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School Committee reports on transgender use of restrooms



Somerville schools are accommodating the needs of transgender student in the district, according to a report made by Superintendent of Schools Mary Skipper.

By Jim Clark

At the latest regular meeting of the City of Somerville School Committee on May 16, Superintendent of Schools Mary Skipper was queried by Committee Vice Chair Paul Bockelman for an update on the city's policy regarding transgender use of school restrooms.

Superintendent Skipper responded that during the last calendar year the administration performed due diligence studies on the issue.

Skipper informed those present that the schools offer transgender students several options, including unisex facilities, changing rooms, locker rooms, in whichever environment they feel most comfortable identifying with.

"We have not had any issues," said Superintendent Skipper. "Students have been very satisfied with the policy."

Vice Chair Bockelman

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The fantastical world of Pecan

By Mariya Manzhos

Somerville artist Pecan can't pinpoint exactly when her fascination with toy robots began, but for the past few years, they have been the primary inspiration for her colorful and quirky paintings. Many of them are true to life portraits of robots, as if they were people. Others are more fantastical, such as one of a robot walking through Boston's financial district, destroying the Federal Reserve with his eye lasers.

"It's a way for people to identify with the object, even though it's a toy," says Pecan, who attends toy conventions in Dedham, where she often finds new robots to paint. Her vibrant toy collection sits in the wooden cabinet next her easel in her small studio above her apartment. She especially likes bright colored robots and the way light reflects on their plastic surface. But at the core of Pecan's obsession with robots and toys is an attempt to bring humor and fun to everyday life.

"I think the world should be a fun place where we're having parties," says 34-year-old artist.

"And this is a little bit lost."

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Panda SMASH!, Oil on Muslin - 2013 by Pecan.

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Don't forget good guy and friend to many here in the city, Alderman at Large and President of the Board Bill White is having a fundraiser on Thursday, June 2 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Cantina La Mexicana in Union Square. We're very lucky to have Bill on the Board of Alderman. He's one of the smartest and most forward thinking aldermen. He is currently in his fourth year as President of the Board of Alderman. You know you're good when your colleagues on the Board keep voting for you every year for the office of President. Not in our lifetime has that accomplishment ever been made.

Our sincere condolences and sympathy to the family of **John J.** Fallon, who recently passed away here in Somerville. A longtime resident originally from North Cambridge, he was married for 53 years. Mr. Fallon is the father of our own Chief of Police David Fallon. Services were this past week at Keefe Funeral Home and out of St. Saint Catherine's Church.

Last week we told you that the special Advisory Committee set up by the mayor is going to make a recommendation to present to the Board of Alderman to raise salaries. Mayor Joe's salary will go to \$180K a year and we hear that the Board of Alderman will be getting a new salary of \$40K with the President receiving an additional \$2K. The committee is going to recommend salary increases for various department heads and nonunion people. Watch for the hearings on this matter in the near future. It should be interesting. Remember, in the city charter the Board of Alderman are suppose to be part time, but some aldermen list this as their job, which we find very interesting, as it's a part time job.

Our good friend and one of the best constituents' aldermen here in the city (and he has a full time job) Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters will be having a fundraiser in mid June at Sally O'Brien's on Somerville Avenue. He packs them in down there and it shows that he's popular on his own, and doesn't

need anyone to throw him a fundraiser. His reputation for fairness and equity to all is widespread!

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Green Line gets green light

Uncle Rocco says:

In case you missed it, that would be... \$50,000,000.00 of Somerville taxpayer money.

\$50,000,000.00 not going to fix our crumbling public buildings

\$50,000,000.00 not going to fix the streets

\$50,000,000.00 not helping local homeless or opioid victims

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\$50,000,000.00 not going to improving the parks and rinks

\$50,000,000.00 not going towards a new fire station

Did you catch that part?

A Moore says:

Must have read something different than I did. There is a long way to go yet before it is a go.

A Moore says:

Plus this is not a go. There are more hurdles to pass yet before it is. Uncle Rocco, you forgot the most important, the upcoming raises for the mayor and other city officials in this time of unlimited money floating around.

A Moore says:

Still a ways to go before we can call this a go. Statement is very premature. We have some reminders from Uncle Rocco. Also lets not forget the pay raises coming up for our CEO and other city officials.

Porterguy says:

This was the right thing to do, think BIG people.

philb says:

It is not really 50M, the green line will generate revenue far in excess of 50M.

Oliver Seppo says:

Hey guys, just wait until the next recession hits, probably over the next couple of years. That is going to be a great mess! A half finished and useless Green Line as all the infrastructure falls to pieces.

Freebie says:

Actually urban areas with transit do better during a recession, just look at 2008-2009, prices barely dropped in Somerville and made new highs within year.

Response to: Letter to the Editor: More Somerville Charter **Schools?**

Jason says:

The education system, let alone Somervilles, is in need of a serious overhaul.

I do not see a problem with competition here.

Out with the olde in with the new.

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Heroes Salute 'A City Remembers'

By Donald Norton

This past Saturday, May 21, Mayor Joe Curtatone and the Office of Veterans Services held a special ceremony at the Somerville High School Centennial Auditorium, 2016 Somerville Heroes Salute "A City Remembers."

About 100 residents and family members of the honorees were present for the ceremony. Nine individual residents and war heroes were honored with the naming streets after them, and designating them as city squares.

The city saluted these heroes who served in the armed forces of our country, returning to continue service to their city

in various capacities. The city is proud of them and of their service. At the ceremony, the family members were presented with plaques from the city praising their dedication to the country and city they loved. The new Veterans Services Commissioner Bryan P. Bishop welcomed everyone.

Square Locations were honored this year for each of the following heroes:

SGT Arthur J. Downey and Webster Ave.

PFC Edward J. Faulkner, Jr. Square, corner of Elmwood St. and Holland Ave.

SP4 Alan N. Galatis, Square, Harden Rd. and Powder House

SGT David G. James Square, Summer St. and Church St.

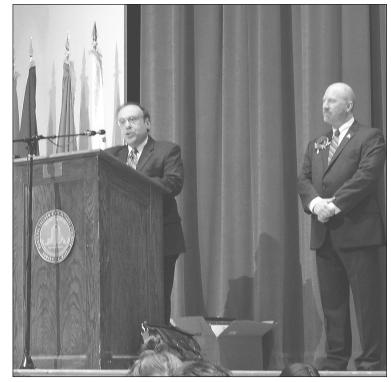
PFC Daniel R. Matthews Square, Josephine Ave. and Morrison Ave.

SSGT Guido P. Salvi Square, Lowell St. and Somerville Ave. Patrick J. Sullivan Jr. Square, Oxford St. and Trull Ln.

CPL Robert F. Vallone Square, Elm St. and Holyoke Rd.

SFC Robert A. Ventura Square, Virginia St. and Jasper St.

In the absence of Mayor Joe Square, corner of Tremont St. Curtatone, who couldn't attend, Alderman at Large Bill White, who is the President of the Board of Alderman, gave a very nice speech praising these heroes and all who served in the armed forces from Somerville over the years.



Friends, families, and officials gathered on Saturday to honor those who served their — Photos by Donald Norton country by dedicating streets/squares in their names.





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EWEEKIN CRI By Jim Clark

Kmart shopper just being stupid

Loss prevention agents from the Kmart store at Middlesex Ave. contacted Somerville police on Sunday, informing them that they had two suspicious individuals under observation, suspected of shoplifting.

The responding officers were reportedly informed that one of the suspects was observed carrying a box cutter and concealing store merchandise in his front personnel, waiting for the couple pants pockets.

According to reports, the individual in question, later identified as Jerome Pellot-Cintron, of Dorchester, got into line with his female companion to purchase other items that they had in their cart.

Police officers waited outside, along with the store security to exit the store.

The moment that the two suspects exited the store, police stopped Pellot-Cintron and confiscated the knife he was carrying. Police then asked Pellot-Cintron for the items that he had concealed and he removed multiple items from his pockets. According to reports, he had

in his possession three pairs of gloves, one charger, a package of B-Complex supplement, a 42-pc tool set, and a pick set tool.

The loss prevention staff reportedly told the officers that Pellot-Cintron had been observed taking tools out of a tool set and putting them into his

Pellot-Cintron reportedly stated that his companion had nothing to do with the theft and that he was just being stupid. He further stated that he had the money to pay for the items and that he would gladly pay for them now, police said.

Unfortunately for Pellot-Cintron, the officers were obliged to place him under arrest for shoplifting by asportation.

Arrests:

Domingo Peters, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, May 16, 12:45 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of criminal harassment.

Kassy Depina, of 32 Newtowne Ct., Cambridge, May 16, 1:31 p.m., arrested on

warrant charges of identity fraud, receiving a stolen credit card, and attempt to commit

Sean Leonard, of 116 Glenwood Rd., May 18, 2:37 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of embezzlement from a bank.

Jonathan McCarthy, of 125

Jaques St., May 18, 6:30 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of failure to return on a

Richard Bothelo, of 201 Chelsea St., Everett, May 19, 5:52 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on a warrant charge of aggravated assault and battery.

Mary Noonan, of 36 Mozart St., Jamaica Plain, May 20, 1:29 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on warrant charges of trespassing and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Yulial Cuello-Reynoso, of 3 Johnson Terr., Dorchester, May 21, 7:20 p.m., arrested at Union Square on charges of failure to stop or yield and fugitive from justice.

Jerome Pellot-Cintron, of 168 Seaver St., Dorchester, May 22, 7:15 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

The fantastical world of Pecan CONT. FROM PG 1

Pecan's fantastical paintings are currently on display at the Aeronaut brewery and will be up until May 31. Just up the street from the brewery, the front entrance to Pecan's home is decorated with a giant dragon mouth, a creation by Pecan's husband Brad Carreiro, a carpenter and a wood artist.

The playful and humorous character of Pecan's work is something she tries to bring to

all aspects of her life, even her name. She's gone by "Pecan" for about ten years and prefers not to disclose her real name. Bright orange streaks in her two long braids add a pop of color against her turquoise summer dress.

While living in Jamaica Plain in early 2000's, she joined the bicycle gang SCUL and on their first mission had to come up with a gang name. "Pecan describes me in a nutshell," says the artist. "It's a nut, a little bitter, hard shelled and goes well with chocolate and whiskey." She initially put "Pecan Nut" as her first and last name in her Facebook profile, but the administrators weren't so pleased. So she caved and put her real last name "Johnson." "That's all they're going to get," she says, laughing.

Growing up in Houston, Texas, Pecan watched The X-Files and Star Trek with her mother, who was also an artist and grew up in South Carolina. Pecan took art classes in high school and joined the artists' guild. She "somehow managed" to get into the Rhode Island School of Design, Pecan says, initially planning to study landscape architecture. But in the process she discovered that the rigidity of the architecture studies and the culture of the field didn't suit her. So she switched to illustration and painting. "I came out with a very good eye," says Pecan.

Realism, an impressionistic approach, and a boldness of color prevalent in Southern fine art have seeped into Pecan's work, she says. Blending her family's background, her realist training, and a love for science fiction, she applied realism techniques to painting existing objects, but that also reflected fantasies and stretched imaginations.

In addition to vintage robots, Pecan has painted a toy panda,

ray guns, finger puppets, and Sir Rutherford the III, Pecan's toy monkey since she was a baby. Her robot prints she sold for \$20 at the recent Open Studios in Somerville were especially popular. "People get a kick out of them," she says. "They're whimsical, they're positive."

While fun and artistically fulfilling, Pecan's sci-fi art and occasional portrait commissions aren't enough to support a living. After college, Pecan got hired by the Huntington theatre to help paint a 50-foot drop of birch trees for Anton Chekhov's play The Cherry Orchard. But she longed to return to her creative projects. So she transitioned to part-time scenic projects and joined the scenic artists union.

Now, whenever a movie is being filmed in Boston, she gets a call. She had just finished working on a scene in Weymouth for upcoming film The Patriot's Day starring Mark Wahlberg. Along with a team of other "scenics," she painted cracks on the asphalt to match the scene's authentic setting and painted a manhole to make it look older. She's also worked on the sets of RIPD, The Heat, American Hustle, The Sea of Trees, and Ghostbusters III, among others.

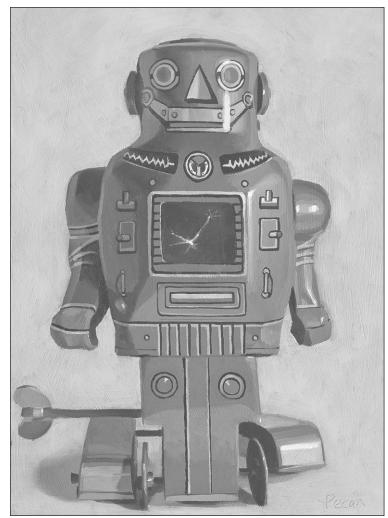
"It's exhausting work. My plan is to take a nap after this," says Pecan, who typically works from 6:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on set with three breaks."We do all this



Self Portrait, Oil on Canvas - 2013.

work that goes in the dumpster, but the reward is the film." She also works on scenic projects for the Children's Museum and the ART theatre.

Aeronaut Brewery rotates the work of local artists monthly and they have known Pecan and her husband from the mutual social circles. "So much of Somerville's culture is art," says Dan Rassi, Aeronaut's founder. "It's nice to support that and have the space to reflect the community."



Spark! Robot, Oil on Wood - 2016.

Obituary: John J. Fallon

Father of Somerville Police Chief David Fallon passes

John J. Fallon, of Somerville, formerly of North Cambridge, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2016, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Beloved husband of 53 years to Mary E. Fallon (Ames). Loving father of John Kieran Fallon of Yarmouth, Karen C. Fallon-Boskovic of Winchester, David R. Fallon of West Medford, Patrick Fallon of Centerville, and Laura Fallon-Buonopane of Andover. Cherished grandfather of Kiera Rose, Jack, Fallon, Riley, Lucy, Mary, Luka, Avery, and Mae. Dear brother of Kieran, Margaret, Eleanor, and the late Richard, Joe, Jimmy, and Brian. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

John was the longtime owner and proprietor of Supreme Food Shop on Walden Street, Cambridge, where he proudly served the neighborhood for over 20 years. Former Asst. Commissioner of Inspectional Services, City of Cambridge for over 20 years. Former owner of Fallon Properties.

Longstanding member of the Assoc. of Notre Dame, Retired Men's Club of Arlington, and



Cambridge Masonic Lodge -

Donations in John's memory may be made to the Jeanne Jugan Residence, Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143.

Local company organizes for foster kids

By Louise Carpenter

One local company recently found a way to make their employee teambuilding day mean more than just time out of the office.

ECOlogic, a local cleaning company, decided that they would partner with Together We Rise, a national non-profit focused on supporting kids and young adults in foster care, and as a team put together 37 bikes in one day.

In order to ensure that those bikes went to the right place, ECOlogic contacted Communities for People, a local nonprofit whose intensive foster care program is based in Somerville.



ECOlogic and Together We Rise worked together to get some nice new bicycles to several local foster kids.

On Monday May 16, ECOlogic employees came to CFP's Twin Cities Office with four cargo vans full of bikes. Because CFP's IFC Program works with kids as young as several weeks old and as old as 21, the small, medium and large bikes from ECOlogic will ensure that every child and young adult in a CFP foster home who needs a bike will have one.

Although May is National Foster Care Month, agencies like Communities for People often struggle to find extra ways to recognize and support the amazing foster families and the children placed in their homes. ECOlogic and Communities for People are committed to working together in the future and are an example of the new and creative ways non-profit agencies are finding donations and other resources to support their clients.

Communities for People has been providing residential placement and foster homes to children, adolescents and young adults for almost 40 years, but it is only recently that it has begun fundraising in effort to minimize their reliance on government funding and Continued on page 23

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

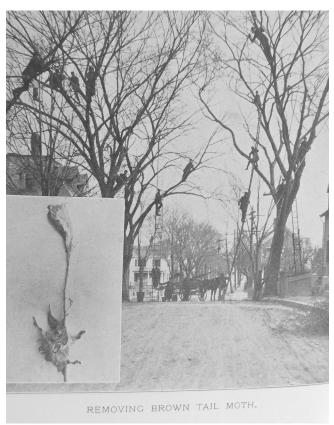


Eagle Feathers #104

Gypsy and the Brown Tails

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The contrast between the birth of Somerville's last century and now is startling. In its Annual Report of 1901, the city granted 25 petitions to keep 129 cows, 16 permits to keep pigs, and 4 permits to keep goats. Twenty-five diseased horses were put down, and 23 stables were built.



The account makes the city sound like Governor Winthrop and the Puritans were still here, but it was not so. This was 115 years go when England lost its monarch of sixty-three years, Queen Victoria, and America lost its 25th president, William McKinley, through assassination.

The City of Somerville was then twenty-nine years old and exploding in population and growth. Since becoming a city in 1872, her population increased from 12,000 to 63,000. Her citizenry had grown over six times. At this time, Powder House Boulevard was constructed to join the anticipated Alewife Brook Parkway section of Boston's new Emerald Necklace. This is where the MBTA's Green Line derived its name.

Somerville natives loved their trees. They had lost almost all of them during the American Revolution when trees were used to shelter thousands of British troops imprisoned here. Later, throughout the city, tree-lined streets were laid out and planted. The wealth moving into the city was impressive.

A new development, the Westwood Road and Benton Road section of Spring Hill, had fully grown shade trees brought in and planted along their curbs. Up to that time, this feat had only been accomplished in two places in America: Washington, D.C. and the mansions at Newport, Rhode Island. Somerville identifies many of her trees with its street signs. Exploring the city, you will find a forest of them. Look around. There are signs honoring her many varieties: Elm, Oak, Chestnut, Beech, Cypress, Willow, Maple, Poplar, Cherry, Laurel, and Walnut. The list goes on.

In 1869, a Harvard professor, living in Medford, began home studies trying to improve silkworm production. This ended in disaster when his experimental collection of foreign insects escaped from his property during a windstorm. Unnoticed at first, he unwittingly started the Gypsy Moth Plague that ate through Somerville and beyond. Continued on page 15

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Fossil Free Somerville lauds A regular hipster **Retirement Board request**

By Charles Lane

Fossil Free Somerville, the community group which has been pressing the City of Somerville to divest from the fossil fuel industry for several years, has praised the Somerville Retirement Board for its decision to issue a request for information on fossil fuel divestment.

The Somerville Retirement Board (SRB) issued the RFI on April 15 to gain a better understanding of relevant research and best practices. "This is an important step in the divestment process," said David Grosser, a Fossil Free Somerville member. "We congratulate the SRB for being serious about moving the process forward."

In its request document, the SRB lists many questions that it would like to answer to meet



its fiduciary responsibilities as they relate to divestment. It addresses potential legal and financial risks of both a fossil free portfolio and of continued investment in fossil fuels. It also solicits information on precedents for institutional divestment in Massachusetts and worldwide, and for accountability frameworks such as a "standardized format for fossil free reporting."

The SRB posted the RFI on http://www.somervillema.gov and has encouraged a variety of respondents, ranging from community groups to investment fund managers. The deadline for submitting written responses and for scheduling in-person presentation responses was on May 15. The SRB has scheduled these numerous presentations to take place during public meetings on May 26 and June 28. Questions should be directed to SRB Executive Director Michael Pasquariello at 617-625-6600, Ext. 4600 or mpasquariello@somervillema.gov.

Grosser added that "Fossil Free Somerville is hopeful that these RFI responses will convince the SRB to issue a request for proposal on fossil fuel divestment of the Somerville pension fund in the near future."

in the city



A regular hipster in Union Square reading The Somerville Times. The gentleman, 42 years old, said he is a little old for the designated hipster label. He also told me that he loves Somerville, but like many he had to leave because of affordability issues. He still revisits Somerville on a regular basis. This is just one of the many stories in the "Paris of New England." — Text and photo by Doug Holder

A little birthday exploration



Local resident Zach Zasloff and his son Max were spotted standing on a fire truck as they celebrated his Max's third birthday. Photo by Donald Norton

Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies

Somerville's annual Memorial Day Parade, the largest in the Boston metro region, and corresponding ceremonies are set for Sunday, May 29.

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 Ave. 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 down Highland Ave. to North St. Ceremonies will conclude in Veterans' Memorial Cemetery after the parade, with a ceremony of remembrance for fallen Somerville veterans under the supervision of the Somerville Allied Veterans Council Director of Veterans Services Bryan Bishop. All events will be held rain or shine.

The 2016 parade will feature 21 performing groups, including new bands and performers such as: The Spartans Drum and Bugle Corps from Nashua, NH; The Freedom Trail Band (first LGBT band to perform in the parade); OUTVETS, marching in honor of LGBT Veterans; and the Blues Brothers: Next Generation performing group. As always, the parade will also 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.

In honor of the Veterans of World War II, this year the City of Somerville salutes the "Greatest Generation," with a Grand Marshal Court of Honor: five World War II Veterans from here in Somerville.

- + Vito Vaccaro, United States Navy, 1943-
- Frank Rego, United States Army, 1943-1945

- + Jim Legee, United States Army, 1944-1946
- + David Vellela, United States Navy, 1944-
- + Tony Matarazzo, United States Navy, 1945-

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 Ave. (Walnut St. to School St.)
- + Prescott St. (Summer St. to Highland Ave.)
- + Putnam St. (Summer St. to Highland Ave.)
- Vinal Ave. (Summer St. to Highland Ave.)
- School St. (Medford St. to Highland Ave.)
- Walnut St. (Medford St. to Highland Ave.)
- College Ave. (Morrison Ave. to Davis Sq.)
- North St. (Powderhouse Blvd. to Broadway) Beginning at 11:00 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 St. to Route 16). These restrictions will be lifted immediately following the parade.

Beginning at noon there will be no parking on either side of Powder house Blvd. from Alewife Brook Pkwy. (Rt. 16) to Curtis St.

- Highland Ave. (Walnut St. to Davis Sq.)
- + Holland St. (Davis Sq. to Teele Sq.)
- + Broadway (Holland St. to Route 16)
- + Little Sisters of the Poor 186 Highland

Additionally, beginning at 8:00 a.m., Highland Ave. will be closed between School St. and Sycamore St. for American Legion Post# 19's annual Memorial Day Ceremony, which all are invited to attend.

Please note that the Number 88 MBTA bus route to and from Clarendon Hill will not be running from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you would like more information, please contact Veterans' Services at 617-625-6600 ext. 4700.

Sullivan Tire Grand Opening

Sullivan Tire and Auto Service opened its newest location in the heart of Somerville at 263 Beacon Street on Saturday, May 21, 2016. The celebration featured a baseball-themed afternoon from complete with food, music, celebrity appearances and Red Sox ticket giveaways.

The highlight of the day was an appearance by WEEI's Mike Adams, host of 93.7FM Sports Radio, Somerville's own Big League Brian and Wally the Green Monster, the official mascot of the Boston Red Sox. At 12:30 p.m., Mike Adams gave away two pairs of tickets to the Red Sox game that afternoon against the Cleveland Indians at Fenway Park.



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'Villens United by Chris Haskell

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'Villens unite for PorchFest



For the last six years the city has thrown its annual PorchFest, which highlights the many different musicians we have residing here in the 'Ville. Musicians with permits entertain passers by on the porch or in their yard while Villens and visitors alike enjoy the sights and sounds of the Somerville streets. The festival itself has become an unofficial city holiday and something the locals look forward to every year. Whether hiking the hills, or riding your bike around town, there's something interesting to check out on nearly every block.

PorchFest itself represents the heart of the Somerville community. For one day in May the whole city turns into a giant block party where neighbors get to know each other and let loose.

Many parents walk the city with their children to enjoy the free outdoor music and festivities. Young adults roam the streets in groups, hitting up bars along the way and making new friends. The wide range of music genres heard during PorchFest reflect the diversity of cultures we have here in the city that gives Somerville its unique flavor.

I had originally planned to chronicle my PorchFest adventures in a timeline in this week's column, but I was overwhelmed by all there was to see and quickly abandoned my itinerary. So I decided to just wing it and see where the wind would take me. Throughout my travels I had bumped into neighbors and friends I hadn't caught up with in far too long and I had shortly assembled a small posse. Luckily, rain held off and my friends and I enjoyed a nice spring day walking around Somerville listening to local bands that far surpassed our expectations.

We spent most of the early afternoon in the Winter Hill area.



There were a few great bands playing right on Broadway as you got towards the top of the hill and we couldn't pull away from them. Before we moved to the next area to see some more porch bands, we stopped by to see our friends at Winter Hill Brewery for a beer and were treated to a few stellar performances on their newly opened outdoor deck. After a quick round of drinks and a nice chat with WHB founder Jeff Rowe, we were back on the move.

The next few hours were spent bouncing from one porch to the next backyard checking out the local talent. Many houses seemed to have an awesome little party going on in their backyard, but were so crowded that As it got colder we finished our

sible. On some porches young couples played acoustic covers of pop songs, while others had a New Orleans style jazz band. BLOWW (Boston League Of Women Wrestlers) even put on a classic backyard wrestling show and beat each other senseless while a rock band revved up the crowd.

After walking the city all day, the smell of grilled brats drew us to the Magoun Square dance party for a couple more beers and a bite to eat. (Brats were amazing. Kudo's Olde Magoun's) Magoun Square had been blocked off and a band played on stage while everyone crowded the streets as we shoveled food in our faces. It was a great way to end the night. getting in was next to impos- beers inside and shared videos

and photos of the day's events. Amongst the many different local bands were photos of all the different smiling faces of those whose paths we'd crossed. Funny how a simple idea such as inviting people to play music for their neighborhood can unite a city.

Later 'Villens. Keep on rockin' in the free world.





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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Thirty-fourth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts in wards 4 and 5, precinct 1 of ward 7, and precinct 2 of ward 8, of the city of Medford, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 4, and all precincts of ward 7, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of May 16-20.

4 PERCENT TAX HIKE ON MILLIONAIRES

(H 3933)

House and Senate held a constitutional convention and approved 135-57 (House approved 102-50, Senate approved 33-7), a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow a graduated income tax in Massachusetts and impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current flat 5.10 percent one, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million. The proposal garnered the required vote of at least 25 percent (50 members) of the 2015-2016 Legislature and will go on the November 2018 ballot if approved by 50 members of the 2017-2018 Legislature.

The amendment is being proposed by the group Raise Up Massachusetts, which gathered the necessary signatures to bring the measure to the Legislature. Language in the amendment requires that, "subject to appropriation," the revenue goes to fund quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation.

Supporters said the amendment is a reasonable one that will affect only 14,000 very wealthy individuals and will raise \$1.9 billion in additional revenue. They said the requirement to use the revenue for education and transportation will benefit millions of Bay State taxpayers. They argued the hike would help lower income families which are now paying a higher share of their income in taxes.

Opponents said that if the amendment becomes law, the state will soon regain its dreaded title of "Taxachusetts." They argued the new tax will lead to the loss of 9,500 private sector jobs and will result in many millionaires moving out of the state and a loss of all income tax revenue from them. They argued that the 1.9 billion, "subject to appropriation," will go into the General Fund and be up for grabs for anything. They noted the amendment will result in class warfare and higher taxes on millions of taxpayers by allowing the Legislature to establish different tax rates for different levels of income.

(A "Yes" vote is for the additional 4 percent tax. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

REDUCE INCOME TAX TO 5 PERCENT AND STRIKE MILLIONAIRE TAX (H 3933)

Constitutional convention rejected 42-148 (House rejected 35-115, Senate approved 7-33), an amendment that would eliminate the proposed additional 4 percent tax on millionaires and instead reduce the income tax from 5.10 to 5 percent beginning in January 2019.

Amendment supporters said that voters in 2000 approved a gradual reduction of that year's 5.85 percent tax to five percent by January 2003, and it is time for the Legislature to honor that vote. They argued that the billions of dollars saved by taxpayers will be pumped back into the economy.

Some opponents said that the amendment dismisses the will of 157,000 people who signed an initiative petition to get this millionaire's tax to the Legislature and on the ballot. Others said the state simply cannot afford to lose billions of dollars in revenue that will result in severe cuts to very important programs like education, local

aid, mental health and substance abuse.

(A "Yes" vote if for the amendment reducing the income tax to 5 percent instead of taxing millionaires another 4 percent. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Rep. Christine Barber No
Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote
Rep. Timothy Toomey No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

APPROVE BOTH INCOME TAX CUT TO 5 PERCENT AND THE MILLIONAIRE'S TAX (H 3933)

Constitutional convention rejected 42-147 (House rejected 36-114, Senate rejected 6-33), an amendment that would keep the proposed additional 4 percent tax on millionaires but also reduce the income tax from 5.10 to 5 percent beginning in January 2019.

Amendment supporters said this compromise is a fair one that honors the will of voters to put the 4 percent tax hike on the ballot and to reduce the income tax to 5 percent.

Amendment opponents again said the state cannot afford to lose millions of dollars with an income tax reduction. They noted that the income tax has been reduced from 5.85 percent to 5.1 since 2000 and will likely be reduced to 5 percent in two years under an automatic trigger that reduces the income tax by one-half of one percent each year that the state's economic growth is at least 2.5 percent.

(A "Yes" vote is for the reduction in the income tax from 5.10 percent to 5 percent. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No
Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote
Rep. Timothy Toomey No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ENSURE EXTRA REVENUE GOES TO EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION (H 3933)

Constitutional convention rejected 64-138 (House rejected 56-106, Senate rejected 8-32) an amendment requiring that the estimated \$1.9 billion in annual revenue generated by the 4 percent millionaire's tax be used on top of the amount of money funded for education and transportation for those programs in the prior year, and not in lieu of it.

Amendment supporters said without this requirement, future Legislatures could play a game in which the money the state currently spends on education and transportation will be moved to other projects and the \$1.9 billion generated by the 4 percent tax will simply replace that money with no net gain in education and transportation spending.

Amendment opponents said the Legislature should not change this citizens-sponsored initiative. The argued the proposed constitutional amendment already ensures the \$1.9 billion will go to transportation and education.

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

Rep. Christine Barber No
Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote
Rep. Timothy Toomey No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ALLOW MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO GIVE FLU SHOTS (H 3895) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow certified medical assistants who work in a doctor's office to give flu and other immunization shots to patients. A certified medical technician is an individual who is a graduate of a post-secondary medical assisting education and performs basic administrative, clerical and clinical duties under the direct supervision of a doctor.

Supporters said this will free up the time of doctors and nurses so they can work on more urgent medical issues.

NELSON MANDELA (H 2929, S 2295) - The House and Senate approved different versions of bills creating a special commission to consider establishing a designed space or facility on the Esplanade, and/or Madison Park High School in Boston commemorating the visit and speeches of Nelson Mandela to Boston in June 1990.

ELDERLY ABUSE (S 2277) - The Elder Affairs Committee held a hearing on a bill designed to protect seniors from abuse. The measure would prohibit individuals, employed as caregivers in a licensed facility, home health agency or homemaker agency who are under investigation or convicted on charges of serious elder abuse, from continuing to work with seniors or people with disabilities.

RAPISTS AND PARENTAL RIGHTS (H 4265)

- The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill limiting the parental rights of convicted rapists. The measure prohibits convicted rapists from obtaining visitation rights to see the child born from the rape

unless the judge determines that visitation is in the best interest of the child and the mother of the child consents to visitation.

CAR RENTALS USED IN CRIMES (H 4248) -

The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on legislation making it a crime to rent a car, knowing that it will be used in the commission of a felony. A convicted offender would be considered an "accessory before the fact of the crime" and be sentenced to a 2.5-year prison sentence and/or up to a \$10,000 fine.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Today's vote marks the first step in changing our tax code to a more equitable and fair system to fund our serious needs in transportation infrastructure and education." — Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) on the Legislature's vote to impose an additional 4 percent income tax on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million.

"Citizens for Limited Taxation (CLT) will be prepared to fight this latest noxious proposal all the way to the 2018 ballot – as we last did successfully in 1994." — CLT's reaction to the additional 4 percent income tax on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million.

"No one should die because a friend or stranger is too afraid to call 911." — Attorney General Maura Healey on "ake the Right Call," a new public information campaign to encourage people to call 911 at the first signs of a drug overdose.

"Nobody should be allowed to rape themselves a family."

— Rep. Michelle DuBois (D-Brockton) on her bill to limit the parental rights of convicted rapists.

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 16-20, the House met for a total of six hours and 28 minutes and the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 3 minutes.

Mon. May 16	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:27 a.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 12:02 p.m.
Tues. May 17	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 18	House 12:33 a.m. to 4:23 p.m. Senate 1:07 p.m. to 4:08 p.m.
Thurs. May 19	House 11:03 a.m. to 1:16 p.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 2:19 p.m.
Fri. May 20	No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Ove	r the Past Mo	nth:	
Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Cottage	7	\$415,000	\$436,500
6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	6	\$475,900	\$490,000
6 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	11	\$479,000	\$479,000
5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Other (See Remarks)	136	\$479,925	\$460,000
9 room, 5 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	69	\$525,000	\$500,000
8 room, 4 bed, 1f 0h bath Front to Back Split	97	\$547,500	\$525,000
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Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
70 Pearl U:2	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	37	\$319,000	\$377,000		
33 Summer Street U:1	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Rowhouse	7	\$319,900	\$335,000		
7 Waldo Avenue U:5	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	10	\$359,900	\$456,000		
1 Fitchburg St U:C402	2 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Loft	12	\$389,000	\$435,000		
46 Harrison St U:46	5 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	8	\$419,000	\$451,000		
17 Greenville Terrace U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$449,000	\$476,000		
561 Broadway U:B3	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Mid-Rise	20	\$460,000	\$511,000		

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:							
Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price				
2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	13	\$649,900	\$630,000				
2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	109	\$799,000	\$855,000				
2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	27	\$799,999	\$840,000				
2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	9	\$825,000	\$925,000				
2 unit, 8 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	13	\$825,000	\$780,000				
2 unit, 14 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	40	\$899,900	\$1,000,000				
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COMMENTARY

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Devastating fire brings out the best in Somerville



Somerville displays its best qualities under the worst circumstances.

I noticed it the night of May 5, when a fire raced through a row of homes in East Somerville and drove more than 50 people from 15 households into the street. As the buildings burned, our community moved equally fast to provide a safe landing place for the suddenly homeless victims.

You may have read or watched news stories about the fire. It erupted so swiftly that the residents were lucky to escape with their lives and without grave injuries. Some who fled their homes on Rush Street and adjacent Brook Street gathered their children instead of their belongings.

You also may have seen how Somerville firefighters swiftly got the blaze under control while braving a fire so intense it caused one building's roof to collapse. We should all be proud of the work they did, and I commend them. But I was also impressed by people, including fire-fighters at the scene, who rushed to help out of the camera's view that night—and are still helping today as I write. For the ousted families the fire was the scary start to a challenging period in their lives. This ordeal will have many stages, and the victims will continue to need your help as they try to recover. I'm hoping and betting that Somerville's best side comes out again.

Most of these people lost everything they had. They were left with no photos, no spare clothes, no food, not even a toothbrush. They needed help immediately.

While the Fire Department was putting out the blaze, it also initiated contact with the American Red Cross to help the victims find shelter and support that night. This element to a firefighter's job is often overlooked. These men and women know the human toll of a house fire better than anybody, and their instinct is to get help as soon as possible.

While the homes were still burning, neighbors also rushed out onto the street with donations of food and clothing. The Red Cross provided a bus, guidance, and cash cards so the victims could buy day-to-day provisions.

Meanwhile, businesses answered the call. The Holiday Inn provided a steep discount for rooms for the victims, which were paid for first by the Red Cross and then by community donations. They offered free meeting space for social service agencies, and when the families left, they sent them off with bags of needed supplies: towels, toiletries and other items. Staffers treated the victims with compassion and understanding. Local restaurants too numerous to mention were generous in helping to feed the victims.

Nonprofit groups and social service agencies truly stepped up during the fire and in its aftermath as well. Just-A-Start Corp. was in the process of closing a facility on Temple Street, but still made rooms available as short-term housing for some families who are still there. The Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS), notably Sam Davidson-Weiss and the Somerville Homeless Coalition also came through with emergency shelter and support to connect the victims to temporary housing. Meanwhile, Lisa Davidson and the Homeless Coalition launched an online fundraising campaign, which has collected more than \$22,000 so far. Thank you to all who donated. It is heartening to see the community helping in its own this way. If you'd still like to donate, visit Crowdrise at www. crowdrise.com/helpvictimsofrushstreetfireinsomerville.

At least 15 of the victims were

children under 12, and some at-

tend the East Somerville Com-

munity School and the Capuano Early Childhood Center. The schools went into action immediately. Numerous school staff, notably Homeless Liaison Regina Bertholdo and Family Learning Collaborative Director Nomi Davidson, have been working hard since the night of the fire to make sure the children are able to continue get to school and have the supplies they need. City employees across departments each took on needed tasks. To name just a few, Doug Kress, Director of Health and Human Services, coordinated a response team, worked tirelessly to locate temporary housing, and continue to manage services. Irma Flores, our Somer-Viva Spanish language liaison, translated calmly amid the frenzy and for days afterward assisted victims. Nancy Aylward, my administrative assistant, was our office's communications center, working magic on the phone as

Natasha Naim of the Somerville Council on Aging found temporary housing for an elderly woman. Theresa Hussey Rogers, a foreman in the Sewer Department who lives near the fire scene, kindly opened her home to the displaced as they awaited the Red Cross. Our Communications and SomerViva immigrant outreach team did what they do best: they got the word out, and donations surged. The victims have temporary places for the coming weeks now. But they have a long way to go. Most important, they need housing here in Somerville. Friends tend to tell friends when they know of an apartment with reasonable rent that's opening up. Perhaps this time, if you have a lead on a unit, share that info with these families instead. Just drop us a line by calling 311. They'll also need your donations again soon once they find permanent housing. People have been so generous with clothing. Next these families will need kitchenware, furniture, and other basic itemsall the things we take for granted that make a home. So please stay tuned for our call for these items when the time comes.

The generosity of Somerville gladdens my heart. You have been heroes, but this is just the first chapter of the story.

Loss of faith drives this election... and our shared future



By William C. Shelton

For months I've been reading, hearing, and viewing commentary regarding how unusual this election cycle is. Columnists, critics, and pundits talk about voter anger, unpredictable election outcomes, repudiation of party leaderships, quirky candidates, and many millions in campaign spending that accomplish nothing.

But among all these opinions, I've not heard one that explains the underlying reason for, and connections between, these unanticipated phenomena. So

I will offer my own opinion. I believe that what we're observing is the outcome of a critical mass of Americans losing faith in our political and economic institutions

By "losing faith," I don't mean what Gallup has been measuring since 1973 in its confidence-in-institutions surveys, although these data are good indicators. They report confidence levels at historic lows, with only Congress scoring lower than big business. (Small business and the military score the highest.)

Instead, I'm talking about a profound loss of innocence that goes deeper than the taken-for-granted cynicism that I have always heard in conversations regarding government and business. I'm talking about about a loss of capacity to believe what was inculcated in most of us from infancy regarding the

essential legitimacy, efficacy, and justice of the American system as it is currently configured.

This loss often remains beneath the conscious level. Conscious or not, it motivates voter segments.

Media accounts of angry voters focus on Trump and Sanders supporters. But the discontent is much more pervasive. Trump and Sanders loyalists can feel their anger because their respective candidates give them hope. Even though anger is a healthy response to mistreatment, in the absence of hope it feels...hopeless.

The shared sentiment that our country is being stolen from us has produced different results within the Republican and Democratic Parties, given their differing histories and constituencies. In the 1930s, the Democratic Party restored Americans'

lost faith in their institutions by transforming them. It held that faith and dominated national government until its commitment to the civil rights acts of the 1960s alienated Southern voting majorities.

she connected those who could

help with those who needed it.

Meanwhile, the nation's wealthiest and most powerful business interests dominated the Republican Party, at least since it repudiated Teddy Roosevelt's presidency. But for much of that time, the wealthiest Americans felt some loyalty to their nation and their communities.

Globalization, financialization, and the shift from stake-holder to shareholder capitalism required them to abandon all stakeholders—employees, communities, suppliers, and their nation—other than investors and senior management.

Nevertheless, they succeeded in cobbling together a coalition

of racially threatened Whites, cultural conservatives, libertarians, Christian fundamentalists, and corporate interests that dominated public policy for something like forty years.

The ongoing mantra that proclaimed their shared identity as the only true patriots, lovers of God, protectors of family, and defenders of freedom diverted attention from the misalignment of these disparate segments' best interests—and from the understanding that "freedom" meant freedom from paying living wages, providing pensions and health insurance, observing health and safety regulations, and paying for the infrastructure, education, research, and social programs that keep America a going concern. It also diverted attention from the absence of any historical evidence that their policy prescriptions, Continued on page 17

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



It began as a way to memorialize the military casualties of the Civil War, and was originally termed Decoration Day. Decorating the graves of the countless multitudes of fallen soldiers helped to console the grieving survivors of the debacle while uniting the once divided nation in a worthwhile common cause.

For many these days, Memorial Day represents the beginning of the summery

high season. Kids soon enjoy their vacations from school. Families and individuals go traveling, camping surfing, and whatever else represents fun in the sun in the months to come.

This next weekend we will take a little more time to pay homage to those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. For us all.

Many of us will go out and enjoy the

great parade on Sunday. It is always inspirational and a great place to meet old friends and perhaps make some new ones. We hope that many of you will take some time to meet and get to know a veteran that you may encounter during this special celebration.

These heroes deserve recognition and thanks for the service they have given, and you may come away from the experience feeling a bit more enlightened and enriched than before.

Most of all, give some thought to what the brave men and women who laid down their lives mean to all of us today. How the freedom and quality of life we enjoy in America would not be possible without those selfless acts of courage and devotion. It is good to have that sense of appreciation throughout the year too.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy Birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to Brian Roche, who is celebrating this week. He is an Executive Chef and a great one at that. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to our good friend Johanna Webster, a realtor out of CBRB in Andover. We hope she has a great day as well. To our good friend over in Framingham, Nelson Zide, a realtor broker at ERA Keys. We hope he has a great day. To a good guy and friend, Enrique Levin, who's originally from Mexico and is a student of economics here in the Boston/Somerville area. He's a great guy and we wish him a happy birthday as well. Finally, happy birthday to Max Zasloff, who just turned three years old. We know for sure his parents will be buying him lots of good stuff.

Somerville High School Senior Class Day is coming up on Friday, June 3 at the High School's Centennial Auditorium beginning at 9:00 a.m., As is traditional, the class of 50 years before is represented by about 50 class members, in this case 1966.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. *The*

Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in Newstalk. We guess it's because we like them.

Next Tuesday, May 31 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Somerville High Library, 81 Highland Avenue, is a Full Meeting of the Democratic City Committee, followed by a Forum for the 2nd Middlesex State Senate Primary, featuring Senator Pat Jehlen of Somerville, and Councilor Leland Cheung of Cambridge. Please email Diane Masters at diane.masters@gmail.com if you have questions for the candidates. They will also be discussing the Green Line Extension, the new High School and will have short meetings of each Ward Committee prior to the forum.

Celebrate East Somerville at Carnaval @ Somerstreets! Sunday, June 5 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Broadway will be closed off to cars for the celebration. Music and entertainment on three stages. Performances from A Nova Brazil, Los Nitidos, Nuz, Federator Number 1, Mariachi los Viajeros de Mexico, Banda Bahia, Banda de la Paz, El Sistema Somerville, On Stage Dance Company, Teen Em-

powerment and more. Craft Fair. Food and activities from Around the World Arts, Crafts, Games and more. Motion Parade starts at 2:00 p.m. from the Cross St. Senior Center. For more info visit www.somervillema.gov or www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/carnaval.

The Somerville Times is in the process of putting out some more boxes, approximately eight more in strategic places to make it more assessable. There will be some new boxes at Assembly Square as well. A list of boxes will be out with a map showing where you can get the paper, even outside the boxes. If you would like to see the paper at some location near you, call us at 617-666-4010.

All the news from the Building Department is not bad. Kudos to a Ward 7 Building Inspector for spotting a potentially problematic installation of some air conditioning condensers that the installers had misplaced. It seems that they are supposed to be at least three feet from the property line. A "Stop Work Order" was issued and the matter was corrected to everyone's satisfaction. Note to property owners: make sure your installers have the proper building permits before they install.

Our condolences to the family and

friends of Eileen Doherty, who recently passed away. Eileen was the wife of former SPD Officer Bernie Doherty. The Doherty's were very popular and a nice family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them this week.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification. Continued on page 23

PorchFest 2016





























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Photos by Kevin Dickinson & Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

The Lady Wrestlers overtake Somerville





The glorious spectacle of Backyard Lady Wrestling took place last Saturday afternoon amidst the general revelry of the PorchFest event. Competitors from the Boston League of Women Wrestlers hurled one another in the air and pinned their opponents to the tarp in a strictly-for-fun affair. Check out the league and follow their exploits at http://www.blowwboston.com/. - Photos by Kevin Dickinson

Ms. Cam's A miscellaneous #527 gepodge

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. In 1960, what was John Fitzgerald Kennedy's campaign song?
- 2. An Enologist studies what?
- 3. Who spoke for the first time in a Bugs Bunny cartoon in 1951?
- 4. In what year was the band Aerosmith formed?
- 5. Which tour did Prince begin in 1990?
- 6. There are 33 words on the back of a bottle of what brand of beer?

- 7. Who was the first female to direct a movie that raked in over \$100 million?
- 8. What is Miley Cyrus' birth name?
- 9. What does the letter C stand for in the media organization CNN?
- 10. How many days does a cat usually stay in heat?
- 11. Who wrote the novel On The Road?
- 12. Who founded the American Institution of public Opinion?

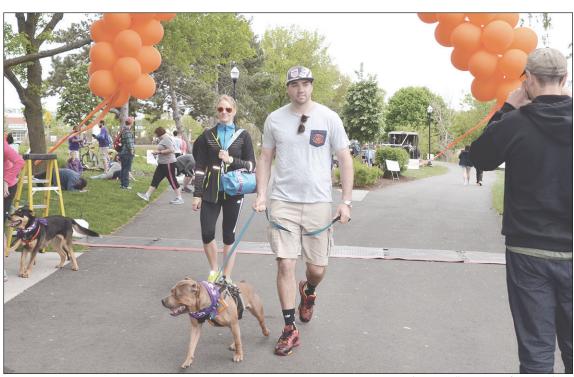
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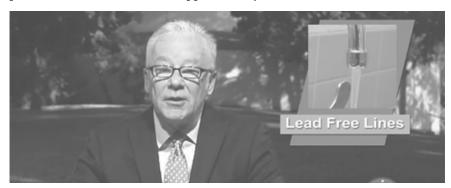
Sunday, May 22, at Sylvester Baxter Park at Assembly Row in Somerville, marked the exciting debut of a new family-friendly spring fundraiser, the Fast and Furriest 5K - Run, Walk, Wag for MSPCA-Angell. This new community event, which combined the interests of past Walk for Animals and Run Fur Fun participants, included a timed 5K fun run, a shorter walk, and a "Ducky Dash" kids' fun run - each including canines, of course. The run and walk was followed by activities, vendor booths, food, contests, and entertainment for the whole family. All funds raised go to benefit all the animals served by the MSPCA-Angell in its adoption centers, hospitals, and programs. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville drinking water...why we're not Flint

The water crisis in Flint, Michigan has served as a wake up call to cities across the nation. In Massachusetts, the concern focuses on aging water service lines that remain in dozens of communities and may contain lead pipes.

Somerville has been working with the Massachusetts Water Resources Agency (MWRA) for several decades to replace lead water mains and service lines. While just about all water mains are now lead free, according to the city's Department of Water and Sewer, approximately 1,500 lead service lines in use.



In the early 20th century, lead was commonly used for water distribution to city's and towns. Testing and data weren't available to detect the dangers. By the 1960's the discovery that lead could leach into drinking water at dangerous levels began a movement away from lead pipes and solder.

"Any water delivered to your home is lead free through our service mains," says Mark Lawhorne, Operations Manager for the city of Somerville's Department of Water and Sewer. "The MWRA helps by adding a corrosive protecting material and add and additive to keep corrosion down, and they test that chemistry constantly."

Somerville's drinking water comes from the Quabbin and Wachusetts Reservoirs, some of the purest water in the country. The water source and city mains are lead-free, but lead contamination can occur once the water leaves the water mains and flows through service lines from the street to the house.

"A lot of the confusion comes from the service lines going from the main in the streets to the household," Lawhorne said. Service lines that run from the property line to the house are a homeowner's responsibility.

The MWRA has provided financial assistance over the past few decades for cities to replace water mains, but this year the MWRA is introducing a new initiative. They are launching a \$100 million dollar interest free loan program to cover the cost of replacing service lines.

This program is projected to fund replacement projects in the 47 communities the MWRA serves, including. Guidelines to the program are still being finalized.

"The town or city providing your water should provide a full comprehensive analysis of what's available in the water," said Zach Lovatt the Alternate Laboratory Director at the Northeast Environmental Laboratory in Danvers.

Somerville Neigborhood News teamed up with the MWRA accredited laboratory to conduct and analyze three random samples from Somerville's taps. The test revealed that there was no detectable level of lead in any of the samples.

If you're concerned about lead in your drinking water visit the MWRA website at mwra.com. You can find water analysis results for Somerville and a list of accredited water testing laboratories.

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents.

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Somerville later became the original point of entry for another moth, the Brown Tail Moth. It was just as destructive to trees as the Gypsy and also caused a painful poison-ivy type rash. Both species were brought here from Europe and produced millions of caterpillars that devastated about 23 types of trees. At its worst, houses, yards and streets were blanketed with the scourge. They brought trolley cars to a halt by making the rails and streets slippery.

During this time, Somerville soldiers and sailors were fighting in the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, and the China Relief Expedition. The impressive monument in front of the central library brings attention to this fact.

At home, Somerville natives were at war on a far lesser scale. They were fighting against the destroyers of their fruit and foliage, a war against two of the worst pests to invade our shores. A small army of city laborers worked feverishly to defeat the devouring insects. Today, these enemies still raise their heads periodically, but due to good laws and education, they are held in check.

For the past twenty years, a green Somerville has been awarded and designated by the Arbor Day Foundation as a "Tree City U.S.A." community!

Somerville rocked once again



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Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy Del Ponte, presented the 2016 Somerville Rocks! youth talent show on Friday, May 20 at the Somerville High School Auditorium. Somerville Rocks! provides an opportunity for Somerville youth, ages 12 and older, to polish performance art and talents with twice-weekly rehearsals with performer and musician Jimmy Del Ponte. The concert featured Somerville youth bands, soloists, comedians, and other talented young residents.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Somerville High School Auditorium, 1st Floor, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-55 76 School Street. Applicant Summer Living, LLC, and Owner MBTA co/ Laura Kaplan of MA Realty Group, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding living and office space to an MBTA Storage Building and for parking relief. Zone RA Ward 3

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-50 19 Clarendon Avenue. Applicant Hudson Santana, and Owner 19 Clarendon Avenue LLC, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by increasing the FAR. Zone RA, Ward 7.

<u>Legal Notice</u>: **ZBA 2016-41** 32 Marshall Street. Applicant Ramana Lagemann and Owner Eleanor McGashing, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to add a second principal structure to the lot. Zone RB, Ward 4.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-06 434 McGrath HighwayApplicant Zipcar, Inc. and Owner MBP Realty Trust, Melissa Piantidosi, Trustee, seek a Special Permit to convert one nonconforming use to another, by leasing space for a car share program. Zone CCD 45, Ward 3.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-52 25 Gilman Terrace. Applicant and Owner Douglas Bosley, seeks a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding a rear deck and small addition. Zone RB, Ward 1.

<u>Legal Notice</u>: **ZBA 2016-47** 9 Monmouth Street. Applicants and Owners, John and Karen Gledhill, seek a variance regarding the required setback for a spa. Zone RB, Ward 3.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-56 352 Highland Avenue. Applicant New Market Properties General Contracting, LLC and Owner Highland Avenue Holdings, LLC, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to add 4 residential units and a commercial space, and a Variance for parking. Zone NB. Ward 6.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-63 40 Adrian Street. Applicants and Owners Timothy Pinkney and Hayat Prentice, seek a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding a rear addition. Zone RB, Ward 2.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-59 66 Church Street. Applicant and Owner Serafin Lima seeks a Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by adding a rear deck. Zone RB, Ward 2.

Legal Notice: ZBA 2016-25 21 Cherry Street. Applicant and Owner, Mouhab Rizkallah and Lacourt Foundation, LLC, respectively, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to substantially alter a non-conforming 6-unit structure on an undersized lot. The applicant also seeks parking relief under SZO §9.1.3. RB Zone. Ward 5.

 $\underline{\textbf{Dates of Public Hearing}} : \textbf{Zoning Board of Appeals} - \textbf{June 8, 2016}$

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, June 9, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

2 Union Square (Case #PB 2016-07) Applicant, Johnathan Davila on behalf of Partners Urgent Care, and Owner, Union 2 Associates, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under SZO §7.13 A to create an urgent care medical facility on the ground floor where no such facility is allowed unless by Special Permit. Applicant and Owner also seek a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22 D (5)a for new signage and other exterior modifications. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A POWDERHOUSE SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. THE ORDINANCE ALSO AMENDS THE ZONING MAP TO PLACE THIS DISTRICT OVER A PORTION OF THE POWDERHOUSE SCHOOL PROPERTY IN WARD 7, PLACE AN OPEN SPACE (OS) DISTRICT OVER THE REMAINDER OF THE POWDERHOUSE SCHOOL PROPERTY, AND ADJUST THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ADJACENT RESIDENCE C (RC) ZONING DISTRICT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT IS TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE POWDERHOUSE SCHOOL.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in the Boston Herald 5/19/16 and 5/26/16 To be published in the Somerville Times 5/25/16

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The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA), the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Carpet installers\ Carpet Companies for removal, supply and installation of carpets, new pad, cove base and other related items for an as needed, day-to-day carpet work at various State and Federal Housing Developments owned and operated by the Somerville Housing Authority in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority, SHA Job No. P-CARP-062016.

The work consists of a One (1) year "full service" Carpet Installation. Contractor must be able to provide service within twenty-four (24-48) hours. The SHA may exercise its option to renew the contract for two (2) additional years at one (1) year intervals.

The estimated cost for each year is \$25,000.00. Not to exceed \$33,000.00 per year.

Bids are subject to MGL c.149 §44A-J & to minimum state wage rates as required by MGL c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., June 15, 2016 and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Modernization Bldg., 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245. Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before the time specified.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 10:00 A.M. on June 1, 2016. There will be no charge for these documents. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will also be available by email at no charge by contacting Anthony Crespo, at tonyc@sha-web.org or downloaded from SHA web site at www.sha-web.org; bid opportunities-tab.

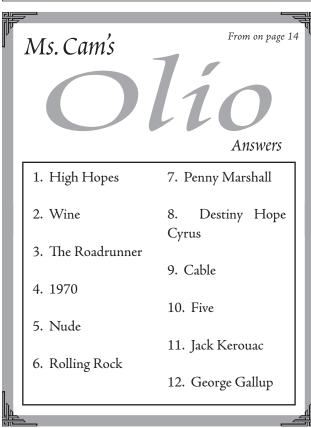
General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (considering any alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

A site visit is scheduled for June 7, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 Prior notification that you are interested in attending the site visit is requested. Please notify Anthony Crespo at 617-625-1152 extension 336 or by email TonyC@sha-web.org if you are attending.

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School Committee reports on transgender use of restrooms CONT. FROM PG 1

expressed his satisfaction in the confirmation that the policies in place have been operating successfully and appreciated the opportunity to receive the update on this matter.

Spring Fling returns to Union Square









som dog's 4th annual Spring Fling returned to Union Square on Sunday, May 22 from 10am to 2:00 p.m. Bull McCabe's Pub's welcomed attendees to their parking lot and provided this year's beer garden. Melissa McCue-McGrath was on hand to sign copies of her book, Considerations for the City Dog. The Pet Republic provided fun training demos and their famous puppy ice cream cart was on the scene, too. Caricature artist Anna Taylor Nason Illustration was on hand to capture the dog's unique personality through her lovely artwork. There were lots of raffle prizes as well from local friends.

— Photos by Kevin Dickinson

Loss of faith drives this election...and our shared future CONT. FROM PG 10

like trickle-down economics, did anything but make matters worse for most of us.

Middle-age white working Americans. a critical segment in the Republican coalition, have been devastated by these policies. Their life expectancy is declining, suicide rates increasing, and drug abuse skyrocketing. Unlike their parties' leaders, they want to protect Medicare, fight fewer wars, and reduce immigration. They are pissed, and Trump is their man, despite his inconsistencies and character flaws.

While the Republican Party was growing in influence, the Democratic Party was capitulating. Ever solicitous of financial support from the wealthy, it gradually reconstituted itself as "Republican Light." During the Clinton years, the gradualism became outright betrayal of Democratic principles in matters of trade, social welfare, financial industry regulation, and criminal justice.

In his insightful new book, Listen Liberal, Thomas Frank documents that, "the socioeconomic group whose interests [the Democrats] represent most enthusiastically—the satisfied and prosperous professional class—simply doesn't care that much about income inequality."

Many in the millennial gener

Many in the millennial generation feel this intuitively. They are told that they need a college degree to succeed. But if they are not among the elites, they cannot find employment that pays compensation sufficient to service bloated student-loan debt while covering escalating costs of living.

The our-institutions-are-the-greatest paradigm never had a solid hold on them because the evidence of their own lives does not support it. Bernie Sanders is their man, and they form the core of his constituency. His policy proposals seem reasonable to them because such policies are routine in other developed countries. Hillary's seem to be just more of the same. And Donald's seem preposterous, unachievable and hateful.

But Bernie's insurgents have been less dominating than Donald's, in part, because the Republican constituencies have fragmented, and the Democratic establishment remains more cohesive.

So we have one presumed presidential nominee who cannot clearly and compellingly state what she aspires to do as President. And we have another who demonstrates all too clearly and compellingly what he aspires to be as president. She proposes putting Band-Aids on cancer. He proposes metastasizing the cancer.

Americans dislike both of them more than they have disliked either party's presidential nominees in the history of opinion polling. And last week's NBC/Wall Street Journal poll found that they are now running even, within the poll's 3.1-point margin of error, while Sanders is running fifteen points ahead of Trump.

Over my lifetime, I've never seen such a widespread loss of faith in our institutions. But America has.

In each case, a president, coordinating his actions with a movement, led the nation in institutional transformation. Abraham Lincoln, the Abolitionist Movement, and the Union Army ended the institution of slavery. Teddy Roosevelt and the Progressive Movement ended the Gilded Age, broke up the too-big-to-fail corporations, instituted worker and consumer protections, fought corruption, proposed a graduated inheritance tax, and conserved our natural resources.

Franklin Roosevelt and the Socialist and Union Movements brought us Social Security, organized labor protections, infrastructure investment, financial industry regulation, tax equity, and home ownership opportunity.

Lyndon Johnson and the Civil Rights Movement achieved change, not so much because Americans had lost faith in their institutions, but because they came to see that those institutions could accomplish so much more. The accomplishments included the Civil Rights Act, Voting Rights Act, Medicare, Medicaid, Head Start, PBS, and a host of programs that reduced poverty.

Whether a coalescence of a president and a movement can produce institutional transformation in the near term is unpredictable. The extent and depth of citizens' estrangement from their institutions defines a new historical moment in which received verities such as "Donald Trump is unelectable," or "Hillary's pragmatism can accomplish more with a Republican Congress than Bernie's idealism," no longer apply.

Trump has momentum relative to Clinton. Trump and

Sanders are both supported by what looks like nascent movements. Clinton is not. And if elected, she would have to overcome widespread and lingering bitterness among losers in both parties.

Nor is it clear that the current-ly accepted paradigm regarding government's role and responsibilities could shift quickly enough, among enough Americans, to enable either a President Trump or Sanders and their respective movements to prevail on policy matters. What is clear is that growing numbers of Americans reject the traditional paradigm implicit in Hillary Clinton's policy prescriptions.

Also clear is that younger voters are increasingly accepting of Bernie Sanders' social democratic paradigm. And that is significant.

Thomas Kuhn popularized the term "paradigm shift" in his great work on the history of scientific revolutions. What many who now use Kuhn's term don't remember or never knew is Kuhn's finding that paradigms did not change because those advocating the new one persuaded those who held the old one. They changed because those who held the old one died.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | May 25

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Teen Empowerment

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday | May 26

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

Central Library Storvtime

4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday | May 27

Central Library

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

Monday | May 30

Libraries Closed

Tuesday | May 31

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday June 1

East Branch Library

Puppet Workshop with Faye Dupras 11 a.m. -12 p.m.|115 Broadway

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cone 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Hookup Culture

Thought Bomb Sophie Kohn 345 Somerville Ave

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Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Mass Invasion Tour2

9 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Subject:Matter Presents Some Pulp 7 p.m. Performance Hall **Emily Haviland Baker and Friends** 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday | May 26

Sally O'Brien's

Trick Wallace presents Tearin' Up Jake, Trick Wallace Trio, Georgia Overdrive 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-6663589

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Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Red-

necks|9:30 pm

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Somerville Theatre Awkward Compliment's Thursday

Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Thunder Road

Crush - A Tribute To The Dave Mat-

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave Arts at the Armory

The Loop 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Magrudergrind, Yautja, Lunglust, & I am Become Death 7p.m.| 156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Encyclopedia Show 7 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Friday | May 27

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Paul Edward Yu Group, Sushi Jones, Drunken Logic \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series: Le Vent Du Nord|7 Cover Up|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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James McCarthy **Brother Joy**

Eliza and The Organix Clippertones

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m.

Bull McCabe's

Be Nice or Leave Brass Band 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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

Samba Bar & Grille

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-

Casey's

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Thunder Road

Dan & The Wildfire (Indie/Folk Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Davis Square Theatre

Shit-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing 7 p.m. 255 Elm St

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Stampede & Mouth Washington|8 p.m.

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The Blue Ribbons 9 p.m.

156 Highland Ave

Saturday | May 28

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. The Martians, Populous People Band \$5 cover |9 p.m.

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The Burren

Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.

The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room

The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Backroom Series| Barry Crimmins / An Evening with Comedian/Political Satirist, Barry Crimmins 7 p.m. Red Square 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Matty Owens 2 p.m. MacKenzie Clement

The Shirts And Shoes Tristin Shiells

Side Trippers Kid Gulliver|8 p.m.

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Dirty Disney|11:30 p.m.

255 Elm St ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Magic Shoppe| Dyr Faser|S.S. Cretins

What we do in the shadows 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Fódhla ("FOE-la")

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday | May 29 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Silver Mirrors, Todd Fausnacht, Liz Cooper, Brett Saxon \$5 cover |6

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Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session 3

8am - 2:30pm

Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast

Stefanos Vryniotis& Eugenios Zarkadas|3 p.m. Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

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156 Highland Ave Monday | May 30

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.

Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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In Letter Form

UglySexy 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

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

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Residency

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Live music in the lounge| Olivia

156 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre**

I'm a showoff

Swanna

7:30 | 255 Elm Street Tuesday | May 31

Sally O'Brien's Bar Tokyo Tramps celebrate their upcoming CD!

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Back Room

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m.

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

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Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band

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Pub Ouiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

Thunder Road

Igor & The Red Elvises (Rock N' Roll) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal and Pizza|8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Wednesday June 1

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Exile on Elm

Back Room Backroom Series:

Comedy Night With Steve Macone|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Elliot Sheedy **Light Divides**

Kaiti Jones

Joshua Powell & the great train robbery

The Only Humans Average Joel 345 Somerville Ave

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Group

Wednesday | May 25

156 Highland Ave

Central Library Making Caring Common Focus

9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Mystery Book Club

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday | May 26

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.

(Session 2)7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

First Church Somerville

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629 Saturday | May 28

40 College Ave

Arts at the Armory The Somerville Flea Market 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

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

Holland St

Family Groups

Sunday | May 29 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Unity Church of God

Monday May 30 **Libraries Closed** Tuesday | May 31

Central Library Sleep and Aging: a Talk with Dr. Kirsi-Marja Zitting and Dr. Nina Vujovic

2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Learn English at the Library

Wednesday June 1 **Central Library**

Board Game Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

De-cluttering Peer Support Group – this is a closed support group for individuals who are concerned about their clutter. Please contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending.

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors -Starting April 1 – The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to request an application. This program is on a first come, first serve basis. This is a Federally funded grant and services will be provided until the grant is exhausted

Free Groceries Every Month? - You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags on food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Dancing In The Park – Starting Monday, April 25 and running or 5 weeks. Join us at Chuckie Harris Park (Cross Street East / behind the Cross Street Center) from 12:00 P.M. until 1:00 P.M. for this FREE Dancing in the Park series. Zumba, Salsa, Konpo, Forro and Kizomba – provides low impact and easy-to-follow pace for a healthy active lifestyle. This event is OPEN to EVERYONE. If you should have any questions, please call Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315. Hope to see you there! RAIN or SHINE. If it is raining we will be inside the Cross Street Center. If it is SHINE we will be in the park! Still 3 classes left!

Senior Health Insurance 101 –We will meet the last Monday of each month until June 27th – 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Are you covered? Are you looking for affordable insurance? Come and learn about Medicare, Medicaid and much more. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional information and to sign up.

Forget Me Knot Group –Wednesdays from March 16 through June 15th from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – A 3 month support group about memory and aging. Our Forget Me Knot Group hopes to answer questions & provide educational, emotional and social support. Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 if you should have any questions, require additional information or to reserve your spot.

Hearing Screening and Hearing Aid Checks – Tuesday, May 24 at our Holland Street Center from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. You MUST call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to SCHEDULE a time to be seen

Taking Care of Yourself & Others – Wednesday, June 8th from 12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. in the Atrium of the

Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Implement simple healthy lifestyle changes, learn how to effectively manage stress, recognize the symptoms of depression and more. This workshop is facilitated by Rose Cheyette from Samaritans, Inc. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Hairspray – Wednesday, June 8 – Check in time at our Holland Street Center at 10:15 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:00 P.M. First stop will the The Olde Colony Café in Norwood for an awesome lunch then a short walk away to The Norwood Theatre for the play "Hairspray – The Broadway Musical. The fee is \$48 which includes transportation, lunch and show. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you should have any questions.

Essex, Gloucester & Rockport – Wednesday, June 15 - \$25 fee includes motorcoach transportation and lunch. Luncheon choices are between baked haddock, seafood medley or roasted chicken. Seating is limited. Check-in time is 9:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 10:00 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Mohegan By Day/Foxwoods Overnight – Thursday & Friday, June 9 & 10 - \$219 per person / single \$169 per person/double – Includes motorcoach transportation, Mohegan Sun bonus, Foxwoods bonus, plus so much more. Departing our Ralph & Jenny Center on June 9th at 7:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. on Friday the 10th. For additional information or to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Know Your Consumer Rights: Fraud Prevention & Protection – Thursday, June 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Presented by the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations - Please RSVP by calling Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. Please note that ALL CENTERS CLOSED on May 30th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

The Mohegan / Foxwoods overnight trip scheduled for June 9th & June 10th is SOLD OUT.

The Essex, Gloucester & Rockport day trip scheduled for Wednesday, June 15th is SOLD OUT.

The Lowell Spinners outing scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th is SOLD OUT.

The Indian Head trip scheduled for December 6th, 7th and 8th is BOOK SOLID.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 13th at 4:30 P.M. in the conference room of our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

LGBTQ Advisory Group is holding a LGBTQ Pride Dance at the Somerville Holiday Inn on Friday, June 3rd from 6:00 to 10:00. For additional information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May

4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H) 8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street* (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A (H) 9:00 Fit 4 Life* Group B (H) 12:00 Fit 4 Life* Group C (H) 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 10:30 Fit 4 Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life*

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A
9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration**If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday | May 25

11:30 Lunch (RJ) 11:30 Forget Me Knot (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Thursday|May 26

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ) 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (RJ)

10:30 Community Food Program (RJ)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)

11:30 Lunch (C)

11:30 Lunch (RJ) Joint lunch with Holland – Portuguese Food

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Friday | May 27

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

Monday|May 30

All Centers Closed – City Holiday – Memorial Day

Tuesday|May 31

9:30 – 11:30 Coffee Hour (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday|June 1

11:30 Lunch (RJ) 11:30 Forget Me Knot (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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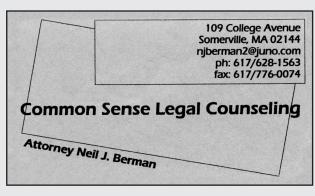
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6:00am	Life Matters	6:00pm	Color in your life	11:00am	Haitian Poetry	11:30am	Art at SCATV
6:30am	Exercise with Robyn	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Somerville Line	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:00am	Poet to Poet	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	1:00pm	Start Up TV	1:00pm	Infinite Momentum
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Let's talk about Real Estate	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	1:30pm	Legacies
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
9:00am	Legacies	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:00pm	Chef's Table Series	2:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board
9:30am	Infinite Momentum	10:00pm	Throwback Thursday!	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn
10:00am	Monday's at 9	11:00pm	Rare Groove Revolution	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	3:30pm	MAPS
10:30am	Somerville Storytime	11:30pm	MAPS	7:00pm	Gay USA	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
11:00am	Chef's Table Series	Friday,May	20	8:00pm	Creative Somerville Series	5:00pm	Telegalaxie
12:00pm	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	The Literati Scene	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	The Struggle
1:30pm	Physicians Focus	6:30pm	Life Matters	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	Start Up TV
2:00pm	Health is Wealth	7:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Music Mania Television
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8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	1:30pm	Taking back your health	11:00am	Chef's table Series	7:00am	JuPrey Promotions
8:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	12:00pm	Blokesworld	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	2:30pm	Greater Somerville	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	Chefs table Series
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Let's talk Real Estate!	10:00am	Eat well be happy
11:00pm	Warm up Wednesday	4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Finger on the Pulse	10:30am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
11:30pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	5:00pm	Reeling Review	2:30pm	Monday's at 9	11:00am	The Somerville Line
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9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:30pm	Creative Somerville Series	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:30pm	Physicians Focus
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10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:30pm	SCATV Bulletin Board	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
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12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	Life matters	Monday,		7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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12:00am	Senior Circuit	2:00pm	SomerViva em Português	12:44pm	Beyond the Badge	1:01am	LOCUS USQ Meeting - 5.3.16
12:31am	GLX Community Path Public Meeting	2:31pm	2016 Patriots' Day	1:14pm	SomerViva Haitian Creole	2:51am	Connecting Communities
2:31am	SomerViva Haitian Creole	4:00pm	Upcoming Agenda for BOA Meeting	1:38pm	Jane's Walk 2016	9:00am	Talking Business
2:55am	Haitian Flag Day Celebration	7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	6:30pm	Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16	9:30am	Heroes' Salute: "A City Remembers"
9:00am	The Mayor's Report	Friday, Ma	ny 27	7:16pm	Beyond the Badge	10:35am	A Moonlighters' Performance - 4.25.16
9:18am	Haitian Flag Day Celebration	12:00am	Heroes' Salute: "A City Remembers"	7:46pm	The Mayor's Report	12:00pm	BOA Meeting - 5.26.16
9:21am	A Moonlighters Performance	1:05am	2016 Patriots' Day	8:03pm	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin	3:11pm	Porchfest 2016
12:00pm	Beyond the Badge	1:48am	Guns n' Hoses 2016	8:39pm	SomerViva em Português	6:30pm	The Mayor's Report
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3:00pm	Connecting Communities	9:30am	Milk Row Cemetery Tour 5.10.16	12:00am	Beyond the Badge	Tuesday,	May 21
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9:49pm	Upcoming Agenda for BOA Meeting	1:24pm	Haitian Flag Day Celebration	9:43am	Jane's Walk 2016	2:30am	Aldermen at Work - Matt McLaughlin
Thursday,	May 26	1:30pm	Porchfest 2016	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	9:00am	Presentation on Emerald & Ash Borer
12:00am	GLX Community Path Public Meeting	2:30pm	Connecting Communities	12:31pm	Heroes' Salute: "A City Remembers"	9:44am	Mayor's Wellness Challenge 2016
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10:30am:	All City Middle School Spring Concert					
12:00pm:	Spring String Fling 2016					
1:00pm:	SHS Evening of Song					
2:30pm:	Connecting Communities - SBIRT					
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2:00am:	SHS Baseball v Medford					
9:00am:	2016 World Language Awards Night					
10:00am:	SHS Boys' Basketball 2015-16					
11:00am:	SHS Baseball v Medford					
1:00pm:	All-City Chamber Strings Concert 2016					
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3:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -					
	College & Career Ready					
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Wednesday, May 25

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Monday, May 30 12:00am: Somerville Rocks! 2016 Public Domain Theater - May 1:30am: 3:30am: 9:00am: 10:00am:

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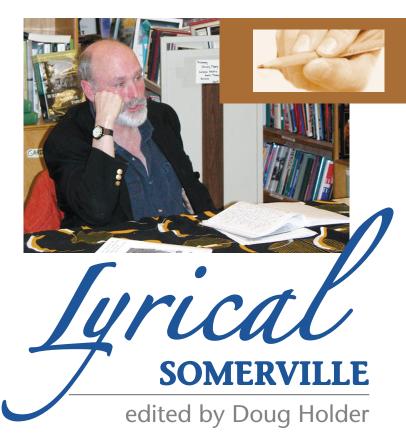
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College & Career Ready

Somerville Rocks! 2016



Jennifer Weigel is a multi-disciplinary mixed media conceptual artist living in Somerville, MA. Much of her work touches on themes of beauty, identity, gender and self, focusing on how we relate and present ourselves to one another between realities, in real time, online and more. She enjoys creating costume-based



personas to further convey sense of self and belonging. She also examines the role(s) that technology plays in how we relate to one another, as is the focus of some of her more humorous and/ or cynical poetry.

Poem #1

Riding the Metro

Pre-smartphone:

A mother and her young son take a seat as the doors close. An older woman in business attire reads a newspaper. A young man sifts through his backpack and removes a note-

He studies it intently, perhaps preparing for a waiting test. I thumb through an outdated Art News magazine. The rhythmic motion of the train lulls me into a trance. Magazine forgotten, I withdraw into myself. I stare blankly out the window as the city passes by.

Post-smartphone:

Like a school of fish or flock of starlings, The mob of texting, smartphone interfacing human drones Squeezes onto the overpacked subway car With barely a glance at anyone else within its ranks. Occasionally a single individual's glance drifts upwards. At each stop, a tendril squirts out and more pack in, All rarely glancing from their devices... Myself included...

Ever present Post- and Pre-:

Picking up and leaving off emails, posts, likes, wants, desires, connections...

We drift between worlds, no longer here, not yet there. We forget what it means to be wholly present in the moment As we disengage in an effort to find connection.

We sit nearly motionless in our own little worlds. Ensconced in our own activities, we are only vaguely aware of

Yet, as passengers, we have entered into an ongoing narrative. As we come and go our stories are picked up and left off at the

— Jennifer Weigel

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Longtime Somerville, Mass. **Poet and Publisher Received** Allen Ginsberg Award

For years I heard about Gloria Mindock, the founder of the Cervena Barva Press, but I never met her in the flesh. She was the editor of the Boston Literary Review for a decade. She was involved in avant-garde theatre, (her theatre company won a Rockefeller Grant) as well as being an accomplished poet and a strong presence in the arts scene in these parts.

About 10 years ago I finally got the chance to meet her. I had noticed that she started a new venture-the Cervena Barva Press. I was intrigued - Somerville has always been a home for small presses and so I want to see what this lady was about.

She agreed to meet me in the basement of the now defunct Finagle-a-Bagel in the heart of Harvard Square. Our early meetings of the literary group the Bagel Bards met there every Saturday. At first glance she seemed to be very reserved and a bit nervous. But we all know what can be beneath placid waters. Gloria Mindock proved to be a dynamo with an infectious, zany laugh.

With the help of her partner, Bill Kelle, she has published over a hundred titles, including translations, plays, fiction, poetry collections and has received international recognition for her work, especially in Eastern Europe.

The Ibbetson Street Press of Somerville published her poetry book Blood Soaked Dresses that pays tribute to the Salvadoran people who suffered greatly during their civil war in the 1980s. I am also glad that Mindock published my first perfect bound collection of poetry The Man in the Booth in the Midtown Tunnel.

Mindock has now established a studio and book-



store for her press in the Somerville Arts Armory and has established a number of reading series, the current one being The First and Last Word Reading Series with her cohort Harris Gardner.

Mindock is an accessible, warm and kindhearted women, but doesn't suffer fools gladly.

Robin Stratton, the founder of the Newton Writing and Publishing Center presented Gloria with the Allen Ginsberg Community Service Award on May 14, 2016 at 1 p.m. For more info go to http://newtonwritingandpublishingcenter.com

Foster kids **CONT. FROM PG 5**

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Please join the Somerville Capital Projects

and Planning Department, Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis, and architect Design Lab to discuss planned renovations to the West Branch Library. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the TAB building located at 169 Holland St. They will be reviewing and discussing the renovation and scope of library program services in the historic structure, and continue the discussion on the community's preferred landscape alternative, as well as the scale and viability of the proposed community room addition. If you are unable to attend, please submit questions, comments or suggestions to Project Manager Steve Vitello via phone: 617-625-6600 ext 5124 or e-mail: svitello@somervillema.gov.

Students of Arthur D Healey School are organizing a No Drive Day for Somerville. The No Drive Day is intended to help reduce Somerville's emissions when driving motor vehicles. It is expected to help reduce Somerville's use of fossil fuels, air pollution, and mitigate climate change. The No Drive Day is taking place on June 1. The rain date of the event is scheduled for June 2. People who participate in the No Drive Day will walk, bike, bus, or carpool to school.



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