresh prince
- Give an impression
- Land of Israel
- Shenanigan
- Remove claws
- Presidential election mo.
- Waiting on the phone (2 words)
- Eagle's nest
- Like the Incredibles
- Backside
- Boat track
- Not odd
- Update, as in a FitBit
- Formerly Facebook
- Julia Robert's 2001 Oscar-winning role
- Colonel or captain
- Gangster's gun
- ____ eater or ____ hill

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Solution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

1	9	5	6	8	4	3	2	7
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6	1	9	4	3	2	7	8	5
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9	8	3	1	7	6	5	4	2

Solution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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Contact: Roberta Cameron, Community Preservation Act Manager
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 23, 2022

SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE TO HOLD A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN HEARING
Plan establishes the annual funding allocations for Community Preservation Act funds

The Somerville Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is holding their annual Community Preservation Plan public hearing on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Please join the FY22 CPP hearing from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5651146040407283472
You can also dial in using your phone. United States: (914) 614-3221
Access Code: 517-893-117

Interested persons may provide comments to the Community Preservation Committee at the hearing and by submitting written comments by Friday, April 1st by email to rcameron@somervillema.gov.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40C, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) shall hold a public hearing on MONDAY, March 28, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. regarding the proposal to create the First Universalist Church Local Historic District (LHD) at 125 Highland Avenue.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow for public comment regarding the creation of this district. Written comments should be submitted to historic@somervillema.gov prior to the hearing date.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this public hearing of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

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PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP# 22-43

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services Department invites proposals for:

Affordable Housing & Jobs Linkage Nexus Study

The RFP package may be obtained online at https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress on or after: Wednesday, March 9th, 2022. Sealed responses will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: 2:00 pm, Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please email tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

Thupten Chukhatsang
Senior Procurement Manager
617-625-6600 x3400

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00PM, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of a Marijuana Retailer License, for Botanica, LLC for 620 Broadway Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission
Christopher Allen
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.
Jacques Thomas Jr.

Attest: Lori Batzek
Administrative Assistant

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00PM, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of a Change of Officers/Directors, a Transfer of Stock and a Change of Manager, for Papagayo Somerville LLC d/b/a Papagayo, 331 Great River Rd., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission
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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00PM, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of an Alteration of Premises and Entertainment Outdoors by Devices and Performers, for TBD Brewing, LLC d/b/a Aeronaut Brewing Company, 14 Tyler St., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at www.somervillema.gov or contact the City Clerk's Office.

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website to find out more about their historic events, education, and preservation efforts: https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/historicpreservation.

Looking for a way to practice social distancing but still remain connected to other people? Look no further than the Somerville Council on Aging's Friendly Phone Caller program. They have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would just like a friendly chat to look forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

Are you a Somerville High student with a passion for food, community, and justice? Join Groundwork Somerville's spring Green Team internship program. You'll earn school credit while making friends, working for social justice, and learning about sustainable farming. Apply here: https://forms.gle/4e5bAyLZ1pVAToMi6

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An outdoor, in person sing at the Somerville Community Growing Center will take place on March 15, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. They will have a propane fire pit and marshmallows to toast. Other snacks are welcome. https://www.facebook.com/somervillecommunitygrowingcenter.

Prepare for the 2021/2022 snow season by reviewing parking rules and signing up for alerts. Because this winter begins in an odd-numbered year, snow emergency parking will be on the odd side of the street all winter, unless posted signage says differently. Check streets signs in your neighborhood so you know where you can park ahead of winter weather. You can also learn more about the city's snow policies at somervillema.gov/snow.

Somerville's Winter Farmers Market takes place Saturdays, 9:30 - 1:30 p.m., through April 16, at Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. Offering the best locally grown and produced agricultural items and more. They offer a diverse range of local and New England produce, as well as cheese, eggs, meats, fish, breads, pastries, chocolate, and wine. They feature rotating guest vendors each week, as well as live entertainment and activities. Check out the schedule and map at www.somwintermarket.org. They accept SNAP/EBT & HIP, CREDIT and DEBIT cards. \$15 SNAP match for EBT customers.

After a long three-year hiatus, the Somerville Homeless Coalition is very excited to announce that its Spring into Action event is returning the evening of Thursday, March 24. This year they are bringing the fun and energy to the Somerville Theatre's newly refurbished Crystal Ballroom. Join them for an evening of cocktails, live jazz, passed apps, local bites and live music. All proceeds from this event will benefit Somerville Homeless Coalition clients facing homelessness, eviction and

food insecurity. They look forward to sharing news about their work in the community and how you help them to continue advancing their mission of finding everyone a home. Single ticket price: \$125. Discounts are available for bulk ticket orders. For more information, visit their event page https://igfn.us/e/TRWwTw.

If you are unable to access a COVID-19 vaccine due to transportation challenges, but otherwise are able to leave your home, please call 3-1-1 to get connected to transportation assistance.

The Somerville Council on Aging hosts Bingo, Tuesdays at Ralph & Jenny Center and Thursdays at Holland Street starting at 10:00 a.m. Grab and Go lunch available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov.

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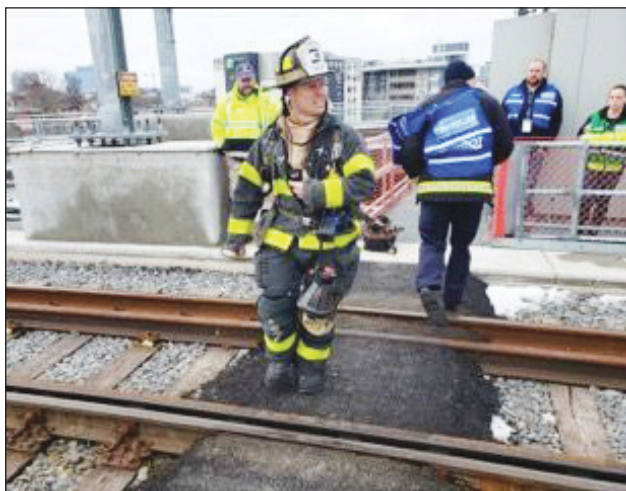
MBTA Green Line Extension training exercise

On Sunday, March 6, an emergency response drill was conducted involving a Green Line train between the newly built Lechmere and Union Square Stations. Agencies participating in this exercise included MBTA Operations, MBTA Transit Police, Cambridge Fire Department (CFD), Somerville Fire Department (SFD), and Medford Fire Department (MFD) and Cataldo Ambulance.

The learning exercise included a scenario in which a train is traveling outbound between Lechmere Station on the Union Square Branch. In the simulated exercise, the train is traveling faster than the posted speed and makes contact with the train directly in front of it and derails before coming to a stop. Several passengers are injured, and others must evacuate the train.

The exercise is designed to establish a learning environment for public safety officials to exercise emergency response plans, policies, and procedures as they pertain to a mass casualty event on a Green Line train on a new section of the viaduct.

— Photos by The Times Staff



'Connections/Conexiones' spotlights Cuban artists

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making began with the necessity to promote Cuban cigars and developed after the Revolution with the production of strong silkscreen prints to advertise films and to make political statements.

Contemporary printmakers have expanded their output to include lithography, collagraphy, etching, woodcuts as well as silkscreen.

All of these mediums are present in the *Connections/Conexiones* exhibition, March 10 – April 9 at Brickbottom Gallery, 1 Fitchburg Street, Somerville. <https://brickbottom.org>.



Janette Brossard, "Haiku de la Persistencia", silkscreen.

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| 1. March 8 | 7. Julio Iglesias |
| 2. Mars | 8. Macaulay Culkin |
| 3. Yum-O | 9. Dolly |
| 4. Knot | 10. Sebastian |
| 5. Pigtales | 11. The Cleveland Cavaliers |
| 6. Madeleine Albright | 12. 6' 11" |

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bingo – Tuesdays at Ralph & Jenny Center starting at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays at Holland Street starting at 10:00 a.m. Grab and Go lunch available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov.

Project Outlook, Low Vision Group returns – 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Project Outlook is a group of residents with low or no vision who enjoy getting together for camaraderie and socialization. Project Outlook has been active for over 30 years. Come join in the conversation, we look forward to meeting you. For more information please contact Claudia at 857-237-1801.

Game Club – Mondays from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) Please join us as we play a wide variety of board and card games. Please RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at mbastardi@somervillema.gov.

General Nutrition Classes – In-person, Mondays at 12:30 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Virtual classes are offered Monday at 11am via Zoom. New and returning members are welcome! Call Mary Marshall at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email her at headtofitness10@yahoo.com. Masks are required.

Walking Group – Fridays at 9:30 a.m. The walking group will meet in front of the Holland Street Center and will enjoy walks through area neighborhoods. All classes and groups will be limited in participation and are weather permitting. Pre-registration is required. For additional information or to register for the program, contact Chris Kowaleski by email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Fit-4-Life Exercise Classes – Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m and 11:00 a.m.—In-person, indoor at the Holland Street Center. Each class will focus on strength, balance and flexibility. Pre-registration is required as classes will be limited; masks are required. Please contact Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email ckowaleski@somervillema.gov with any questions or for additional information.

English Conversation – Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – At the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Meet people from all over the world as we discuss a range of topics. No books – no test – just friendly conversation. This program is in person; pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to RSVP.

Men's Group – Second Tuesday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30. Our popular men's group is held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Holland St. Center. New and returning members are welcome. Please RSVP to Norbert DeAmato at ndeamato@hotmail.com.

Bowling is Back – Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Flatbreads Company / Sacco Bowl Haven in Davis Square. For more information or to sign up please contact Debby at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Deb at Dhiggins@Somervillema.gov. Face coverings are required.

Yoga In Person – Tuesday, March 15 and 22 at 10:00 a.m. Easy-to-follow program lets you stretch and relax. Yoga provides modified, low-impact moves and easy-to-follow pacing for a healthy, active lifestyle. Please RSVP to Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email Chris at CKowaleski@Somervillema.gov

Line Dancing with Julie Kaufmann – Monday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. and continues every Monday until April 11, 2022 at our Holland Street Center. No experience needed. For more information or to RSVP please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Mix It Up Mondays – Mondays, March 28, April 11, and April 25 – 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Street Center. Led by Tufts Occupational Therapy Interns. Take a stroll down memory lane and join us for afternoons of creativity and nostalgia. Participate in an array of activities like painting, creating poems and sharing recipes while socializing with your friends at SCO! This series will culminate in a collection of tangible memories for you to treasure. RSVP to Chris by phone at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315, or email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov

Charlie Card Registration Event – Wednesday, March 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Have you been meaning

to obtain a Senior Charlie Card but haven't found the time to apply for one in person? Skip the trip to Boston and come to the Somerville Council on Aging instead! We will be hosting a Senior Charlie Card Registration event. The event is open to participants, age 65 or older, who are applying for a new card only. Please bring an ID when attending the event; your picture will also be taken for your Charlie Card. Senior Charlie Cards should arrive by mail within 4-6 weeks.

Somerville's Poet Laureate, Lloyd Schwartz – Wednesday, April 26, 1:00 p.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn.) The program will begin with a reading of "the Two Horses" a poem Schwartz wrote about his mother and the memories which she shared with him about her childhood. Following, Schwartz will guide you through writing about your own memory. To join us please RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov Grab & Go Lunch will be available after the program. This event is made possible by the Academy of American Poets.

EXERCISE

Virtual FIT-4-LIFE SCHEDULE

Mondays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Thursdays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. = LBT Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise

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The Fit-4-Life Exercise Show = Daily at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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If you would like to become part of our Google Group please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov.

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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- 1839 – The French Academy of Science announces the Daguerreotype photo process.
- 1916 – Mexican bandit Pancho Villa leads 1,500 horsemen on a raid of Columbus, N.M. killing 17 U.S. soldiers and citizens.
- 1934 – Yuri Gagarin, Russian cosmonaut, the first man to orbit the Earth.
- 1943 – Bobby Fischer, first American world chess champion.
- 1959 – The Barbie doll is unveiled at a toy fair in New York City.
- 1964 – The first Ford Mustang rolls off the Ford assembly line.
- 1968 – General William Westmoreland asks for 206,000 more troops in Vietnam.
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Wednesday, March 9

12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am Community Bulletin Board
7:30am DW In Good Shape
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Global 3000
9:30am Both Sides of the Bars
10:00am Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
10:30am Somerville Neighborhood News
11:00am SNN Neighborhood Update
11:30am From My Heart to Yours
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News
2:00pm Colores Latinos
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm DW Conflict Zone
4:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library
5:00pm Hello Neighbor
5:30pm From My Heart to Yours
6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:30pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
7:00pm "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP
7:30pm Sidewalks Entertainment
8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Pundits
8:30pm DW Euromaxx
9:00pm Revolution Awaking at VOX POP
10:00pm LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
11:00pm Flotilla

Thursday, March 10

12:30am SCATV Secret Stash
1:00am Free Speech TV
1:30am Free Speech TV
2:00am Free Speech TV
3:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley
7:00am DW Conflict Zone
7:30am DW Euromaxx
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Tomorrow Today
9:30am Hello Neighbor
10:00am The Chef's Table Series
10:30am The Chef's Table Series
11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
11:30am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm The Somerville Line
1:30pm The Somerville Line

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
4:30pm The Struggle
5:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:00pm #AFAD
6:30pm #AFAD
7:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
8:00pm LIVE - Our View
9:00pm PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony
10:00pm Community Bulletin Board
10:30pm The World Fusion Show
11:00pm VOX POP Comedy Night

Friday, March 11

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
1:00am SCATV Secret Stash
1:30am SCATV Secret Stash
2:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Euromaxx
9:30am Strata
10:00am NASA TV
11:00am SOM ARTS
11:30am Cambridge Calendar
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Community Benefits Agreement
2:00pm Somerville Pundits
2:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm Free Speech TV
5:00pm DW Global 3000
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
6:00pm Grandstanders
7:00pm Emergency Preparedness
7:30pm The Somerville Labor Show
8:00pm LIVE - Greater Somerville
8:30pm Greater Somerville
9:00pm Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
11:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

Saturday, March 12

12:00am VOX POP Comedy Night
1:00am Free Speech TV
2:00am Free Speech TV
3:00am Free Speech TV
5:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am DW Focus on Europe
7:00am Effort Pour Christ

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am SMC Youth Media
9:30am Science 360
10:00am Dead Air Live
11:00am TeleGalaxie
12:00pm Somerville Storytellers
1:00pm Reeling Review
2:00pm MA House of Representatives Formal Session
3:00pm Tele Kreyol
4:00pm Henry Parker Presents
5:30pm Henry Parker Presents
6:00pm Somerville Pundits
6:30pm The Somerville Labor Show
7:00pm BLOWW Show a Go Go
7:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00pm #AFAD
9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes
10:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show
11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash
11:30pm Queer Cats

Sunday, March 13

12:00am Flotilla
1:00am NASA TV
1:30am NASA TV
2:00am NASA TV
3:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley
7:00am Nossa Gentes e Costumes
8:00am Effort Pour Christ
9:00am NASA TV
10:00am Tele Kreyol
11:00am House of Representatives Formal Session
12:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment
1:00pm SOM ARTS
1:30pm SNN Neighborhood Update
2:00pm Chico and B-Man
3:00pm African Television Network
4:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade
5:00pm Gay USA
6:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
6:30pm DW Tomorrow Today
7:00pm Emergency Preparedness
8:00pm Dead Air Live
9:00pm Tele Magazine
10:00pm Community Lens: Somerville SK Detour
11:00pm TUTV
11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

Monday, March 14

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
5:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am Somerville Storytellers
7:30am Going Postal
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am Science 360
10:00am Somerville Neighborhood News
11:00am Our View
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm SOM ARTS
1:30pm Somerville Storytellers
2:00pm NASA TV
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm African Television Network
5:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
6:00pm LIVE from VOX POP
6:30pm Fur, Fins and Feathers
7:00pm Tele Galaxie
8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction
9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade
10:00pm Colores Latinos
11:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

Tuesday, March 15

12:00am Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am NASA TV
8:00am Democracy Now!
9:00am The Chef's Table Series
10:00am Strata
11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Revolution Awaking at VOX POP
2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction
3:00pm Democracy Now!
4:00pm SMC Youth Media
4:30pm Going Postal
5:00pm LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
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6:30pm From My Heart to Yours
7:00pm The Somerville Labor Show
7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville
8:00pm LIVE - Dead Air Live
9:00pm The World Fusion Show
10:00pm Totally Working Out
11:00pm Box House Productions Presents
11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

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Wednesday, March 9

6:00am Connecting Communities
6:30am Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy
7:00am 2022 Mayoral Inauguration
8:15am SPD Ride Along
8:30am Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
9:00am City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
9:30am Museum of Bad Art Tour
10:30am Conway Park Ribbon Cutting 12-9-21
11:00am Fit-4-Life Video #4
11:30am School Committee Meeting 3-7-22
2:30pm Let's Talk About a Poem - Herbert "Flowers"
4:00pm Chair Yoga w Chris
4:30pm 2022 Mayoral Inauguration
6:00pm Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
6:30pm Let's Talk About a Poem - Herbert "Flowers"
8:00pm City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
8:30pm Finance Committee Meeting 3-8-22

Thursday, March 10

12:00am School Committee Meeting 3-7-22
6:00am Roundhouse and the Architecture of Hope
7:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II
8:00am Museum of Bad Art Tour
9:00am Congressional Update
9:31am Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
10:00am Connecting Communities
10:30am City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
11:00am Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy
11:30am Conway Park Ribbon Cutting 12-9-21
12:00pm Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
12:30pm City Council Meeting 2-24-22
2:30pm SHS Ribbon Cutting
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2
7:00pm City Council Meeting - LIVE

Friday, March 11

12:00am Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
12:30am Bittersweet Curator Tour

1:04am Mayor's Farewell Address
2:00am COVID Vaccine Portuguese Dr Kris CHA
6:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV
7:00am West Branch Library Ribbon Cutting
7:30am Let's Talk About a Poem - Herbert "Flowers"
9:00am Roundhouse and the Architecture of Hope
10:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice I
11:00am Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7
11:30am Finance Committee Meeting 3-8-22
3:00pm Museum of Bad Art Tour
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2
4:30pm The Bilingual Brain Benefits of Bilingualism
5:50pm Mental Health Resources
6:00pm Connecting Communities
6:30pm SHS Ribbon Cutting
8:00pm Let's Talk About a Poem - Herbert "Flowers"
9:30pm Congressional Update
10:01pm Bittersweet Curator Tour
10:36pm Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
11:00pm Museum of Bad Art Tour

Saturday, March 12

12:00am 2022 Mayoral Inauguration
1:30am Finance Committee Meeting 3-8-22
6:30am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice III
7:15am Mental Health Resources
7:30am Roundhouse and the Architecture of Hope
8:30am Connecting Communities
9:00am City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
9:30am Mayor's Farewell Address
10:30am Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy
11:00am Chair Yoga w Chris
11:30am City Council Meeting 3-10-22
3:30pm City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
4:30pm Raising Families- Vaping
5:00pm Roundhouse and the Architecture of Hope
6:00pm Connecting Communities
6:30pm School Committee Meeting 3-7-22

9:30pm City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
10:00pm Lets Talk About a Poem - L. Schwartz
11:30pm Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services

Sunday, March 13

12:00am School Committee Meeting 3-7-22
3:00am SHS Ribbon Cutting
6:30am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV
7:15am Mental Health Resources
7:30am Let's Talk About a Poem - Herbert "Flowers"
9:00am Congressional Update
9:31am Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
10:00am Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy
11:00am Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #6
11:30am City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
12:00pm Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
12:30pm School Committee Meeting 3-7-22
3:30pm Conway Park Ribbon Cutting 12-9-21
4:00pm Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7
4:30pm SPL Cooking - Simple Chocolate Cake
5:00pm Museum of Bad Art Tour
6:00pm Congressional Update
6:31pm Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
7:00pm City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
7:30pm City Council Meeting 3-10-22

Monday, March 14

12:00am Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
12:25am Mabel And Jerry - Senior Story
1:00am Bittersweet Curator Tour
1:35am Let's Talk About a Poem - Herbert "Flowers"
6:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II
7:00am Connecting Communities
7:30am Mayor's Farewell Address
8:15am SPD Ride Along
8:30am West Branch Library Ribbon Cutting
9:00am City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
9:30am Land Use Committee 3-3-22
10:00am Connecting Communities
11:00am Fit-4-Life Video #4

11:30am City Council Meeting 3-10-22
3:30pm City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
4:00pm Chair Yoga w Chris
4:30pm Climate Forward Presentations
6:30pm Congressional Update
7:01pm Finance Committee Meeting 3-8-22
10:00pm Bittersweet Curator Tour
10:35pm Land Use Committee 3-3-22
11:00pm Museum of Bad Art Tour

Tuesday, March 15

12:00am 2022 Mayoral Inauguration
1:30am Congressional Update
2:01am Museum of Bad Art Tour
6:00am Connecting Communities
6:30am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II
7:30am Bittersweet Curator Tour
8:05am Roundhouse and the Architecture of Hope
9:00am Congressional Update
10:00am Museum of Bad Art Tour
11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1
11:21am Mental Health Resources
11:30am School Committee Meeting 3-7-22
3:00pm SPL Cooking - Simple Chocolate Cake
3:15pm SPD Ride Along
4:00pm Chair Yoga w Chris
4:30pm Finance Committee Meeting 3-8-22
7:00pm Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services
7:30pm Bittersweet Curator Tour
8:05pm Transgender Day of Remembrance 2021
8:30pm City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
9:00pm 2022 Mayoral Inauguration
10:15pm SPD Ride Along
10:30pm Land Use Committee 3-3-22
11:00pm City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield
11:30pm Conway Park Ribbon Cutting 12-9-21

Wednesday, March 16

12:00am City Council Meeting 3-10-22

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Wednesday, March 9

8:00am School Committee Meeting 3-7-22
11:00am SHS Hockey vs Winthrop
1:00pm City-Wide Swim Meet
2:00pm Museum of Bad Art Tour
3:00pm SHS Hockey vs Medford
4:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn English
6:00pm School Committee Meeting 3-7-22
9:00pm SHS Hockey vs Winthrop
11:00pm City-Wide Swim Meet

Thursday, March 10

12:00am Museum of Bad Art Tour
1:00am SHS Hockey vs Medford
2:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn English
8:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV
9:00am SHS Hockey vs Bedford
10:30am SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
12:00pm Highlander History - O'Rourke and Dickerson
12:30pm Let's Talk About a Poem - Herbert "Flowers"
2:00pm SHS Basketball vs Holliston
3:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Reading
5:00pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV
6:00pm SHS Hockey vs Bedford
7:30pm SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
9:00pm City-Wide Swim Meet
10:00pm GBL Track Championship 2021

Friday, March 11

6:00pm City-Wide Swim Meet

12:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Reading
1:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs Holliston
8:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Greater Lowell Tech
10:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere 12-16-21
11:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs Chelsea
1:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett
2:30pm Highlander History - KGarrity KEduoard 2
3:00pm City-Wide Swim Meet
4:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn C
5:30pm Highlander History - Bonhomme & Knight
6:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Greater Lowell Tech
8:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere 12-16-21
9:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Chelsea
11:00pm City-Wide Swim Meet

Saturday, March 12

12:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett
1:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn C
3:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden
4:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford
8:00am City-Wide Swim Meet
9:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Lynn Classical
10:30am SHS Girls Basketball vs Medford
12:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Revere
1:06pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Chelsea
2:30pm SHS Hockey @ Everett 2-21-22
4:00pm SHS Hockey vs Winthrop
5:30pm Highlander History - Moriera & Smith
6:00pm City-Wide Swim Meet

7:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Lynn Classical
8:30pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Medford
10:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Revere
11:06pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Chelsea

Sunday, March 13

12:30am SHS Hockey @ Everett 2-21-22
3:00am SHS Hockey vs Winthrop
4:30am Highlander History - Moriera & Smith
8:00am SHS Hockey @ Everett 2-21-22
9:30am SHS Hockey vs Winthrop
11:00am SHS Hockey vs Medford
12:30pm SHS Hockey vs N. Andover
2:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett
4:00pm City-Wide Swim Meet
5:00pm Highlander History: Ruari & Felix
5:30pm Highlander History - Melillo & Che
6:00pm SHS Hockey @ Everett 2-21-22
7:30pm SHS Hockey vs Winthrop
9:00pm SHS Hockey vs Medford
10:30pm SHS Hockey vs N. Andover

Monday, March 14

12:00am SHS Hockey vs Everett
1:30am City-Wide Swim Meet
2:30am Highlander History: Ruari & Felix
8:00am Highlander History - KGarrity KEduoard 2
8:30am SHS Girls Basketball vs Lynn Eng
10:00am City-Wide Swim Meet

11:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Chelsea
1:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Reading
3:00pm Museum of Bad Art Tour
4:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford
5:30pm Highlander Girls Basketball 2018-19
6:00pm Highlander History - KGarrity KEduoard 2
6:30pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Lynn Eng
8:00pm City-Wide Swim Meet
9:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Chelsea
10:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Reading

Tuesday, March 15

12:00am City-Wide Swim Meet
1:00am SHS Hockey vs N. Andover
8:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Reading
10:00am SPL Gardening 4-23-21
10:30am City-Wide Swim Meet
12:00pm SHS Hockey vs Winthrop
1:30pm Argenziano School Winter Concert
3:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Holliston
4:30pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Lynn Eng
6:00pm SHS Hockey vs Winthrop
8:00pm SPL Gardening 4-23-21
8:30pm City-Wide Swim Meet
10:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Holliston
12:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn English
1:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs KIPP
3:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford

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Review by Denise Provost

The day after I finished reading *On Earth As It Is*, a panel of the world's foremost scientists warned the world's nations – again – of the climate consequences of our escalating greenhouse gas emissions. Sea levels are on track to rise several feet, to make islands and seacoasts uninhabitable. The floods, droughts, heat, fire, storms, and plagues already bringing hunger, displacement, and elevated death tolls to our world will only accelerate if our fossil fuel consumption patterns continue.

Covering this report on February 28, 2022, the *Washington Post* calls it "a warning letter to a world on the brink," noting that "averting the worst-case scenarios will require nothing less than transformational change on a global scale." In its accompanying "Postcards from Earth's Climate Futures," the *Post* features a series of images of familiar places, under a range of future climate conditions. Those featuring Yosemite National Park show projected changes around Half Dome.

Half Dome is probably one of the world's most recognized geologic features, thanks to the work of photographer Ansel Adams. In the exquisite poem bearing Adams' name, Somerville poet Michael Steffen characterizes him this way:

Hawk of vision, his hunger was
to appraise his subject on earth as it is,
not narrowing for extraction....

So much of what he aspired to take
and therefore leave was land on land
on land...

Somewhere between restrained warning letter and delicate elegy, Steffen's poems lovingly document features of our "world on the brink." The poems in this collection include some enormous themes. There are poems about *Geology* ("what has been/has been again and again/while time's unique utterances/keep vanishing...") the oceans ("the business/of the sails of cloud/stacked like the coasts' glass mountains/these Aeolian beings, drawing from it/fertile rain, shimmering nets/and devastating storms...") and the whole insect kingdom:

they were always in my path
in the long grass hopping, landing, swarming
at the intersections
of my world and theirs.

Intermingled with these wide-angled – yet detailed – views are those which emerge when the poet's eye zooms in to the particular. We meet the Osage Orange tree, "whose fruit is green/ caught out as Mock; fiber/deemed chief for weapons and called Bowwood;" "the Mulberry, whose silkworms/wove a road from China/to the Mediterranean/kimono by kimono." Then there are the sequoias, in whose grove we see "the rain and the

shaken leaves, the swifts in front/of the storm, the hawk in the silence after."

Some in the literary world seem determined to create taxonomies for the classification of all poetry; from some of these determined classifiers has come the ghastly term "ecopoetry." There is a developing poetic consciousness which sees nature less as Eden and more as approaching apocalypse, but it deserves a better name, which honors it as a poetry of witness. Elisa Gabbert, writing in *The New York Review of Books* in 2020, notes the emergence of "what can only be called climate poetry, a poetry full of fire and flooding and refugees."

Yet the poems in *On Earth As It Is* do not scream disaster but speak appreciation. We view at close range the snake; the walleye; a bird, and a fly trapped indoors; sea turtles in "the frenzy on the beach/under the moonlight where scavenger gulls/flock to the baby crawlers as they hatch/clambering seaward." We glimpse "grass of Kentucky/Wing of blackbird, cascade, full moon."

There is a nostalgia here, too, for traces of the human world, alluded to on the macro scale in *Geology*: "ice shelf to/inland sea excavation/book written over/overwritten footprints/of civilizations..." In other poems, the fading artifacts are particular and intimately close in time. They include old movies (westerns, Mae West), a ball game at Wrigley field, a keenly remembered moment in 1967 when:

Aunt Donna warned and sipped from her iced tea,
The glass beaded with sweat. It is so present,
The smell of wet dog imbuing the shag carpet,
The dust on the shelves with the family photos....

The only references to our climate crisis are indirect, ironic, as in *Poem for Rachel Carson*. In that poem, almost as an aside, a note to self, is the instruction: "Doodle a frown/face by the passage/all about Prometheus and his/beneficial/then rampant fire." The most formally structured piece of the collection, *All Imagery*, uses form and tone as distancing mechanisms:

End of the world, now shouldn't that be alarming?
Keep busy, business says. Nobody knows.
It's just a lot of hoopla, this global warming....

The dire poem, how dare it be charming?

For all its charms, *On Earth As It Is* does not let readers off easy. The stunning first poem in this book begins "Little vessel of my soul/sit with this uneasiness..." That disquiet trails as a subtext in the poems that follow, until, reaching the book's culminating poem, *Bark*, we are ready to embark with the poem's narrator on to the "Calloused peel of trees" where:

I scraped hands,
elbows and knees

on the rough knobby grooved outsides
struggling up for a view of things.

Michael Steffen's view of Earth is definitely one worth seeing.

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Shevchenko Stirs in His Grave

The bear continues to paw away at lines as the eagle circles above never landing. The blue shield bends, but holds as the world watches.

Shevchenko stirs in his grave

An angry little man who loves his mirror struts about Moscow spews lies, hungers for the empire that shattered decades ago.

A little man in search of little Russia plays with soldiers as if they are toys, each die in the name of his ego.

Shevchenko stirs in his grave

Crimea whimpers under the paw of the bear as the little man dances, tanks pass through the old square. He ignores mothers of Ukraine and Russia weeping for loved ones lost. He catches his reflection, admires himself, puffs out his chest, wants to be taller.

Shevchenko stirs in his grave

White Gyrfalcon ascends the blue gray skies of Ukraine, gold trident pointed east, freedom the cause.

Shevchenko stirs in his grave

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