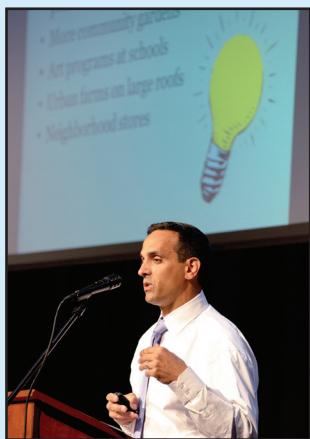




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Residents weigh in on CPA funding



The Community Preservation Committee (CPA) recently held two public meetings to present ideas to the public on how the city should handle Community Preservation Act funding.

Photo by Douglas Yu

By Douglas Yu

With the city undergoing development all over, and with the MBTA's ambitious Green Line Extension project set to make 85 percent of the city within a half-mile of a transit center, residents' attention is turning to preservation.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) held two public meetings this month to address how the city should prioritize spending Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding. More than 60 residents attended the meetings to share their opinions about what parts of the city and what issues, including affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and outdoor recreation, CPA funds could be used to improve and address.

CPA Manager Emily Monea opened the discussion by looking at previous successful CPA-funded projects.

"This Douglas House, it's a studio-type, barrier-free rental apartment units for brain-injured adults," Monea said of an example about how CPA funded the construction of a public-service facility.

View other CPA-funded projects (<http://www.communitypreservation.org/>)

"CPA can also preserve documents," Monea said.

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Two Culinary Arts teachers retiring

By Douglas Yu

Two teachers are going to retire from the culinary arts department of Somerville High School this summer. And for over 30 years, the students here have meant everything to them.

Thomas Cardon, chef instructor and the lead teacher in the department, is the trailblazer for the culinary program at SHS, which he started 33 years ago.

Cardon said that cooking is something that he fell into when he went to high school in Georgetown. Even though he studied liberal art in college, history and other academic classes had not paved the way to a career.

"I always wanted to become a chef," Cardon, who hails from Utah, said. "After I studied cooking in high school, I decided to move back to New England and started working in a restaurant."

Cardon ended up working at a seafood restaurant in Salisbury. From there, he learned important cooking techniques.

"Seafood was not necessarily my focus at that time, but we are close to

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Thomas Cardon, along with colleague Rosemary Ryan, will be retiring from after more than 30 years teaching in the Culinary Arts program at Somerville High School.

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The Somerville High Scholarship Foundation held its annual \$10,000 dollar drawing this past Friday night, May 16, at the Highlander Café at SHS. A group of about 60 people attended the event, which was hosted by the foundation's president, Joe Favaloro, and everyone's favorite former mayor, Eugene Brune. Out of 250 possible ticket sales, they started the evening with about 235 sold. Lots of door prizes were given out, with every 10th ticket called earning its holder \$100 back until the final 10 numbers were left. The ones left could choose to go on or split the money. The evening ended up with eight finalists, all of who choose to stop and split so each person won \$1,250. The final three representing themselves that were present and choosing to split were Alderman at Large Ms. Mary Jo Rossetti, Ms. Paula Mackey and Ms. Pinkham. It was a great night -as always- and the following announcement was made to everyone present: This upcoming year marks the 25th anniversary of the SHS Foundation, and it was announced that the foundation raised over \$1.2 million with a special announcement coming soon of over \$1.5 million. Their hard work over the years has helped many students at Somerville High with their education costs. The committee will be holding a 25th anniversary dinner to mark the event this year with a date to be determined.

Happy Birthday this week to some of our readers and fans here in the Ville, including Feargal O'Toole, who in his own right is very well known here in the community as the owner of "Data for Donkeys." Such a good guy. Best wishes also out to Scott Diamond, who grew up here and now works for Anheuser-Busch as director of marketing. A big happy birthday to one of our finest executive chefs to come out of Somerville. Brian Roche grew up and lived in (until recently) the Ville and is now executive chef at One Dock in Kennebunkport, Maine. So when you're up there this summer, stop in and say hi to Brian.

Condolences to the family of the late John Joyce. He was well known here in Somerville. John was assistant headmaster at Somerville High and a good guy. He was very popular with the kids throughout the years.

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Comments of the Week

Response to Fourth annual PorchFest set to commence this weekend

Philip Michael Mitza says:
Sounds like a great time.

Angelo Cazzoli says:
I've had enough of this. If anyone else trespasses, I'm releasing the dobermans!

Rob says:
My next door neighbors played for a couple hours. It was great fun and a chance to meet some folks in the neighborhood. Everyone was very friendly and respectful. Plus lots of kids! Thanks Arts Council.

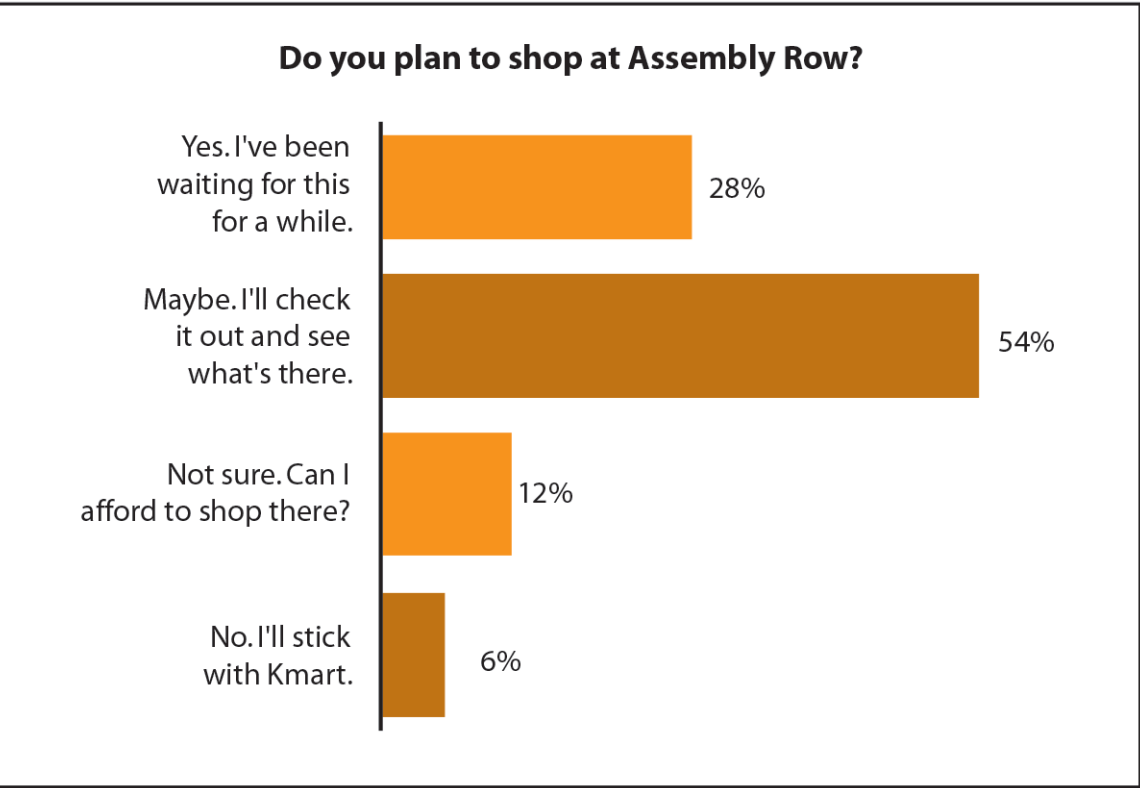
Uncle Rocco says:
What with the sound of those fiddles on the porch across the street, for almost 2 hours I could barely eavesdrop on my downstairs neighbors yelling at each other. What's this town coming to?

Villinous says:
These kids today and their rock music.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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Ward 1 concerns addressed

By Jack Adams

The Ward 1 ResiStat meeting took place May 19 at the East Somerville Community School. City officials, the Ward 1 captain and deputy of police, and Mayor Curtatone spoke about pertinent city issues, and residents had the chance to ask questions after each official spoke.

Curtatone spoke first, opening the meeting talking about how he wants to make Somerville a more walkable and bikeable city.

“This impacts not just our ability to get around, but overall our health, our economy, and overall our quality of life,” he said.

Curtatone said potholes have also been an issue, and he described the city’s efforts to fill them as a “war of attrition.” To improve streets, in addition to fixing potholes, Somerville relies on Chapter 90 road-repair and maintenance funding from the state, in addition to funds generated by the city.

“For every dollar we invest now [in our streets], we save four to six dollars down the road,” Curtatone said.

He said the city is working on several major improvements, including transforming East Broadway. The improvements will be completed within the calendar year.

He also mentioned the Community Preservation Act (CPA) passed a few years back. It is a surcharge on property tax bills, which directs money to creating or expanding affordable housing, open space, recreational space, and/or historic preservation efforts. He said 30 percent of the money generated goes to those areas (10 percent to each), while a CPA committee, elected by statute, decides

upon the use of the other 70 percent.

Curtatone said that as part of Somer-Vision, the city’s comprehensive 20-year plan, Somerville officials hope to create 6,000 new units of housing in the next two decades, 1,200 of which will be deeded as permanent affordable housing.

“Density is really good for sustainability, for the environment, for the economy, for diversity,” he said. “The more sprawl, the worse it is for Somerville.”

After Curtatone, Meghan Eckermann “talked trash,” as Curtatone put it.

She began by talking about rats. Eckermann showed a graphic with the number of calls reporting rats in Somerville. In 2012 and 2013, the number of calls increased dramatically, with over 600 calls. She said some of the factors controlling the number of rats are open trashcans and pet food and water left outside.

To help combat the problem, Somerville is offering residents one free visit from pest control if it’s determined that there truly is a rat infestation. In addition to regular extermination methods, Somerville has agreed to be a testing ground for a new rat birth control drug called SenesTech, which will make rats infertile. Curtatone jokingly called it “Planned Rat-hood.” He said the effects of the SenesTech should be apparent next year. The city will also begin providing residents with tighter-sealed trash containers beginning next month.

Newly promoted police captain Stephen Carrabino, in charge of Ward 1, spoke about safety. He said that so far in 2014, robbery has been down by 47 percent compared to the last three years, and assaults have been down by 41 percent.

Carrabino said commercial burglaries



Photos by Jack Adams

Mayor Curtatone shared some ideas with those in attendance at the Ward 1 ResiStat meeting held Monday night at the East Somerville Community School.



Somerville Police Captain Stephen Carrabino (above) and design specialist Brad Ross (below) also addressed important issues confronting Ward 1 residents.



are an issue. He gave an example of a series of burglaries around Pearl Street. After the police picked up a man who fit a description of the criminal suspected in the robberies, the crimes ended.

“One person can wreck our neighborhood,” he said.

He advised people not to wear ear buds while walking, to walk with friends, to leave a light on when leaving the house, to cover the ATM pin pad, and to lock car doors.

“Don’t do things that are going to attract a criminal to you, because crime is going to be here,” he said. “It’s not going to end; just use common sense.”

Brad Ross ended the meeting discussing design. He said he is open to suggestions from residents. He also talked about the need to update the technology used for cataloging and planning Somerville’s neighborhoods.

Moving forward, Somerville’s neighborhoods need to be walkable, accessible, vibrant, funky and full of that “diverse, culturally-dynamic Somerville spirit,” Ross said.

He lamented zoning regulations that make it possible to box in porches, yet do not allow for adding new porches.

“Our residents love this form, and we know that data supports that it is part of our culture here in Somerville, which our regulations don’t necessarily support,” he said.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

He couldn't answer the phone just then

Somerville Police Department narcotics detectives, following up on information acquired in the course of their ongoing investigations, turned their attention last week to alleged dealing in oxycodone tablets by Malcom Powell, 23, of Malden.

Prior to this particular police investigation, Powell reportedly had a prior arrest history on charges of trafficking cocaine, possession to distribute cocaine and possession to distribute marijuana.

Undercover investigators set up a buy with Powell, arranging by cell phone to acquire 10 oxycodone tablets while meeting at a prearranged location, according to reports.

The transaction was set to take place in the Home Depot parking lot and surveillance units were put in place there prior to the arranged meeting.

At the appointed time, Powell reportedly arrived in his car and undercover officers immediately directed him to stop, which he failed to do, and his vehicle bumped into an undercover car that was being used to block his way from escaping the parking lot.

As officers converged on the vehicle, Powell was reportedly observed attempting to swallow what was believed to be the illegal pills. Officers attempted to prevent Powell from swallowing the substances but were unsuccessful.

A search of Powell and his vehicle turned up over \$1500 in currency as well as several cell phones, some of which were ringing during the process of arresting the suspect.

Powell was placed under arrest and charged with resisting arrest and drug possession to distribute.

Because he had apparently swallowed a number of oxycodone tablets, according to the officer's observations and judgment, it was determined that Powell should be transported to the hospital for observation and treatment if needed. He was subsequently taken there by ambulance.

At the hospital, Powell reportedly admitted that he had swallowed "pills in a plastic bag."

Knife-wielding antagonist denied his fight

Police were dispatched to a Derby St. residence last Thursday on reports of a possible altercation in progress. According to reports, a large group of teenagers were gathered outside of the residence and the reporting party was being taunted to come out of the house and fight.

Upon arrival, officers asked the reporting party, a juvenile, to explain what had happened. The reporting party told officers that he had an ongoing issue with one of the individuals involved in the incident. This suspect allegedly urged some female companions to try to lure the reporting party outside in order to fight with him.

The reporting party said that when he looked out the window he saw that the suspect was holding a knife, police said, and that he feared for his personal safety.

The reporting party further said that when the suspect saw the police coming he threw the knife he was carrying into the front yard area of the reporting party's neighbor's property. The suspect then allegedly opened the gate to the neighbor's backyard area, allowing the neighbor's dog to run into the street, and went into the yard to escape detection by the arriving officers.

Police reportedly found the weapon in the neighbor's front yard, but a search of the rear of the residence yielded no results and it was determined that the suspect had gotten away.

The reporting party supplied police with the suspect's address and they proceeded there, where they questioned the suspect's mother about his whereabouts.

Police was told that he was not there, according to reports.

A short time later the suspect was spotted outside of a nearby convenience store and was detained for questioning.

The suspect was reportedly uncooperative in answering the officer's questions. He was placed under arrest and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and witness intimidation.

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Arrests:

Juan Portillo, 42, May 12, 6:16 p.m., arrested at Hawkins St. on charges of possession of a dangerous weapon and assault and battery on a public employee, and on warrant charges of nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and possession of a burglarious instrument.

Michael McMahon, 47, of 51 Dartmouth St., May 13, 2:53 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of unregistered motor vehicle or trailer.

Michael Manning, 38, of 19 Paris St., Medford, May 14, 4:09 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense.

Mark Alfeiri, 25, of 63A Somerville Ave., May 14, 7:35 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on warrant charges of use of a motor vehicle without authority and drug possession to distribute.

A juvenile, May 15, 8:39 p.m., arrested at 472 Mystic Ave. on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and witness intimidation.

Malcom Powell, 23, of 72 Mountain Ave., Malden, May 15, 6:05 p.m., arrested at 236 Highland Ave. on charges of resisting arrest and drug possession to distribute.

Alexsandro Ribeiro, 29, of 105 Grant St., May 15, 9:46 p.m., arrested at 105 Grant St. on a warrant charge of assault to murder.

Keith Hujsak, 31, of 217 Summer St., May 18, 1:58 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Incidents:

Theft:

May 13, 1:24 p.m., police reported a theft at Benton Rd.

May 13, 5:29 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

May 13, 7:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Summit Ave.

May 14, 11:03 a.m., police reported a theft at Linden Ave.

May 14, 3:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

May 16, 12:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Garrison Ave.

May 16, 2:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

May 17, 11:19 a.m., police reported a theft at Village St.

May 18, 1:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Douglas Ave.

May 18, 11:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Mystic Ave.

Robbery:

May 18, 2:17 p.m., police reported a robbery at 230 Highland Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

May 13, 7:32 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Brook St.

May 15, 4:58 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at North St.

May 15, 9:01 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Powder House Terr.

May 18, 1:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Winter St.

Vehicle Theft:

May 14, 11:11 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway.

Assault:

May 18, 8:17 a.m., police reported an assault at 425 Washington St.

May 18, 6:54 p.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

Destruction of Property:

May 13, 2:31 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 15 Webster Ave.

May 14, 8:15 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Pennsylvania Ave.

May 14, 9:11 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Mystic Ave.

May 15, 10:50 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 35 Charlestown St.

May 16, 4:56 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Benedict St.

May 17, 1:29 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Central St.

May 17, 11:26 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Willow Ave.

Drug Violation:

May 14, 2:09 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 75 Mystic Ave.

May 15, 3:44 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 1 Mystic Ave.

Driving Under the Influence:

May 17, 4:28 p.m., police reported a driving under the influence at Lowell St.

Disorderly Conduct:

May 18, 1:58 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Summer St.

City to distribute rodent-resistant trash carts

The city will begin distributing uniform trash carts to residential units in June in an effort to help control the rodent population and reduce the city's solid waste tonnage. Every household that receives trash service from the city will be provided for free with one 64-gallon, rodent-resistant wheeled trash cart similar to the Zero-Sort recycling carts already in use.

The uniform trash cart program is part of the Integrated Pest Management Plan announced by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone in November that, among other efforts, includes five initiatives designed to intensify existing city rodent control programs. They include: financial assistance for residential rodent control; a new uniform residential trash cart program; comprehensive dumpster inspection and enforcement; establishment of the Rodent Action Team (RAT); and rodent fertility management as piloted in New York City.

The new carts' sturdy construction and secure-fitting lids will keep out rodents, denying them a food source, and will result in fewer blown-over barrels, helping to keep streets clean and attractive on trash days. The new carts must be placed on the curb for pickup with the lid tightly closed, as noted in the city's current ordinance. If stored outside, they must also always be tightly closed.

"We run into issues now where households have smaller trash cans that overflow, so the majority of trash is uncovered on pickup day and more likely to be stored uncovered during the week," Director of Inspectional Services Goran Smiljic said. "Not only are the new carts harder for rodents to chew through than most commercially sold carts, the average Somerville household produces 33 gallons of trash each week, so the new 64-gallon cart will have more than 30 gallons of built-in space for overflow that will fit inside with the lid still closed tightly."

Delivery of the new carts to homes will take place over a four-week period start-

ing at the beginning of June. The carts will come with clear instructions for their use, and residents are encouraged to mark them with their address to help ensure that they stay on the property.

Data indicate that, combined with active recycling, the 64-gallon cart should offer sufficient trash capacity for more than 85 percent of households most weeks. Households producing more trash than fits in the cart may place overflow trash curbside in their current trash barrels without a lid. Over the coming months, the city will monitor use of the carts and may make changes to the program based on data and feedback from residents.

"The city and the Board of Aldermen are committed both to protecting our environment and to controlling the rodent population, and with this program we are asking residents to join in both of these efforts," Curtatone said.

"Examples elsewhere suggest that when you give people a uniform trash receptacle, they produce less trash, which reduces their carbon footprint, and these carts will be doing double duty by helping to reduce rodent activity as well," added Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 7 alderman and chairman of the Environment and Energy Committee.

The carts, which are being provided by Russell Disposal, came at no cost to the city, and city officials expect them to lead to cost savings in the future as solid waste tonnage decreases and the cost of disposal increases. The carts' standard design will allow them to be picked up more easily, improving worker safety and making collection quicker and more efficient. Their handles and wheels will make them easy to roll to the curb, even when full.

The city's Rodent Action Team will be presenting an update on their efforts as part of a public hearing on rodent issues being held by the Rodent Issues Subcommittee of the Board of Aldermen at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

Somerville's Memorial Day Parade Sunday



Alderman At Large Jack Connolly with the 2014 grand marshal is Col. Mark Cremin.

Somerville's annual Memorial Day Parade and corresponding ceremonies are set for Sunday, May 25.

Morning events, sponsored by American Legion Post #19 in conjunction with the Somerville Allied Veterans' Council, will begin at 8 a.m. at American Legion Post #19, 124 Highland Ave., with a short procession down Highland Avenue to the Central Library and the placing of wreaths on monuments along Central Hill Park. The parade will step off from the City Hall/Somerville High School concourse at 1 p.m. and will proceed for 2.3 miles down Highland Avenue to the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Teele Square. The parade will conclude in Veterans' Memorial Cemetery with a ceremony of remembrance for fallen Somerville veterans under the supervision of the Somerville Allied Veterans Council. All events will be held rain or shine.

The parade will include 15 performing groups, including new bands and performers such as The Dirty Water Brass Band, the Revolutionary Snake Ensemble, the Worcester Brass Band and the Worcester Brass Band Drum Line. As always, the parade will include a wide range of community and school groups, the popular specialty units of the Aleppo Shriners and representatives of local veterans, fire and police units from surrounding cities and towns.

The 2014 grand marshal is Col. Mark Cremin, a recently retired veteran with an extraordinary 32-year military career, including two combat-zone deployments. Born and raised in Somerville, Cremin served three terms as Somerville's Ward 6 alderman before joining the Army as a first lieutenant with the Judge Advocate General's Corps and ultimately earning a Master of Laws degree in Military Law as well as a Master of Science in National Security Studies. Cremin has served in numerous capacities as legal counsel with the Army, including: senior trial counsel with the 3rd Infantry Division in Wurzburg, Germany; senior defense counsel with the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service in Vicenza, Italy; chief of military justice with the 1st Armored Division in Ansbach, Germany; operational law officer and deputy chief of the International and Operational Law Division, Office of The Judge Advocate General; chief,

Defense Appellate Division, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency; chief of the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service; and chief of the Judge Advocate General's Professional Responsibility Branch.

Cremin has deployed twice to combat zones, serving as tactical operations officer and legal advisor to the 1st Armored Division in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and as staff judge advocate for Multi-National Corps - Iraq, Baghdad. He has received numerous awards and decorations, and wears the Parachutist and Army Staff Identification Badges and the 1st Armored Division and III Corps combat badges. Cremin has been married for more than 30 years to the former Loretta Rizzo. They have four children: Danielle Stinson; Capt. Kevin Cremin, Army; David Cremin; and Thomas Cremin. They also have two grandchildren, Uriah and Isaac Stinson.

To accommodate the parade, the following streets will have parking restrictions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and street closures beginning at approximately 9:30 a.m.: Highland Avenue (Walnut Street to School Street); Prescott Street (Summer Street to Highland Avenue); Putnam Street (Summer Street to Highland Avenue); Vinal Avenue (Summer Street to Highland Avenue); School Street (Medford Street to Highland Avenue); Walnut Street (Medford Street to Highland Avenue); and Alewife Brook Parkway (to Dilboy).

Beginning at 11 a.m., there will also be no parking on either side of the following streets (and in front of the Somerville Veterans Cemetery from North Street to Route 16). These restrictions will be lifted immediately following the parade: Highland Avenue (Walnut Street to Davis Square); Holland Street (Davis Square to Teele Square); Broadway (Holland Street to Route 16); Dilboy Field; and Little Sisters of the Poor (186 Highland Avenue).

Also, the number 88 MBTA bus route to and from Clarendon Hill will not be running from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Veterans' Services is currently seeking volunteers to assist with parade duties. If you are interested in volunteering May 25, or if you would like more information, contact Veterans' Services at 617-625-6600, ext. 4700.

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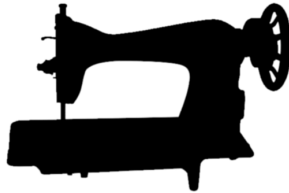
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City first in state to pass 'Complete Streets Ordinance'

Following a unanimous vote by the Board of Aldermen May 8, Mayor Joe Curtatone announces that the city became the first municipality in the state to pass a Complete Streets Ordinance, and the sixth community in Massachusetts to enact related policies.

Based on national and international best practices, Somerville's ordinance codifies the city's ongoing mission of creating and supporting safe, convenient and healthier modes of transportation for all users by ensuring that Somerville's streets are designed to encourage walking, biking and public transportation use while reducing automobile dependency and congestion. It will also enable convenient active transportation as part of daily activities, improve residents' health by addressing a wide array of health and environmental issues, encourage walkable economic/business development, and meet the needs of all users of streets, including children, older adults and persons with disabilities.

"A major goal set forth by our community members in SomerVision [the city's 20-year comprehensive plan] prescribes the development of a street network that is conducive to safe and enjoyable use as part of a multi-modal transportation network that promotes sustainability,

and our Complete Streets Ordinance addresses this head on," Curtatone said.

"Having served as the acting chair of the committee discussing this important piece of legislation, I am excited to move forward with the implementation of Somerville's Complete Streets program to continue to help our community realize the goals outlined in SomerVision and integrate this type of planning into all projects we undertake in the city," Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti said. "Its successes and importance not only here in Somerville but nationwide are well documented, and it will be a great asset to an already forward-thinking community."

Somerville Bicycle Committee Chairman Alex Epstein agreed.

"I applaud the city of Somerville for continuing to assure that its streets are designed, built and retrofitted for the benefit of all people—those walking, bicycling, using buses, and driving," he said. "With bicycle traffic increasing by over 50 percent in the past two years while car traffic on some streets has actually declined, this is an ideal time to formalize the city's use of National Association of City Officials street design standards that better prioritize the safety of people who walk, bike and use the T."

What is 'Complete Streets'?

Complete Streets is the planning, scoping, design, implementation, operation and maintenance of roads in order to reasonably address the safety and accessibility needs of users of all ages and abilities, considering the needs of motorists, pedestrians, transit users and bicyclists. The infrastructure integrated within Complete Streets plans provide safe travel experiences for all users while supporting and encouraging non-motorized transportation and prioritizing the needs of the most vulnerable users: children, the elderly and persons with disabilities. Such physical street design features include but are not limited to:

- Pedestrian focused elements: sidewalks; accessible curb ramps; high-visibility, raised crosswalks and tables; pedestrian signals, including leading, countdown, and or accessible signals for the blind; improvements that provide ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant accessibility; improved pedestrian access to transit stops and bus shelters; and signage.
- Bicycle-focused elements: conventional and buffered bicycle lanes; cycle tracks; or shared-use lanes when lanes are not feasible; paved shoulders; bicycle parking facilities.
- Traffic calming and/or greening elements: street trees and landscaping; marked automobile lanes; curbs; modern roundabouts, traffic bumps, raised tables and crosswalks; raised medians; surface treatments such as paving blocks, textured asphalt, and concrete.
- Transit focused elements: safe and attractive public transportation stops and facilities; transit priority signalization; bus stop curb extensions to prevent obstruction by parked cars; queue jump lanes for buses, and where applicable dedicated transit lanes.

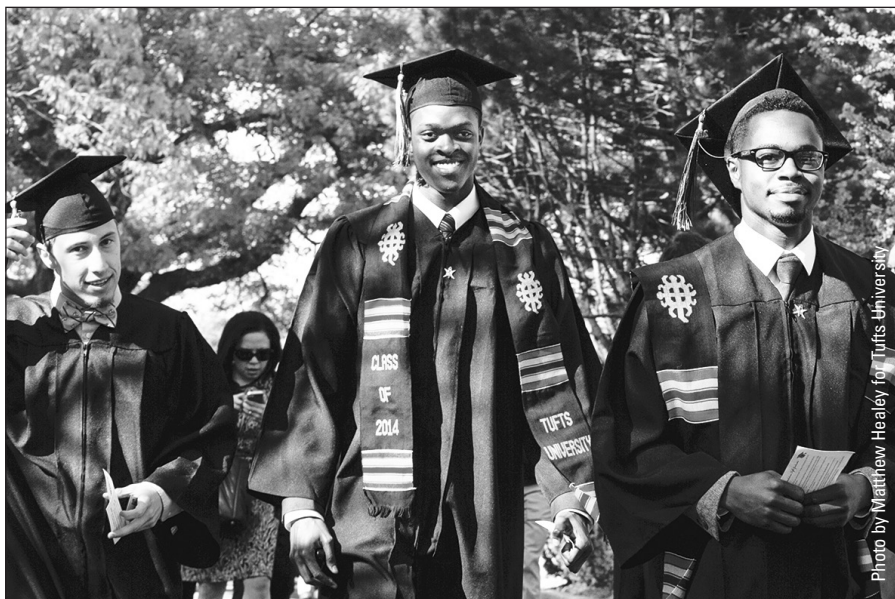
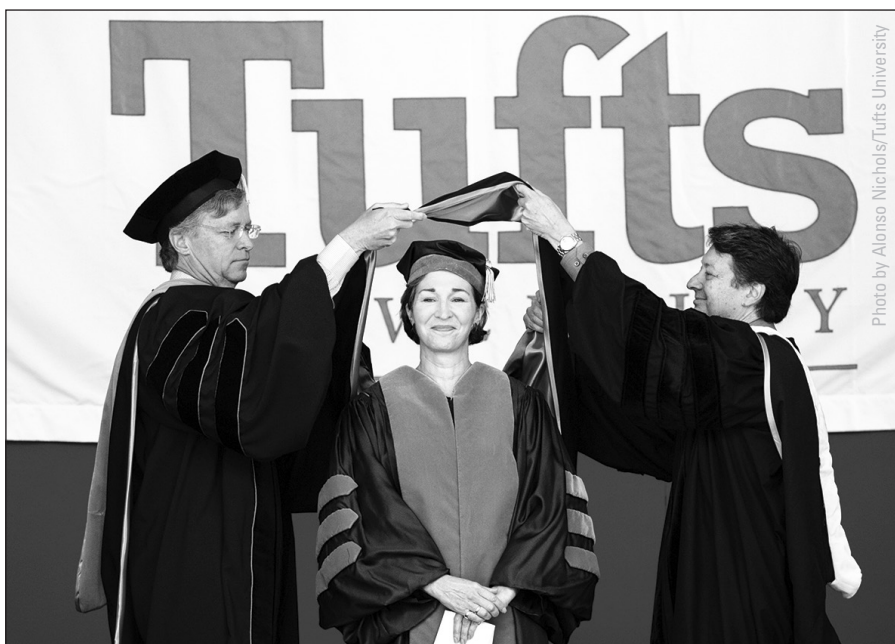
"Complete Streets programs not only provide tremendous health, quality of life and other benefits to our infrastructure, they also support economic growth and community stability by providing accessible and efficient connections, as well as reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing countless other positive impacts, particularly for densely settled urban communities," Board of Aldermen President Bill White said. "I am pleased that the mayor and Board of Aldermen were able to work together to craft and pass this innovative ordinance."

For more information about the city's Complete Streets program, visit <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/by-design>, or www.somerville-bysign.com.

Tufts' commencement ceremonies 2014



Anne-Marie Slaughter, the current President and CEO of the New America Foundation, gave Tufts University's commencement address Sunday, May 18. She was formerly the Bert G. Kerstetter '66 University Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University and Dean of its Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She is an academic, foreign policy analyst, and public commentator. She served as Director of Policy Planning for the U.S. State Department from January 2009 until February 2011 under Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. She is an international lawyer and political scientist who has taught at the University of Chicago and Harvard University, and is a former president of the American Society of International Law.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on five roll calls and local senators on six from the week of May 12-16.

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.

CHANGES IN ELECTION LAWS (H 4207)
House 147-4, Senate 38-0, approved a bill making changes in the state’s election laws. Key provisions allow online voter registration; 16- and 17-year-olds to “pre-register” to vote and automatically be qualified to vote upon turning 18; and early voting beginning 10 business days before any primary or general election and ending two days before the election.

Supporters said it is time for Massachusetts to join the 19 states that allow online registration and the 32 that permit early voting. They argued both changes will increase voter turnout.

Some opponents said the pre-registration of 16- and 17-year-olds is an unnecessary and unworkable idea that

is opposed by many understaffed city and town clerks. They said many teenagers who pre-register will go away to college and find out they can’t vote in their college town because they are already registered in their hometown. Others argued the proposal does not include a key safeguard requiring voters to show a picture ID in order to vote.

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

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

REQUIRE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ALL TAX HIKES (H 4069)

House 31-118, rejected an amendment that would require the Legislature to conduct at least six public hearings in different parts of the state on any legislation that would establish, increase or expand any new or existing tax or fee.

Amendment supporters said this is a reasonable requirement that would ensure the public is made aware of any proposed taxes or fees. They noted it would allow voters to make their feelings known.

Amendment opponents said the Legislature already holds a hearing on every bill. They noted that this requirement goes too far and would require a series of public hearings even on a \$1 fee increase.

(A “Yes” vote is for requiring public hearings. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

\$100 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION AID (H 4069)

House 114-33, approved an amendment prohibiting a proposal providing cities and towns with an additional \$100 million in transportation funds from taking effect until the Patrick administration studies the economic impact of the increase. The funds would come from the state’s Rainy Day Fund and would be used for road and bridge repairs and other transportation projects.

Supporters of the delay said it is fiscally irresponsible to take this money from the Rainy Day Fund and spend current budget assets on capital projects. They argued this would lower the state’s bond rating and result in higher borrowing costs.

Opponents of the delay said the money is needed by cash-starved cities and towns and will help prevent layoffs and budget cuts. They noted the state took in \$627 million more than expected in fiscal year 2013 and currently has over \$500 million in unanticipated revenue for fiscal 2014 with two months still to go.

(A “Yes” vote is for the delay. A “No” vote is against the delay and favors the \$100 million for cities and towns.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

WITHHOLD \$65 MILLION UNTIL HEALTH CONNECTOR REPORT IS MADE (H 4069)

House 40-110, rejected an amendment that would with-

hold \$65 million in funding for the Obamacare Health Connector until the state conducts a review and provides the Legislature with a report outlining the financial impact of the Connector’s failed website.

Amendment supporters said the Patrick administration has promised but keeps delaying providing this information. They argued it is fiscally irresponsible to continue to fund the Connector and any website without knowing what went horribly wrong with the website and what the financial impact is.

Amendment opponents agreed that the website was a disaster but said the Patrick administration has already agreed to provide this information. They argued it is unfair to withhold money that will help provide insurance for thousands of Massachusetts residents.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment withholding the \$65 million. A “No” vote is against withholding it and favors providing the \$65 million now.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

REMOVE DRUG-ADDICTED BABIES FROM MOTHERS (H 4069)

House 118-31, approved an amendment that would delay a proposal requiring the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to take custody of and find a foster home for babies born addicted to drugs because of the use of illegal drugs by the mother. The amendment would delay the requirement until the state conducts a study of the issue. The proposal also mandates that the birth mother submit to treatment and random drug testing.

Supporters of the delay said they might support the idea but that the proposal is a major change and should be filed as a separate bill that would go through the normal legislative process including public hearings.

Opponents of the delay said this is a straightforward issue that should be voted upon now. They argued the amendment would protect infants born addicted to drugs and improve or even save their lives.

(A “Yes” vote is for the delay. A “No” vote is against the delay and favors turning the children over to DCF.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (S 2133)

Senate 40-0, approved and sent to the House a bill designed to give recovering drug addicts better access to substance abuse treatment. Provisions include requiring all insurance carriers to reimburse for substance abuse treatment services delivered by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor; removing prior authorization for acute treatment services and clinical stabilization services for commercial insurers and requiring coverage for a total of up to 21 days; and removing prior authorization for MassHealth Managed Care entities and mandating coverage of up to 15 days of clinical services.

Supporters said this long overdue legislation is a major weapon in the fight against the opiate addiction epidemic in the Bay State. The argued it is the beginning of a long process to prevent and treat addiction and save countless lives and families.

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(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

DESIGNER DRUGS (S 2133)

Senate 6-33, rejected an amendment that would make “designer drugs” illegal. Designer drugs are drugs that are manufactured by drug dealers with slightly changed chemical compounds so that they are technically not illegal.

Amendment supporters said this will stop devious dealers from staying one step ahead of the law by slightly changing compounds but still ruining users’ lives.

Amendment opponents said there are hundreds of designer drugs, and some are sold in convenience stores and gas stations. They said the amendment would unfairly punish buyers who are not even aware the drug is illegal.

(A “Yes” vote is for making designer drugs illegal. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

RATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS (S 2133)

Senate 4-35, rejected an amendment requiring the state to create a website that provides information on the success rate of substance abuse services.

Amendment supporters said this would create transparency and help patients make informed choices by providing information on the success rate and consumer satisfaction with drug abuse programs across the state.

Amendment opponents said that while the amendment is well-intentioned, there could be unintended consequences including facilities not taking on difficult cases because they fear the treatment will fail and their rating would be lowered.

(A “Yes” vote is for requiring a website. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

SUE IF NOT COVERED FOR MENTAL HEALTH (S 2133)

Senate 14-25, rejected an amendment that would allow consumers to bring private lawsuits to enforce their rights under the existing mental health parity law. That law requires insurers to cover treatment for mental health and substance abuse disorders in the same way that they cover treatment for a physical illness. The measure also allows the consumer to collect triple damages if the suit is successful.

Amendment supporters cited cases in which parity has not been achieved and in which insurers are still denying mental health coverage.

Amendment opponents said the amendment has merit but argued this bill is not the appropriate place to address this important issue. They said it should be addressed in a separate bill that has already been approved by the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

DELAY \$65 MILLION FUNDING FOR CONNECTOR AUTHORITY’S WEBSITE (H 4069)

Senate 33-4, rejected an amendment that would require Gov. Deval Patrick to request a federal waiver to allow the state to reinstitute its original 2006 health care website exchange, rather than continue to spend money trying to build a new website that would comply with Obamacare regulations. The amendment would prohibit any money from being spent on a new website until the waiver is filed. The state recently approved a dual path -- a plan to hire a new vendor to build a new website with a backup option to join the federal health exchange.

Amendment supporters said it cost the state only \$10 million in 2006 to build the highly successful site that led to 98 percent of Massachusetts residents being covered. They argued that the failed Connector has already cost hundreds of millions of dollars and argued the cost-effective and efficient choice is to get permission to reinstitute the successful original site.

Amendment opponents offered no arguments.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment withholding the \$65 million. A “No” vote favors providing the \$65 million now.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

TRANSGENDER PROTECTION (H 3625) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill that would add gender identity as a class protected from discrimination in the Boston housing market and give the Boston Fair Housing Commission enforcement powers. Current law prohibits discrimination in several areas including race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, handicap, source of income and military status.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE VIOLATIONS BY LOCAL OFFICIALS (H 3760) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill that 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. These are the same penalties that are currently imposed on candidates for state and county office.

Supporters said it is time to eliminate this unfair loophole that favors municipal candidates.

PROHIBIT SHACKLING OF PREGNANT INMATES (S 3978) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill that would prohibit the shackling of a female prisoner during pregnancy, labor and delivery. The proposal also establishes minimum standards for the treatment and medical care of pregnant prisoners including adequate nutrition and prenatal care.

USED MATTRESSES (H 263) - The House gave initial approval to a measure requiring the labeling of any mattress, box spring, studio couch or futon mattress that has been used by a consumer and returned to the store for resale. The required wording on the label would indicate that “this mattress, box spring, studio couch or futon mattress has been previously sold, delivered, used and returned and is being offered for resale.”

TELEMARKETERS MUST SHOW REAL PHONE NUMBER (H 285) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would prohibit “spoofing,” a practice used by telemarketing companies to have a phony telephone number show up on a consumer’s Caller ID. The number would have to be “a legitimate number in which the consumer can directly communicate with the solicitor.” Current law only prohibits the telemarketers from blocking their phone number from appearing on Caller ID.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I am not going to do this again.” — *Senate President Therese Murray banging the gavel to ask members again to please quiet down so debate can be heard.*

“It blows my mind that I have to sign a law for that.” — *Gov. Patrick, noting he can’t believe the practice of shackling of pregnant inmates is allowed. Patrick signed a bill to ban the practice.*

“It is time to have Republicans who understand that our job is to go in there and protect the taxpayers and to fight as an opposition party and be unafraid to stand for the values that we stand for ... When we have leadership that wants to bend and go along with the priorities of the Democrats, we’re going to be nothing but a failure.” — *Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover) calling for the resignation of House Republican Minority Leader Brad Jones.*

“You don’t have to be a rocket scientist, and obviously Rep. Lyons isn’t, to realize that you need some support on the Democratic side of the aisle to get issues advanced ... That’s just a mathematical reality, as much as I may not or he may not like it to be the case.” — *Jones responding to Lyons.*

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

During the week of May 12-16, the House met for a total of five hours and 22 minutes and the Senate met for a total of four hours and 29 minutes.

Mon. May 12	House 11:05 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.
Tues. May 13	No House session Senate 1:01 p.m. to 3:39 p.m.
Wed. May 14	House 12:12 p.m. to 4:22 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. May 15	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Senate 1:05 p.m. to 2:39 p.m.
Fri. May 16	No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Remembering soldiers who chose Somerville—and became Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

On Central Hill Park outside City Hall and Somerville High School sits the Somerville Honor Roll, listing the names of service men and women who served our nation in World War II, along with some who served in the Korean War. Stepping inside the memorial, your eyes fall upon a list of names, a com-

mon sight in cities and towns across our great country. This Memorial Day, I invite you to join our Memorial Day remembrances, stepping off at 8 a.m. from American Legion Post #19, and join us in placing wreaths at the Honor Roll and other memorials along Central Hill Park. Or, if you cannot attend the remembrances but are coming for the parade, before the parade steps off from City Hall at 1 p.m.—or afterward—take a moment to step inside the Honor Roll. And then take a closer look at the names memorialized on its walls.

Woo Hock Kun. Sarkis A. Nalbandian. G.T. Papageor-

gopoulos. Our country has long been a beacon of hope and promise for immigrants from around the world. That's particularly evident here in Somerville, a city where immigrants make up the core of who we are as a community. Somerville has always been a gateway for newcomers. From the Italians, Irish and Greeks who came to our city in the early part of the 20th century, to the Portuguese, Brazilians, Salvadorans, Haitians, Tibetans, Chinese and many others who have arrived since, every one of these hopeful individuals seeking a new life chose Somerville—and then they became Somerville. And Americans.

Gabriel Rodrigues. Donat Lebreque. Helen C. Kaukiewicz. Immigrants have given us so much of what makes Somerville stand out today, including our diversity—and our tenacity. For immigrants, their children and grandchildren, the will to not only survive but to succeed in a new country is woven into our DNA. So is commitment to our communities and our nation—a commitment evident in the names on the walls of the Somerville Honor Roll, and memorials like it across the United States.

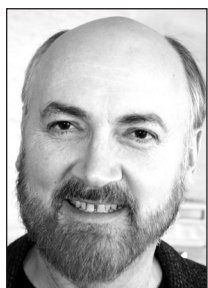
There is a storied history of newcomers to the United States enlisting and defending

their adopted homeland. By the 1840s, half of all U.S. military recruits were born in foreign countries, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Today, almost 5 percent of active-duty service men and women in the Armed Forces are foreign born, including 11,000 women. Each year around 8,000 noncitizens enlist in the U.S. military.

Julio Souza. James A. Corria. Lewis M.D. Siegel. Eight years ago, Sen. John McCain spoke before the Senate Armed Services Committee and noted that more than 20 percent of those who have received the Armed Forces' highest

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Climate forecast: Dire to catastrophic Part 2: What is to be done



By William C. Shelton

The long-term climate forecast moved sharply toward catastrophic last week. Two research teams using different methods published evidence that melting of the Western Antarctic ice sheet now appears to be unstoppable. The water contained therein would, by itself, raise global sea levels by more than

ten feet over the coming two hundred years.

This was the third big climate-change-news event in as many weeks. In April, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released the third and last report of its fifth cycle. It focused on what is to be done. Exploring 1,200 scenarios for averting disaster, it recommended the cheapest and most effective of them.

The report shows that the best way to reduce catastrophic impacts is to abandon fossil fuels. It presents persuasive evidence that doing so would not precipitate the kind of economic chaos that climate-change de-

niers forecast. It calculates that moving from fossil fuels to renewables would reduce expected annual economic growth rates by only .06%.

While emphasizing the need for international cooperation and placing a price on carbon, the report disappointed liberals on several counts. It dismissed cap-and-trade as a policy that has not worked where it has been tried. Instead, nations should consider instituting a revenue-neutral carbon tax and eliminating government subsidies for fossil fuel production.

And it argues that fracking is a critical interim measure in transitioning from fossil fuels

to renewables, but only if coal is abandoned. It's my own view that the integral fast reactor is an inherently safe form of fission energy whose minimal risks are outweighed by the much greater risks of climate change.

The second news event came earlier this month with release of the 800-page National Climate Assessment. The Global Change Research Act of 1990 had mandated a report every four years, but the Bush Jr. administration defied the mandate.

The Assessment showed that climate change is already well underway and getting worse. The extreme weather events that we've seen in the Northeast U.S.

will increase, decimating infrastructure. Billion-dollar weather events will continue in the Southeast. The growing season will lengthen in the Midwest, but with greater unpredictability regarding longer droughts and early frosts. Water shortage and fires will continue to ravage the Southwest, and insect infestations, the Northwest.

Receiving little notice was a Pentagon-commissioned report released last week, documenting the severe risk to national security posed by climate-change-driven political violence. It was overshadowed by the news from Antarctica.

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Job #1!



I did a story back in 2011 about the first jobs of my baby boomer Somerville friends. This is part two. In the first story,

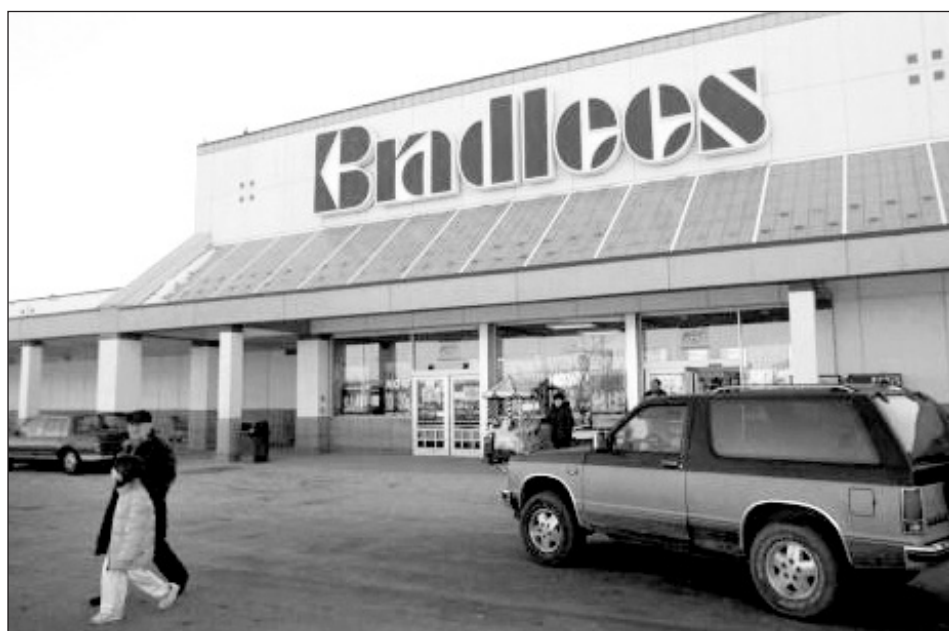
I mentioned that I worked at Lyndell's Bakery as a helper (in the '60s) and at FW Woolworth's as a stock boy/lunch counter guy. I also worked at The Dodge 'Em Cars at Revere Beach. Newcomers to the Ville may be scratching their heads when they read some of the following places, saying, "I never heard of that joint..." That's because a lot of the establishments mentioned are now history. So I guess it's sort of like us Somerville lifers are speak-

ing in some kind of secret code.

One friend worked at Loud's Candy shop in Powder House Square for Mr. Melville and Garret Insurance for Mr. Garrett, Jim Lynch and Ralph Jr. Remember those guys? The Dunkin' Donuts in Porter Square hired a lot of Somerville kids. I also worked briefly at the CVS in Porter before it moved across the street. Some of my friends worked at Friendly Family Center and Osco in Davis Square. It's now Rite-Aid, though I still call it Osco.

A lady traveled all the way to Medford for her job at Child World near Welling-ton Circle. After working hard at La Con- tessa Italian Bakery,

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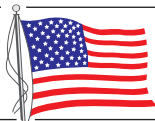
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Get ready, Somerville — Assembly Row is rolling out its new stores!

The View Of The Times



Residents will need to keep a lid on it if they want to see fewer rodents in their homes and neighborhoods.

The city has mounted another offensive in the “war on rats” with the announcement that it will begin distributing 64-gallon rodent-resistant trash carts to residential units that receive trash service from the city. The carts, provided by Russell Disposal, will be given out (as in for free) beginning next month.

The carts, however, are only effective if people use them correctly, which includes making sure they are tightly sealed. The city has undertaken a number of steps to reduce the rat population, such as attempting to sterilize them through treated bait traps and stepped-up enforcement of dumpster licensing, use and maintenance.

On that last note, residents have a right –and an obligation- to act as unofficial enforcement officers. We’ve all seen the overflowing dumpsters crammed high with trash like a precarious house of cards. Even worse is when the dumpsters are full to the point where trash bags are left on the ground so they are just “dumpster adjacent,” creating a literal buffet for hungry vermin.

To take a cue from crime reporting, if you see something, say something. This is one of those times when it’s OK to rat someone out.

The city has a duty to keep Somerville as clean and rodent-free as possible, but so do the residents who, knowingly or maybe not, contribute to the problem by not taking simple steps to help curb the rodent population. The public will have a chance to hear from the city’s Rodent Action Team, which will provide an update on its efforts during a public hearing at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

Cheese and crackers, for obvious reasons, will not be served.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Condolences to Ward 3 School Committee member Adam Sweeting, who recently lost his father.

We recently heard that an old Somerville friend, Ann Lanahan, who was very involved with Somerville Rotary, had passed away. She was also head of the Davis Square welfare office for many years. Anne was a lovely lady who was very popular for many years here in Somerville. Our condolences to her family.

While at the SHS Foundation drawing the other night, we learned that some old time Somerville names are still involved in the city in a nice way. Harold Cohen, owner of the famous Somerville Lumber, purchased a ticket for the fundraiser. It just goes to show you Somerville has some very strong roots.

What a wonderful job Sophia Carafotes does as principal of the Somerville High Adult Education program. She and her staff work very hard to promote classes that would interest people here in the Ville. If you have an idea and would like to present it as a class, head up to the high school this coming Tuesday and Thursday nights or call her at the high school. She’s a wonderful lady and is always positive in her work.

The next First-Time Home Buyers’ Seminar is June 11 at The Norton Group RE offices in Ball Square (699 Broadway). It is co-sponsored by attorneys Mike Dwyer and Sean O’Donovan, with primary residential mortgage person Barry Shields, and special attention and thank you to Nikitas Tsoukalis, a credit counselor expert (and the only one in the Boston area with his own company). The first one was a success with a great response. So if your interested in buying a home -not just in Somerville but anywhere here in Eastern Mass.- call and let them know you want to attend (617-623-6600) or email Johngratti@yahoo.com

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 in the 60s, 70s and 80s and were from all parts of East Somerville, Cross Street, the Avenues, Glen Park, Florence Street Park, Prescott School, Edgerly School.

Celebrate Somerville’s best restaurants and help support a local nonprofit, with all proceeds going directly to the Somerville Home on Summer Street. 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. The event takes place outside and under a pavilion with live entertainment at 50 Holland St. (Davis Square) Wednesday, June 4. Tickets for the event are \$40. Call or email the chamber for your tickets, 617-776=4100, or email smackey@somervillechamber.org.

Congratulations to Tanaaz Timblo of Somerville who recently finished first at the Eastern Mass. Bridge Association (EMBA) Sectional tournament. Tanaz won the 8 Is Enough Teams at the Spring Sectional held in Watertown. The Eastern Mass. Bridge Association’s next tournament is May 30-June 1 at the Armenian Cultural Center, 47 Nichols Ave., Watertown. Players will compete at all levels. The tournament begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Other sessions are Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and Sunday at 10 a.m. Cost is \$10. Games last about 3 1/2 hours, and players may compete in one or more events for trophies and other prizes. For more information, call 857 342-EMBA, or go to www.acblemba.org.

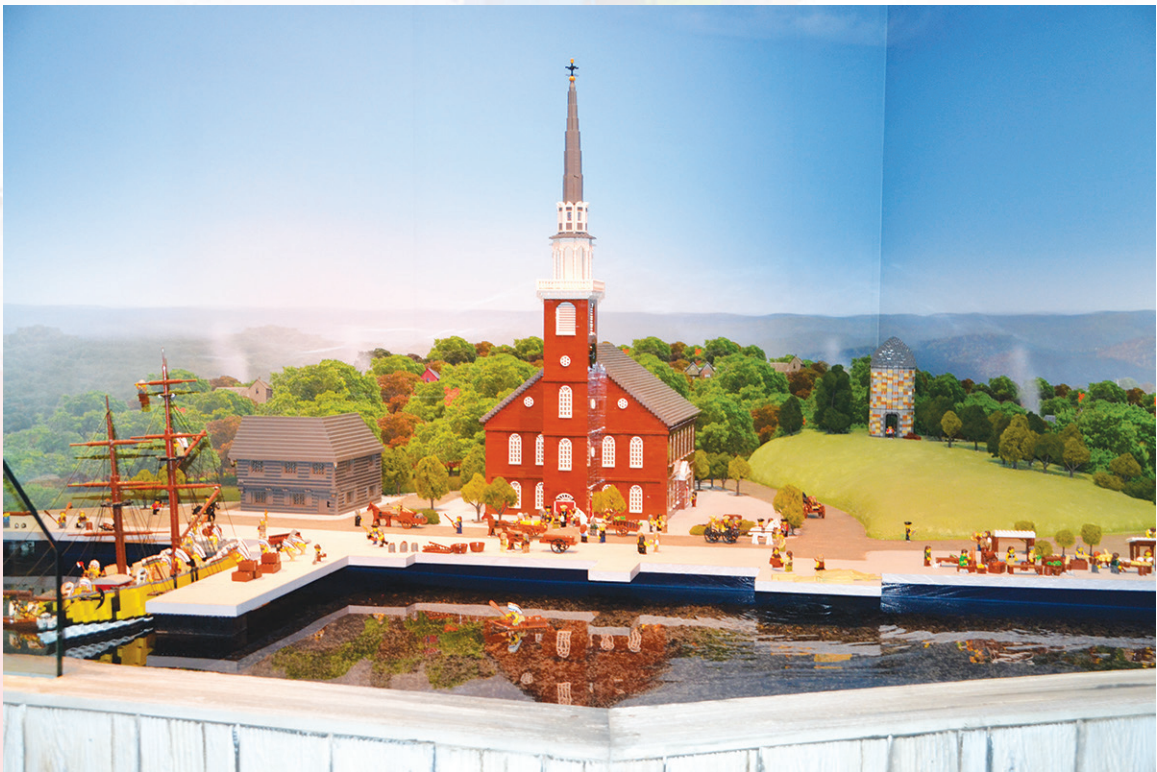
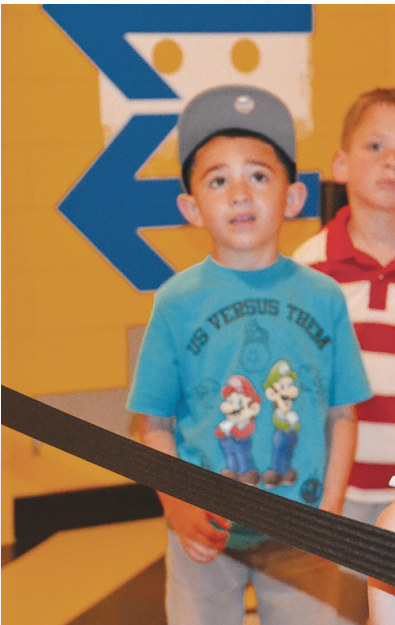
Save the date for the fundraiser at Flatbread Pizza Company in Davis Square, Somerville on Tuesday, June 3, benefitting OCD Massachusetts. The Flatbread Company will be donating a portion of all pizza sales from 5-10 p.m. that evening to OCD Mass. They have great raffle prizes lined up and all are invited. OCD Massachusetts is the local affiliate of the International Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Foundation. To learn more about the organization, please visit: <http://www.ocd-massachusetts.org>.

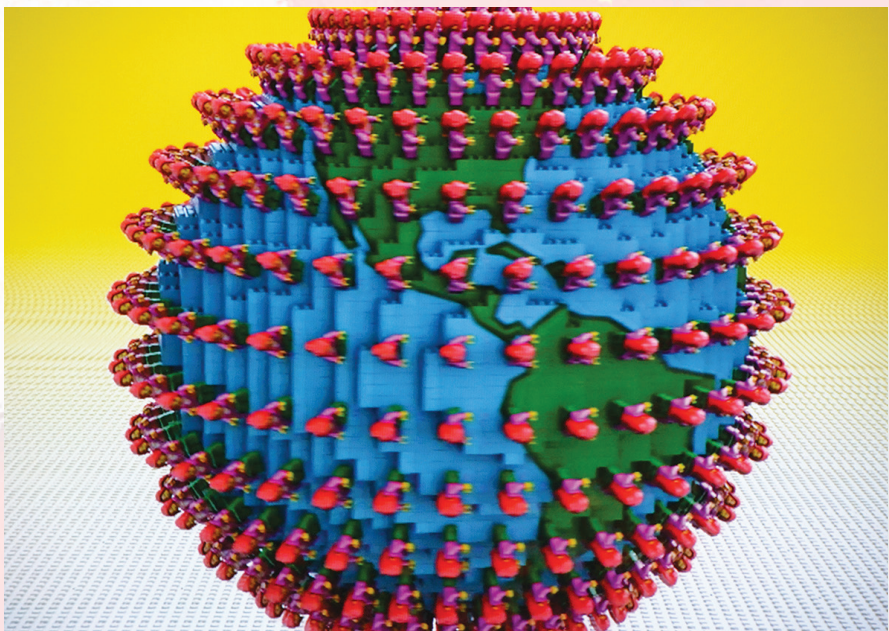


A walk through Legoland

Legoland Discovery Center Boston is up and running at Assembly Row. The indoor family attraction, designed for children from 3 to 10, includes two Lego rides, a 4D cinema (and yes, you will get a little misty!) and large soft play area.

Kids can also learn some expert building tips at the Model Builder Academy with Master Builder Ian Coffey. The impressive Miniland shows Somerville and Boston's iconic buildings and attractions made from Lego bricks.





Photos by Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

Star Market donates to Somerville Little League

Shaw's and Star Market, as part of its longstanding ties to local communities for more than 150 years, is making a donation to several area little leagues. Each of their 155 stores will be donating \$800 to their local youth league.

This past weekend they made their donation in Somerville. Kevin Costa, Store Director from Star located on Beacon Street, presented the check at the Pitch, Run and Hit Challenge that he hosts every year which and is open to both his league as well as the Somerville Little League. He had 100 finalists and their families participating in the day's event. They were provided with the check as well as water for the day.



Job #1! CONT. FROM PG 10

another gal spent her first paycheck on a leather coat at Cummings, also formerly in Davis Square. Star Market in Porter Square gave a lot of Somerville kids their first real jobs.

Today, there are many new up-and-coming businesses in the building that used to house Ames Safety Envelope. Half of my friends that used to frequent The Embassy Lounge on Somerville Avenue worked at Ames. A lot of Somerville folks put in years and years at Polaroid in Waltham. I miss all that free film!

Did you work at McDonald's back in 1975, when a Big Mac cost 65 cents? How about Mark's Department Store? I

think the wage was \$2.85 an hour. The Stop & Shop near Union Square and the one in Davis Square, along with the Dairy Queen on Cedar Street, hired us. Yum! One of my pals worked at Y-Not variety on Willow Avenue with the original owners, Tony and the other Tony.

Did you work at Kresge's, where you could get sliced boiled ham for 89 cents a pound? Lots of Villens worked at the Somerville and Broadway theatres (I worked at the one in Davis). We worked at local parks as playground counselors making key chains and things out of "gimp." Royal White laundry on Cedar Street hired lots of friends. Brigham's in

Davis Square and on Winter Hill were popular for hiring Somerville folks. Would you like jimmies on that? Others worked next door at the Star on Broadway. My pal John washed pots and pans in Somerville Hospital's kitchen making \$2.10 an hour.

Some of my friends worked at their Uncle Vinny's restaurant on Broadway. Bob tells us, "I was a car shuttler for Bellotti Oldsmobile. It was best job because I got to drive all the new cars that came out." A friend tells me he worked for the Neighborhood Youth Core at the Trade High School one summer for 90 cents an hour. And how many of my old friends

worked for Mrs. B at Bradlees? A lot. Do you remember the Bradlees credit card? I think it was my first one. I'll have to do an entire article about the old Lechmere sales store in Cambridge.

It was so exciting when we finally entered the work force. The friends we made at these jobs will stay in our memories forever, and so will the creeps. It was a great feeling to be able to buy our own clothes, record albums, go to the movies, and save up for that first car. I'll never forget the look on my dad's face when I came home wearing bell bottom pants and a leather fringe jacket ... that I bought myself!

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What are students called before they Graduate?

2. When did Memorial Day become an official holiday?

3. When was the first Memorial Day celebrated?

4. What is the official birthplace of Memorial Day?

5. What is the original name for Memorial Day?

6. What was the original name for the Dick Tracy comic strip?

7. What is the date of Superman's birthday?

8. Bees communicate by touch, smell and what?

9. Who painted The Persistence of Memory?

10. Which berries are used to give gin is flavor?

11. What is a snood?

12. What rock star was christened William Broad?

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honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor, have been immigrants. Sen. McCain also noted that immigrants led to the creation of the submarine, helicopter and ironclad ship, and that in World War II, the most decorated regiment of its size was a team of sons of Japanese immigrants.

On Memorial Day, we honor those who gave their lives in service to our nation. As we remember their sacrifice, we should also pause to reflect on not only what these service men and women did but who they were. Many of them were immigrants or the children of immigrants, like the names listed on the Somerville Honor Roll. They came to this

country seeking a better life for their families. They sought opportunity and wanted to make their hopes and dreams a reality—as we all do. And in pursuing those hopes and dreams, they also gave back to their communities—and some gave, as Lincoln said, the last full measure of devotion.

When Sen. McCain addressed the Armed Services Committee eight years ago, he also read to the committee a letter from Gen. Colin Powell, himself the son of immigrants who came to the U.S. from Jamaica. "The burden of defending our ideals and freedom has always been shared by those who were not yet citizens,"

Powell wrote. "I have witnessed time and again the bravery and valor of soldiers defending a country that they consider their adopted home. They are grateful for the opportunities the United States provides and we are grateful for their sacrifices."

We in Somerville are grateful, too. This Memorial Day, as we honor and remember our fallen service men and women, let us take the opportunity to reflect on the building of our country, of our community, and the many from around the world who have given to our country, served our country and made our country and community the great place we call home today.

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A perfect day for PorchFest

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Early in the week, forecasters warned of a 90 percent chance of rain this past Saturday, May 17, the day when Somerville’s annual PorchFest was going to hit the city streets to charm Somerville residents and other music lovers. And surprise, surprise: Even though festival organizers were preparing for a rain day that would prompt a date change, a strong and serendipitous sun shone above without a single threatening cloud.

After asking about a particular street of Somerville and whether it was heavy on music, a passerby snidely remarked, “PorchFest was happening all over the city, man.” The residents of the city were somewhat coy about the festival because it is a very unique set-up, one meant to broaden the artistry of select groups into overarching circles of neighborhoods with pedestrians possessing the power to choose which outdoor performance to listen to—a festival Somerville residents like to call their own. Bands were playing on their porches, inviting pedestrians to walk up to them and

grab a seat at the table. The majority of the bands can be found on YouTube and Facebook.

When asked about rehearsals, Chris Yang of the band Tail said, “Practice is almost akin to having a really nice dinner party with old friends.”

Chris said Tail “is a band that is comprised of therapists and social workers, and therefore has a very egalitarian process in the song selection and arrangement. We all take turns on lead vocals and have equal say in what songs we do. We are an Americana/bluegrass band with broad influences from Bob Dylan to the Pixies.” Once you’ve heard their rendition of Bob Marley’s “Small Axe,” you should be comfortable knowing you’re in good hands.

Like Tail, musician Hala Jadalalah has been playing PorchFest since its inception four years ago. She’s always ready with her amps and musical stand to sing to the residents of Somerville and said she’s basically doing “whatever makes her happy,” which this past Saturday was country and her choice for the year, Adele.

Vocalist Jeremy Carroll and the pop comedy band I Thought They were Models lets fans in on

the secret of their writing and composition.

“One of us will start playing some riff or chord progression, and then we will just spontaneously make up lyrics, which typically tend to crack ourselves up,” Carroll said. “We then refine the music and lyrics to make it sound good from a composition standpoint. Many of the lyrics at each show are completely improvised anyway.”

“We play pop music, video game theme songs, our own version of the Last of the Mohicans soundtrack, a tribute to country songs, and even a funk song aimed at shaking your booty for world peace,” he added. “I would say our show has the energy of the original Blues Brothers and a similar vein of humor of Flight of the Concorde.”

Two nice surprises were Afro D All Starz, which played in front of the First Church of Somerville, where their MC, Pete Shungu, had gotten married. They were really warm to the crowd and offered up a great amount of seats for the tired and weary to sit comfortably as they played.

Shungu opened up with some



The Fourth Annual PorchFest event took place this past weekend.

background info: “We actually don’t practice as often as someone might think, given how cohesive we are as a band and how well we vibe together. All members of the band have day jobs outside of music, and some of us have kids as well, so music is a passion, something that we love to do, but something that we balance with the other aspects of our lives. There’s a song, “Balancing Act,” off the album Elevation that speaks to this balance.

“When we do practice, we usually spend some time rehearsing our current tunes and some time working on new tunes as well.

We enjoy spending time together as well, so practice is a good time for us to grow together as a group as we grow musically.”

Shungu said while they had heard about PorchFest before, this was their first year performing in it as a band.

“I’ve been a member of the First Church Somerville for several years and am currently a deacon at the church, as well as playing trumpet somewhat regularly in the service,” Shungu said. “First Church Somerville was selected to be a site for PorchFest this year, and the music committee at the church

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Residents weigh in on CPA funding

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In 2011, CPA funds were used for a project to scan and preserve historic documents, including the framing and displaying of documents, as well as the purchase of equipment to make the historical information accessible to the public, according to the CPA's website.

In 2009, Needham used \$15,029,233 in CPA funding to restore its town hall, which was also considered one of the "galvanizing forces" for the town to adopt CPA in 2004, according to the CPA's website.

"The city used CPA to restore the town hall and then used additional funding," Monea said of the most expensive project in the CPA's history, "so keep in mind that you can combine CPA funding and other funding sources."

One of the Somerville residents at the meeting, Mary Magan, raised the question about how the CPC coordinates with

city departments to sustain a city project, since CPA funds cannot be used to cover maintenance costs.

CPC members clarified that the meeting was not about choosing specific projects. Rather, it was being held in order to have a public conversation about what the priorities should be when evaluating projects.

Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello, one of the CPC members representing the general public, also mentioned key components in projects applications, one of which is likely to be "requesting some narrative or information about thinking forward about the sustainability of the project, since you can't use the money for maintenance."

During the final testimony, former alderman Courtney O'Keefe brought up some open space projects that the CPC might consider.

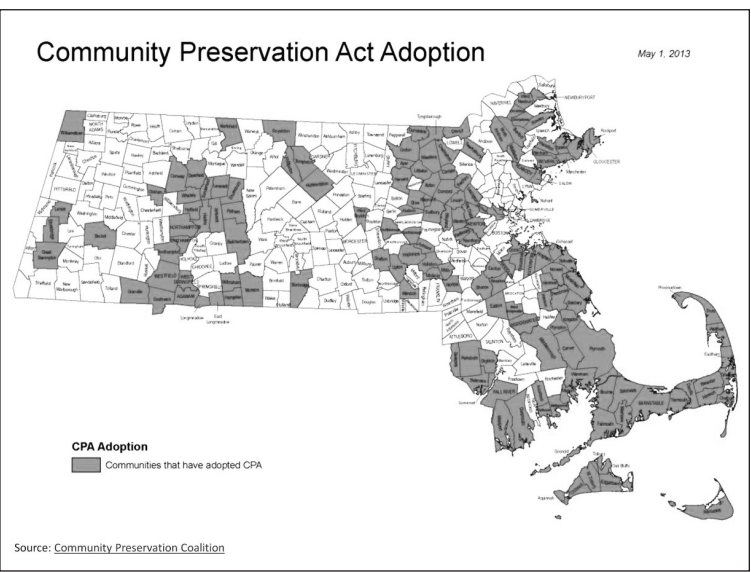
"One of them is Sullivan Park," O'Keefe said. "It's pretty dark and not even close to well-lit enough at night. It really prevents a lot of people from feeling safe when they walk pass the park."

O'Keefe would also like to see CPA's coordination with the Capital Investment Plan (CIP). "The matching is really wonderful," she said. "The projects listed here [in CIP] actually have dollar amounts associated with them."

Besides the testimonies on Sullivan Park and the CIP, O'Keefe suggested that Somerville Junction Park, which is located along the planned extension of the Community Path, develop into a community garden.

The association of CPC members or aldermen with the applicant is something that O'Keefe would watch very closely.

"Anybody who works for them, who used to work for



Other areas that have passed CPA.

them, served on the board and brought political contributions; I'm going to speak out loud," O'Keefe said, "because I want an even-level playing field and not for one organization to get priority over another."

Currently, according to the city, the CPC is in the process of creating an application for parties

interested in receiving funding for eligible projects and a community preservation plan. Both documents should be released this summer.

View the full CPC presentation: http://www.somerville.ma.gov/sites/default/files/CPA%20public%20hearing%20presentation_05.12.14.pdf)

The CPA in Somerville

By Douglas Yu

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

With passage of the CPA, the city created a Community Preservation Fund (CPF) to be de-

voted solely to affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and outdoor recreation projects.

There are three key sources of the funding for the CPF, according to CPA Manager Emily Monea.

"The first is surcharge revenue," she said. "This is the primary thing that CPA adopted in November 2012: a 1.5 percent surcharge on net property taxes

with a few exemptions."

The first \$100,000 of assessed value is exempt, and qualifying low- and moderate-income households may also apply for the exemption.

The second source is municipal revenue.

"What Somerville adopted is called 'blended CPA,' so the city is able to incorporate an additional \$1.2 million into the CPA fund," she said. "It's important

because it helps the state match the third funding source."

The state's Community Preservation Trust Fund distributes money to municipalities on an annual basis. Its distribution includes surcharge and municipal revenue.

"The state matches all local funding from CPA at an overall rate over the years of between about 25 to 50 percent," Monea said. "Right now, the rate is es-

timated to be about 24 percent, and we hope that will go up, because the state is considering a transfer of \$25 million into the state trust fund."

To help evaluate the prospective funding projects and prepare a budget for the Board of Aldermen, nine members, who represent each use of the future CPA funding, were elected as part of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

Two Culinary Arts teachers retiring

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the ocean, and seafood is very popular," he said.

Transforming the basic cooking techniques into a more aesthetic aspect of general cuisine is like moving up the ladder for Cardon.

"I was a 23-year-old chef when I started working at a restaurant, and I had to learn all the techniques little by little," he said.

Thirty-three years ago, there was a kitchen and a cafeteria that had not been used for a while in the Somerville Community School. The then-food director, Henry Biagi, was passionate about using the space to start a culinary arts program. That was how Cardon found the opportunity to jumpstart a new career in Somerville. After working there for five years, the vocational director at the school had a meeting with the staff of the program and suggested moving the program to SHS.

"It's cool to design my own program in the high school; I designed the whole thing," Car-

don said, pointing at the kitchen and the dining area. "It is a real restaurant," he said.

The restaurant, which is located inside the high school, is called Highlander Café. In fact, students are not allowed to dine in this place, since it is open to the public only. However, they are often found decorating food, practicing cooking and serving the customers.

"We have a regular serving line, and the students put the food out when customers come," Cardon said. "The courses in our department are electives, and we have tests at the end of the semester for the students."

Students are also tested on their knowledge of cooking every now and then, such as food temperature, sanitation, nutrition and food poisoning, according to Cardon.

The artistic aspect of Cardon's cooking is what he always struggles with.

"If you look at a plate, then you want to try different colors and

textures of materials to prepare for a dish to make it look like a picture," he said of the challenge in his program.

When it comes to Cardon's expectation toward his students, he said that he always pushes his students to the next level.

"One of my sayings is 'We want you to step up,'" he said.

Danny Sams is one of the students of whom Cardon is very proud, and Cardon personally witnessed his growth from the program into a professional career. "[Danny Sams] just took the bakery class a few years ago, and he went to work at the Omni Parker House Hotel in Boston," Cardon said. "He became the executive pastry chef there in only three years. I've seen a student working from the bottom to an extraordinary pastry maker."

Students in the program not only have a chance to learn to cook, but also learn to serve customers and to practice restaurant management. Rosemary Ryan, the dining room manager,



Ryan with a group of appreciative students.

— Photo by Claudia Ferro

has been teaching those skills at the program for over 30 years.

"I studied hotel and restaurant management at Bunker Hill Community College," Ryan said. "And the kids here are the biggest things I got from my last 30-year career. Every single kid I taught makes a big impression on me."

Ryan teaches students in the program, as she described, "what you would do in outside restaurants."

"We tell the students that we have customers come right off the street, and you need to start serving the tables," she said.

Ryan talked about how students learn practical experience.

"I treat my students as my real kids," she said.

Cardon and Ryan are retiring in June this year, both saying that they are going to miss Highlander Café, the culinary arts program and, most importantly, all the students they taught.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

Thursday|May 22
Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Somerville Young Life Gathering
Sarah Brasington| 617-930-8336
2:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday|May 23
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

Sunday|May 25
Veteran’s Memorial Rink
Free public skating
3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Monday|May 26
Memorial Day – Libraries closed
Arts at the Armory
Knucklebones
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|May 27
West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

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

Wednesday|May 28
East Branch Library
Preschool: Sing Along with Jeff Jam
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC

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 Hagerty Band til 10!
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335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
Full Scene Ahead presents
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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 22
Johnny D’s
Marshall Crenshaw Plus Cliff Hillis
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O’Brien’s
Sweet Lips
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/ Scott Michelson
Dan Coyle
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

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

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

Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment’s Thursday Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Arts at the Armory
Singer-Songwriter Event: The Loop
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|May 23
Johnny D’s
Free Friday featuring Uncle Johnny’s Band.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Kevin & The Byrneouts |6:30 p.m.
Hear Now Live presents \$10 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

PA’S Lounge
Currents|Sleepy Hahas|The Room Outside|The Oysters Rockabilly Band|Stuart Revnell
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

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Cities & States
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
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Casey’s
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory
Bluegrass Fridays at the Armory
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 24
Johnny D’s
World Party plus Gabriel Kelley|7 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.
Brass Knuckles & Friends \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
Gorilla Music
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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Dan Dodd/Tapestries
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256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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Arts at the Armory
Rick Schilling
10:30 a.m.|Cafe
David Johnston
4 p.m.|Cafe

Sunday|May 25
Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band |4 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m
Natalie Flanagan Band, Randy Black & The Heathcroppers, Trusty Side-kick|8 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

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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

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7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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Johnny D’s
Let’s Get Weird (offbeat come-dy)|7:30 p.m.
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.
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Monday|May 26
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Tuesday|May 27
Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Session 1
79 Highland Ave

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Prenatal Yoga
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

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Wednesday, May 21

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

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Friday, May 23

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday, May 26

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Tuesday, May 27

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Climate forecast: Dire to catastrophic

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preeminent glaciologist John Mercer had warned that greenhouse gas release could cause ice sheet melting, posing “a threat of disaster.” He was, of course, ridiculed at the time.

Last week, NASA announced that the disaster is in its earliest stages. Thomas Wagner, who heads NASA’s polar ice programs said, “There’s nothing to stop it now. But you are still limited by the physics of how fast the ice can flow.”

The NASA announcement coincided with that of a paper to be published in the prestigious journal *Science* next month. It finds that the Thwaites Glacier, which holds back the Western Antarctic ice sheet, is in the early stages of collapse.

The World Bank had issued a study last year of the ten global cities most vulnerable to sea level rise. Boston was in the top ten.

I optimistically subtitled this column “What is to be done” because the urgency is grim and the requirements are clear. But I might as easily have subtitled it

“What is not being done.” Climate-change deniers continue to undermine political will, even though their rationalizations are disintegrating, one-by-one.

A common rationalization is that rising global temperatures are simply part of natural forces. There are three natural factors that cause long-term temperature fluctuations—solar radiation changes, volcanic emissions, natural oceanic-atmospheric cycles—and based only on natural forces, the earth should be cooling down rather than heating up.

The atmosphere above the blanket of greenhouse gases has been cooling since the 1970s, while below, it has been heating up. Solar heating would increase temperatures throughout the atmosphere.

Volcanic emissions account for only 1% of atmospheric carbon increases and 15% of methane increases.

Natural cycles like El Niño move heat from the ocean to the atmosphere, causing the air temperature to rise. La Niña does

the reverse. Whichever direction heat moves, the total amount can’t increase by itself. Yet the ocean, atmosphere, and land are all heating up. Moreover, increases in oceanic temperatures are twenty times those of atmospheric, land, and ice combined.

Lacking credible evidence of their own, climate-change deniers allege that researchers are defecting from the 97% of atmospheric scientists who say that climate change is real and caused by human activity. In fact, the reverse is true.

Take the example of University of California physics professor Richard Muller, who for years was a declared skeptic and critical of IPCC reports. He founded the Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature Project. After intensive study, its dozen scientists concluded that temperature rise was actually more severe than the IPCC had estimated. Muller now says, “essentially all of this increase results from the human emission of greenhouse gases.”

James Lawrence Powell, who

served Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush for twelve years on the National Science Board, examined peer-reviewed scientific articles published over a one-year period. Of 2,258 articles, only one, published in the *Herald of the Russian Academy of Sciences*, rejected global warming.

Bowing to the inevitable, some deniers have shifted from arguing that anthropogenic climate change is not happening, to downplaying its effects. One conservative think tank report goes so far as to argue that, “the benefits of global warming greatly exceed the costs.”

Since scientific evidence discredits climate deniers, their continued denials are “faith based.” They have faith in deep thinkers like Senator James Imhoffe, Exxon chief Lee Raymond, and talk-show demagogue Rush Limbaugh.

It makes me think of Pascal’s wager in the reverse. Blaise Pascal introduced probability theory and decision theory by ar-

guing that, given the enormous gain or loss associated with a just God’s existence or nonexistence, a rational person will live as though God does exist.

Unlike Pascal, we have geological layers of evidence that climate change exists. A rational person would choose policies that hedge against climate catastrophe as cheaply as possible. So you know that deniers’ intransigence is driven by ideology rather than evidence because they offer no back-up plan in the inconceivable chance that they might be wrong.

The future generations that deficit hawks so often pay lip service to may not all be going to hell if humanity loses the climate-change wager. But as the International Monetary Fund’s Christine Lagarde said at the World Economic Forum, they’ll be “roasted, toasted, fried, and grilled.”

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A perfect day for PorchFest

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asked if the Afro D All Starz would be interested in performing in front of the church. As a band that strives to build a sense of community, hope, and love for all people through our music, we felt that it was fitting for us to play in front of a church that has a rainbow flag in front and that also stands for those things.”

The second grand discovery was the all-girl band Bong Wish,

which had a brilliant sound evocative of a happy medium between the Yeah, Yeah, Yeahs and Ladytron. The trio resonated well with the crowd: Residents danced and hollered—to the beat of a different drum—to the string melodies that stood against type and came across as one-two-punch power ballads.

Nancy Goodman with the Somerville Arts Council runs

the festival with a practical and conveniently accessible mind-set.

“I was familiar with open studios for visual artists, but since I love music, the idea of showcasing musicians was really appealing,” she said. “I knew that many musicians lived in Somerville, but I wasn’t aware when we started PorchFest what a rich diversity of musi-

cians we have here.”

“PorchFest was great,” she added. “It’s fun to see everyone out walking and riding their bikes and enjoying the music. There was a glitch with the website, so we’ll need to work on that for next year. Of the performers I was able to see, some of my favorites were Somerville Symphony Orkestar and Lookie Lookie, Luddy Mussy.”

When addressing a repeat next year, she said, “I don’t know for sure, but I don’t see any reason not to continue. We’ve been fortunate that people for the most part have been respectful of their neighbors and we’ve gotten very few complaints about crowds or noise, so as long as participants keep that up, I think we can continue. It’s up to the Arts Council.”

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6. Plainclothes Tracy	12. Billy Idol

A World Party in Somerville

By Blake Maddux

In 1983, 25-year-old Welsh-born Karl Wallinger answered an ad seeking a guitarist who was “into Iggy Pop.” Wallinger passed the audition and became a member of the English folk-rock band The Waterboys, which Scottish-born singer-songwriter Mike Scott had formed in London the year before.

Although their collaboration was fruitful, the band was not big enough for two musicians of equally large talent and ambition. Therefore, Wallinger left after their second album—1985’s *This Is the Sea*—to form World Party. Just as The Waterboys was Scott’s band, World Party would belong completely to Wallinger.

World Party’s first single (*Ship of Fools*) and album (*Private Revolution*) reached number 27 and 39, respectively, in the United States. Three years would pass before Wallinger’s next album, 1990’s *Goodbye Jumbo*, was ranked the number 1 album of 1990 by the British magazine *Q*. The band subsequently appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman*, the *MTV Music Video Awards* and *Saturday Night Live* throughout the year in America.

New albums continued at an infrequent rate thereafter. Although 1993’s *Bang!* peaked at number 2 in the U.K. and the 1997 follow-up *Egyptology* climbed to 34, neither reached the top 100 in the U.S. Wallinger kept busy, but he suffered a brain aneurysm in early 2001. It took him several years to recover, during which time he collected royalties from the chart-topping cover of his song *She’s the One* by English pop star Robbie Williams.

Wallinger has toured sporadically since 2006, but has not released an album of new material since *Dumbing Up* in 2000. This year, however, he has approximately two dozen dates lined up in the United States, including one at Johnny D’s Saturday, May 24.

The *Somerville Times* spoke to Wallinger via Skype from his living room in the North London neighborhood of Crouch End.

Somerville Times: What path

took you from being a royalties analyst clerk to becoming the musical director of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* in the West End of London?

Karl Wallinger: I came to London as an old teenager kind of thing and got a job in a publishing company because I just wanted to be in some sort of music company. It was just sort of like, “What can I do to keep myself alive while I am in town?” It just turned out that this company was in charge of the contract that looked after the Northern Songs [The Beatles’ publisher] catalog. So one of the things that I found myself doing was to go and get the checks signed and put them in an envelope and send them off not to [John] Lennon himself but to the business address.

Anyway, I played the piano in the lunch hour and got discovered by a producer guy who took me in the studio. They used to send you in and do three songs. I went and did these sessions, and after a couple of them I got a publishing deal. I still worked [at the company] as well, but I actually had a publishing deal with them, too.

One of the people in the company was a guy called Eric Hall, who’s quite more famous these days as a sports manager. He looks after footballers [soccer players] and things. He knew a guy called Peter Straker, and he had a piano player called Peter Brewis. He left the band, and Peter Straker was looking for a keyboard player, and I ended up doing some work with him. Peter Brewis went off to do *Rocky Horror Show* [sic], and when he was going to leave there, I was one of the first people to know. I went along and saw Robert Fox [an agent]. I said something crazy to him like, “Yeah, I can do this thing,” and I got the job as the musical director.

ST: Not all professional musicians are multi-instrumentalists who write and produce all of their own material. How did you become one who did?

KW: I’m not really a professional musician. I’m still a kid that loves these records that sounded for some reason like



The current edition of Karl Wallinger’s World Party will be performing at Johnny D’s this coming Saturday.

they were important. When you listen to them, you can’t stop listening to them. I’m just sort of permanently blown away by the whole concept. It’s like some crazy book, that someone’s thought of this crazy stuff that comes out of these crazy things called speakers. And it has these weird effects on people, you know. You sort of go, “No, that’s sci-fi.”

I was born with an ability of sort of mimicry. I’ve learned music and I’ve trained as a musician, and I’ve had thousands spent on my education, but in the end I play by ear, you know. I play by gut. I’ve got to get out of the way, and if I get out of the way and let something come out without trying to make a product, it seems to work. I think it’s about living and thinking and about the stuff that goes in, really, and music’s the stuff that comes out. It’s things about the human condition that are set with these harmonies and rhythms and patterns that are somehow coloring the world.

ST: Tell me about your contributions to the soundtracks of *Reality Bites* (1994) and *Clueless* (1995).

KW: There’s just one song in *Clueless*, *All the Young Dudes*. If you time it on the screen, it’s nine seconds. That was a great song to do, and I’ve always wanted to have a crack at that one.

Reality Bites was a strange one as well because someone—I don’t know who it was—had just turned down the soundtrack

after they were gonna do it. I stepped in at the last minute and did the original score, which was really interesting as well. But it hasn’t led to a career of people sort of offering me scripts every year. It wasn’t the ideal time to be given it when it was two weeks away from being played to whoever it was who has to get it done. You’re getting 10 phone calls every day, and because you’re getting 10 phone calls every day, you can’t actually do the music. Those are pressure gigs, but in the end it was great.

ST: Many of your songs express support for proper stewardship of the planet. Do you consider yourself to be an environmentalist?

KW: Everybody should be an environmentalist, that’s the thing. They’re always like, “Save the world.” No, the world will still be here, it will just be a lot emptier. We probably won’t be in it anymore. It will just be these oceans swilling around for a bit and they’ll eventually evaporate and the sun will explode anyway, so whatever. But it would just be nice if we were here for longer.

So in that way I’m an environmentalist. I trust nature and I don’t trust capitalism. And it’s basically what the problem is, you know.

ST: When is the vinyl remastering of your back catalog happening? I promised a friend that I would ask you that.

KW: It’d be nice to do that for Christmas. I’m very fond of re-

cords myself. I don’t play them very often, but I’m very fond of that format. I think it’s a great format for popular music.

I’m a great believer in the start of side two. When you’re making an album, you sort of think, “What’s going to kick off side two?” Is it going to be something moody or is it going to be bang, straight in there, here’s another side for you?” On an album, it’s a great thing; it really is. It’s one of the fun things.

I would love there to be [digital remastering]. We’ll have to look at the books and see how well World Party is doing.

ST: When will there be new music from World Party?

KW: I’m hoping that we’ll make a record this year, and to promote that I think that we really need to get the band out and sort of start doing some stuff. This is definitely not something that’s going to be happening forever, but I think some new material has to happen. To get back on the road with a new album would be really great.

We’re doing this [tour] as a three-piece: myself on keyboards and acoustic [guitar], a fiddle player who plays mandolin, and an electric guitarist who plays loud distorted guitar. These two guys are amazing, the playing they do.

World Party with Gabriel Kelley. Saturday, May 24, at Johnny D’s. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20.



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Wednesday, May 21										
6:30am	Road to Recovery	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	8:00am	Democracy Now!			
7:30am	Life Matters	5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Spring Time	12:30pm	Culture Club	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)			
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	5:30pm	The Folklorist	1:00pm	Play by Play	10:00am	Bay State Biking News			
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes			
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)			
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Plastic Planet (Free Speech TV)			
11:00am	Abugida TV	7:30pm	Basic Buddha	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:00pm	Tufts Films for Social Change Series			
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	Copy Cat Festival (at the Arts at the Armory)			
1:00pm	Play by Play	9:30pm	Meh Kyown's Television Ship	6:00pm	SCATV: a year in review	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max			
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00pm	A Conversation with Chuck D and Gaye Theresa Johnson	6:30pm	Origins of SCATV	3:30pm	Esoteric Science			
2:00pm	Physician Focus	Friday, May 23			7:00pm	This is East: an East Somerville Main Streets	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)		
2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	7:30am	Shrink Rap	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration			
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)			
3:30pm	The Kevin Murphy Show	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	Nepali Producers Group: 104 Anniversary of L. Devkota by INLS			
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	This is East	11:00pm	Gay USA	8:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show			
5:00pm	Health is Wealth	11:00am	Paths to Wellness	Sunday, May 25			8:30pm	MEH Kyown's Television Ship		
5:30pm	Peace by Piece	11:30am	Peace by Piece	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade			
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7:00pm	This is East	1:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday, May 27				
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	10:00am	International Church of God					
8:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:00am	The Folklorist	7:00am	The Struggle			
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	Basic Buddha	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)			
10:00pm	Net Neutrality & the Future of Internet Access	5:00pm	Greater Somerville: Mike Lake, Lieutenant Gov. Candidate	12:00pm	Play by Play	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading			
11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	This is East			
11:30pm	SCATV: a year in review	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	11:30am	Ablevision			
Thursday, May 22					2:30pm	Life Matters	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	1:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)			
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00pm	Net Neutrality and the Future of Internet Access	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	2:00pm	The Bioneers program (Free Speech TV)			
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Visual Radio	5:00pm	Greater Somerville: Mike Lake, Lieutenant Gov. Candidate	3:00pm	Reeling Movie Show: a Movie Review program			
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	9:00pm	Porchfest	6:00pm	Abugida TV	3:30pm	Greater Somerville: Lieutenant Governor, Mike Lake			
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	10:00pm	Independent Filmmaker Hour	7:00pm	African Television Network	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)			
10:30am	Meh Kyown's Television Ship	11:00pm	A Black Show (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer			
11:00am	Culture Club: Urban Agriculture in Somerville	Saturday, May 24			9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	5:30pm	The Literati Scene		
11:30am	Ablevision	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)			
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Net Neutrality and the Future of Internet Access	11:00pm	No Film Film Festival	6:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne			
1:00pm	African Television	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Cowboy Episode	Monday, May 26			7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News		
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	6:00am	Ablevision	7:30pm	Greater Somerville			
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm	Dead Air Live			
3:00pm	Chef's Table Series	11:00am	Dead Air Live	7:30am	Eckankar	9:00pm	Energy Theater			
						11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)			

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22					
Wednesday, May 21					
9:00am:	Youth Peace Conference	8:00pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	1:30am:	Historic Preservation Meeting
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.19.14	9:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	2:30am:	Immigrant Community Meeting
3:00pm:	Congressional Update	9:30pm:	Congressional Update	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15	
6:30pm:	Immigrant Community Meeting	10:00pm:	Community Path Press Conference	Wednesday, May 21	
7:00pm:	SomerViva: Espanol	Sunday, May 25			
7:30pm:	Safe Streets, Smart Trips	12:00am:	2014 Spring Clean Up	9:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
8:00pm:	Congressional Update	12:30am:	Porch Fest 2014	10:00am:	kid stuff - Bullying
8:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:30am:	East Somerville Walking Tour	11:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
9:00pm:	BOA Agenda for 5.22.14 Meeting	2:30am:	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm:	An Evening of Chamber Music
		3:00am:	Congressional Update	1:00pm:	Spring String Fling
		9:00am:	East Somerville Walking Tour	2:00pm:	2nd Annual World Language Awards Night
		12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Beyond SHS
		12:30pm:	Keep Moving	4:00pm:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
		1:00pm:	Aldermen at Work	5:00pm:	kid stuff - Bullying
		1:30pm:	Congressional Update	6:00pm:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
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		8:00pm:	Highlander Forum	Thursday, May 22	
		8:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.22.14	12:00am:	SHS Vocational Senior Awards Banquet
		Monday, May 26			
		12:00am:	Senior Circuit	2:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
		12:30am:	Keep Moving	9:00am:	WSNS Science Fair
		1:00am:	Voices of Somerville	10:00am:	2014 Youth Peace Conference
		1:30am:	Highlander Forum	12:00pm:	Legoland Visits WHCIS
		2:00am:	Youth Peace Conference	1:00pm:	All City Middle School Spring Concert
		9:00am:	Som Dog Spring Fling	3:00pm:	An Evening of Chamber Music
		9:30am:	Keep Moving	4:00pm:	SHS Softball vs. Cambridge
		12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.22.14	6:00pm:	WSNS Science Fair
		3:00pm:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	7:00pm:	2014 Youth Peace Conference
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		8:00pm:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	Friday, May 23	
		9:30pm:	Community Path Press Conference	12:00am:	An Evening of Chamber Music
		10:00pm:	Talking Business	1:00am:	SHS Softball vs. Cambridge
		Tuesday, May 27			
		12:00am:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	3:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
		1:30am:	Community Path Press Conference	9:00am:	Student of the Quarter: WSNS
		2:00am:	Congressional Update	9:30am:	Student of the Quarter: Kennedy School
		2:30am:	Talking Business	10:00am:	Student of the Quarter: Brown School
		3:00am:	B2Green Expo	11:00am:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
		9:00am:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	1:00pm:	kid stuff - Bullying
		12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:00pm:	Spring String Fling
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				11:00am:	SHS Baseball vs St. Clement
				1:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Katrin Schumann: Uncovers the Secret Power of the Middle Child

Katrin Schumann writes on her website: I was born in Germany, but grew up in Brooklyn and London. As a child, I loved listening to my family's stories—of war and death and love gone wrong—and later I would rewrite them in my head, filling in the details, the motives, and making up new endings. Soon I started writing my stories down and I've never stopped.

At some level, family and community is what all my work is about. Everywhere I look there are stories to tell. In my professional life as a writer, editor, and teacher, I work with stories across various genres. My most recent book, *The Secret Power of Middle Children* (Hudson St/Penguin), is the first nonfiction exploration of the benefits of being stuck in the middle. My current works-in-progress include a book on parenting strategies that can make or break children born into wealth, and a novel about forbidden love and a family torn apart by the division of Germany at the end of WWII.

My work has been featured multiple times on the *TODAY* show and in *Woman's Day*, *The Times* (UK) and on *NPR*, as well as other national and international media. Early in my career, I was granted the Kogan Media Award for my work at *National Public Radio*, and as a student, I received academic scholarships to Oxford and Stanford Universities. More recently I've been awarded writing residencies at the VCCA, the Norman Mailer Writers Colony and Vermont Studio Center. I live near Boston with my husband and three teenagers, and frequently return to Europe to gather more family stories.

I had the pleasure to interview Katrin on my Somerville Public TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*:

Doug Holder: You grew up in Germany, London and Brooklyn, N.Y. These are quite disparate places. How do you feel this affected you as a writer, and in general?

Katrin Schumann: I think about that quite frequently. Because when we were living in Brooklyn, (it was entirely accidental that we landed there), it wasn't the kind of place that it is now. And in fact we lived in Brooklyn Heights which was still pretty gritty. The class I was in at PS8—well, it turned out I was one of the only two white kids in the class. From that experience—and the exclusive girl school I went to in London—I have an eclectic background. In London there was only one Jewish kid in the school I went to—it was quite a change from Brooklyn. So as a result I am interested in everyone's story. People made a lot of assumptions about me, particularly in London. This could be tough. In London I was the rich, private school girl with an American accent. I had to deal with the dumb American stereotype, and since I am German—the Nazi references. I was a quiet, reader type of girl. I learned from all this not to jump to conclusions about people.

DH: I read in an interview of you in a *Grub Street* newsletter that the strangest place you have ever worked was a prison. Can you expand on this?

KS: What I found strange about it was my own reaction to it. I had to look at my assumptions



and question them. I ran a writing workshop with women inmates at the correction facility at Framingham, Mass. The women are really energized there, ready to tell their stories, and work with the PEN volunteers. Storytelling is a very good way to express themselves and gain respect. The inmates have stories—we talk about the way they tell their story, not what they did to get themselves into prison. We never talk about why they are where they are—the reading and writing is what we talk about.

DH: You are working on a project exploring the challenges very privileged kids have in today's society.

KS: I started a book project—the focus is what messages you should give to these children of the very wealthy so that they grow up with purpose, balance and success. I find they are either under parented or over parented. I came to realize these problems are experienced by kids in general. It affects the middle class and poor families. Even poor families can't say no to their kids. All families don't want their kids to fail or suffer. If you never fail you will never know if you can pick yourself up. Failure can be a gift.

DH: You have a new book out *The Secret Power of Middle Children*. I was born in the 1950s, and as a young boy I never heard of this birth order controversy.

KS: Birth order has become very popular. It is true that middle children exhibit a lot of angst about being the middle child. They complain that no one pays attention to them because they don't have that coveted position of the firstborn. And they don't realize the negatives that come with that coveted position. They are expected to deal with things on their own. The middle child is considered the least popular. The adjectives used to describe them are: spoiled, quiet, etc. ... Firstborns are seen as more ambitious. I find when I am developing characters in my own work birth order can help me flesh them out better.

DH: You are an editor, and help folks with their manuscripts. You said in an interview that is hard to tell your clients that their characters are not "rich" enough. How do you make a stick figure into a fully realized creation?

KS: You have to create the full picture of the human being. Get the mannerisms, intonation, and dialogue down. You have the power of a writer to pick the right detail.

Alexander Levering Kern is a Somerville-based poet and writer whose work has appeared in *Ibbetson Street*, *Georgetown Review*, *Spare Change News*, *MOBIUS*, *Caribbean Writer*, *Scout Somerville*, anthologies from *Pudding House*, *Meridian Anthology*, and many others. Currently he teaches and works at Northeastern University as Executive Director of the Center for Spirituality, Dialogue and Service. His local, national, and international work in Quaker and interfaith peace and social justice efforts have been covered by the *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Harvard Gazette*, and other publications. He is editor of *Becoming Fire: Spiritual Writing from Rising Generations* and his first collection of poems is forthcoming. Alex lives on Spring Hill with his wife Rebecca Grunko (an ESL teacher in Somerville Public Schools) and his rapidly growing kids Elias and Ruthanna.



Natural Selection

Rush hour fumes assail our nostrils
flaring as we circle Union Square.
Words, ideas, and images gallop
across the prairie of my mind
then whinny & saunter over the asphalt
into the stables of night.

Circling again, they claw for attention
demanding a place at the top of the heap.
They miss their link in the great chain of being
yet settle for a spot in the very last pew.

Then comes an elegant din of sparrows
and carp from the well of my mind.
Outside Casa de Carnes, a bovine sign frowns
like a minotaur guarding the gate.

The mind's scalpel begins dissecting each option
stymied by choice and seeking a whole:
some pool of quiet, some plenitude
beneath the sum of all words.

Butcher's meat hangs from curled hooks,
each one an inverted question mark.
At a turn in the road, my memory chokes
on the hard tack offered by an editor who wrote
with tongue in cheek and fork in hand:
"You don't have to eat the whole ox to know
that the meat you're eating is tough."

— Alexander Levering Kern

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