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M.O.M.'s 5k Run/Walk for Cancer 2014



The moms, and dads, and anyone else who joined in on the M.O.M.'s 5k Run/Walk for Cancer this Sunday had a great time and helped out a worthy cause. See more on page 14. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

SRA accepts finalists for Union Sq.

By David R. Smith

The "Final Four" of potential master developers chosen by the Union Square Civic Advisory Committee (CAC) will have to bring their A-game to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA).

The master developer eventually chosen by the SRA will work with the city and property owners in the redevelopment of seven parcels in Union Square.

The CAC has held several meetings since January, three of which were devoted to allowing the nine developers who responded to the city's request for qualifications (RFQ) for the redevelopment project to make presentations and answer questions. The 20-member CAC subsequently met to discuss each candidate's strengths and weaknesses. From the nine, four were selected, and those recommendations were forwarded to the SRA, which voted last Thursday to accept the CAC's report, as well as its recommendations of the four developers to be considered.

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Fourth annual PorchFest set to commence this weekend

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

The artistic community in Somerville is highly active, and will once again participate in the highly unique PorchFest event this Saturday, May 17, when neighborhoods come alive with song and conversation. This is anything but a typical festival, as residents come together for a community event in which musicians play on their porches and stoops, allowing passersby to enjoy the tunes while walking around the city.

According to the Somerville Arts Council, which presents PorchFest each year along with Mayor Joseph Curtatone, there were as many as 75 musicians in the first iteration of the event, and more than 100 have signed on so far for this year.

Nancy Goodman, a Somerville resident, was inspired by a similar tradition that took place in Ithaca, N.Y., and decided to bring the idea back home. After pitching the general scope of the event to the members of the Somerville Arts Council, almost

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Photo by Andrew Firestone

Friends and neighbors will share music and good times as this year's edition of PorchFest hits town this coming weekend.

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Last shot before the big drawing this week. There are still tickets available, and they need to be sold. The Somerville High Scholarship Foundation is having its annual \$10K drawing this Friday evening, May 16, at the Highlander Café at Somerville High (gym entrance off Highland Avenue). This foundation has been busy now for just over 25 years and has given thousands and thousands of dollars to students to go on to college. Call Eugene Brune at 617 -628-5835 only 250 tickets will be sold. Lots of door prizes for those that attend, and a great night for a worthy cause. If you haven't been before, come at 7p.m. to the Highlander Café. Refreshments will be served.

This coming Sunday, May 18, 2-4 p.m., meet at the Central Library for a walking tour of East Somerville that will end at the East End Grille on lower Broadway with complimentary appetizers. The tour will explore Gilman Square, Walnut Street, Broadway and East Somerville. The tour will embrace the history of the area, while also examining future growth including the upcoming Green Line Extension. The tour leader will be Edward Gordon, chapter president of the Victorian Society of America. The event is sponsored by the Historic Preservation Commission and East Somerville Main Streets. For more information, contact Brandon Wilson, SHPC executive director, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2532, or at bwilson@somervillema.gov or carrie@eastsomervillemainstreets.org

Sources at City Hall tell us that Janice Delory, longtime chief of staff for Mayor Joe Curtatone is leaving her job for the second time since Curtatone has been in office. Janice, a former School Committee member from Ward 6 and former Fidelity executive, is said to be leaving within a week. Janice was very influential in the mayor's office. Rumors persist as to why, but it's widely mentioned that she has had enough. A press release will soon be coming out hopefully giving the reason and who will replace her.

Happy Birthday this week to some of our fans and readers here and around the Ville. Happy Birthday this week to good old George Landers, a popular guy throughout the city and some would say a great DJ. To attorney and

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Comments of the Week

Response to *Probity or power?*

kevin crowley says:
this is a hell of a good article; factual and sincere.
why not propose a real ethics reform like the ethics law Capuano created which was dismantled by this administration and (sad to say) the most political arm of the secretary of states office.

Jake says:
It all comes down to keeping the money and power with the mayor and his flunkies. Alderman want services from DPW, like snow plowing, filling potholes, planting trees....Joe decides which Alderman he will reward. We saw this with Ward 1 and the money that he was pumping in through the former Alderman in city hall that controls DPW personnel in what turned out to be a failed attempt to keep their puppet from getting elected. Disclosures about permits??? See how much these Alderman make from simple permits like road races in the city. One campaign supporter makes over 200k a race (7500 runners@ \$25-\$40 each) and only pennies go back to the city. There is only room for one pig to eat at the city hall trough.

krisKringlesays:
You've hit it outa the park again, Bill. This article is informative, detailed, specific. Hope it further energizes the current alds. to develop the muscle to forthrightly drill down and fact-find regarding who's really benefitting from the investments and fancy-sounding initiatives fashioned by Curtatone's seemingly unstoppable Rhetoric & Fantasy machine.

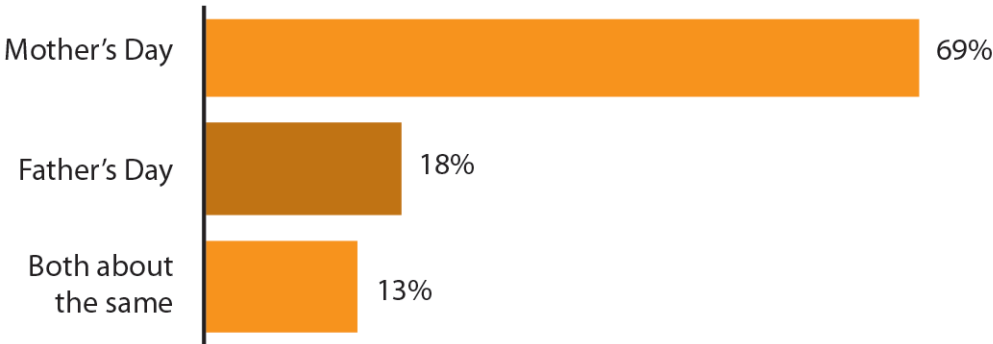
smarter says:
I'm not falling for this shelton. just another attempt at throwing jabs so one of your candidates can run for mayor. please do something more creative then this and tell brociner the same. two kooks.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on which you think is celebrated more, Mother's Day or Father's Day. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

Which do you think is celebrated more,
Mother's Day or Father's Day?



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The richness of a man

Tom Taylor honored for decades of public service

By David R. Smith

Somerville's longest-serving ward aldermen received what may have been the longest-lasting round of applause the aldermen's chamber has seen as he was honored last week for his decades of service to the city during an emotional opening to his former board's meeting that was attended –and very well so– by family, friends and former constituents.

Tom Taylor, the Ward 3 aldermen from 1986 to 2013, was also bestowed the title – one uniquely his – of “alderman emeritus.”

“I want to know if I get the key to City Hall?” Taylor quipped.

Although illness prevented Taylor from seeking another term, he attended the BOA meeting May 8 with the aid of a rolling walker and the emotional and physical support of his daughter and his wife, Celia.

The presentation of citations thanking him for his “outstanding service” served as a springboard for his former fellow board members to express not just their admiration for his dedication to public service but also their fond –and often funny– memories of him as an elected official, a resident active in city and neighborhood issues and, most of all, a friend.

“One thing I’ll say that’s a real credit to you, Tom, is seeing all your constituents and friends that are here,” current Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters said. “To

me, you’re like a rock star. I feel like Wally Pipp and you are Lou Gehrig. I have big shoes to fill here, so I want to say congratulations. You are a terrific alderman. You were my aldermen for years, and I appreciate your dedication and public service.”

Aldermen at Large John Connolly recalled his decades-long friendship with Taylor, and spoke of the many times Taylor surprised his fellow board members by voting in unexpected ways on issues.

“I have a right to change my mind!” Connolly said was Taylor’s assertive response to being questioned on how he voted at one meeting.

“Over the years, Tom, it happened not once, twice but a couple dozen times,” Connolly said. “Tom, we love you for it. At the time, we may have hated you for it, but that’s Tom.”

Still, Connolly was quick to note that, expected or not, however Taylor voted reflected how he sincerely felt.

“I think that one of the most ardent features of Tom’s service that I can recall is he’s willing to be passionate over all of his issues,” Connolly said. “He had nothing but the best interests of the community at heart.”

Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti noted she and Taylor never served on the BOA, but they did have mutual experience serving on the School Committee.

“He may have made the decision not seek re-election to be sitting at this horseshoe,” Rosetti said in reference to



An appreciative assemblage of colleagues and constituents honored the retired, 27-year-serving alderman of Ward 3. Tom Taylor, at last week’s general meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

the table where the aldermen sit at their meetings in City Hall, “but he’s still here in the community, and I have no doubt he’ll be advocating for the schools as he always did.”

Reflecting the bittersweet tone of the evening, one with both tearful expressions and loving ribbings, Rossetti said she was currently working on a school-related issue and planned to tap Taylor’s insights to their fullest.

“Tom, we haven’t served together on the Board of Aldermen,” she said, “but

I’m going it to make it feel like we served together on the Board of Aldermen, because I plan to use and abuse you in the next few years. Thank you.”

Representatives from the Duhamel Education Initiative, an organization whose goal is to reduce dropout rates among Somerville’s teens, further highlighted Taylor’s dedication to education by presenting him with a certificate of appreciation for his help promoting their efforts.

And although Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin also

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The Great Pigeon War

By David R. Smith

The citations awarded to former Ward 3 alderman Tom Taylor last week – the longest-serving ward alderman in the city’s history – was filled with deep and sincere expressions of love and gratitude.

But it also came with plenty of laughs, such as the story Mayor Joe Curtatone shared about Taylor and his less-than-friendly relationship with the pigeons that nested under the McGrath Highway overpass (for all the obvious reasons).

As the mayor explained: “Tom had his causes. Like us, he fought for the Green Line –that’s going to happen, Tom. You worked with us on Assembly Square, kids’ education ... and he also had a deep, a deep and profound concern about the pigeon problem in the city.

“I became an aldermen in 1996, and every meeting there was an order that the mayor drive the pigeons out of Somerville, that the DPW chase the pigeons out of McGrath Highway, that someone exterminate, infiltrate, fumigate, sterilize, paralyze ... It was always pigeons, pigeons, pigeons. Finally, Tom had the idea: We’re going to pass the pigeon ordinance. It was innovative; some say it was the best practice. We



passed the pigeon ordinance that there be no feeding of the pigeons on McGrath Highway. Tom finally had it; this would solve all our problems. A couple weeks go by, and Tom comes to the next meeting, infuriated. He says, “Can you believe, the pigeons are still eating on the McGrath Highway?” I said, “Tom, they just didn’t read the ordinance.”

With the hope that the overpass will someday soon come down, future generations of pigeons will be deprived as one place to assault cars from above. Curtatone told Taylor that his pleas have not gone unheard.

“We said to the contractor and to the state, ‘Please get rid of these pigeons ... for Tom Taylor.’ And I’m pleased to report, as of this date, they’re gone,” Curtatone said.

And among the solemn citations and certificates of appreciation, Taylor was presented with an inscribed pigeon figurine “from the pigeons of Somerville.” “You were a worthy nemesis,” it read.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Attempt to ‘butter up’ roommate

Police were dispatched to a Winter Hill Circle apartment complex last week on reports of a dispute between a landlord and a tenant.

Upon arrival, officers learned that the tenant, Anna Nikitenko, 29, had reportedly failed to pay her second month's rent on a room that she was renting and the landlord put a lock on her door. It was for this reason that Nikitenko called the police.

The officers advised the two parties to have the matter resolved in civil court, and Nikitenko was allowed back into her shared apartment.

Police then left the scene, but were called back approximately 30 minutes later on an assault call.

It was Nikitenko who again called the police, claiming that her roommate had attacked her with a knife. Nikitenko was reportedly crying when officers arrived and she told them that he was “coming up to her.”

In questioning the roommate, police were told that it was Nikitenko who had wielded a butter knife and had threatened him, allegedly because of the trouble that had been caused between she and the landlord, police said.

The roommate reportedly told police that Nikitenko had threatened him with the knife and had uttered racial epithets against him.

When questioned on the matter, Nikitenko initially denied handling the knife, but later admitted to picking it up when it was suggested that it would be checked for fingerprints, according to reports.

Based on the roommate's allegations and other mitigating factors, Nikitenko was placed under arrest and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

Would-be robber insists on driving

A reported attempted armed robbery brought police officers to a Chester St. location last Friday night.

The victim reportedly told police that he was robbed at knifepoint while exiting his vehicle that he had parked in the Day Street parking lot.

The alleged robber, later identified as Christopher McCann, reportedly approached the victim and demanded his car keys. The victim said that he refused to turn over the keys and that McCann then grabbed him and attempted to forcibly take the keys from him.

The victim said that he yelled for help and pushed McCann away, running from the scene.

McCann reportedly chased after the victim, but reportedly could not keep up.

After acquiring a description of the suspect from the victim, and alert was put out and the suspect was subsequently located, reportedly found behind the Citizen's Bank on Elm St.

The victim reportedly positively identified McCann as the perpetrator of the attempted robbery.

Police reportedly located a box cutter type of knife nearby where McCann was apprehended.

McCann was placed under arrest and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, armed robbery, and assault and battery.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jerry Lamarque, 51, of 32 Summer St., May 5, 3:54 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Anna Nikitenko, 29, of 10 Winter Hill Circle, May 5, 9:43 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Luciano Quintanilha, 31, of 18 Golden Ave., Medford, May 6, 1:17 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of forgery or misuse of a RMV document and false application for a license.

Louise Silvia, 35, of 10 Russell St., Cambridge, May 7, 3:21 p.m., arrested at Buena Vista on a warrant charge of larceny from a person.

Ibrahim Muhammad, 23, of 14 Otis St., May 8, 9:06 a.m., arrested at 19 Albion St. on charges of possession of a class B drug, drug possession to distribute, and resisting arrest, and on warrant charges of larceny from a building, destruction of property over \$250, and assault and battery with a dangerous

weapon.

Many Teixeira, 27, of 193 Elm St., Cambridge, May 9, 12:25 p.m., arrested at 62C Summer St. on a charge of unarmed robbery.

Shawn Falvey, 49, of 32 Grant St., May 9, 5:05 p.m., arrested at 269 Broadway on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, identity fraud, and larceny over \$250.

Walter Mendez, 28, of 3 Royce Pl., May 10, 1:18 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14.

David Nardella, 40, of 11D Walking Ct., Medford, May 10, 11:06 a.m., arrested at 119 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, use of a motor vehicle without authority, receiving a stolen motor vehicle, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Nicholas Schiavo, 25, of 240A North St., May 10, 11:46 a.m., arrested at 2 North St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Paul Miller, 55, of 13 Grandview Ave., May 10, 4:21 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of identity fraud.

A juvenile, May 11, 1:56 a.m., arrested at 407 Washington St. on a charge of defacing property.

Incidents:

Theft:

May 5, 10:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Dana St.

May 5, 9:38 p.m., police reported a theft at Dana St.

May 6, 10:08 a.m., police reported a theft at Canal La.

May 6, 2:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Kent St.

May 6, 2:44 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

May 6, 9:04 p.m., police reported a theft at Avon St.

May 7, 4:53 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

May 7, 10:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Lowell St.

May 8, 1:36 a.m., police reported a theft at 519 Somerville Ave.

May 8, 9:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Flint St.

May 10, 12:27 a.m., police

reported a theft at College Ave.

May 10, 8:26 a.m., police reported a theft at Pearl St.

May 10, 12:38 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

Robbery:

May 9, 12:25 p.m., police reported a robbery at Summer St.

Breaking & Entering:

May 5, 2:44 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Ten Hills Rd.

May 6, 4:58 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

Assault:

May 5, 12:16 p.m., police reported an assault at Somerville Ave.

May 5, 9:43 p.m., police reported an assault at Winter Hill Cir.

May 9, 7:33 a.m., police reported an assault at Chester St.

May 10, 11:46 a.m., police reported an assault at North St.

May 11, 10:26 p.m., police reported an assault at Derby St.

Destruction of Property:

May 5, 10:11 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Ellsworth St.

May 6, 8:26 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Flint St.

May 6, 4:52 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 682 Mystic Ave.

May 6, 11:13 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 111 South St.

May 8, 7:23 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Kingston St.

May 11, 1:56 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 407 Washington St.

May 11, 9:49 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Grant St.

May 11, 7:11 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Dover St.

Drug Violation:

May 8, 9:06 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Albion St.

Disorderly Conduct:

May 6, 8:43 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Caldwell Ave.

CPA Recruits applicants to preserve the city

By Douglas Yu

The city's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) held two public meetings this month, addressing the public on how the city should prioritize spending Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding. More than 60 Somerville residents attended the meetings to share their testimonies about what projects, including affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and outdoor recreation, the city needs to acquire, create, pre-

serve, support and restore.

In November 2012, 76 percent of the Somerville residents voted to pass the CPA, making Somerville the 155th city in the state to receive a steady funding source aimed at improving and preserving the characteristic and quality of life in the community.

The city-created Community Preservation Fund (CPF) came with the passage of CPA. The funding for the CPF comes from three sources: a 1.5 percent surcharge on net property taxes,

municipal revenue and distributions from the state's Community Preservation Trust.

With the Green Line Extension underway and multiple parts of the city undergoing prominent redevelopment, such as Union Square and Gilman Square, Somerville residents and organizations now have a new chance to design their neighborhood by applying for CPA Funding.

Please visit the city of Somerville's website for more information.

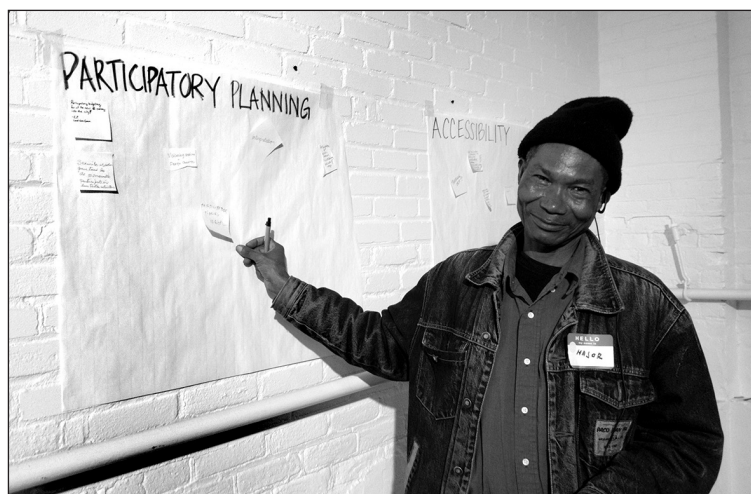
Community coalition kick-off

This Saturday, the Union United coalition met to discuss priorities for the Union Square redevelopment process and begin to craft a community benefits agreement that can eventually be negotiated with the city and the master developer.

Union United is a coalition of stakeholders, including small business owners, residents, activists, immigrant groups, religious congregations, labor unions, and community-based organizations, working to ensure that the Union Square redevelopment process results in tangible benefits – not displacement – for the Union Square community.

Over fifty people attended the coalition kickoff, which was held in The Union in Union Square. After relationship building over coffee and pastries, coalition members gave presentations on the Union Square redevelopment process and answered questions from attendees. There was also a presentation on community benefits agreements (CBAs), legally enforceable contracts that have been used across the country to ensure that developments include community benefits like affordable housing, open space, local hiring, and support for small businesses.

"Community benefits agreements are an important tool to make sure that community needs are met when development happens," said Somerville Community Corporation member Van Hardy, who presented about



Major Dorancy, student at The Welcome Project, presenting his goals for the CBA.

CBAs. "We're looking at this development process through an equity lens. The real experts in this situation are the residents, business owners, and workers whose lives and livelihoods are based in Union Square."

Midway through the meeting membership pledges were signed by the coalition members (listed below) and 36 additional individuals, many of them Union Square residents. The pledge commits coalition members to equitable outcomes like affordable housing, community space and resources, local jobs and workers' rights, open and green space, public safety, support for small and local businesses, and transparent and participatory planning processes.

"Affordable housing is a really important issue for us; we see members who are just starting out in the municipal unions struggle with the Somerville residency requirement," said Tom Ross, president of the Somerville Firefighters Association and

co-chair of the Somerville Labor Coalition. "We're seeing families get pushed out and we want to make sure that city workers and others can stay and contribute to this city."

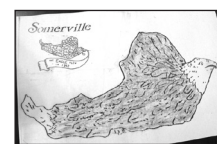
The coalition has already met with two of the shortlisted master developers, as well as Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters, to share community priorities and begin a dialogue about the CBA process. In the coming weeks, the coalition hopes to meet with Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, the other shortlisted developers, the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, the Civic Advisory Committee, and the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. The coalition will also continue reaching out to more stakeholders, including resident groups. Ultimately, the coalition's goal is to include language in the City's Land Disposition Agreement with the Master Developer that stipulates a community benefits agreement.

The current members of the Union United coalition are:

Community Action Agency of Somerville/Tri-CAP
Concord Ave Community Space
Groundwork Somerville
Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health
Link Somerville
Fr. Brian McHugh
(pastor of St. Joseph's, St. Catherine's, and St. Ann's parishes)

Service Employees International Union Local 888
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Somerville Community Corporation
(Affordable Housing Organizing Committee, Jobs for Somerville, Land Use Committee)
Somerville Labor Coalition
Teen Empowerment
Union Square Small Business Alliance
The Welcome Project

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #52

Miss America

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

"May Day" in this country is a day when the sight of budding trees and flowers tells us that winter is over and the children sing around the May poles to celebrate the arrival of spring. In other countries, like Russia, it's a day of viewing parades and exhibiting national pride. Kate Smith would spend her life celebrating both of these practices. She was a singing patriot. She was born on May 1, 1907, May Day, and she died on June 17, 1986, Bunker Hill Day. Kathryn Elizabeth Smith grew up in the nation's capital. At eight years old, she sang for World War I veterans and, while attending nursing school as a teen, she sang for patients.



Kate's first year in show business featured Somerville. As a pudgy teenager of seventeen, she went north to New York City to try her luck as a singer. She was cast in the new musical comedy, Honeymoon Lane. The play's debut was at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square, and she was there as part of the company. As an actress, her life was tormenting. Because of the character she played, she was the butt of jokes and ridicule by clowns, comedians, and the audience, on and off stage. She was a big girl, cast as the character "Tiny Little." Despite this, she kept singing until she was rescued. This came in the form of Ted Collins, Vice President of Columbia Records, after hearing her sing. The two made a handshake contract and established a friendship and partnership that spanned their lives.

"Hello everybody. This is Kate Smith." This was her opening line on her first radio performance, followed by her singing of When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain. It was her 21st birthday. Paydays from ten dollars a week soon



became fifteen hundred, and then, two year's later, would grow to five thousand dollars as her popularity exploded. Irving Berlin wrote the song, God Bless America for her. She first sang it on Veterans Day, November 11, 1938. As the years went by, many Americans wanted this song to be our national anthem. The song's proceeds went to the Boys' and Girls' Scouts of America. As a volunteer during World War II, Kate sold over \$600 million worth of war bonds, more than anyone else. For over five decades, she hosted her own radio and television shows and personally appeared on dozens of others.

Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, received some sisterly love from Kate during the 1970'S. She was instrumental in helping the Philadelphia Flyers Hockey team to victory. It is said that her singing of

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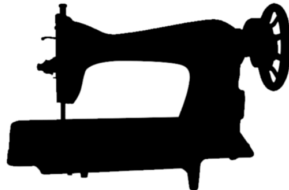
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SRA accepts finalists for Union Sq.

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According to the city’s website, “once a master developer partner is selected, the committee will act as a sounding board for the Master Developer. The committee will help shape proposals that will then be brought forward for full public review, providing the community a dialogue with the developer to help determine a strategy that ensures the continuity of this unique and vibrant square, while making sure all the pieces come together in a way that creates community-driven, sustainable and strategic economic development.”

The four developers chosen by the CAC are Gerding Edlen, the Abbey Group, Assembly Square master developer National & Federal Realty Investment Trust, and US2 (Magellan Development).

Criteria used to evaluate the respondents included the financial capacity to complete the project, experience with large-scale projects that incorporate commercial, residential and institutional uses in a complex and dense urban setting – particularly settings where public transit was a factor given the pending extension of the Green Line into the square – sustainable building practices and working with contaminated sites.

While the SRA accepted the recommendations, it did not move on narrowing the field down any further, particularly after one of its members, Michael Dwyer, handed out copies of articles showing past financial issues, as well as online complaints, of a few of the finalists. (For example, one anonymous poster on the website Ripoff Report (ripoffreport.com) complained about a condo building in Chicago developed by Magellan, saying, “the sales agents will mislead you, property reports will change, and you will live in a building that is unsecured and costly to make safe and livable.” In presenting the information, Dwyer did qualify the handouts, saying, “Everything on the Internet is not true; I get that.”

As an example of why research and proceeding with caution on a realistic scale and timeline is important, Dwyer pointed to the situation in Quincy Center, where the master developer, New

York-based Street-Works LLL, pulled out of a \$1.6 billion revitalization project, citing the project’s economic unfeasibility and what it felt was an unrealistic timeline set by the city. Dwyer noted the Quincy project is similar in scope to Union Square.

Union Square CAC Chairman Wig Zamore attended the May 8 meeting to explain why the four were chosen and to answer questions from the SRA.

In addition to the other criteria, the capacity to create job jobs and maintain what Dwyer called the “small business ecology” of the square were also factored in to the RFQ evaluations.

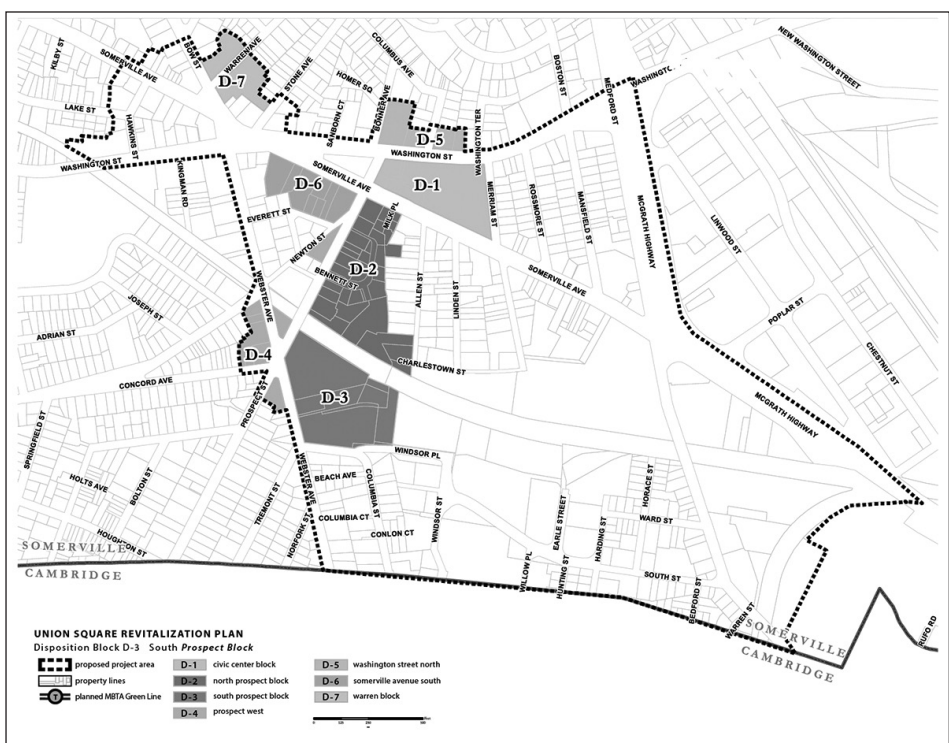
Zamore said some respondents were marked down for not focusing on job creation, an issue which SRA member William Gage described as his “big concern” for the future development and life of Union Square.

“This is a complicated 12 acres...They’re not going to build this many square feet in one economic cycle.”

The main issue moving forward will be which company, as Dwyer said, “has the wherewithal, the muscle to complete this pretty big job,” especially as that job will be carried out over a period of years.

“This is a complicated 12 acres,” Zamore said of the parcels to be redeveloped. “They’re not going to build this many square feet in one economic cycle.”

The information Dwyer distributed addressed that issue, at least in regards to Gerding Edlen, which had a few of its developments in Oregon revert to bank control during the Great Recession. According to one report, the company cut staff and shifted from development to buying buildings and retrofitting them with energy-efficient and green technology and then reselling some and holding



The seven parcels up for redevelopment.

on to others and leasing them.

Still, in discussing – and eventually accepting – the four recommendations, there was some discussion over Edlen and whether it should be at the top of the list.

“I’m not sure Gerding should be number one,” SRA member Jim McCarthy said. “I always liked Federal Realty; I thought they were very good.”

In response to his comment, though, Ed O’Donnell, the city’s director of economic development, said it is not necessary at this point to rank the four before the SRA has further delved into each candidate’s strengths and weaknesses.

“There’s a whole host of tasks remaining on the part of the SRA,” O’Donnell said. “It’s not necessary you rank one, two, three, four – or anything else – at this point.”

SRA Chairman Nancy Busnach echoed that point.

“Our job tonight is to see if we accept the CAC’s recommendations and take it to the next step in the process,” she said.

The discussion then shifted to whether the SRA should focus on the four candidates or just the first three, considering US2/Magellan only made the top four after a second round

of discussions of potential finalists among CAC members.

“I’d rather have four than three; it gives us more to look at,” Busnach said, adding she did not think the SRA should “eliminate unnecessarily upfront.”

“The CAC did such a great job; I wouldn’t want to negate 25 percent of it,” she said.

After voting to accept the CAC’s recommendations, and setting a time and date of 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5, for its next meeting (likely at City Hall), Busnach credited the work of both the CAC and the hundreds of residents who have taken part in the process up to this point.

“It’s history-making that so many Somervillians got involved in the process and put so much time and energy into it,” she said.

The CAC’s summary of the master developer finalists

Gerding Edlen was considered to be the team with the greatest commitment to sustainable development.

No other team was close in this regard. They also showed a history of projects executed at scales that would be compatible with Union Square and that sensitively incorporated local arts and crafts. There was limited concern that one of their housing projects may not have been aimed at a diverse population.

Federal Realty and National Development were familiar to most CAC members because of their accomplished mixed use work at Wellington Circle and Assembly Square. Their mix of skills and experience is favorable. Their integration with local on the ground built fabric and existing small businesses needs to be assured. Similarly there is some concern about putting too many of Somerville’s eggs in one basket.

Abbey Group by consensus did not do well with some aspects of presentation. The CAC liked their integrity and was especially impressed by their extraordinary entrepreneurship in tackling and accomplishing both Landmark Center redevelopment and Mass MOCA, among other projects. Abbey were considered most realistic with regard to their own weaknesses. Their designers and consultants were considered exemplary.

US2 had the most experience with large scale urban development and finance. Though their larger developments are too high and “big city” to fit well in Somerville, they exhibited accomplishment at multiple scales and in various challenging situations. Their urban designers and other local team members are considered broadly skilled. With their size there is some question about our relative importance.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' votes on one roll call from the week of May 5-9. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen
DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - 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.

PROTECT DOMESTIC WORKERS (S 2132)
Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a bill establishing a bill of rights for domestic workers, defined as "an employee who performs work of a domestic nature within a household." These include employees who perform housekeeping, house cleaning, home management, nanny services, caretaking of sick or elderly individuals, laundering, cooking and home companion services.

The bill establishes labor standards and protections in the domestic workplace. Provisions include requiring that a worker who puts in more than 40 hours per week be given a period of rest of at least 24 consecutive hours each week; mandating that all meal periods, rest periods and sleeping periods count as working time; ensuring that workers have a right to privacy; and requiring that

female full-time workers receive at like eight weeks' maternity leave.

Supporters said it is long past time to ensure that these domestic workers have the same rights as all other workers across the state. They noted that these workers are an underserved group that is often overlooked.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

POSSIBLE 2014 BALLOT QUESTIONS - The Legislature has not acted by the May 6 deadline on several proposed 2014 ballot questions. This means that supporters of the questions must now collect 11,485 signatures by June 18, 2014 in order for the questions to appear on the November ballot.

Questions include repealing the 2013 law that creates automatic gas tax hikes by linking the tax to the U.S. Consumer Price Index, limiting the number of patients a nurse can care for at one time, expanding the state's existing beer and soda bottle deposit law to require a deposit on bottles of most other carbonated and non-carbonated beverages, hiking the minimum wage from \$8 per hour to \$10.50 per hour, requiring employers to give sick days to employees and penalizing hospitals that receive any state funds if they post profits above certain limits and/or pay their CEOs above certain limits.

The fate of a possible ballot question that would repeal the state's 2011 law allowing casino gambling is in limbo. Anti-casino forces are challenging a decision by Attorney General Martha Coakley that the repeal is unconstitutional and cannot appear on the ballot. The case was heard before the Supreme Judicial Court last week. The court has also allowed repeal supporters to attempt to collect the 11,485 additional signatures necessary to put the question on the ballot, in case the eventual court decision allows the question to move forward.

The voters in 2012 approved ballot questions that allow medical use of marijuana and require auto manufacturers to sell to non-dealer repair shops complete repair information and diagnostic tools. They rejected a proposal to allow terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE VIOLATIONS BY LOCAL OFFICIALS (H 3760) - The House and Senate have reached an agreement on a version of a bill imposing the same penalties on candidates for local office who violate campaign finance laws that are currently imposed on those for state and county office. The measure would prohibit a municipal candidate from appearing on the ballot if civil proceedings for failure to file his or her campaign finance reports on time have been initiated. Only final House and Senate approval are necessary before the measure goes to Gov. Deval Patrick.

Supporters said it is time to treat all candidates the same and remove this giant loophole that favors municipal candidates.

PROHIBIT SHACKLING OF PREGNANT IN-

MATES (S 3978) - The two branches have agreed on a new version of a bill that would prohibit the shackling of a female prisoner during pregnancy, labor and delivery except to prevent her from escaping or seriously injuring herself or others. It would also establish minimum standards for the treatment and medical care of pregnant prisoners to promote safe and healthy pregnancy outcomes, including adequate nutrition and prenatal care. Only final House and Senate approval are necessary before the measure goes to Gov. Patrick.

Supporters said it is outrageous that shackling a female prisoner during birth is still legal in the year 2014. They argued it is long past time to approve this prohibition.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS LICENSES FOR NON-CITIZENS (H 3946) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would make it easier for non-citizens to obtain a license to compete in mixed martial arts, boxing and kickboxing competitions in Massachusetts. Current law requires the fighter to obtain a social security number. The bill would allow the use of a form of identification "sufficient to identify the applicant."

Supporters said the social security number requirement discourages many major competitions from holding events in the Bay State because it is a long process to get a social security number. They noted that Massachusetts is one of the few states that require a social security number.

LOCAL DISABILITY COMMISSION MEETINGS (S 1985) - The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved proposal allowing local commissions on disability to permit remote participation by commission members and others at any or all of their meetings. Under current law, only the attorney general can authorize remote participation.

Supporters said this would ensure that disabled people who have great difficulty getting to the meeting are afforded the opportunity to participate.

FIREFIGHTERS/POLICE OFFICERS AND SMOKING (H 2419) - The House gave initial approval to a proposal that would amend the current law providing for the automatic firing of any firefighter or police officer, hired after 1988, who is caught smoking. The bill would give the firefighter the option to keep his or her job if he or she enters a smoking cessation program. If the firefighter is caught smoking again, he or she would then be fired.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Although this is my last speech at the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, this is not the last you will see of me." — *Senate President Therese Murray, who has announced her plans to retire after the 2014 legislative session.*

"Domestic workers can now come out of the shadows and create a more safe and secure workforce." — *Lydia Edwards, Massachusetts Coalition for Domestic Workers, on Senate passage of the bill protecting the rights of domestic workers.*

"What was funny is that one of the signs has already been stolen." — *Gov. Patrick upon visiting his old Chicago neighborhood where Chicago renamed a portion of the*

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street on which he grew up “Honorary Gov. Deval Patrick Way.”

“It’s a feeding frenzy ... It’s a little more refined, a little less barbaric ... Debate is certainly restricted, no doubt about it.” — Rep. Christopher Fallon (D-Malden) on most budget amendments being hashed out behind the scenes with individual members pitching their amendment to the House leadership, which then decides which amendments will pass.

“Any member can choose to debate any amendment individually.” — House Speaker Robert DeLeo on the amendment process.

islaters 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 May 5-9, the House met for a total of 52 minutes and the Senate met for a total of one hour and 46 minutes.

Mon. May 5	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.
Tues. May 6	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 7	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. May 8	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 2:42 p.m.
Fri. May 9	No House session No Senate session

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Growing the next great economy requires regional collaboration



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Somerville joined an exciting new partnership this week that aims to make our region a leader for the life sciences industry. Somerville, Boston, Cambridge, Quincy and Braintree united this week to launch the Life Sciences Corridor initiative to attract more life science businesses and jobs to the region. By promoting both the individual strengths of our cities and our collective draw as a region, the initiative aims to ensure that this vital and expanding industry grows right here. Our goals are to retain the innovative companies we already have, promote collaboration between those businesses and our world-class universities and institutions, and

draw new high-quality life sciences jobs to the region. In other words, we're putting Somerville—and the corridor—on the life sciences map.

This is a concrete example of communities working together to strengthen our regional economy, but it is an important symbolic step as well. Our region extends beyond North Station and the gas tanks on the South-east Expressway. It has more than 100 communities, 4 million people and some of the most diverse talent, creativity and innovation of any region in the world. Through this Life Sciences Corridor initiative, we are rejecting the provincial, parochial thinking that has dominated our region. By enabling more regional collaboration like this, around more innovation sectors, we can forge a stronger economy for all our cities and towns—one that will be a force in the 21st century global economy.

For the life sciences industry to grow and to prosper, they need what all innovative companies

need: an infrastructure system that includes access to public transportation, cities that develop and encourage pedestrian and bike commuting, and a region that understands and nurtures the industry as one of the keys to our future. Life science companies also need a skilled workforce, access to leading universities and major research hospitals, established innovative research and development districts, and the availability of venture capital resources—all of which our region has in abundance. Most of all, they need available space where these companies and innovators can do what they do best—collaborate and translate their ideas into reality.

In Somerville, we're planning for that future. It's there in SomerVision, a plan that asks not what we want to build but who we want to be: a walkable, bikeable, transit-accessible community that nurtures creativity and supports our innovators and our workforce. The news that

Partners HealthCare is coming to Assembly Square is an example of our planning yielding results. It's also another regional success—when you can keep 4,500 workers and help the company save \$10 million annually, move a half-mile and stay on the Orange Line, that's a great success for the region. The fact is, however, that there's another 60 acres at Assembly Square where we are planning to encourage the same type of job-producing development. In Boynton Yards, there's another 30 acres of underutilized land that is less than a mile from Kendall Square with direct access to the new Union Square MBTA station. Those 30 acres could be a campus for the life sciences industry.

Somerville has planned for this, but so have our fellow cities and towns in the region. We need to leverage our collective planning and strengths, rejecting the provincial attitude that if it's not within our borders, it's not good for our community. We are all great neighborhoods

of this greater region, and when we build connections, we create that 'bump factor'—vibrant, high-density neighborhoods teeming with creativity and innovation, where great minds meet and spark great ideas. We want to launch ideas and feed imaginations. We want curiosity to burn here and people to chase that dream in our region. We're seeing it right now in Somerville, where clean tech innovators, artisans and makers are bumping into one another, sharing ideas and working together. The researchers and minds of the life sciences industry need this too. Greater Boston as a whole can be an incubator for the companies in the knowledge-based economy that is the foundation of our nation's future. Our region can take a cue from today's smartest companies: we need to have an open floor plan that encourages the exchange of ideas.

Traveling along the Red Line that is the spine of the Life Science Corridor, there is unique talent and

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

A little Moody



I remember when going to see a rock band in concert meant a few things. It meant sitting in a crowded stuffy venue with the aroma of pot all around you. It also meant a lot of drunk people bumping into you with the stale stench of booze on their breath. As soon as the band started, everyone in the place stood up, which meant you had to stand up ... for the entire show. Well, on this past Saturday night, most of that changed. It was different because my girlfriend, Michele, and I went to see The Moody Blues in concert at The Boston Convention Center on Summer Street. We bought the tickets months ago, and the day finally arrived. The concert was sponsored by AARP, and that was who was in the audience: a lot of retired or soon-to-be retired people coming out to see a band that were pretty much the same age.

The Moody Blues have been together for over 50 years, which made them very popular when I was in high school. My late sister had every one of their albums, and they are still at our house. They had such hits as *Tuesday Afternoon*, *Nights In White Satin* and *Ride My See-Saw*. When

I heard these tunes I was magically transported back to my youth, and apparently so was everyone else. When we were in line to go into the auditorium, I noticed most of the people were like me. We were all in our 50s, 60s and 70s. Not your typical rock concert age, but we were like kids again. We heard that The Moody Blues were coming, we got excited and ordered tickets, and now the big night had arrived.

Michele and I actually snuck down (just like in the old days) to some empty seats halfway to the stage. We could see and hear everything perfectly. There was a guy in front of us who was using his cane to play air guitar during some of the songs. As the Moodys played, there were large screens that showed the band live, as well as flashback photos of when they were younger. The three original members had plenty of hair still, and it was white or grey. They had the same energy they had when they were younger. They played off the vibes sent by the audience and vice versa. One song, *I Know You're Out There Somewhere*, actually brought tears to my eyes because it reminded me of my sister, their number 1 fan. I felt that she was there in the next seat. *Once Upon A Time In Your Wildest Dreams*, which came out in 1986, and *I Know You're Out*



There Somewhere ('88) were their comeback hits. Imagine that? A comeback in 1988!

As they began each song, you could hear oohs and ahhs from the nearly sold-out crowd. They did two encores. We were especially impressed by the way their voices had remained just as they were way back when. We thought that it might have been because unlike Led Zeppelin and The Who, their songs weren't a lot of screaming and screeching. It was also great to see men in their late 60s and early 70s rocking out to the max. It gave me hope!

The Moody Blues concert featured original members Graeme Edge on drums and vocals, Justin Hayward on guitars and vocals, and John Lodge on bass and vocals. Every time I looked around, I saw grandmas and grandpas clapping and swaying and singing along to the songs that we first heard when we were kids. There were smiles in our

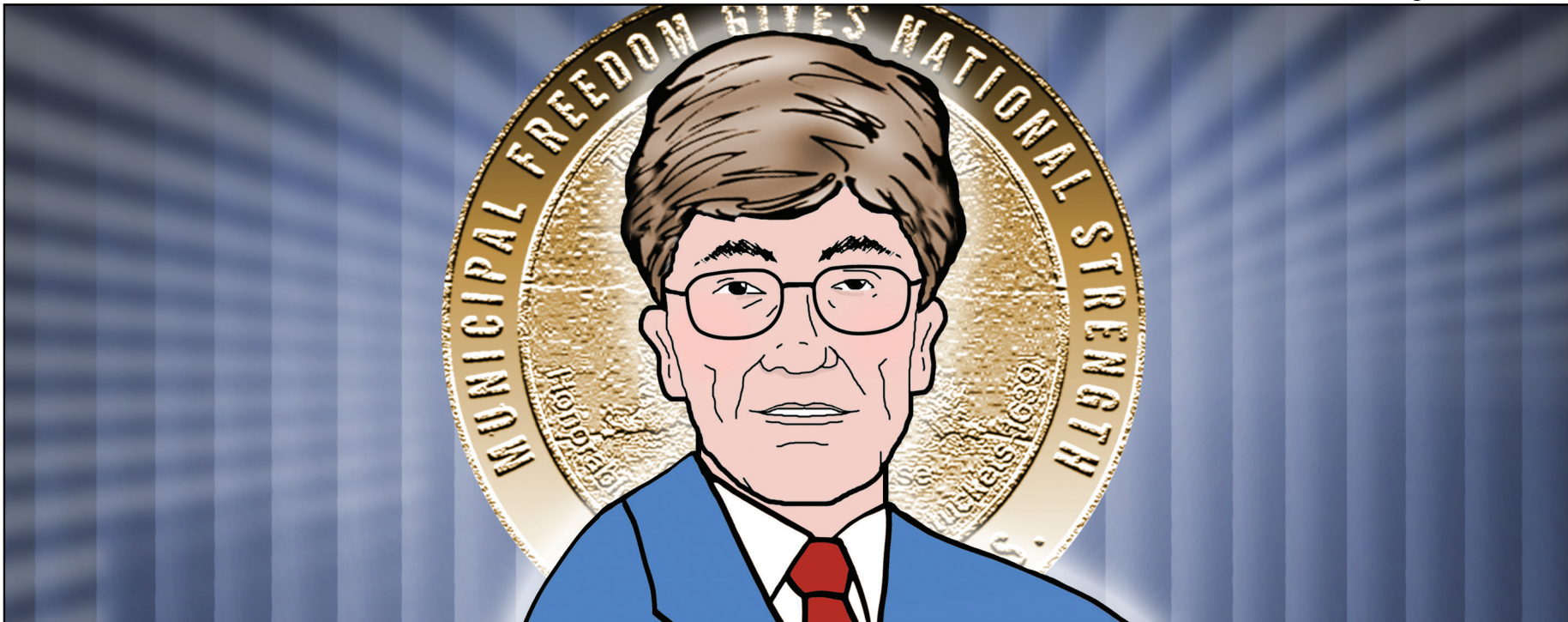
hearts and on our faces. Some were wearing flowers in their hair, tie-dyed shirts and headbands. Some had oxygen tanks and walkers, but we were all youngsters again while they performed. Some even brought teenagers to the show. Who knew that when they wrote the song *I'm Just A Singer In A Rock 'n' Roll Band* they would still be singers in a rock 'n' roll band over 50 years later.

All in all, The Moody Blues concert was a home run. I left smiling and humming the songs that made up some of the backdrop of my teenage years. I found out something that night: The only thing that really ages is our bodies. Our hearts can stay young forever. It's the music and the memories that keep us young. There was something that reminded me of today's rock concerts, and that was the long lines at the restrooms. But at The Moody Blues concert Saturday night, it was for reasons other than too much beer!

COMMENTARY

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Thank you, Tom Taylor, for your service to the City of Somerville.

The View Of The Times



Add ours to the chorus of voices thanking Tom Taylor for his decades of service to the city and its residents.

The former Ward 3 alderman, now the city’s first “alderman emeritus,” was honored last week in an emotional ceremony during the opening portion of the Board of Aldermen’s meeting. While he holds the title of the city’s longest-serving ward aldermen, it was the quality of his service

–and his character- that was truly the reason for the citations and certificates of appreciations given to him.

Anyone in attendance last week, or anyone who has watched the meeting since then, was witness to the softer side of Somerville – said with all sincerity – that was as touching as it was uncommon.

There is no doubt that the praise and words of thanks offered to those present-

ed by the BOA with citations – a regular portion of many meetings – are sincere. What was displayed by the aldermen and mayor last week, however, was something so personal that it felt almost like eavesdropping on a private gathering.

That a public official elicited such personal responses, that so many of his friends and family and, most of all, former constituents, came out and filled the

room, says it all. And while we all know the sound of polite and obligatory applause, the thunderous and long-last clapping that concluded the nearly 40-minute event – and that is really the word for it – was clearly anything but forced.

If Taylor’s length of service is history making, so, too, was the well-deserved response to making sure he knew just how appreciated he is.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

local guy Edwin Smith, what a nice all around guy -always with a smile and great sense of humor- and most of all one of the best attorneys we have here in the city. Happy birthday! And a big “happy birthday” to Melissa Hurley-Sullivan, a very nice lady and also very popular around the city, not to mention married to popular alderman Dennis Sullivan. We wish her the very best and many more. Another celebrating this week is Caroline Shea Rosas, another nice lady, mother and activist here in the community. We wish her the very best of birthdays as well.

We heard that Vinnie Piro, former state representative, had a severe heart attack while down in Florida at his home. We hope he pulls out of it and recovers and is back on the road to good health. Our prayers are with him. Vinny is a great guy and was a very good state rep here in Somerville for many years who did a lot for the city.

Condolences to the family of John J. Cameron, who passed away recently. John served the city well for many years on the School Committee and Board of Alderman. He was a very popular guy here in Somerville.

Condolences also to the family of Gary Dane Girton, who passed away recently from a long illness. He was originally from Pennsylvania and moved here to Somerville. Services will be held this week at Doherty’s followed by services at the First Church of Christ of Somerville.

Congratulations to our good friend David Lebahn, who recently auditioned for and got a part in a movie being shot in New York City. He was cast in *Reinventing Kate Carew*! He will be shooting in a Broadway theater as Charles Frohman in June! Recently Dave appeared on the TV program *The Goldbergs* a couple of weeks ago.

Condolences to the family and many friends of Robert S. Trahey, who passed away about two weeks ago. His family has finalized services for this Wednesday from 4 to 8 p .m. with Masonic Services at 7. Skip, as he was known to many from Somerville -where he grew up- suffered a stroke in April and went into a coma and never came out. He was a good guy and made many friends both here in Somerville and in the Masonic World. He was a photographer for the Shriners in

Wilmington and for many of the lodges as well as King Solomon’s here in Somerville.

The East Somerville Reunion is on and will be July 12 at the Somerville City Club. It is open to all who grew up in East Somerville, 60s, 70s amd 80s, from all parts of East Somerville, Cross Street, the Avenues, Glen Park, Florence Street Park, Prescott School, Edgerly School. If you grew up in the area and want to reacquaint yourself with others from the same neighborhood, this is the party for you.

A birdie has informed us that Patsy’s Pastry Shop is going to remain open for another couple of months; that’s when construction begins. They just might wait until space is available to them in the new building. We’ll keep you posted. Patsy’s pastries are the best!

Celebrate Somerville’s best restaurants and help support a local nonprofit. Produced by the Somerville Chamber of Commerce Dining & Nightlife Group, the Taste of Somerville is a unique way to experience Somerville’s dining and nightlife scene. Proceeds from this year’s event will benefit The Somerville Home. Join others outside and under a pavil-

ion with live entertainment at 50 Holland St. in Somerville’s Davis Square Wednesday, June 4. Tickets for the event are \$40. Call or email the chamber for your tickets, 617-776=4100 or smackey@somervillechamber.org.

Any and all students in grades 5 through 8 (or of corresponding ages) who love to write and are active writers are invited to a “Writers’ Den” from 12:30 to 3:30p.m. at the Central Somerville Public Library (first-floor auditorium) Wednesday, May 21. The Writers’ Den meets informally to share work, learn some tips and discuss publishing possibilities. Bring a short completed piece of writing. There will be writing and discussion of writing. Bring your poetry, fiction, nonfiction, school newspaper reporting –whatever your interest.

Nike’s newest factory retail location will open at The Outlets at Assembly Row at 10 a.m. Friday, May 16, with grand-opening events taking place through Sunday, May 18. Grand-opening events include a free gift to the first 200 shoppers each day, a \$10 shopper incentive when you sign up for store email alerts and a raffle to win a \$500 Nike gift card.

Peace Quilt project

The Somerville Council on Aging Teen empowerment and Artist Emily Bhargava got together for East Somerville peace quilt project last Wednesday. They are creating a peace quilt to welcome guests to the cross street center.



Photos by Claudia Ferro

Fire station adventure

Ms. Rice's 1st grade class from ESCS visited The Somerville Fire Dept. headquarters at 266 Broadway last week.

The kids toured the facility and various types of fire fighting equipment was demonstrated.



SPORTS

2014 M.O.M.'s 5k Run/Walk for Cancer

The annual M.O.M.'s Run 5k Run/Walk for Cancer will took place on Sunday, May 11 and there was a great turnout. Local and regional participants enjoyed a good run for a great cause, with all proceeds benefiting the Claudia Adams Barr Program with Dana Farber Cancer Research.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



Ms. Cam's
Olio
#422

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. In the National Hockey League, how many members of a team are permitted to suit up for a game?

2. What company did Craig Newmark create?

3. What is the most common bird species in the world?

4. What is artist Gilbert Stuart best known for?

5. What does "M&M" stand for?

6. What is the largest Native American tribe?
7. What does the "00" indicate in "007"?

8. Where did the word "tuxedo" get its name?

9. How many hours of sleep a day does a cat average? 12, 16, 20?

10. What Elton John song is the best selling single in history?

11. What creature kills the most humans annually?

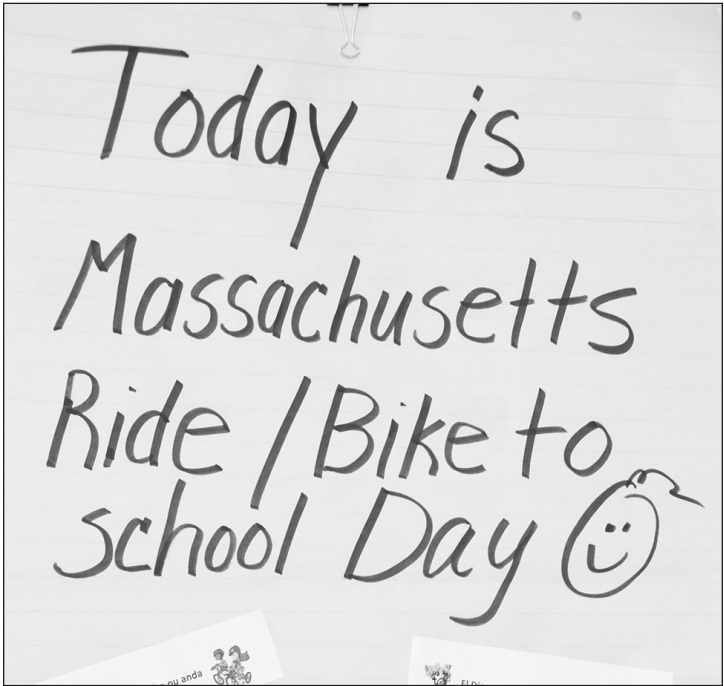
12. Who is the first female NASCAR Sprint cup winner?

Answers on page 20

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Walk to School Day



Students, parents and teachers participated in the Walk to School Day event last week at Capuano School.

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

What happened in Somerville Neighborhood News episode #14? Read below to find out more and make sure to watch the news videos online and on SCATV Ch.3! Here are some featured stories: Ducks and boaters don't seem to mind, but many humans and associations do, and so does the Environmental Protection Agency. The water in the Mystic River is consistently graded "D" for its poor quality. More on this story at www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN.




On April 11, over 200 Somerville High School (SHS) students kept their mouths shut all day – no easy task for teenagers. Up until the last bell, they communicated with teachers and each other using hand signals or by writing on papers or white boards. More on this story at www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN.




Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

God Bless America at their games inspired the team to win two Stanley Cup Championships and almost a third. They thanked her by erecting a statue of her in front of their Spectrum arena. The United States Post Office gave her a stamp, and in Hollywood

there are two stars honoring her on the Walk of Fame. Her greatest recognition came from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1939. At a British royal-family visit to the White House, he announced, "Your Majesties, this is Kate Smith. This is America!"



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Monday May 19
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

Tuesday May 20
TBA



Wednesday May 21
Spring For Children benefit for the Mystic Learning Center. Great raffles, food, fun, and the Tom Hagerty Band til 10! \$20 suggested donation. 6 p.m.

Thursday May 22
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

Friday May 23
Kevin & The Byrneouts 6 p.m.
Hear Now Live presents \$10 cover 9 p.m.


Saturday May 24
Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m.
Brass Knuckles & Friends \$5 cover 9 p.m.

Sunday May 25
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 5 p.m.
Natalie Flanagan Band, Randy Black & The Heathcroppers, Trusty Sidekick 8 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, May 21, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

6 Marion St: (Case #ZBA 2013-68) Applicant and Owners, Jason Calvert and Lorraine McGuinness, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding dormers and making window and door alterations. RB zone. Ward 2.

237 Elm St: (Case #ZBA 2014-32) Applicant, KE Tea Davis Square, LLC, and Owner, Dana Family Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Design Review to establish a fast order food establishment under SZO §7.11.10.2.a to open an approx 550 sf tea shop and a special permit under §9.13.a for parking relief. CBD zone. Ward 6.

80 Properzi Way: (Case #ZBA 2014-34) Applicant and Owners, N. John Hallam & Teresa Swartzel, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming single-family dwelling through the addition of a third floor in the existing rear addition. RB zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday May 19, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Bantam Cider Company for an Entertainment license consisting of Entertainment by Devices at 40 Merriam St., Somerville MA 02143

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
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OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, May 22, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Visiting Nurse Association**, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA.

77 Broadway: (Case #PB 2014-13) Applicant, Sean O'Connor, and Owner, O'Connor Realty Associates, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22, for new signage and awnings. CCD 55 zone. Ward 1.

75 Mystic Ave: (Case #PB 2014-14) Applicant, The Home Depot Somerville MA, and Owner, Stephen Bobrow, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to be able to revise SPSR #91.49 and PB 2013-09 to allow for outside display of garden plants in the parking lot for one year. Zone ASMD. Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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IFB # 14-87

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:
**Symphony Park
Construction of a New Park**

Nature and scope of work: Symphony Park is located at 46 Pearl. The scope of work is to create a small pocket park (less than .2 acres). The existing site is an open lot retained along Florence Street by a CMU wall. The design of the new park includes re-grading the site to provide access from Florence Street and providing a central walking path, lawn and performance area, a small community garden, passive seating areas, planting beds and a low-flow water feature. Please consult the plans and specifications for full scope of work, including important permitting requirements.

Plans and specifications will be available form 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Fridays, at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 starting **Wednesday, May 14, 2014**, upon deposit of **non-refundable fee** of \$ 50.00 for each set of Plans & Spec's, in the form of a check made payable to the City of Somerville. Any person requesting more than two sets will be required to pay a nonrefundable fee in the form of a separate check for each additional set in the amount of \$ 50.00 per set.

Sealed Bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 until **June 4, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** at which time all general bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the City of Somerville or a bid bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid. Prevailing Wage Rates apply to this procurement.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference for all bidders will be held as follows: Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 11:00 a.m., Aldermen's Committee Room, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday May 19, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Earl's Restaurant (Somerville, MA) Inc., d/b/a Earl's Kitchen & Bar for a New All-Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License and an Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by Performers and Devices at 698 Assembly Row #102, Somerville, MA

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The richness of a man

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spoke of Taylor's contributions to schools and its students, he noted the former aldermen's commitment to the city's youth extended well beyond school walls.

"Students don't realize what you've done for them on the School Committee," he said. "But for me, personally, what I'm most grateful for is your help in getting the first and only skate park in the city, (Morse) Kelley Park, and the beautiful mural we have there for the community, and we couldn't have done that without your support. I always think of the people who helped with that and how much pride it gives me to be in this community. You've always opened your door for young people in the community, and we all thank you for it."

As McLaughlin's comments showed, Taylor's impact on the new generation of elected officials was evident. Aldermen at Large Dennis Sullivan called Taylor "a great friend" and thanked him "for his great advice to a young school committee man and alderman."

Likewise, Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz, who won election in 2005 and began serving in 2006, expressed a similar debt of gratitude to Taylor. She explained the situation when she first began serving.

"It was a difficult place to be, and it wasn't always easy," she said. "A few people took me under their wing and talked to me and made me feel like I belonged – that I was rightfully here, that I was elected to be here – and Tom was one of those people. You never forget the kindness of people when you're in tough situations, where you're brand new and sort of came rolling in. I just remember that, and I'll never forget it."

Gewirtz wasn't alone in noting that it is Tom Taylor's qualities as a friend – even more so than his impact as an elected official

or longtime advocate for Somerville's youth – that elicited kind word, tears and smiles from the board, as well as the large community crowd that turned out to see him honored.

"I count you as a friend – not a political friend but a true friend," Board of Alderman President Bill White said. "And that emeritus citation; I think that says it for how this board of aldermen felt for your years of service, because no one else has ever gotten that."

Ward 7 Aldermen Katjana Ballantyne noted that she first came to know Taylor when his wife was her daughter's teacher in first and second grade. She recalled the Taylors having students over for barbecues.

"Having the opportunity to meet you in the personal (realm), I can see from listening to my colleagues how that has filtered out into the community, and I thank you for everything you've done for Somerville and for our youth, too," she said.

And while Taylor has not been off the board for that long, his absence, as several aldermen noted, has already been felt.

"I really and truly miss him," Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston said. "I used to be able to turn to Tom and have a conversation about something, and I always knew I'd get some good advice. I miss him around this horseshoe. I miss him terribly."

That feeling was shared by Mayor Joseph Curtatone.

"One thing we agree about Tom as a human being is that we love him," he said. "The richness of a man is the friends in his life, and look around you. Anyone who knows Tom, you can work with him, you can argue with him, and there's always a good laugh at some point in the conversation, usually at your own expense. Tom wasn't shy about that. And I miss those laughs. I laugh so hard even thinking



Tom Taylor, with family members, addressed the emotionally charged moment by expressing his gratitude and love of the community that he has faithfully served.

about those stories."

And, as others noted, Taylor has an equal capacity for generating both laughter and loyalty through his willingness to be open about his feelings.

"We served for two years, and I wish it was much, much longer," Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente said. "There are many words that describe you: generous, gutsy, a real family man. And what I like about you is you're emotions – because I'm very emotional – and that is the true sign of a good man: when someone can cry. And we've cried together. You're always welcome here, and you can always sit at my chair. I hope we continue to be friends for a very long time."

Going by Lafuente's assessment, there were plenty of good men and women at last week's meeting. For every tear, however, there was a laugh, as White showed when recalling his early interactions with Taylor on the board.

"I had just been elected – I hadn't even been serving yet

– and he invited me to lunch," White said. "Tom took me to Mike's in Davis Square and said, 'Bill, any submarine sandwich you want, a bag of potato chips and a coke. Don't worry about it.' And I forget what the issue was, but once I got on, I know I voted for it because the next time Tom took me out, he took me to Friendly's and said, 'Now you can even have dessert.'"

As Taylor listened to the compliments and reminiscences, he, like the speakers, alternated between smiles and near tears.

That is, of course, after opening with the very humor for which he had just been praised.

"I want to know how much time I get?" he asked.

"First of all, I want to thank all those individuals that came out here and my wife for actually putting up with me for all these years on the BOA," he said, his voice breaking. "It's been a good ride here. I've met a lot of good people, a lot of personalities – some I appreciated, some I didn't. I just miss each and every one

of you. I never realized it was 26 or 27 years. It never came to mind. I just never thought about the time. Every year, it was a struggle to run. My wife said, 'Oh, no, you're not going to run again, are you?' The thing is, there was always an issue, always something I wanted to be involved in, so I basically decided to run. And also, people encouraged me to run for re-election, so I did, and I'd probably still be here if it wasn't for my health. And I just want to thank you, and I want to thank those people who came out from their busy schedules to be here tonight."

The long and loud applause that followed underscored something Connolly had said only a few minutes before.

"We're going to forget the votes. We're going to forget the issues, but we're not going to forget who was with us when we needed them," he said. "And Tom, when we needed you, you were there. We love you for it. We thank you. God bless you. Keep up the good work."

Fourth annual PorchFest set to commence this weekend

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immediate attention and interest was found throughout the city.

Gregory Jenkins, executive director of the Somerville Arts Council, explained that the organization puts together maps and handles registration, but that the event is really in the control of the people.

"The beauty of PorchFest is that it is decentralized, meaning we [SAC] and the city provide structure, but every individual group takes care of their own mini-event," Jenkins said in an email. "The idea of providing structure for the com-

munity to create and present is a primary goal of the Arts Council and this initiative shows how with a little structure and a lot of community participation the whole city can come alive. So, it's a great model for the arts and the city."

The SAC also managed publicizing the activities of the event each year, maintaining oversight and helping ensure interested parties can find the information they need before beginning the long wander around the city.

Now in its fourth year, the

number and diversity of musicians continues to expand, with more event-goers walking the neighborhoods of Somerville in mid-May to hear their neighbors perform. In a relatively short period of time, the PorchFest has blossomed into an event more interactive and engaging, as there have been reports of Porch-ioke, in which event-goers can sing karaoke with a backing band behind them.

This year's PorchFest will run from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, beginning in the eastern neighborhoods and spreading to the

west. East Somerville performances are scheduled to begin first, at noon, and run through 2 p.m. The next set will be in Central Somerville from 2 to 4 p.m., followed by Western Somerville from 4 p.m. through 6 p.m.

The idea behind this schedule is to allow PorchFest attendees to move from east to west in a relatively unified fashion, although each individual is likely to have a unique experience considering the sheer amount of acts and layout of the neighborhoods.

As one might imagine, the music involved on the whole is eclectic and vast, spanning all the genres that the talented residents of Somerville love to perform. The SAC has a lineup of musicians and a map for where their porches can be found on its website, www.somervilleartscouncil.org, and interested parties can also find MP3 samples in some instances.

Individuals who would like to learn more ahead of the event should refer to the Somerville Arts Council's website.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|May 14

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

Thursday|May 15

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library
Good CRAFTernoon!
Meghan Forsell| 617-623-5000 x2970
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|May 16

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

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

Saturday|May 17

Central Library
Saturday Homework Help
Ron Castile|617-623-5000 x2969
1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Sunday|May 18

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

Monday|May 19

Central Library
Sing-along w/ Liza Kitchell
Cathy Piantigini/ 617-623-5000, x2954
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory
Knucklebones
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|May 20

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

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

Central Library
StoryCorps Interviews
Maria Carpenter- 617-623-5000 x2910
2:30 -5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|May 21

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

Central Library
Middle School Writers’ Den
Alan Ball- 617 636-9033
12:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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Wednesday|May 14

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

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill
Pub Trivia
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Thursday|May 15

Johnny D’s
Los Fletcheros
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Jake Davis & The Whiskey Stones grassy
Thursdays
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Scattershot |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
Campfire hosted by Ben Bullock w/ Nick McGowan
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday|May 16

Johnny D’s
Revolutionary Snake Ensemble|6:30 p.m.
Joshua Tree|10 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Jim Coyle & The Barroom Gentlemen |6 p.m.
Erie Blue|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Spike the Punch
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA’S Lounge
The Revere|Sister Speak|Choose To Find-
|Safer Bombs|Klaus Dukes Stringband
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe’s
Spotted Tiger
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory
The Secret Garden
7 p.m.|Performance Hall
Richard Cambridge’s Poetry Theatre
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 17

Johnny D’s
Rust Never Sleeps|7 p.m.
“Six Dollar Saturday “ presents: The Jaun-tee|10 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Family Jewels |6 p.m.
One Thin Dime |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Red Square
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
The Nice Ones|Olÿphant|1974
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe’s
Porchfest after party Ft. Vudu Sister & Half Holy Hearts
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
DJ El Sid!
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Navy League Luncheon
11:30 a.m.|Cafe
David Johnston
4 p.m.|Cafe
The Secret Garden
7 p.m.|Performance Hall |191 Highland Ave

Sunday|May 18

Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band |4 p.m.
The Road 2 Oddball Tour Featuring Brody Stevens with Howard Kremer & Adam Cayton-Holland|8 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.
Back Room
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

Arts at the Armory
An Acoustic Afternoon
12 p.m.|Cafe
The Secret Garden
2 p.m.|Performance Hall
Journeys in Sound Presents An Afternoon with a Virtuoso - Mal Barsamian & Friends
4 p.m.|Cafe
Laura Smith’s Student Recital
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|May 19

Johnny D’s
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Presents: Generationalities: Multi-Age Stand Up|7:30 p.m.
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Con-querors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Bur-Run
Helena Delaney, Johnny O’Leary & Friends
Irish Session|9 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub

Stump! Team Trivia
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Tuesday|May 20

Johnny D’s
Michael Hurley with Special Guest Glenn Jones|7:30 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

Arts at the Armory
First and Last Word Poetry Series
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave |191 High-land Ave

Wednesday|May 21

Johnny D’s
An Evening with Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra|8 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Spring For Children benefit for the Mystic Learning Center.
Great raffles, food, fun, and the Tom Hag-erty Band til 10!
\$20 suggested donation
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The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy@10
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PA’S Lounge
Full Scene Ahead presents
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill
Pub Trivia
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|May 14

Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale Preview
James Fox
5 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday|May 15

Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 12 p.m.
4 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale
James Fox
12 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

Friday|May 16

Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 12 p.m.79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale
James Fox
12 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday|May 17

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale/Bake Sale
James Fox
10 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Bagel Bards
Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work
9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

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

Sunday|May 18

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale
James Fox
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
BUSY
3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Monday|May 19

Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Book Group: Books-into-Movies Discussion Group
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Tuesday|May 20

Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Session 1
79 Highland Ave

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

Third Life Studio
The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com
7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday|May 21

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

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 Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

Lucianos Restaurant & North Shore Acappella: Wednesday, May 21. Check in time is 9:45 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 5:00 p.m. For over 30 years North Shore Acappella has excited audiences throughout the country adding an experienced blend of harmony, rhythm and tempo to songs from the 1940's through today. Meal choice of Roast Pork Loin or Haddock, includes dessert & coffee/tea. \$79 per person. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP, meal choice or additional information.

Revere Beach: Friday, May 23. Join us for the day as we take a little walk along the beach or sit back, relax and enjoy the ocean. This is a great opportunity to get some exercise and meet other seniors. Check In time is 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center and 10:15 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 2:00 p.m. A \$5 transportation fee is required. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you should have additional questions. Do not forget to pack a lunch (or you can purchase one at one of the beaches many establishments) and SUNSCREEN.

The Highlander Café: Wednesday, June 4. The SCOA is hosting a luncheon at the Highlander Café which is located at the atrium of Somerville High School. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. Seating is limited. For \$9 you will receive Prime Rib with all the fixings. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information.

Suffolk Downs: Wednesday, June 11. And they're off! Come join us for a relaxing day of live horse racing, dine on a delicious buffet in the clubhouse and award the jockey with a thophy for the race that is named after the SCOA. Check in times are 10:15 a.m. at Holland Street and 10:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 5:30 p.m. \$31 per person. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information. Additional trips to Suffolk Downs scheduled for Wednesday, August 10 and Wednesday, September 17.

Venus De Milo & The Temptations: Thursday, June 12. That's right folks, The Temptations. Their hits include *My Girl*, *Just My Imagination* and *Papa Was A Rolling Stone*, just to name a few. Meal choice of Chicken or Haddock, includes dessert & coffee/tea. Check in time is 9:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 5:15 p.m. \$79 per person. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP, meal choice or additional information.

Castle Island: Friday, June 13. Another great opportunity to get a little exercise and meet other seniors as we spend the day walking around historic Castle Island located in South Boston. Don't feel like walking? Come, sit back, relax and enjoy the weather. Check In time is 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center and 10:15 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time

is 2:00 p.m. A \$5 transportation fee is required. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you should have additional questions. Do not forget to pack a lunch (or you can purchase one at the famous Sillivan's takeout) and SUNSCREEN.

Twin River Casino: Monday, June 16. Located in Lincoln, RI. For \$22 you receive your Motorcoach Bus transportation, \$10 Free Bonus Play and a \$7 Food Credit. Check in times are 8:15 a.m. at the Holland Street Center and 8:30 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 6:30 p.m. Please call Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information.

As part of an ongoing collaboration with Teen Empowerment & The Boston Symphony Orchestra the Somerville Council on Aging headed to the **Boston Pops concert** on Friday, May 9. This was the second in a three part event program known as the "Symphony for Our City" program which includes special concerts and pre-performance educational presentations. The third event will be an all day trip to Tanglewood on Sunday, July 27. If you are interested in attending the Tanglewood trip please contact Janine at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email Janine at JLotti@Somervillema.gov

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The trip to the **Taj Mahal Resort** in Atlantic City is **SOLD OUT**.

The **Mohegan Sun** trip scheduled for May 20 is **SOLD OUT**.

The **Symphony Orchestra** trip is **SOLD OUT**.

The **Tanglewood** trip scheduled in July is **SOLD OUT**.

The **June 4 lunch** at the Highlander Café is **SOLD OUT**.

On Monday, May 26, **Memorial Day**, all centers will be closed.

Somerville Fire Department: An ongoing collaboration with the Somerville Fire Department has resulted in a program to distribute and install free, new smoke alarms in eligible households. For more information and an application, call us at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Lunch: The next LGBT Lunch is scheduled for Monday, June 9. More details to follow.

LGBT Dinner & Movie night: Monday, May 19. May's "Movie to Come Out To" will be *The Topps Twins – Untouchable Girls*. Dinner will be provided by West 7 Bistro with a yet to be determined menu. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. For additional information and to RSVP please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes: Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. \$10 a month with scholarships available. Please contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information. We have available slots and would love to have you.

LGBT Advisory Group: Will now meet on the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting is Monday, May 12 at 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.

STAY ACTIVE:

Monday: Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H); Fit 4 Life C, 1 p.m., \$10/mo., pre-registration required.
Tuesday: Strengthening, 9:15 a.m., \$3 per class (H). Dalcroze Eurhythmics, 1 p.m., (H).
LBT Fit 4 Life, 6 p.m., \$10/mo., pre-registration required

(H).
Wednesday: Fit 4 Life A, 8:45 a.m./B, 9 a.m./C, noon; \$10/mo, pre-registration required. (H)
Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 p.m., \$10/week for shoes and dues.
Zumba for All, 5:15 p.m., \$3 per class (H)
Thursday: Strengthening, 9:30 a.m., \$3 per class (RJ). LBT Fit 4 Life, 6 p.m., \$10/mo, pre-registration required (H).
Friday: Fit 4 Life A, 8:45 a.m./B, 9:55 a.m., \$10/month, pre-registration required (H).
Upcoming Schedule:
Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street = (H)
Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street = (RJ)
Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway = (C)

Wednesday, May 14
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)


Thursday, May 15
10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 Blood Pressure (H)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday, May 16
11:30 Lunch (H)
12:45 Bingo (H)
Monday, May 19
9:30 Moonlighters (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)
12:30 Afternoon at the Movies: "Enough Said" (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
5:30 LGBT Dinner & Movie (H)

Tuesday, May 20
9:00 Fun with clay – Mudflat workshop (C)
9:30 Veterans Group (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 SHINE by appt. (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:30 Brain Games (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer Tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
Mohegan Sun Trip

Wednesday, May 21
10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
Luciano's Trip

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Marshall Crenshaw's many stages

By Blake Maddux

As is the case with most musicians who sustain a three-decade long career despite not becoming superstars, many people would recognize Marshall Crenshaw's work even if his name does not register with them.

Crenshaw's 1982 hit *Someday, Someway*, his lone Top 40 entry, has appeared in productions as varied as the 1985 Madonna movie *Desperately Seeking Susan* and a 2005 episode of *The West Wing*. Other songs that he has written can be heard in *Superman III*, *Empire Records*, *Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story*, and *Baby Mama*.

In 1987, Crenshaw portrayed Buddy Holly in the film *La Bamba*. This made sense, as he had sort of been playing his fellow bespectacled rocker on record for the previous half decade. Before he recorded his eponymous debut album, he had appeared on stage as John Lennon in *Beatlemania*.

A longtime Big Apple resident who was born and raised in the Motor City, Crenshaw was an honoree at the 23rd Annual Detroit Music Awards on April 25 of this year.

Crenshaw will be performing at Johnny D's on Thursday, May 22. He spoke to *The Somerville Times* by phone from a studio called Hobo Sound, which is located one town over from Hoboken, New Jersey.

Somerville Times: Was there ever any chance of you not going into showbiz?

Marshall Crenshaw: I always had my mind set on the idea of playing rock 'n' roll music. That was the most appealing thing around me as a kid. It grabbed hold of me and I grabbed hold of it.

What's kind of got me hemming and hawing a little bit is your usage of the term "show business," which I use all the time, too. I have mixed feelings about show business, but the music always was the thing that I was going to follow. I sort of decided on that early in life. Show business is something that I'm not so sure I like still. But I like making the music.



A younger Crenshaw.

ST: So there was never any threat of you having at 9-to-5 office job?

MC: No. I was like a really cranky kid, and I hated authority figures and I was alienated by the adult world. As a kid I was determined not to go down that kind of road. It's funny that I'm still acting on this decision that I made as a kid.

ST: How did you meet up with the Gin Blossoms to co-write *Til I Hear It From You* for the *Empire Records* (1995) soundtrack?

MC: The Gin Blossoms already knew that they were going to have a song in the movie soundtrack before we even wrote it. There was already a reason to write the song, and that's a big part of the equation right there. And as soon as it came out it was an instant smash hit, so that was kind of nice.

"My dreams started to come true. I wound up in the right place and the right things happened, you know."

One of the members of the band, his name is Jesse Valenzuela, just kind of sought me out. I'd heard about them earlier I was down in Nashville one time at a place called the Exit Inn watching a band called Will & The Bushmen. And while I was trying to concentrate on them, there was this woman that I knew and she was like screaming in my ear. I didn't want her screaming in my ear, but she was, and she was telling me about this band from Arizona that she managed called the Gin Blossoms, and that they love you, they worship you. And I thought, "God I wish you'd go away."

Soon after that she shot me an album in the mail, and it was an album that they had just made themselves to sell at their gigs or whatever. Then about two years later, they had a smash hit with their debut album on A&M. Then I met Jesse and he said, "We gotta write a song together." And I said, "Well are you going to be at South By Southwest this year?" and he said, "Yeah."

So we wrote *Til I Hear It From You* at South By Southwest. It took about twenty minutes. Then the singer wrote the lyrics afterward. I didn't even meet the singer in the band until after the record was already in the charts. (laughs)



Master songsmith Marshall Crenshaw will be entertaining the crowd at Johnny D's on Thursday, May 22.

ST: What about the title song to *Walk Hard* (2007)?

MC: That was very much a whole, kind of opposite of the Gin Blossoms thing.

I got asked to write a song, one called *Take My Hand*. That was the first one that I took a crack at. I wrote it and I thought, like I always do think when I finish something, "I nailed it. I got it."

They called me back, and they didn't tell me that they were going to use a different version of *Take My Hand*. They just said, "Why don't you take a crack at the theme song?" So I wrote the theme song, and from what I understand from other people that also worked the movie, they had like 75 other songs called *Walk Hard*. My friend Dan Bern told me that he wrote like five different ones called *Walk Hard*. They got mine, and then they tried and tried and tried to beat it, and nobody could. So I'm kind of proud of that. And they were all really good songwriters, too, everybody who worked on that thing. Mine just managed to hang in there through all that, so I'm happy about that.

ST: I have heard *Whenever You're On My Mind* (from the 1983 album *Field Day*) twice in the past five days, once at Lowe's and once on the radio. Is that the song of yours that gets the most airplay?

MC: I don't think it is, actually, but it's one of the ones that gets some. It kind of varies from year to year or era to era. I used to read my royalty statements. I really don't read them any more, but there was a time when *Mary Anne* was really the biggest thing on my statement because it was used on some music service.

But the one that just keeps

hanging in there year after year is *You're My Favorite Waste of Time*, which was a hit record in Europe for this guy [Owen Paul]. It's an awful record, but it was a smash in England and all over Europe, so I still get a nice chunk of change every year for that song. Not enough so I can just sit at home and do nothing, but every year I get some decent amount of money for that song.

If something was really cool, some really cool news happened, just to make it memorable [my publisher] would send me a telegram. And he sent me one: "*You're My Favorite Waste of Time* by Owen Paul number 15 on the UK singles chart this week." I didn't know anything about it. Didn't know that anybody had recorded it. Didn't know anything.

And then the next week I got another telegram, and it was number 8. Then the week after that it was number 3, then number 2. I kept getting these telegrams every week, and it was fun, you know. It was great. It was right around the same time as *La Bamba*, so it was sort of like a convergence of events.

ST: Has living in Detroit and New York City had a particularly profound influence on you?

MC: Both, definitely. Growing up in the Detroit area, I lived there till I was 23, and I still have a great deal of love for it. The musical legacy of the city and region of Detroit is a pretty monumental thing. During my lifetime it was especially stellar, I think.

So I grew up on that, and then New York, when I got there, that was a life-changer. I didn't seek to end up there, but I was just kind of drifting around the

country and I wound up in New York. The first day I was there, and I was with my wife, I was like, "I am staying here. I'm staying here forever." My life started to work. My dreams started to come true. I wound up in the right place and the right things happened, you know.

I've now lived away from Detroit for far longer than I lived there, but it still kind of stays on my mind. It's a very complicated place and I have complicated feelings about it, but one of those feelings is love.

ST: You first appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman* in 1982, the first year that Letterman hosted the show. How do you feel about his decision to retire?

MC: There are a lot of things about being the age that I am that I am kind of struggling with. I was really happy all during my fifties. I really liked that part of my life, but now I feel — I hate to say this — like I've begun a downward arc of sorts. I don't like feeling this way, but as far as him retiring, unfortunately I do think it's time for him to do that.

It's going to be sad to see him go, but the morning he announced his retirement I predicted to my wife that Stephen Colbert would replace him. I just had this gut feeling. I just thought that he would be a more-than-worthy successor to David Letterman, somebody who's just as much of an innovator and as much of a television genius as Letterman is.

Marshall Crenshaw with Cliff Hillis. Johnny D's Uptown Restaurant and Music Club. Thursday, May 22, 7:30 p.m. (Doors at 5:30). \$20.

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6:30am	Road to Recovery
7:30am	Life Matters
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Times Reading
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Chie Yasuda
11:00am	Abugida TV
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Play by Play
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
2:00pm	Physician Focus
2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis
3:00pm	Medical Tutor
3:30pm	The Kevin Murphy Show
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm	Health is Wealth
5:30pm	Peace by Piece
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
6:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
7:00pm	This is East
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits
8:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News
10:00pm	Net Neutrality & the Future of Internet Access
11:00pm	SCATV: a year in review

Thursday, May 15

6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)
10:30am	Greater Somerville Special Edition: Candidate Mike Lake
11:00am	Tufts University's Films for Social Change Series
11:30am	Ablevision
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	African Television
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez
3:00pm	Chef's Table Series
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)

5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
5:30pm	The Folklorist
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)
7:00pm	Taking Back your Health
7:30pm	Basic Buddha
8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou
9:30pm	Meh Kyown's Television Ship
10:00pm	Penny's Dreadful and Shilling Secrets

Friday, May 16

7:30am	Shrink Rap
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading
10:00am	Greater Somerville Special Edition: Martha Coakley
10:30am	Zoning for the Future
11:00am	Sound Off
11:30am	Peace by Piece
12:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority
12:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville
2:30pm	Rooster Tails
3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm	Greater Somerville: Mike Lake, Lieutenant Gov. Candidate

Saturday, May 17

5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show
7:00pm	Real Estate Answers Show
7:30pm	Culture Club
8:00pm	Visual Radio
9:00pm	Porchfest
10:00pm	Independent Filmmaker Hour
11:00pm	A Black Show (Free Speech TV)

12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show
12:30pm	Culture Club
1:00pm	Play by Play
2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
3:00pm	Telemagazine
4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
6:00pm	SCATV: a year in review
6:30pm	Art at SCATV
7:00pm	This is East: an East Somerville Main Streets
8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)
9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D
11:00pm	Gay USA

Sunday, May 18

6:00am	Program Celebrai
7:00am	Rompendo em Fe
8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
10:00am	International Church of God
11:00am	The Folklorist
11:30am	Basic Buddha
12:00pm	Play by Play
1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading
2:30pm	Life Matters
3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe
4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade
5:00pm	Greater Somerville: Mike Lake, Lieutenant Gov. Candidate
6:00pm	Abugida TV
7:00pm	African Television Network
8:00pm	Tele Magazine
9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
11:00pm	No Film Film Festival
11:30pm	Independent Filmmaker Hour

Monday, May 19

6:00am	Ablevision
6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids
7:30am	Eckankar

8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Bay State Biking News
11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Plastic Planet (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Tufts Films for Social Change Series
2:30pm	Copy Cat Festival (at the Arts at the Armory)
3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
3:30pm	Esoteric Science
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
6:00pm	France 24 World Now! (Free Speech TV)
6:30pm	Nepali Producers Group: 104 Anniversary of L. Devkota by INLS
8:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
8:30pm	MEH Kyown's Television Ship
9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show

Tuesday, May 20

7:00am	The Struggle
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading
10:00am	This is East
11:30am	Ablevision
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	The Bioneers program (Free Speech TV)
3:00pm	Reeling Movie Show: a Movie Review program
3:30pm	Greater Somerville: Lieutenant Governor, Mike Lake
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
5:30pm	The Literati Scene
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
7:30pm	Greater Somerville
8:00pm	Dead Air Live
9:00pm	Energy Theater
10:00pm	Nepali Producers Group: 104 Anniversary of L. Devkota by INLS
11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22

Wednesday, May 14

9:00am:	Keep Moving
9:30am:	Patriots Day Celebration
12:00pm:	Congressional Update
12:30pm:	Talking Business
1:00pm:	Community Path Press Conference
1:30pm:	SomerViva: Portugues
2:00pm:	Youth Peace Conference
6:30pm:	Voices of Somerville
7:00pm:	SomerViva: Espanol
7:30pm:	Community Path Press Conference
8:00pm:	Congressional Update
8:30pm:	Youth Peace Conference
10:30pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff

Thursday, May 15

12:00am:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.8.14
3:00am:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff
9:00am:	Youth Peace Conference
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
12:30pm:	Voices of Somerville
1:00pm:	B2Green Expo
1:30pm:	Women's Commission 25th Anniversary
2:30pm:	Talking Business
7:00pm:	B2Green Expo
7:30pm:	Voices of Somerville
8:00pm:	Aldermen at Work
8:30pm:	Congressional Update
9:00pm:	Community Path Press Conference
9:30pm:	SomerViva: Portugues
10:00pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff

Friday, May 16

12:00am:	Talking Business
1:00am:	B2Green Expo
1:30am:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story
2:30am:	Shape Up Somerville: Historic Overview
2:45am:	SomerViva: Espanol
9:00am:	B2Green Expo
9:30am:	Talking Business
12:00pm:	Youth Peace Conference
2:00pm:	Community Path Press Conference
2:30pm:	SomerViva: Portugues
3:00pm:	Somerville-Tufts Partnership Announcement
6:30pm:	Consumer Affairs w/ Barbara Anthony
7:00pm:	Youth Peace Conference
9:00pm:	SomerViva: Portugues
9:30pm:	Community Path Press Conference
10:00pm:	Somerville-Tufts Partnership Announcement

Saturday, May 17

12:00am:	Patriots Day Celebration
12:30am:	Youth Peace Conference
2:30am:	Somerville-Tufts Partnership Announcement
9:00am:	Consumer Affairs w/ Barbara Anthony
12:00pm:	Talking Business
12:30pm:	Highlander Forum
1:00pm:	Consumer Affairs w/ Barbara Anthony
2:00pm:	Somerville-Tufts Partnership Announcement
2:35pm:	2014 Spring Clean Up

3:00pm:	Community Path Press Conference
6:30pm:	Shape Up Somerville: Historic Overview
7:00pm:	Consumer Affairs w/ Barbara Anthony
7:30pm:	SomerViva: Portugues
8:00pm:	Consumer Affairs w/ Barbara Anthony
8:30pm:	Patriots Day Celebration
9:00pm:	Youth Peace Conference

Sunday, May 18

12:00am:	SomerViva: Portugues
12:30am:	Consumer Affairs w/ Barbara Anthony
1:00am:	Patriots Day Celebration
1:30am:	Youth Peace Conference
9:00am:	Aldermen at Work
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
12:30pm:	Keep Moving
1:00pm:	Aldermen at Work
1:30pm:	Congressional Update
2:00pm:	Aldermen at Work
2:30pm:	Union Sq. Development Meeting VI
7:00pm:	Senior Circuit
7:30pm:	Keep Moving
8:00pm:	Aldermen at Work
8:30pm:	Central Broadway Streetscape Meeting
9:00pm:	Women's Commission 25th Anniversary
10:00pm:	SomerViva: Espanol

Monday, May 19

12:00am:	Senior Circuit
12:30am:	Keep Moving
1:00am:	Aldermen at Work
1:30am:	Highlander Forum
2:00am:	Women's Commission 25th Anniversary
2:30am:	SomerViva: Espanol
9:00am:	Central Broadway Streetscape Meeting
9:30am:	Keep Moving
12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.8.14

3:00pm:	Women's Commission 25th Anniversary
7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – LIVE
10:00pm:	Voices of Somerville

Tuesday, May 20

12:00am:	B2Green Expo
12:30am:	Community Path Press Conference
1:00am:	Highlander Forum
1:30am:	Talking Business
2:30am:	Voices of Somerville
9:00am:	Voices of Somerville
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
12:30pm:	Keep Moving
1:00pm:	Community Path Press Conference
1:30pm:	SomerViva: Portugues
2:00pm:	Tour of Milk Row Cemetery
6:30pm:	Congressional Update
7:00pm:	Senior Circuit
7:30pm:	Tour of Milk Row Cemetery
8:30pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.19.14
12:00am:	Senior Circuit
12:30am:	Keep Moving
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2:00am:	School Committee Meeting –

REPLAY OF 5.19.14

EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15

Wednesday, May 14

9:00am:	SHS Softball vs. Cambridge
11:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
12:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Beyond SHS
1:00pm:	SHS Vocational Senior Awards Banquet
2:30pm:	Student of the Quarter: Healey School
3:00pm:	Student of the Quarter: Kennedy School
4:00pm:	SHS Softball vs. Cambridge
6:00pm:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
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8:00pm:	SHS Vocational Senior Awards Banquet
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10:00pm:	Student of the Quarter: Kennedy School

Thursday, May 15

12:00am:	SHS Softball vs. Cambridge
2:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
3:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Beyond SHS
9:00am:	WSNS Science Fair
10:00am:	Highlander Forum - Scholarship
10:30am:	Student of the Quarter: Brown School
11:00am:	Student of the Quarter: Kennedy School
12:00pm:	Student of the Quarter: Argenziano School
1:00pm:	kid stuff - Bullying
2:00pm:	2014 Youth Peace Conference
5:00pm:	WSNS Science Fair
6:00pm:	Highlander Forum - Scholarship
6:30pm:	Student of the Quarter: Brown School
7:00pm:	Student of the Quarter: Kennedy School
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9:00pm:	kid stuff - Bullying
10:00pm:	2014 Youth Peace Conference

Friday, May 16

12:00am:	2014 Youth Peace Conference
2:00am:	SHS Vocational Senior Awards Banquet
9:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
10:00am:	Spring String Fling
11:00am:	2014 SHS Spring Concert
1:00pm:	2014 Youth Peace Conference
3:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Beyond SHS
4:00pm:	Highlander Boys Basketball 2013-14
4:30pm:	WSNS Science Fair
5:30pm:	kid stuff - Bullying
6:00pm:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
7:00pm:	Spring String Fling
8:00pm:	2014 SHS Spring Concert
10:00pm:	2014 Youth Peace Conference

Saturday, May 17

12:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
1:00am:	SHS Vocational Senior Awards Banquet
2:30am:	kid stuff - Bullying
9:00am:	2nd Annual World Language Awards Night
10:00am:	SHS Softball vs. Cambridge
12:00pm:	SHS Baseball vs St. Clement
2:00pm:	Lady Highlander Basketball 2013-14
2:30pm:	2014 Youth Peace Conference
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6:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Beyond SHS
7:00pm:	Student of the Quarter: Argenziano School
8:00pm:	kid stuff - Bullying
9:00pm:	2014 SHS Spring Concert

Monday, May 19

12:00am:	SHS Baseball vs. Everett
2:00am:	Argenziano School Heritage Night Concert
3:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
9:00am:	Spring String Fling
10:00am:	Highlander Boys Basketball 2013-14
10:30am:	Student of the Quarter: Kennedy School
11:00am:	Student of the Quarter: WHCIS
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

(un) civil magazine of prose and poetry Volume 1 issue 1



Former *Somerville Times* Reporter Andrea Gregory edits a new literary magazine out of U/MASS Boston where she is studying for her MFA. I had the noted critic Dennis Daly take a look at this journal of poetry and prose.

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Review by Dennis Daly

Civilizations thrive under a strong political leadership and an atmosphere of law and order. The expectation of this law and order generates time and energy and creativeness. It usually follows that the people who populate these societies move toward the wonder of artistry and the expressiveness of ideas. On the other hand, the leadership of these social orders (no matter how kindly in their origination and well-meaning in their intentions) paradoxically edge forward toward tyranny. The lesson taken from this natural progression of things should be an urgency of involvement, the constant challenge of authority, and, occasionally, a little rebellion by the populace. Thomas Jefferson, himself, would approve of a little periodic rebellion. He suggested every twenty years. Magazines such as *(un) civil* provide a provocative and potentially effective vehicle for this type of protest.

A photographic essay with an introductory editor's note at the front of the magazine, both by Shilpi Suneja, acts as a centerpiece and brings this publication to life. The photos, entitled *Turkish Spring: (un) civil Love for a Park in the heart of the City*, chronicle last summer's protests in Istanbul Turkey. The protests began over government plans to demolish a popular park in favor of a shopping mall. The disturbances quickly spread and took on a national flavor, questioning the hardline and inflexible tactics of the current Turkish administration. The country's Prime minister, Tariq Erdogan, a man, who, in his turn, once defied authority and was imprisoned for reading a poem, labeled the demonstrators "chapullers," meaning hooligans, a term which became a badge of honor and, in the form of graffiti, adorns the front cover of this magazine.

Each photo persuasively builds on the central story and engages the reader forcefully. The picture of the protest in Taksim Square especially struck a note with me. Years ago (2003), I also witnessed a very different protest march in Taksim Square that also electrified the Turkish citizenry and won its objectives. There is nothing like the excitement and ground swell of a democracy movement exercising its magical power.

Evil's banality ripens to fruition in *The Torturer's Peace*, a poem by Joaquin Giannuzzi and translated by Chris Philpot. Family life contrasts with professional life in an interesting seamless dynamic. Here's the heart of the poem,

...with 220 volts he is capable of performing wonders like uprooting

God's littlest-known secret.

His wife doesn't need to know anything about these matters which moreover would do nothing to help her make good soup.

The two children admire their father for his generous way of filling the world around them.

In *The Road* poet Richard Hoffman paints a formalized but affecting picture, a timeless landscape of war's castoffs—the refugees. Hoffman splices anger and art together very well in this anti-war poem. He begins his piece this way,

Mothers with newborns in knotted slings,
on their heads impossible towers of things,

the old in carts, the children by the hand,

these people crossing a cratered
land

are more than metaphor;
but they are also metaphor.

We are the truth to one another. Look:
don't wait for some historian's book

to understand this (then it will be too late.)
This is the unchecked power of the State...

Another poem by Hoffman entitled *A War. A Fear. A Scar. An Ear.* personifies war as a philanthropic candyman passing out sweets to children. This portrayal does not stray too far from reality I must say. Soldiers often carry candy for the local kids. As a non-combatant, but visitor in a war zone, I once did the same thing outside of a school in Afghanistan. It made me feel rather good. Hoffman explains how it really works,

The children were hungry and
The candy made them hungrier.
That's the kind of candy it was.
The war liked little bellies
And their high voices and thin
Limbs, and he liked to walk back,
When he had no candy and listen
To their tiny begging, please Mr.,
And how by morning the lovely
Green jewels of the flies flashed
Swarming on their still wet eyes.

Jennifer Martin's short story *The Jerrycan* chokes the reader in urine, shit, and mud. It tells a horrifying tale of life on the border of Chad and Sudan. Survival means tribe conspiring against tribe and family sacrifice and cruelty, always cruelty. Martin excels in delivering rich details to the reader. Consider this example,

...Most of her neighbors had gone to the camps to ask the Red Cross for items. Only those with forged camp cards or money were successful.

On occasion, a beautiful young woman would sob and receive blue plastic

sheeting to reinforce her family's tukel, perhaps a bucket, a new pot to cook in,

maybe a mosquito net. Zoubaida, not beautiful and not young, had received an

empty one and a half liter Evian bottle. Its plastic body ran now with valleys

of dents and rivers of near-cracks, but it had lasted her a year It held drinking

water and sometimes petrol or peanuts or millet grains or candles or fat white

termites for soup. When her husband was alive and behaved foolishly, it held

Zoubaida's wedding ring...

Natalya Estemirova, a journalist and Russian human rights activist went missing in 2009. Jared M. Feldschreiber includes a poem of admiration entitled *Poem for Natalya*. I like very much the contained rage and imagery in the poem's concluding lines. The poet says,

Natalya:

You did not die in vain.
Your enemies thought you were a robber of truth
And they will be punished.
You are somewhere amongst us
Beyond the withering trees.

Courage to portray the truth in the face of injustice and horror is unfortunately a rare commodity. Publications like *(un) civil* deserve our interest and, when done as well as this issue is, our thankful applause.

Our guest poet writes: "My name is Salvatore Ghamo, and I'm a Communications Major at Endicott College. I've enjoyed piecing together short stories since I was a young boy but never thought to truly pursue my craft. My freshman year of college I took a creative writing class. Since my experience in that class, I've seen the world with a whole new perspective. It is a perspective I hope to keep reflecting on in my writing."



Maggot

Vultures flood the scene

He's bound to see the clouds

Brewing over bubbling down

These chains will rust away

A slick of mud he'll grease his spine

The ditch in which he stays,

And slyly slide, right passed this hell,

For now just taste the rain

His thirst is quenched,

His pain the persistent persuasion of rest

Steal a breath,

The darkness would not confess

(Your grave a bed,) he fades...

To sweat and chirps that waft regret

And whispers haunt this breeze,

A chatter that festers in a peppered sun

Wake up! A rhythmic whip, a snake

His bane his friend came into his trench

I fear the end my hissing friend

My wounds, they wiggle with critters

For the rain I slept, and the sun I wept,

And soon you'll bite my neck but

Death will nourish this world,

If only to fill the belly

Of a couple hundred worms

— Salvatore Ghamo

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