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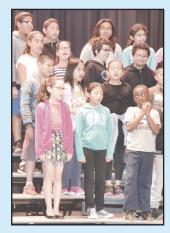


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Somerville youth and police walking and talking together



The youths of Teen Empowerment will be spending some quality time with members of the Somerville Police Department, each getting to know and understand the other a bit better. Pictured here, Officer Mike Wyatt and Marco Jean Baptiste. - Photo by Josie Grove

By Josie Grove

"When was the last time you saw five police officers together in uniform with citizens?" asked Somerville Police Chief David Fallon. Last Tuesday, five uniformed officers from the Somerville Police Department gathered with a group of youth organizers from Teen Empowerment, a group focused on building community in Somerville, Boston, and Rochester, NY. This was the first of seven "walking dialogues" between Somerville residents, police, and Teen Empowerment.

Heang Ly, Teen Empowerment's Director of Consulting and Training, was with the group at Hodgkins-Curtin Park last Tuesday. "Teen Empowerment and the Somerville Police Department have been doing dialogues for many years," she explained."We want to show the police and youth walking together, Continued on page 16

The Black Lillies are in bloom

Embracing the change and the challenge

By Jim Clark

East Tennessee Americana never had a finer representative than the collective gathering of talent known as The Black Lillies, who will be performing at Johnny D's Uptown Restaurant and Music Club on June 3.

Founded in 2009 by Cruz Contreras - formerly of Robinella and the CCstringband - the group's debut album, Whiskey Angel, was a huge critical success and helped to forge bonds with fans across the country.

Their follow-up album, 100 Miles of Wreckage, built on the success of their earlier release, further establishing their place as one of the most popular practitioners of their trade: kickass down-home American music making.

Their latest release, Runaway Freeway Blues, takes them even further down the road and closer to the hearts of their avid followers.

Recent changes in the band's lineup have not put a dent in their ride, as Continued on page 23



The Black Lillies, jumping at the chance to entertain you at Johnny D's on June 3.

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Last week a legend passed away, Ed Ciampa, a lifelong resident and a man who over the years contributed much to our Somerville. He was one of those good guys back in the days when Somerville had a reputation. He was first elected to the School Board back in 1963, served as the City Treasurer and then elected to the Board of Assessors. Ed was a great man who liked everyone, and always had a big smile when you came into his hardware store in Ball Square. He was active in many local groups here as well. To his very large family and many friends, we send our condolences. He will be missed. He was one of a kind.

Another well-known Somerville resident, Donald Carriger Sr., passed away this past Sunday. His family was present when he passed on. This Thursday evening, May 28, 4-8 p.m., a wake will be held at Doherty's Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Friday at 12 noon at Doherty's with graveside services at 1:30 p.m. at Puritan Law. Donald was very active in the Masons, in particular John Abbot Lodge. He was also very active in his church on Winter Hill. He had many friends, was well thought of by everyone he touched throughout the years. Always smiling, he had a good heart and a good word to say to everyone. He leaves behind his family, his many friends, his wife Thelma of many years and his four children, Donald Jr., Douglas, Janice and Judy as well as 4 grandchildren.

Next week the President of the Board of Alderman, Alderman at Large Bill White will be having his campaign kickoff party for his re-election, which is coming up this year. Wednesday, June 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the Cantina La Mexicana, 247 Washington Street (at the beginning of the plaza at Union Sq). Bill has been re-elected President of the Board now for three years in a row and it's obvious to everyone he knows the rules and how to run an affective as well as productive meeting. Bill has served the entire city as Alderman At Large and wherever duty calls Bill is there, and on top of the issues as well. Just as importantly, Bill is a constituent's Alderman, representing all of us here in the Ville. Bill does his job well and it's hard to find anyone that doesn't like him or appreciate what he's done for the city. Help support his bid for re-election. Show up and let him know how much we appreciate his independent representation. Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Bay State aims to become the Bike State

A. Moore says:

It's so sad that we can't be know for the important things in life. I am not anti bike. I used to bike when I was able bodied. But the homeless problem keeps increasing here and keeps getting overlooked. I would like to see us bragging about how we are solving that here and feeding people ahead of the bike thing. Some things should come first. It's too bad we can't have a mayor that can solve the real problems of the city.

Freebie says:

A. Moore – last I checked, pollution/air quality, climate change, obesity and dependence on foreign oil were all pretty big problems. Traffic is pretty annoying too.

Somerbreeze says:

The irony here is that for all Mayor Joe's incessant ballyhoo about cycling, City Hall conveniently fails to enforce bad cycling behavior, blowing off these public safety violations.

There's a local ordinance prohibiting sidewalk cycling in the business districts, but it's rarely enforced and never publicized (except City Hall's failure to enforce it). Despite admonitions from the Board of Aldermen, the Administration turns a blind eye.

Pathetic. And dangerous.

Jack the Destroyer says:

A. Moore, perhaps we can address bikes AND the homeless at the same time?

LindaS says:

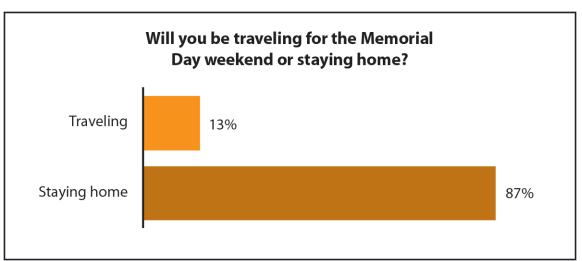
I definitely agree that there are more important issues than bikes here, too many, in fact. But I think the problem might be that the mayor only wants to tackle the problems that he feels are easier to solve.

I think he needs to take care of the people he's already got here now before bringing any more people in, and he hasn't managed to do that yet.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you will be traveling for the Memorial Day weekend or staying home. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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Alderman McWatters submits re-election papers

By Donald Norton

Ward 3 Alderman Robert J. McWatters seeking his first re-election was at city hall Tuesday to submit his papers.

He has been walking the streets and been well received when he knocks on the doors of Ward 3 residents.

Alderman McWatters needs 100 plus 20 signatures of registered voters to certify his name on the ballot in the fall election.

He was pleased to submit four sheets of signatures so far and hopefully will be certified this week.

To date, Alderman At large Dennis Sullivan has been certified along with Alderman At Large Mary Jo Rossetti, both turning in more than enough signatures; 150 plus 30 for Al-



Ward 3 Alderman Robert J. McWatters made it official on Tuesday by submitting - Photo by Donald Norton his re-election papers at City Hall.

derman at Large.

One more person pulled papers this week for Alderman in Ward 6, a lawyer from Powderhouse Terrace, David W.S. Li-

eberman. That makes three that have taken papers out in Ward 6, including Charles Chisholm of College Avenue and Lance Davis of Highland Avenue.



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OBITUARY

Thomas J Whelan Sr., 79



It is with a heavy heart that we convey the passing of Thomas J Whelan Sr. On December 17, 2014 surrounded by his loving family, Tom succumbed to the cancer he fought so quietly. Born in Somerville, MA Tom joined the USAF at 17 years old. He served in the military police in the Korean War an later in Vietnam and traveled the world before retiring after 20 years. After the Air Force, Tom joined the Somerville Police Department serving honorably until disabled in the line of duty. For many years he was the proud owner of O'Malley's Pub in his hometown. Tom leaves

behind an extensive network of grieving family and friends, He was a member of the VFW and DAV. A social soul, he loved the music at the Cape Cod Irish Village. He was also a life member of the Moose International and former governor of the Somerville chapter. Tom will be sorely missed. Interment will be at the National Cemetery in Bourne, MA on 5 June 2015 at 14:00.

Blue Angels over Somerville



The Navy's Blue Angels squadron of six F/A-18 Hornet jets flew over the Greater Boston area, including Somerville, on Tuesday as part of a scheduled – Photo by Claudia Ferro

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WEEK IN CIR. By Jim Clark

Wielding knife earns a trip to the cooler

Police were dispatched to the Home Depot store on Mystic Ave. last Thursday on reports that a man who attempted to steal three air conditioners was threatening people in the store with a knife.

Upon arrival, officers were met by the store's loss prevention officer who led them to the tool section where the suspect was.

The officers approached the man, Robert Scafidi, of Newton, who appeared to be unsteady on his feet, and asked if he had anything sharp on him, according to reports. Scafidi reportedly told them that he had a needle.

The officers searched Scafidi, who had been hanging onto a saw blade set, and reportedly found a pocketknife with a blade exceeding the legally allowed length in his pants pocket. A capped hypodermic needle and a couple of pills were also found in the same pocket, police said.

Police asked Scafidi what he was doing with three air conditioners and he reportedly replied that he intended to buy them. When asked how he intended to pay for them he said that his friend was going too make the purchase, according to reports. The officers asked Scafidi to identify his friend but he offered no response, police said. Scafidi was also asked if he had been waving a knife at people in the store and he reportedly denied

The store loss prevention officer reportedly told the officers that Scafidi had been spotted earlier acting suspiciously in the air conditioner department. He was observed placing the three air conditioners, a power washer and a pack of Powerade on a flatbed cart after which he proceeded to exit the store without paying for the items, according to the security officer's statement.

Scafidi was stopped and questioned by loss prevention personnel and asked to provide a receipt for the items on the cart. He reportedly told them that his friend had purchased the items and that he was outside waiting in a rented van. Scafidi was allowed to go out to the parking lot to retrieve a receipt for the items in question, but the doors to the van were locked and he was unable to locate his friend. He then reportedly reentered the store and went to the tool department, where he began trying to open a packaged power drill with his pocketknife.

Police searched the parking lot for the van, but it was not found to be there.

Scafidi was placed under arrest and charged with violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and larceny over \$250.

Arrests:

Ricardo Pimentel, of 190 Pearl St., May 18, 7:52 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of

Joseph Fency, of 132 Summer St., May 19, 12:45 p.m., arrested at Montrose St. on warrant charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Jeremy Correia, of 103 Mar-

ion St., May 20, 6:33 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of felony daytime breaking and entering and larceny from a building.

Christopher Gonsor, of 62 Situate Pl., Situate, May 21, 4:52 a.m., arrested at 234 School St. on a warrant charge of possession of a class A drug.

Robert Scafidi, of 56D Ash St., Newton, May 21, 1:29

p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and larceny

Samson Alemayehu, of 35 Glenwood Rd., May 21, 5:54 p.m., arrested at 709 Mc-Grath Hwy. on charges of drug possession to distribute and conspiracy to violate

Kevo Morris, of 7 Howe

St., May 22, 8:38 a.m., arrested at 0 Davis Sq. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and possession of a class D drug.

Charles Cashman, May 23, 11:32 a.m., arrested at 561

Windsor St. on a warrant charge of trespassing.

Anthony Nihan, of 342 Chestnut Hill Ave., Brighton, May 24, 2:31 a.m., arrested at 247 Elm St. on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly

Peter McIlroy, of 15 Martin St., Medford, May 24, 8:31 p.m., arrested at 191 College Ave. on a charge of destruction of property over \$250.

Deputy Chief Sullivan appointed Acting Fire Chief

By Rebecca Danvers

Deputy Fire Chief Patrick J. Sullivan III was appointed to the position of Acting Chief Fire Engineer on Friday following the announcement of Chief Kevin Kelleher's retirement. A lifelong Somerville Chief, Kevin Kelleher. I look resident, Sullivan has served forward to continuing to serve the Somerville Fire Department for 29.

"It has been a true honor to serve the City of Somerville for nearly three decades, and it will be my distinct honor and pleasure to fulfill the role of Acting Fire Chief," said Acting Chief Sullivan. "Since

I was a young boy, my dream was always to become a member of the Somerville Fire Department. My father was a 38-year veteran of the department, and I am lucky to have followed in both his footsteps, and in the footsteps of a great this wonderful City and its

"Deputy Fire Chief Sullivan has not only served the Somerville Fire Department with distinction and dedication for nearly three decades, he has played a critical role in helping to advance numerous department initiatives including enhancing emergency response capabilities. I have full confidence that he will skillfully lead the Department through this transition as our chosen interim Chief," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone.

Acting Chief Sullivan joined the Somerville Fire Department in January, 1986, after serving in the United States Coast Guard.

The city has announced that it will be working with the State Human Resources Division to determine an appropriate selection process for a

ESCS student Winner in StoriesLive®-5 Competition

Grace Liotti, an eighth grade student at the East Somerville Community School, was one of 14 winners in the 2015 StoriesLive®-5 competition sponsored by MassMouth earlier this month. The StoriesLive® program offered students an opportunity to compete in a "Story Slam" through a live performance by sharing a story from their personal experience. Approximately 40 stories were presented in the Greater Boston Slam.

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RESPOND Director Brayden named award finalist

By Rebecca Danvers

Jessica Brayden, Executive Director of RESPOND, Inc., has been named a finalist for the Mass Nonprofit Network's Excellence in Leadership Award.

Brayden has been at the helm of RESPOND, a Somerville-based domestic violence agency, for the past six years and has been committed to raising RESPOND's visibility and reach within the community, enabling the organization to fulfill its important mission of supporting victims of domestic violence.

"Being recognized for my work leading RESPOND is easily the highlight of my career," Brayden said of the nomination. "This nomination is the culmination of all the learning, successes, failures, strategic vision and luck that helped me bring RE-SPOND into a new era."

During her tenure at RE-SPOND, Brayden has formed valuable partnerships with local businesses, donors and police and become a strong leader in Somerville. Her impact is felt in every facet of the organization, including her personal support of survivors, development of



RESPOND, Inc. Executive Director Jessica Brayden has been named as a finalist for the Mass Nonprofit Network's Excellence in Leadership Award.

cutting edge programs, fundraising and the hiring of talented and compassionate staff.

Because of her advocacy and passion, RESPOND now has an inclusive shelter that allows men—a unique concept for this type of organization. Brayden will be honored at the Mass Nonprofit Network's Nonprof-

it Awareness Day on Monday, June 8. Hundreds of nonprofit and business leaders, along with elected officials, will celebrate the work of the nonprofit sector and raise awareness of causes throughout the state.

For more information about RESPOND, visit www.respondinc.org.

Water main rupture



A water main burst open at the intersection of School and Medford Streets Tuesday afternoon. Apparently, an outside construction crew hit the water main and water gushed out all over the area, causing a small flood. It appeared that an outdoor contractor hit the water main accidentally while digging in the area, breaking open the water main.



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The Somerville Times **Historical Fact of the Week**



Eagle Feathers #79

Decoration Day

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

It was a day born out of the Civil War to honor the soldiers who had died during that terrible conflict. The official tradition began on the 30th of May, 1868 at the Arlington National Cemetery.

Decoration Day, later changed to Memorial Day, was designated for the placing of flowers, flags, and personal items of respect on the graves of the fallen veterans of that war and to honor them for their supreme sacrifices. The graves of these veterans numbered over 600,000, and they are found in thousands of their hometowns throughout the country.



After World War I, the observance day was changed to honor not only Civil War dead, but also all American veterans who lost their lives in all her wars.

Through the years, dozens of towns professed to have been the birthplace of Memorial Day. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo, New York, as its place of origin. Waterloo was chosen because one hundred years earlier on May 5, 1866, the village was adorned with flags at half-mast and soldiers' graves were decorated. It was the first formal, village-wide annual observance of a day dedicated to honoring the Civil War dead.

There are two cemeteries in Somerville. The younger cemetery is located on Broadway near the Arlington line and is one of the only veterans "Killed In Action" cemeteries in the nation.

The older cemetery is located on Somerville Avenue oppo-School Street. A fifteen-foot high, eagle-adorned monument stands prominently in its center and is dedicated to Somerville's slain Civil War soldiers. It is inscribed



with the names of the deceased Somerville heroes and the quote, "Their warfare is over, they sleep well." This shaft is said to be the first stone erected and paid for by citizens as a public memorial to the memory of those who died in their country's service during the Civil War. It was erected in the early summer of 1863, three years before the celebration at Waterloo's memorial cemeteries.

Somerville has had a tragic list of her sons who gave the supreme sacrifice for our liberty. It reads:

Civil War - 98

WWI - 148

WWII - 415

Korean War - 30

Vietnam War - 33

Beirut, Lebanon – 1

So think of them the next time a veteran gives you his form of decoration...the poppy.

Food for Free: Somerville resident rescuing food

By Patrick McDonagh

"I'm really nervous," Matt Crawford confesses. "I've started a lot of things from seed this year." Beige, sun beaten, hardware-store plastic pots contain the gardener's source of anxiety, gently buried beneath a quarter inch of chicken manure.

These geometric pots lay outside behind Food For Free employee Crawford's home like a grade school geometry lesson, each potted rectangle and circle holding various stages of seedlings. "I'm really nervous that most of it is going to fail but I can still go to a super market," Crawford rationalizes. "It doesn't hurt to try and grow your own food."

Crawford's weekly trips to the supermarket are not for food shopping. When he is at the supermarket he is busy working pallet jacks and loading donated fresh food onto trucks, the non-profit organization Food For Free's mission of food rescue. During 2014 Food for Free diverted over 1.3 million pounds of food from the waste stream through the process of food rescue.

Crawford outlines the consumer dilemma that results in otherwise wasted food. "If a tomato or apple gets slightly bruised no one's going to buy it. The normal consumer won't buy it. If you're paying a premium for apples you're not going to pick the bruised apple, you're going to pick the really nice looking ap-

ple." Any food bruised or altered aesthetically, including slightly dented cans, will be pulled from supermarket shelves. Sandwiches and prepared foods are removed a day prior or on the date of expiration.

All of the foods are perfectly edible, Crawford assures, but these less than perfect products would have inevitably been the last consumer choice if left for sale.

This is the paradox of food branding: grocers pick only the perfect products for sale at risk of wastefulness, or sell the lot of inventory at varying quality potentially tarnishing their brand. Organizations like Food For Free divert huge amounts of supermarket food waste to those in immediate need. Soon expiring prepared food is trucked directly to needle exchanges and other locations in need the same day of pickup.

Pallets of food are stacked and left waiting for Crawford and the Food For Free crew to distribute. Food For Free's distribution network is located within the greater Boston area: Arlington, Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Lowell, Malden, Medford, Peabody, Somerville, and Watertown, with a quarter acre of land in Lincoln MA dedicated to growing fresh food for donations.

Crawford's agriculture background and studies of human geography at Saint Michaels College prompted his interest



Volunteers at Field of Greens in Lincoln, MA lend their efforts to help produce food for the needy.

– Photo by Alexa Gonzalez Wagner

in nonprofit farming. Studying abroad in Peru provided worldly perspective of agricultural life outside of the United States. This thought process developed near local markets in the city of Cusco. "I came to the realization that in Peru the food travel is a lot more direct from where its grown to people's mouths," Crawford said. "The markets are what really made it obvious to me. At the markets they had hundreds of varieties of potatoes. Every vender sold different kinds of potatoes. Then you had the different kinds of tomatoes and peppers and onions and lettuce venders. It was just obvious that this food wasn't shipped from Mexico to get here. It was a much more direct capitalistic food system whereas the system here in America is subsidized focusing on the large crops. There are very few agricultural companies in America that run a very large percentage of the food pro-

Field of Greens is the quarter acre of land where Food For Free grows fresh donations for the community. Crawford's foray into nonprofit farming began with an ideal that accessible fresh food is not exclusive to the agriculture economy. A trip to Peru and volunteering on the

duction in this country."

Field of Greens farm were catalyst to a career in agriculture.

Crawford currently manages volunteers on the farm and the occasional school group. His motivation for leading the school kids is their exuberance. The short stature of a grade-schooler makes an ideal candidate for plucking root vegetables, and their excitement is unparalleled. "The look in a kids face when they pull something out of the ground," Crawford notes. "There is that carrot that they are used to seeing in their salad, maybe their parents feed it to them for dinner, and then they realize that was underground when it grows."

Food grown specifically for donation at the Field of Greens can be harvested, distributed, and eaten in the same day; an enticing prospect. The food rescue process is an environmentally invested labor of love for all involved. "Volunteers, kids discovering where their food comes from, adult volunteers and anyone who comes out to work on the farm; I think understanding the effort behind food production in this country can go a long way to understanding hunger in this country," Crawford said. "If people are going out to a farm and getting their hands dirty they can see how much work it takes to grow food, but also that you can do it with relative ease."

Volunteer opportunities are available for sign up on Food for Free's website, reminding city dwellers that tiny cylindrical grocery store carrots are in fact sliced and shaped from a rooted plant.



More food being grown for the needy.

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Somerville needs a payments in-lieu of taxes (PILOT) program



By Katjana Ballantyne Alderman, Ward 7

Somerville needs a regular, open process to negotiate voluntary payments in-lieu of taxes (PILOTs), with our local multi-million dollar, non-profit institutions, so that these institutions pay their fair share for city services like police and fire departments, even snow removal.

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the home of several vibrant university, health care and other large multi-million & billion dollar, non-profit institutions. These institutions do bring remarkable benefits to our city; they help drive our local economy by bringing people, jobs and prestige to Somerville. I hope and expect that we will continue to attract more of the same kind of excellent institutions that already call Somerville

However a counter-point to the many benefits that these very large, non-profit institutions bring to Somerville is that these institutions use city services; such as policing, fire protection, and infrastructure, includ-

Somerville is fortunate to be ing roads and utilities, without paying the same kind of regular assessments that our local businesses and home-owners are required to pay. The economic benefits provided by local institutions are shared by the Commonwealth, the whole northeast region and the country, but the cost of local services is primarily our responsibility to pay here in Somerville.

> Large, local non-profits own property that is removed from our tax base and from the local real estate market, so we lose the taxes for their properties and the supply of commercial space and housing units is reduced. As a result space for Somerville businesses and homes for Somerville families

become ever more expensive.

When I look at the revenues, the tax-exempt property holdings and endowments of these large non-profits, I have to ask, why should Somerville home owners and Somerville small business owners be the only ones regularly assessed to pay for the services that we all use? I think that it is only reasonable for Somerville to request, that payments in-lieu of taxes be negotiated openly and regularly with the institutions that can clearly afford to pay their fair share, just as often as we are all assessed to pay taxes.

As Alderman I propose that Somerville implement a PILOT Program, to promote regular communication and partnership between the City and major, local non-profit institutions. Through our PILOT Program Somerville will establish the criteria for participation by institutions, and the fair value for city services provided to tax-exempt property owners, as well as the value of exempt properties and lost tax revenues. Credits for community partnership and economic benefits provided by the institutions will also be evaluated, and a fair value for voluntary PILOTs will be negotiated and suggested. We all benefit from being located here, together in the terrific City of Somerville. We should all talk regularly and openly about how to share the cost of paying for the benefits that we all use.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send letters to the editor to The Somerville Times. Please email your letters to News@TheSomervilleTimes.com or mail them to 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The Somerville Times Reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and length. All letters must include an name and contact information. Contact information will not be shared with the public. We look forward to hearing from you.

I applaud the city of Somerville for taking action on climate change and its goal to be carbon neutral by 2050. In response to the 5/20 article on Greentech pilots I want to mention an important piece of legislation that would accelerate investments in alternative energy and green technology. Representatives Toomey, Provost and Barber along with Senator Jehlen have co-sponsored a bill along with 37 other Massachusetts senators and representatives that would impose a fee on the carbon content of fossil fuels and return that revenue to households and businesses.

To make solar energy and other green technologies viable on a large enough scale their price needs to compete with

the price of fossil fuels. CO2 emissions contribute to climate change which scientists agree will bring about drought, rising sea levels and more powerful storms. The price you pay at the pump today does not include the costs of such climate-related disasters. By incentivizing alternative energy there would be a natural decrease in CO2 emissions along

with the creation of green jobs. To echo Mayor Curtatone "doing social good and building sustainable economies are not mutually exclusive," and this bill presents the opportunity for the city of Somerville and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to remain on the forefront of combating climate change.

— Jerry, East Somerville

Somerville School **Day Games Special Olympics**

Enjoy the spring weather and help celebrate great sportsmanship at the Somerville School Day Games Special Olympics event on Thursday, June 4th. This annual event will take place from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Join us to cheer on students from throughout the city.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for APPROVE \$38.1 BILLION FISCAL 2016 STATE credit as a refund. 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' votes on roll calls from debate on the \$38.1 billion fiscal 2016 state budget. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

BUDGET (S 3)

Senate 40-0, approved its own version of a \$38.1 billion fiscal 2016 budget.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility.

A House-Senate conference committee will eventually hammer out a compromise version of the budget that will be approved by both branches and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

FREEZE INCOME TAX, INCREASE EXEMP-TIONS AND RAISE TAX CREDIT (S 3 - Amendment #6)

Senate 27-11, approved an amendment that would permanently freeze the income tax rate at its current 5.15 percent; increase over a three-year period the earned income tax credit for low-income working families with children living at home from 15 percent to 22.5 percent of the federal credit; and raise personal income tax exemptions.

Debate and controversy centered on the freezing of the income tax rate. Voters in 2000 approved a gradual reduction of that year's 5.85 percent income tax to 5 percent by January 2003. The Legislature in July 2002 froze the rate at 5.3 percent. At the same time, it devised an automatic trigger that reduces the income tax by 0.05 each year that the state's economic growth is at least 2.5 percent until each tax is reduced to 5 percent. Since that time, the trigger has reduced the tax to its current 5.15 percent.

Amendment supporters said that every taxpayer will benefit from a reduction in their taxes through the increased personal exemptions, and many low-income families will benefit from the hike in the earned income tax. They noted that freezing the income tax rate at 5.15 makes the two tax reductions possible. They said the change would help address income inequality by giving more of a tax reduction to low-income families instead of an across-the-board cut that would help wealthier people who do not need tax relief.

Amendment opponents said it is long past time for the Legislature to respect and honor voters' opinions from 2000 and allow the income tax to return to 5 percent. They argued that this tax package is a roundabout way to redistribute income and impose a version of a graduated income tax without having to change the constitution.

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

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

INCREASE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (S 3 - Amendment #5)

Senate 8-32, rejected an amendment that would increase over a three-year period the earned income tax credit for low-income working families with children living at home from 15 percent to 30 percent of the federal credit. The credit is applied toward the taxpayer's liability, and if it exceeds the liability, the taxpayer receives the excess

Amendment supporters said this increased credit will help thousands of low-income working families who are struggling to make ends meet and will result in many of them paying little or no state income tax.

Amendment opponents said the hike to 30 percent is excessive and unaffordable and noted they support a hike to 22.5 accompanied by a hike in personal exemptions and a freezing of the income tax rate at 5.15 percent.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ELIMINATE ONE SURCHARGEABLE DRIV-ING OFFENSE (S 3 - Amendment #2)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment that would change violation of the law requiring drivers to turn on a vehicle's headlights when visibility is less than 500 feet or when the use of windshield wipers is necessary from a surchargeable auto insurance offense to a non-surchargeable one.

Supporters said the 2015 law creating the wiper requirement should never have had a surcharge attached to it. They said they have heard from many constituents who object to the surcharge.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ELIMINATE TWO SURCHARGEABLE DRIV-ING OFFENSES (S 3 - Amendment #2.1)

Senate 12-27, rejected an amendment that would change the violation of two current motor vehicle laws that are surchargeable offenses for insurance purposes into non-surchargeable ones. The two violations are a 1979 law prohibiting driving with an expired inspection sticker and a more recent 2015 law requiring drivers to turn on a vehicle's headlights when visibility is less than 500 feet or when the use of windshield wipers is necessary.

Amendment supporters said that neither violation is worthy of a surcharge that would cost the driver thousands of dollars on his or her auto insurance policy over several years.

Amendment opponents said they favor eliminating the surcharge for the recent 2015 wiper law but argued the 1979 law should not be repealed without it being considered as a separate bill that is properly vetted and the subject of a public hearing.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

REPEAL "ESTATE/DEATH" TAX (S 3 - Amendment #12)

Senate 7-31, rejected an amendment that would repeal Massachusetts' estate tax, also known as the death tax - a tax on the value of the decedent's estate before distribution to any beneficiary. Many Republicans call it a death tax while many Democrats call it an estate tax. The first \$1 million is exempt from this tax and the tax on anything over \$1 million is a graduated one that according to the Department of Revenue's website ranges from .8 percent to 16 percent.

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Amendment supporters said this regressive tax is unfair and noted that Massachusetts is losing many residents who move to Florida and other states where this tax does not exist.

Amendment opponents said the tax is a fair one and argued the state cannot afford the revenue loss.

(A "Yes" vote is for repeal of the tax. A "No" vote is against repeal and favors the tax.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

USE SURPLUS FOR LOCAL AID TO CITIES AND TOWNS (S 3 - Amendment #99)

Senate 7-32, rejected an amendment that would require 15 percent of any state surplus tax revenue remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016 on June 30, 2016 to be distributed to cities and towns as additional local aid.

Amendment supporters said this would promote fiscal responsibility and ensure that the Legislature does not squander any budget surplus. They argued that struggling cities and towns need this excess money.

Amendment opponents said it is irresponsible to tie the hands of the Legislature by promising any portion of a surplus to cities and towns without knowing what the state's financial situation will be at that time. They argued the Senate has already increased local aid in the budget.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring that 15 percent of surplus revenue go to local aid. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

INCREASE EDUCATION AID BY \$18 MILLION (S 3 - Amendment #100)

Senate 8-31, rejected an amendment increasing Chapter 70 education aid by \$18 million by increasing from \$25 to \$50 the per pupil aid for cities and towns.

Supporters of the additional \$18 million said the state can afford this money, which is critical for cities and towns across the state.

Opponents of the additional \$18 million said the state simply cannot afford the \$18 million and argued the Senate has increased other aid for education in the budget.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$18 million. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

TAX DEDUCTION FOR INVESTMENT IN COLLEGE SAVINGS (\$3 - Amendment #59)

Senate 11-27, rejected an amendment that would provide a state tax break for families that contribute to 529 college savings plans. A 529 plan encourages families to save up for college costs by offering federal tax breaks on the savings. The invested money is not deductible on a federal tax return but it grows tax-deferred and distributions to pay for the beneficiary's college costs are federally tax-free.

The amendment would create Massachusetts tax incentives by allow single filers to deduct on a state tax return up to \$2,500 of the money he or she annually puts in a college account and married filers up to \$5,000.

Amendment supporters said the Bay State is one of only a few states that does not offer state tax breaks for these accounts. They argued it will help middle-class families and noted that students with a savings plan are six to seven times more likely to attend college.

Amendment opponents said the tax break would mostly help wealthy families who already have the funds for college. They noted the state cannot afford the \$11 million revenue loss that would result in cuts in other programs.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen N

CREATE MBTA FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL BOARD (S 3)

Senate 40-0, approved an amendment creating a five-member MBTA Fiscal Management and Control Board with all members appointed by Gov. Baker. The amendment gives the new board management authority over the T. It also mandates the board to meet at least three times a month, with each meeting subject to Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws.

Amendment supporters said the amendment creates a direct line of accountability from the MBTA to the governor's office without creating additional bureaucracy. They argued it is an important step in reforming the MBTA and ensuring a reliable, efficient and cost-effective public transportation in the Bay State.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Ye

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION - The

Higher Education Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 3, at 11 a.m. in Room A-2 at the Statehouse. The agenda includes creation of a 15-member Massachusetts Task Force to Combat Sexual Assault on college campuses (H 3249). The task force would review the current protocols used by campus officials to respond to sexual assault on campus and recommend any changes; develop more ways to encourage the reporting of sexual assault; and increase and improve relationships between colleges, campus police, local law enforcement, district attorneys, crisis response centers, mental health counselors and advocacy organizations.

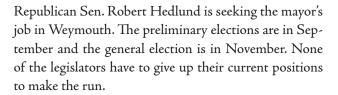
Another piece of legislation before the committee would create a 15-member special commission to investigate and study the college textbook industry. The commission would examine how to reduce the costs of purchasing textbooks, explore the effective use of e-textbooks, review changes in editions and the cost savings related to maintaining a current edition over purchasing the most recent edition, and encourage colleges to implement comprehensive and controlled buy-back and book swap programs to reduce costs for students.

The committee's agenda also includes a proposal that would require any faculty or staff member of a college or university who has a financial relationship with any entity other than his or her primary employer or a government agency to disclose this relationship publicly (S 668). The institution would be required to make the information available online.

FOUR LEGISLATORS RUNNING FOR MAY-

OR - Four state legislators are campaigning to make the move from the Statehouse to their home city's mayor's office. The list includes three Democratic representatives: Reps. Stephen DiNatale in Fitchburg, Thomas Stanley in Waltham and Michael Finn in West Spring-

field.



MARTHA COAKLEY GETS A NEW JOB - Former Attorney General Martha Coakley, who lost the governor's race to Charlie Baker in 2014, announced she is going to take a position at the law firm of Foley Hoag. Coakley's areas of focus, according to the firm's website, will be government and internal investigations, litigation, and data privacy and security.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - "By the Numbers Edition"

\$525,000 — The annual salary for the first year of current University of Massachusetts Lowell Chancellor Martin Meehan when he takes over as the newly appointed president of the entire Umass system. The salary is increased every year after that to a high of \$602,500 in the fifth and final year.

4.7 percent — The Bay State's April unemployment rate, down from 4.8 percent in March.

110 — The number of inches of snow at Logan Airport this winter, which led to it winning the Balchen/Post Award for Outstanding Achievement in Airport Snow and Ice Control.

Boston (5,967), Cambridge (1,962), Everett (1,121), Watertown (997) and Chelsea (980) — According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the top five municipalities in Massachusetts that experienced the largest increases in population last year and how many people each community gained.

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 18-22, the House met for a total of one hour and 35 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 37 hours and 58 minutes.

Mon. May 18

House 11:03 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

Tues. May 19

No House session
Senate 10:02 a.m. to 9:48 p.m.

Wed. May 20

No House session
Senate 10:03 a.m. to 9:58 p.m.

Thurs. May 21

House 11:03 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.

Senate 10:11 a.m. to 12:15 a.m.(Fri.)
Fri. May 22 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

No Senate session



COMMENTARY

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Necessity is the mother of government innovation



By Joseph A. Curtatone

At Harvard Kennedy School last week, officials from all levels of government exchanged ideas and experiences during a symposium on government innovation, from developing new solutions to how to implement those solutions to the problems that government must tackle. The key word there is "must." Whatever the issue—climate change, mental health, the job market government has an obligation not only to respond but to lead. Government has a critical role to play in shaping the future of its citizens' lives, and when it comes to improving people's lives, government is not just an essential player but the essential player. If we are to meet that challenge in an era of dwindling outside support and resources, we have to do more than manage. We have to innovate

With the 2016 presidential election gearing up, we'll be hearing from some candidates and pundits about how "less government" is the solution. Besides the fact that the term itself is a selective phrase that usually means cutting some areas of government while boosting others, those who make a simplistic argument for "less government" are making a key error. They fail to actually identify the problem. Government is not the problem. It's status quo bureaucracy. An acceptance of "the way we've always done things" is what sets us back.

The naysayers conflate "government" and "status quo bureaucracy" as one and the same. When there's a problem, they say, "Government can't fix this. It's not nimble enough. It can't think different. It'll only wrap up the problem in red tape." It's more than a negative, sky-is-falling attitude—it's a way to avoid responsibility by offering up an easy way out of our problems. If only we would cut, we'd solve our problems. But we know they're wrong-and we've proved them wrong in Somerville. We've shown that government can innovate and that the answer isn't more or less government, but efficient, effective government. It can adapt. It can disrupt.

But first we have to break out of hierarchical and rule-driven structures that mire us in an unacceptable status quo. The "way we've always done things" often focuses on complying with rigid procedures, instead of outcomes for our citizens. We need to stop and ask ourselves whether our procedures make sense. Then once we've freed ourselves from the outdated thinking and policies that held us back, we need to put aside ego and the provincialism that's particularly evident in Massachusetts. Everyone likes to be right, and we politicians like to say that they were the first to do something. But we can't hesitate to adopt an idea and adapt it to our specific situations only because it originated elsewhere. T.S. Eliot said, "Mediocre writers borrow. Great writers steal." Fortunately we don't have to steal innovative ideas because we're increasingly sharing best practices through increased regional cooperation and events like last week's symposium.

Somerville has adopted many ideas that originated elsewhere, and adapted them for our purposes. Our SomerStat Office is based on a city statistical analytics program in Baltimore, which in turn was preceded by a stat program in the New York City Police Department. The United Kingdom's nationwide well-being survey inspired us to undertake our Happiness Survey. Larger cities with more resources had 311 and Connect-CTY notification systems before Somerville, and we found a way to adopt those ideas. Now, we are working on adapting the Social Progress Index, which began as a way to measure a country's success, to measure success at the city level.

And government needs to adapt, not only to tackle the problems that our citizens face but out of pure necessity. The 1990s saw the greatest economy in modern history, but that time and those revenues haven't come back. We live in a new age where government must continue to deliver critical services and solve problems, but do so with more

limited resources. The good news is that we can deliver those services and develop new solutions using technology and by making data-driven decisions. Technology that empowers cities and towns to become more efficient is becoming more affordable and accessible, and the data we need to inform our decisions is already out there—we just have to collect it, and then have the right people in place to make sense of it.

Somerville has a tradition of proud, hard-working people who embrace challenges. We embrace our responsibility as City officials by not taking the easy way out, saying that government cannot solve the problems we face. We adapt and seek out innovative ideas, wherever they come from, so that we can improve the lives of each and every resident of our community. And if we can continue to share ideas with other communities through events like last week's symposium and more regional collaboration—and by continuing to work with our residents—we can build upon our newest tradition of efficient and effective government.

On the fast track to greater inequality



By William C. Shelton

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a trade and investment agreement being negotiated among the U.S. and eleven other Pacific Rim countries. It would be the largest trade deal in history, affecting 40% of the world economy.

National news outlets are covering it with the illusory objectivity that characterizes corporate media. The illusion is that objectivity is simply a matter of reciting claims made by conflicting parties in a "balanced" way.

Genuine objectivity would involve rigorously examining verifiable evidence of similar trade policies' historical outcomes and cautiously projecting TPP's likely outcomes. Of course the latter is somewhat challenging,

since the public and press are not allowed to see the text of the agreement.

TPP claims

Those who advocate for TPP are making the same claims that they made when they advocated for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Korean free trade agreement (KORUS), and Chinese trade concessions. They claim that TPP will create more and better jobs in the U.S., increase American exports, and narrow our yawning trade deficit.

The President wants fast-track authority. That would allow him to submit the negotiated agreement to Congress without allowing Congress to amend it. Since provisions in the TPP "outline" that the public is allowed to see are similar to those in the aforementioned agreements, it's worth examining how those agreements lived up to the claims made for them.

Trade and inequality

Following World War II, gains

in worker productivity were shared equally between people who made their money from money and those who made their money from work—that is, between profits and wages. But somewhere in the early 1970s, median wages flattened, while productivity steadily increased.

That trend continues to today. Between 1996 and 2015, U.S. gross domestic product doubled while median household income declined. "Free trade" agreements were one of the mechanisms by which the wealthiest Americans appropriated the productivity gains created by all Americans.

When he pushed NAFTA through Congress, Bill Clinton claimed that it would create 200,000 jobs in its first two years and a million in five years. Instead, imports swamped exports. Between 1993 and 2013, the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico and Canada increased from \$17.0 billion to \$177.2 billion, displacing 850,000 jobs. Still, NAFTA became the template for a doz-

en other trade agreements.

President Obama claimed that KORUS would "support 70,000 American jobs" because it would "increase exports of American goods from \$10 billion to \$11 billion." Instead the trade balance with Korea worsened by \$12 billion, eliminating 75,000 U.S. jobs between 2011 and 2014.

Bill Clinton claimed that admitting China to the World Trade Organization would create "a win-win result for both countries," promising that American jobs "can grow substantially with the new access to the Chinese market the WTO agreement creates." Between then and 2013 our trade deficit with China increased by \$240 billion, eliminating 3.2 million U.S. jobs.

These agreements also allowed American corporations to locate production elsewhere and sell back to the U.S. Since 2001, 60,000 U.S. factories have closed. And since 1997, we lost more than 5 million manufacturing jobs.

As well-paying jobs with benefits disappeared, workers took whatever jobs they could find, at whatever wages. Managers often told workers that if they wouldn't accept lower compensation, operations would move to Mexico. They used the same tactics to intimidate union organizing efforts.

In Mexico, NAFTA's effects wiped out gainful employment for millions of farmers and small businesses, producing a surge of illegal immigration. Yet those who forcefully advocate "free trade" extensively overlap with those who get hysterical about illegal immigrants.

Stealth and secrecy

President Obama insists that this agreement will be different, but his negotiators are working in secret, and he refuses to release its text. It has been made available to members of Congress—within a secure room in which they are not allowed to take notes or bring staff. And there are conflicting reports on how much

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

There is one "changing station" aldermen should be concerned about this year.



We find it commendable that the Somerville Board of Alderman found time to address an important domestic issue recently. Whether or not it should be the business of city government to regulate such things as requiring restaurants to provide changing stations for patrons who bring their babies along is a matter of debate.

Ultimately, it was decided by the Board

that the matter was worthy of study and was sent to the appropriate committees to that end.

It goes to show that our officials are mindful of both the greater and smaller issues that confront their constituents, along with everything in between.

Of course, we are confident that the greater issues will be given the full measure of attention that is required, even as the smaller ones are dealt with in their due time and degree of priority.

Residents are mindful of so many pressing matters that the city should be addressing: the proper development of business properties and housing; the ongoing battle with rodent populations; flood planes; noisy planes; homelessness; drug addiction; and a myriad of other issues that are in need of resolution.

These things are on our civic leaders' minds too, and clearly on their agendas. And while it's refreshing to see action taken to relieve some of the stress and strain visited upon families in their daily lives, we can rest assured that the big picture is being studied as well.

We all look forward to observing the results of our leaders' efforts, and reward them accordingly when their time is due.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

CAAS' Spring Party is coming up. This year it is at the Arts at the Armory on Thursday, June 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this event free of charge. Beverages and light refreshment will be served. Contact Kate Bamberg at kbamberg@caasomerville. org by May 28. CAAS is the local Community Action Agency here in Somerville, "working to end Poverty where we live." Started back in the early 80's, they do a lot of good things here in the city. For more information go online www. caasomerville.org or call 617-623-7370.

City Councilor of Medford Adam Knight is having his re-election kickoff over in Medford coming up on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 35 on Winthrop Street. Adam won election to the city council over in Medford two years ago. He has a bright future ahead of him, and who knows, maybe someday will become the mayor of Medford. Normally we wouldn't announce anything from outside the Ville, but Adam is well known here in the city from his days with Charlie Shannon's office. Also, we found out The Somerville Times is read quite a lot by Medford residents.

Taste of Somerville 2015 will be held in Davis Square this year on Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$50, while for \$75 VIP tickets will provide access to a tasting tent including craft cocktails mixed up by local celebrity bartenders and exclusive table-side food service. Tickets are on sale now at www.tasteofsomerville. com Follow them on IG @tasteofsomerville and Twitter @tasteofsomerville.

The 6th Annual Carnival @ Somer-Streets is coming up on Sunday, June 7 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. East Somerville Main Streets will partner with the City of Somerville to present Carnival @ SomerStreets. This event brings out more than 8,000 people to enjoy awesome music, performances from community groups and talent, activities for children and food from all over the world.

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends and just friends of *The Times* this week: Big Happy Birthday to Brian Roche who celebrates this week. Brian is doing what he loves. He's Executive Chef at One Dock in Kennebunkport ME. If you're up in Maine drop in and say. A huge Happy Birthday to

Mary Hart of the famous Hart Family of Somerville. Mother of 10, grandmother of many, many, and she's married to Richard. A nice lady and still working as a nurse over in Malden. We wish Mary a very happy birthday. She's a great lady. Happy Birthday to Russell J. Smith Sr., who is embarking on a new career shortly. A nice guy who grew up in East Somerville, better known to his friends as Rusty. We wish him the very best. To our good friend and realtor Johanna Webster of CBRB in Andover. If you're looking for a house, call Johanna. No one knows the Andover's like her. We wish her a happy birthday. Another realtor and good friend, Nelson Zide, who is an owner of ERA Keys. He's a realtor out of Framingham, a great guy, awesome realtor and mentor. We wish him the very best of birthdays. Happy Birthday this week to Florence Chickie Pero, who is also celebrating. Dan Rogovich, a well known Villen from East Somerville who started the East Somerville re-union last year and hopefully he's planning another one next year. We wish Dan a big Happy Birthday and have a great week. To one of our newest friends, co-founder of and VP of Zintro Inc., Enrique Levin. We wish him a very happy birthday this week. And last but not least, to our own

Editor's wife Chrissie Clark. We wish her a very happy birthday this week and many more.

Why is there a monster in the Healey School garden? And who is stealing all of the healthy lunches? Come find out in Wild Tales' new play, "The Monster in the Garden: a silly play about Shape Up Somerville," being presented on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 2:00 pm at the Somerville Main Public Library. The program is free and a family friendly event. Wild Tales is a free after-school theater program for children ages 6 - 13, and open to the public. The program is made possible by a grant from the Somerville Arts Council. For more in-

formation call 617 628-6685.

Somerville's Memorial Day Parade 2015























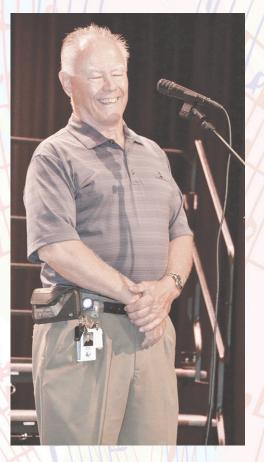
ESCS Memorial Day observance

East Somerville Community School students from Grades 2 – 4 celebrated Memorial Day on Friday, May 22. The guest speaker was veteran Jim Powers. The students sang songs for guests in the school's auditorium.



















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SPORTS

Somerville Alibrandis lead off season in style

By Tom Bannister

The Somerville Alibrandis led off the season with a series of impressive wins. The team came out strong, despite the loss of longtime captain and one of the best players to play in the Yawkey Baseball Legaue, Marc DesRoches, who retired after his 19th season on the team.

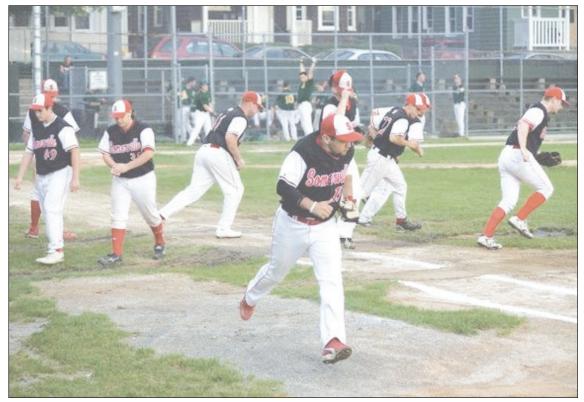
Latest scores:

May 8 vs. Waltham Yankees: Win 9-0. Chris Foundas, Zach Soulier, Brian Tanguy and Sean Sullivan shut down the Yankees. Anthony Perry led the Somerville bats with 2 hits and 3 RBIs.

May 11 vs. Brighton Black Sox: Win 7-4. Somerville walked off in the bottom of the 7th with a 3-run homerun by Billy Karalis. David Lightbody also hit a solo homerun in the 6th for Somerville. Teddy Dziuba drove in 2 runs with a monster double to right. Zach Soulier pitched 5 strong for Somerville striking out 6. Sean Sullivan recorded the win.

May 13 vs. Revere Rockies: Win 3-2. Jon Morse took the mound for the first time in 2015 for Somerville. He pitched 6 strong innings, striking out 3. Will Brennan led the Somerville offense with 2 hits and 2 stolen bases. Bobby Barret and Anthony Perry both drive in runs.

May 15 vs. South Boston: Win 8-6. Offensively for Somerville, Mark Addesa led the way going 2 for 3, driving in 3 and a 2 run homerun. Both Sal Mendonca and Juan Parra drove in 2 apiece for Somerville. Chris Foundas



The current Yawkey League champions, Somerville Alibrandis, is starting off its 2015 with a series of stunning wins.

recorded his 2nd win of the season. He pitched 4 innings, striking out 7. Brian Tanguy got his second save.

May 20 vs. McKay Club: Win 1-0. Somerville beat the McKay Club in a 1-0 pitchers dual. Zach Soulier started for Somerville going 3 innings, allowing no runs and striking out 1. Jon Morse collected the win, which is his 50th career

regular season win in the YBL. He pitched 3 scoreless innings allowing only 1 hit and striking out 6. Brian Tanguy pitched a scoreless 7th picking up his 3rd save of the year.

Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous #176

- 1. Which comic book
- 2. Before she married Dagwood, what was

Blondie's name?

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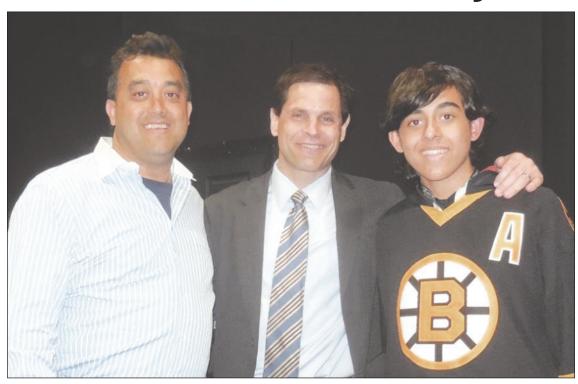
hero rode a horse called

- 3. Who is credited with inventing television?
- 4. What group had 1960s No. 1 hits with *Turn! Turn!* Turn! and Mr. Tambourine Man?
- 5. How much money was the yearly salary of a public school teacher at the turn of the century?
- 6. Randolf Turpin beat whom to win the world middleweight boxing title

- in 1951?
- 7. What happened to Charles Brooks in 1982?
- 8. What is the world's oldest snack food, first enjoyed around 610 A.D.?
- 9. What are the street lights in Hershey, Pennsylvania designed to look like?
- 10. What is Nelson Mandela's middle name?
- 11. In disc jockey slang, what is a lunar rotation?
- 12. What is the diameter of TV's famous *Wheel of Fortune*?

Answers on page 16

Somerville fans congratulate Bruins' Don Sweeney



During a recent visit to the TD Banknorth Garden, Somerville Attorney Phil Privitera and son Payton Privitera met with Former Boston Bruins Player and Assistant General Manager Don Sweeney. Sweeney spoke about the Bruins accomplishments during the 2014-15 season and plans for the direction of the team in the 2015-16 Season. On May 20, 2015, the Boston Bruins named Don Sweeney the team's General Manager. Congratulations Don Sweeney.

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Somerville rocked like never before

Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy Del Ponte, presented the 2015 Somerville Rocks! youth talent show on Friday, May 22 at the Somerville High School Auditorium. Somerville Rocks! provided 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.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro













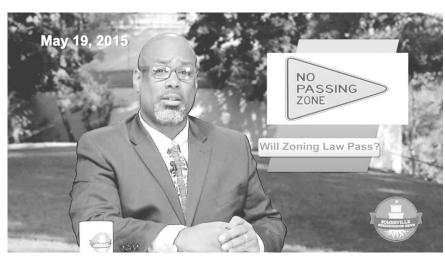






What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Here is one featured news segment from the recent Somerville Neighborhood Newscast, a community service production of SCATV: Board of Aldermen Confronts City Hall on Zoning. Over 1,000 comments from residents and push-back from the Board of Aldermen have led City Hall to slow down its campaign to get a new zoning ordinance passed this summer, and have encouraged the aldermen to take a more proactive role in what eventually does get passed, when, and how.



The 308-page proposed new code would replace the outdated and convoluted rules now on the books, but the new proposal has many aspects Somerville residents don't want. And because it will impact the city's density, the amount of open space and affordable housing, and many other features of the future Somerville, at the May 6 meeting of the Board, many aldermen made it clear that they want to do much more than rubber-stamp the proposal.

"At some point we're voting on this and we're making decisions and I feel like, as a Board, our concerns should be listened to," Ward 1 Alderman Matt Mc-Laughlin said.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, who unexpectedly came to the meeting to address the Board and to support Director of Planning George Proakis, said he was aware of the criticism and concerns.

"We got some really constructive feedback. In some cases people don't like some things, okay," the mayor said, but he added: "At some point we will land at what I hope will be a common place."

In order to get to that "place," Curtatone and Proakis suggested a new round of citywide public meetings and some studies by outside experts. Proakis' schedule included meetings in May and throughout the summer. But several aldermen had issues with the plan, noting they were surprised that the Planning Department didn't consult the Board before going public.

"This body is a separate branch of government," Board President and Alderman At Large Bill White reminded the mayor.

White noted that the announcement of a new slate of hearings was similar to how City Hall had handled the proposed zoning ordinance process.

For the full news story, please visit www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue,

263 Highland Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2015-22) Applicants and Owners, Christopher and Abbey Lewis, seek a Special Permit to construct an approx. 180sf roof deck and access stairs on a nonconforming structure. RC zone. Ward 3.

198 Central Street: (Case #ZBA 2015-23) Applicant and Owner, Dean Casassa, seek a Special Permit to alter rear decks into rear egress on a nonconforming 3-family. RA zone. Ward 5

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.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Edgard Fayad dba Mass Inspection, 712 Mystic Avenue, for a Garage License, for mechanical repairs and storing vehicles, all for up to 3vehicles inside and 7 vehicles outside, operating Mon-Fri 8AM-6PM, Sat 8AM-4PM, Sun Closed.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG CITY CLERK

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Ms. Cam's

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2. Boopadoop

8. The pretzel

3. John Logie Baird

9. Foil-wrapped Hershey's chocolate kisses

4. The Byrds

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6. Sugar Ray Robinson

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12. Eight and a half feet

Healey School students participate in 12th Annual 'Save Our Homes Walk'

Students in Ms. Madden's 7th grade Social Studies class at the Arthur D. Healey School capped off their Middle Grades service learning project recently by participating in the "Save Our Homes Walk" to Prevent Homelessness, sponsored by the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) and the Somerville Homeless Coalition. The annual fundraising event took place on Sunday, May 17th. Funds raised from the walk help support families in need with expenses related to helping secure stable housing. The event exceeded its fundraising goal of \$30,000 with an estimated \$38,000 raised.

Ms. Madden's class has been studying homelessness for their Middle Grades project. The project is designed to have groups of students work together on a long-term interdisciplinary technology project that addresses a current local or world issue.

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Somerville youth and police walking and talking together

but also use the program to build up that relationship with the community."

In groups of two, one police officer and one youth organizer, the group walked near Hodgkins Curtin Park, administering a survey to passerby as a way to spark conversation. Terence McCall, one of the youth organizers with Teen Empowerment said, "The survey is asking what important issues are you concerned about in the community, what concrete actions the police can take, and thoughts about the dialogue."

Steve St. Hilaire, a twenty-year veteran of the Somerville police, observed, "Old and young, it's all the same concerns: speeding cars and snow removal." St. Hilaire likes the walking dialogue, because it allows him to interact with people outside the context of a stop. "We're able to come out and actually speak with the youth instead of going into the park and busting them for drinking. We're getting to know them, and they're getting to know us."

Chief Fallon said, "The program sends a visible message to the community. This is giving people a different outlook on police officers, so they don't have a problem asking a police officer for help." The walking dialogues are different from past dialogues because the police are bringing the conversation to the community, rather than waiting for people to show up, said Fallon.

"It's very good for the kids to see that the police do not always mean big trouble"

"The idea is to let Teen Empowerment lead it," said Fallon. In practice this meant that the Teen Empowerment organizers approached residents and asked questions, while the police officers hung back. Few police officers spoke directly to residents.

Marco Jean Baptiste is another organizer with Teen Empowerment. He thought the dialogue on Tuesday went well. "People that talked to us didn't have too many concerns. Everyone's been willing to talk to us." Jean

Baptiste was paired with police officer Mike Wyatt. The two were chatting amiably through the evening. Jean Baptiste asked Wyatt about the weirdest call he ever got as a police officer, and Wyatt launched into a story about a car bomb he had to deal with on Thanksgiving in 2005. "Everyone has their own stories," said Jean Baptiste. The pair smiled and laughed, exemplary of the program's goals to create relationships between police and Somerville youth. Both were pleased with the dialogue's progress on Tuesday. "So far so good," said Wyatt. "So far so good indeed," echoed Jean Baptiste.

Not everyone believes the program is beneficial. One critic is Reverend Jason Lydon, the Boston-based national director and founder of Black and Pink, an organization that works toward the abolition of prisons. Rev. Lydon sees potential harm in close relationships between youth and the police. "I see a lot of danger," Lydon cautioned. "If the police and the young person develop these supposedly cordial relationships, the anxiety about being impolite could prevent youth from remembering their rights during a



Austin with Teen Empowerment and Officer Steve St. Hilaire.

— Photo by Josie Grove

police stop." For example, he said, a person stopped by an officer he or she has a relationship with might be more likely to consent to being searched. Rev. Lydon also noted that similar programs promoting closer police-community relations have not been shown to reduce harm in those communities.

The reaction from community members was largely positive. Somerville resident Matthias Schneider liked that the police were trying to get familiar with the community."I think that was the first time I've talked to someone from the police. They were very nice. It's very good for the kids to see that the police do not always mean big trouble."

There will be plenty more opportunity for the police to meet residents during the six upcoming walking dialogues this summer.

MBTA property open for bids

By Donald Norton

Last Thursday morning the MBTA held an open house at 76 School Street (corner of Avon and School Streets) for potential bidders who are considering making an offer on the property.

The Massachusetts Realty Group, which is a consultant to the MBTA, had a small area inside roped off because of potential weight issues.

The bids are expected to begin at \$487,000 on the 5,700 sq. ft. parcel of land formerly used by the MBTA as a power substation and the bids are expected to be submitted by June 3 at 1p.m.

The abandoned building has been an eyesore to local residents over the past 20 to 30 years, including one well-known local abutter, former Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay, who expressed concern that there is probable contamination on the property from the days when it was a substation. This past fall the roof blew off exposing the interior to

the elements.

Gay is going to watch the process very closely. She would like to see an open area park on the location. She is very concerned about the contamination and its possible leakage.

The building is historical and any bidder could possibly be prohibited by the Historic Preservation Commission to tear the property down. A small group of investors and a couple of well-known attorneys that represent investors were present and took the short tour of the property.

Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters said he would like to see the property used for a park or open area and not for condos.

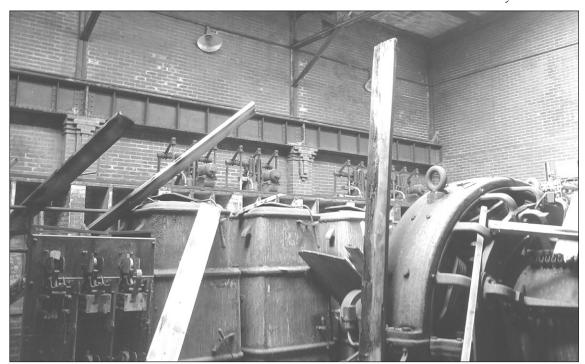
For more information on this property offered you can either contact Massachusetts Realty Group at 20 Park Plaza Suite 1120, by calling 617-316-1654 or going online at mbtarealtyweb@greyco.com.

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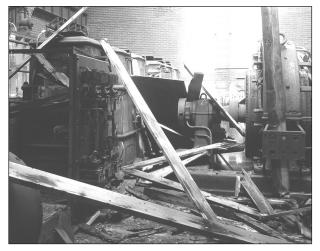
Interested parties gathered last week to take a firsthand look at the former MBTA power substation that is now up for sale.

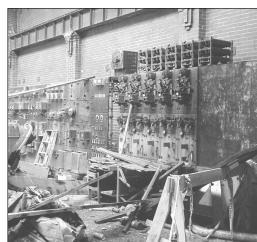
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11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway **Central Library**

Middle School Writers' Den Alan Ball- 617 636-9033 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday | May 28

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

Friday May 29

Central Library

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

Central Library

Book Club for Kids Ages 9-12 Cathy Piantigini 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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Central Library

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MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday | May 27

Johnny D's

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room

Paddy Keenan and Friends, with Stoneybatter Band 7:30 p.m. Comedy@10 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: Life Drawing 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

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The Burren

Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.

Back Room Scattershot

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On The Hill Tavern Live DI Music

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

Bull McCabe's

Dub Down Reggae 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre Awkward Compliment's Thursday

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

Arts at the Armory

Historic Preservation Awards Ceremonv - 20th Annual 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall

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

Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare

7pm|255 Elm Street Friday | May 29

Johnny D's

Loose Change Bringing Sexy To..Johnny D's: LoVeSeXy." a tribute to the music of Prince" + Rod Stewart Tribute featuring Jay Gates

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Sally O'Brien's

Tuna Rangers |6 p.m. Spotted Tiger with Danielle Miraglia \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Cover Up 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

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Arts at the Armory Kyle Martin Music with Friends - Inti-

mate Evening of Acoustic sets 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare

Laugh Fest:Summer Kick Off Party 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Saturday | May 30

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch

Jeff Jam Dance Party The Installers

Milo Z & Johnny Blazes & The Pretty Boys Vacation Dance Party 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Remembering Jan Cornish|2 p.m. Johnnie Mac & The Local Forecast |6

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The Burren Back Room

Scattershots

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65 Holland St

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Arts at the Armory Rick, Dave, & Friends

10:30 a.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre**

Old School Game Show's Cardiovascular Spectacular! 9 pm|255 Elm Street

Sunday | May 31

Johnny D's

lazz Brunch Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew **Smart Band**

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Natalie Flanagan & The F-Bombs, Field Day, Trusty Sidekick 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

The Burren

Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner

and Dan Keller 7 p.m. **Back Room Burren Acoustic Music Series**

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Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Samba Bar & Grille

Live Band & DI

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Arts at the Armory

Sex, Lies and Narrow Escapes -Tongue in Cheek 3 p.m.|Performance Hall A Sunday Afternoon of Cafe Chamber

4 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre**

You're the Expert |5 p.m. Shit-faced Shakespeare 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Monday June 1

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: One Microphone (Stand-Up) Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.

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

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Back Room

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

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Arts at the Armory

Stump! Team Trivia

Boston Musician's Collaborative Open

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday June 2

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The Amy Douglas Happy Hour Tuesday 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. **Back Room**

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

On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

499 Broadway 617-629-5302 **Bull McCabe's Pub** The Ghetto People Band

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Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

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

PJ Ryan's

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

Arts at the Armory Youth Arts Arise: Imagination Installation 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine Broad Appeal - Comedy Night

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Wednesday|June 3

Free Poker, lots of prizes!

Johnny D's The Black Lillies (Indie Roots Rock via Appalachia) Plus Megan Jean & the

17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar

6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

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Arts at the Armory

Youth Art Arise: Stop Motion Origami Animation 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine| Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | May 27

Brian McCarthy|774-634-6035

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

7 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Central Library Somerville Republicans

with Nadira Jamal

Avenue **Third Life Studio** Belly Dance performance preparation 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Level 3|33 Union

Central Library

Affordable Homeownership Opportunity: Fair Housing Commission Vicki Wairi-617.625.6600 x 2588 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Central Library

Remembering 1915: The 100-Year Anniversary of the Armenian Geno-

Sarah Ignatius-617-501-6350 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

Saturday | May 30

Central Library

Discussion: How to be an Artist and a Parent? Tim Devin-617-501-5356

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9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Holland St

14th Annual Historic Bike Tour Flourishing Anew in Somerville"

2 p.m.|City Hall 93 Highland Ave

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups

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Monday June 1

(Session 2) 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway

Visioning Meeting Glenn Ferdman-617-623-5000 x2910 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|TAB Bldg. 167

Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Holland Street

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory Prenatal Yoga

Third Life Studio

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

Wednesday June 3

Central Library

Avenue Third Life Studio Belly Dance performance preparation

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|Level 3|33 Union

West Branch Library

40 College Avenue

First Church Somerville

For more info call: 781-762-6629

2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Sunday|May 31 "Food, Flowers and Farming: All

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Unity Church of God

Third Life Studio Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

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

West Branch Library Community

Central Library

Tuesday|June 2 **Central Library**

7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Board Game Night Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x2914 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland

with Nadira Jamal

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PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

East Somerville Mosaic Project / Streetscape for
East Branch Library – Tuesday, May 29th – 10:00 A.M.
to Noon / As part of our "Community Day" at Cross
Street Artist Emily Bhargava will be joining us again at
our Cross Street Center to help us place objects into
clay, creating textures and images into the permanent
community mosaic. The completed mosaic will forever
be a part of the neighborhood as it will be permanently
place just outside the East Branch Library. Just one of the
amazing things happening that day at our Cross Street
Center. Please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext.
2300 to sign up.

Now & Then - Reminiscing with Jimmy – Starting Tuesday, June 2nd – 9:30 to 10:30 at our Holland Street Center. Engage in entertaining group discussions about the good ol' days with Jimmy DelPonte. Have fun looking back on historical events, pop culture, old Somerville and the way things used to be. "Now & Then" will be meeting on Tuesdays, June 2nd, June 9th, June 16th and June 23rd. For additional information or to sign up please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Celestial Bodies: Astronomy & Telescopes – Monday, June 15th – 9:30 in the Atrium at our Holland Street Center. The 2nd in our "Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series" – Tufts University Professor Emeritus Robert A. Gonsalves will give an illustrated talk showing the universe as seen through the eye of the Hubble telescope. Come, see some beautiful photos, learn a little about our universe and ask some questions. Call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for details, more information or to sign up.

Annual Nutrition Fair – Tuesday, June 16th – 10:00 A.M. to Noon – At our Holland Street Center. Health screenings, food demonstrations, eating tips, yummy recipes, snack samples and more – Join us for a healthy lunch after the fair and transportation would be available. For more information or to RSVP please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Luciano's Restaurant Featuring The Drifters – Tuesday, June 23 – departing our Holland Street Center at 9:45 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 4:45 P.M. Lunch choice of Chicken or Baked Scrod, includes salad, vegetables, mashed potatoes, rolls with butter, dessert and coffee / tea – A \$85. fee includes transportation, lunch and entertainment by the amazing R & B group, The Drifters, famous for such hits as Under the Boardwalk, Up on the Roof and This Magic Moment. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

Conversations about Dementia – Wednesday, June 24 – Noon – 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – This is the 3rd in a 4 part series on "Caregiver Education" –This workshop offers tips on difficult topics, the importance

of going to the doctor for a diagnosis or follow-up, concerns about driving and much more – Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. To register please contact our social worker, Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 – Please note that this workshop is intended for caregivers only and is NOT appropriate for persons with dementia to attend.

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.

There has been a lot happening at the SCOA – Keep your eyes open for more details on the upcoming trips

- 9/11 Museum & Memorial a 2 day / 1 night trip
- The Drifters at Lake Pearl
- Best of the Golden Oldies
- Boothbay Harbor & Cabbage Island
- Hu Ke Lau, Riverboat Ramblers / Triple Lobster Fest
- The Beach Boys Tribute
- Italian Festival at the Danversport Yacht Club
- The Manhattan Dolls Music through the decades
- Our own "Antique Road Show" One man's junk just might be a treasure

Back by popular demand are the Holiday Inn Dances. Lunch and dance to music provided by Hank our resident DJ. June 29 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. A \$15.00 fee is required along with a RSVP so please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Advisory Group – Monday, June 8th – 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, June 8th – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. We will be joined by the students of the GSA from Somerville High School with a yet to be determined lunch menu. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Dinner & Movie Night – Monday, June 15th – 5:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. In honor of Gay Pride Month at approximately 5:00 we will have a showing of The Great Pink Scare followed by a yet to be determined dinner with a little time to socialize followed by a showing of If These Walls Could Talk 2. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS:

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

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H) Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes and dues

Zumba for All, 5:15 P.M., \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M. Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M.

Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M.

*Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month, pre-registration required.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday | May 27

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

Supper & Bingo HAFB

Thursday | May 28

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:00 Current Events (H)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Friday|May 29

10:00 Back to Medicare Basics (H) 11:30 Lunch (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday|June 1

8:30 Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group (H)

10:30 Moonlighters (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

Tuesday|June 2

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:30 Low Vision Group(H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

6:00 Caregivers

Wednesday|June 3

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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is actually available to them.

Loss of sovereignty

Genuine conservatives should be alarmed by the limitations that TPP would impose on U.S. sovereignty. NAFTA introduced "Investor State Dispute Settlement" (ISDS) requirements for treaty partners, and ISDS has been incorporated into subsequent trade agreements, including those among other nations. TPP would greatly expand ISDS's domain.

ISDS authorizes private corporations to sue sovereign governments, win monetary judgments, and block law enforcement if the plaintiff companies successfully argue that those laws are "tantamount to expropriation." They argue this to tribunals of private-sector attorneys, not public bodies.

ISDS cases have imposed heavy fines on Germany for its environmental regulation, on Egypt for enforcing minimum-wage laws, and on Australia and Uruguay for their anti-smoking statutes. TPP would allow both foreign corporations and American corporations who set up foreign subsidiaries to sue the U.S.

Rationale and reality

For the most part, advocates on both sides agree that TPP im-

plementation would increase U.S. exports of capital and intellectual property while further reducing exports of labor-intensive products. TPP's advocates say that globalization makes this inevitable, and if we are going to succeed, we must increase our workers' skills and education while concentrating on knowledge-based industries.

But workers without college degrees still constitute 70% of the U.S. workforce, and those who say that workers must adjust are unwilling to invest in their retraining.

With a top marginal income tax rate of 90%, in the 1950s and 60s America invested in

the infrastructure, education, and research necessary to drive a thriving economy. Today investors are taxed at half the rate of workers, and our infrastructure is crumbling, research investments declining, and higher education costs, increasingly out of reach.

Fair trade vs. free trade

The U.S. is still the largest market in the world. The economies of all potential TPP signatories would suffer if they could not sell to us. This would give our trade negotiators substantial leverage if they served the 99% rather than the 1%.

They could begin by requiring

an end to the currency manipulation that a number of TPP countries use to artificially lower their products' costs while increasing ours. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that this alone could produce between 2.3 and 5.8 million new U.S. jobs.

They could refuse to weaken our labor, consumer and environmental protections to facilitate the sale of goods by companies that abuse their workers and environment. They could bar the import of goods that are products of such abuse.

And they could conduct negotiations in public, for all the world to see.

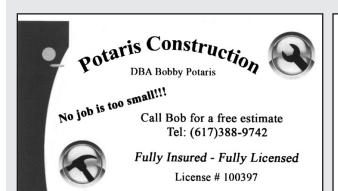
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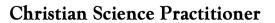
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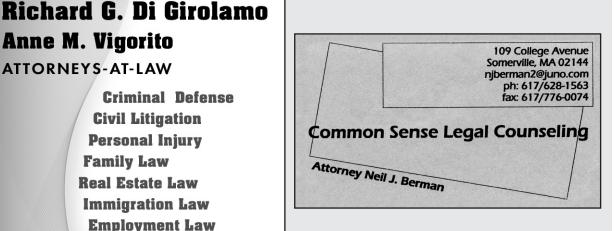
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7:00am	Somerville Film Group	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
7:30am	Life Matters	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:30pm	Culture Club	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
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Thursday,	May 28	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group:	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group	11:00am	Wicked Sober
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:30am	Ablevision
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Energy Theater	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	2:00pm	Legacies - A SCATV Production	1:00pm	Art as Protest
9:00am	Cancer Explained! TV show	10:00pm	The Somerville Line	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:00pm	Art at SCATV
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2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	6:30pm	Culture Club
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	10:00pm	Cinema Somerville	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	Monday, Ju	ine 1	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	11:00am	Dead Air Live	6:00am	Ablevision	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00pm	Honk Festival	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Energy Theater
5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	7:30am	Eckankar	11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)
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Week of the Young Child

SomerViva em Portugues

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١	9:30am:	SCAP Annual Meeting
l	12:00pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq. Open House
١	1:30pm:	Talking Business – Union Square
١	2:00pm:	Connecting Communities –
١		Alderman Bob McWatters
١	2:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour
١	6:30pm:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour
١	7:30pm:	Porchfest 2015
١	8:15pm:	Talking Business – Union Sq.
١	8:45pm:	Spring Clean Up 2015
١	9:00pm:	Agenda for 5.28.15 BOA Meeting
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١	9:00am:	Milk Row Cemetery Tour
١	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
١	12:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues
١	1:00pm:	Women's History Month Reception
١	1:30pm:	Connecting Communities – Alderman Bob McWatters
١	2:00pm:	Congressional Update
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١	12:00pm:	Raising Families
١	12:30pm:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville
١	1:30pm:	2015 Memorial Day Parade
١	3:00pm:	SomerViva en Espanol
	3:30pm:	Somerville By Design: Union Sq. – 5.13.15
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Congressional Update

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12:00pm:	World Language Awards Night		
1:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Arts		
2:00pm:	CTE Senior Awards Night		
4:00pm:	Brown School Spring Concert		
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2:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Arts
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I have had a love affair with the great jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong ever since I heard him sing the line (in that wonderful, worldly rasping voice of his his), "Take your shoes off Lucy, and let's get juicy," from *Baby*, *It's Cold Outside*. Poet Matthew Sisson does a riff on this late Jazz great. Matthew Sisson's poetry has appeared in magazines and jour-



nals ranging from the Harvard Review Online, to JAMA The Journal of the American Medical Association. He has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize, and he is the former poetry editor of the trade journal Modern Steel Construction. His first book, Please, Call Me Moby, was published by the Pecan Grove Press, St. Mary's University, San Antonio Texas in March of 2015, and is available at his website, matthewsissonpoetry.com, and on Amazon.

Louis Armstrong Sings "Lazy River"

An opening chord, a bass thump

like a wooden spoon slapping butcher block, and before the second spoonular thump that trumpet shouting: "All right, ALL RIGHT." The sax section grabs the melody, singing sassy, in short skirts, and Mr. Armstrong sasses back: Ah-Ha, Sure, Ah-Ha, imploring Way Down, Way Down. And then- he begins to sing: A circular, Wheel Of Fate singing, a forward driving force singing, grabbing and ignoring lyrics from the ether as he pleases. And his scattingmelody invented with the ease of God breathing life into clay, with the joy of Freud discovering the unconscious. He stops, laughs, that music streaming through: Oh, you dog, he says. Boy if I ain't riffin this evening-Over and over he prays:

Oh, you river, Oh you dog, finally exhorting:
Swing out there on them ivories boy.That piano solo punting across the keyboard relaxedly as any boater on the Thames.
His trumpet returns with a glissando as big as Moby Dick, and each musician, one at a time, enters the final chord, a cymbal crash, and this towering vernacular folly collapses-

Ask yourself-

Who among us will ever step into that river again?

— Matthew Sisson

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville's Mary Alexandra Agner:

A Potent Mix of the Poetic and Scientific

Mary Alexandra Agner met me at my usual corner at the Bloc 11 Café in Union Square to discuss her career in science, writing and poetry. Agner moved to Somerville in 1997, and told me that her first poetry publication was in Somerville's *Ibbetson Street* magazine. Agner earned a degree from MIT and an MFA at Emerson College in Boston. At Emerson she studied with the late, great, and very eccentric poet Bill Knott. Agner said of Knott, "He was very influential and was very willing to work with me and other students." In fact, Knott blurbed her first collection of poetry *Doors of the Body*.

Agner's latest venture is *Science News in Verse*. This project is hosted by *PATREON*, a crowd funding Internet site. People donate money on a monthly basis, and in return Agner writes verse concerning the latest science news. For instance, a recent poem that she composed was based on some fossils at a Yale University museum that were mislabeled as birds. Later, they were found out to be dinosaurs. From this tidbit Agner was able to mine a poem about dinosaurs at sea. In the era of the dinosaur, the area we now call Kansas was largely a body of water, thus the dinosaurs at sea theme. Agner reflected, "It is a joy to put science to verse. Through this genre, it helps people become interested in science."

Agner also has a website titled *Freeing the Fink-beiner* that champions the recent accomplishments of woman scientists. Agner told me, "Although women have made strides in the past decades, there is still much discrimination, and much work to be done. My friends and I all have experienced discrimination in one form or the other." The idea for *Freeing...* started with an obituary in the New York Times of a prominent rocket scientist, Elaine Brill. The obit started out (according to Agner)



Mary Alexandra Agner.

with a lead sentence that referred how this top shelf scientist made great lasagna. Understandably, a lot of women scientists and women in general, were upset with this. Agner said, "This gave me the idea of how we can write about a female scientist without mentioning her cooking or kids. I decided to write reports on women scientists that didn't focus on the fact that they are women, but that they are scientists with important work and accomplishments.

Agner told me she left the software industry to freelance as a writer. "It is a tough way to make a living, but I am making my way." But like any start-up, it takes time to take root and grow. In the meantime this industrious Somervillian will turn out poems and articles on a consistent basis. Agner finished her java, and left my nook, undoubtedly swept up by the street of the—Paris of New England.

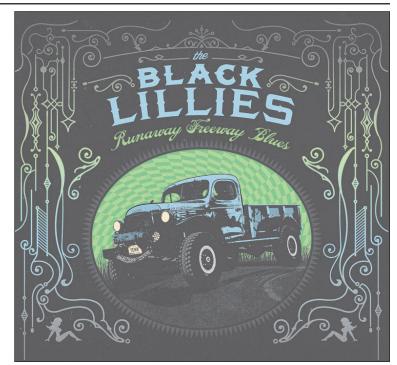
The Black Lillies are in bloom CONT. FROM PG 1

they press on ahead to even greater musical adventures and achievements.

Two members of the original lineup, Tom Pryor and Robert "Bobby Dix" Richards, recently left the band, but founding member Cruz Contreras takes it in stride and assures fans that the band will not miss a stroke.

"Rest assured that The Black Lillies are stronger than ever," says Contreras. "We're still pushing forward, releasing an entirely fan-funded album this summer, and we'll continue to travel to towns far and wide to play our music for you. We couldn't be more excited about what the future holds, and we're ready to dive right in."

Runaway Freeway Blues debuted at #21 on the Billboard Heatseekers chart and #43 on the Billboard Top 200 Country chart. It spent more than five months in the Americana Music Association's top five, ending the year as the #18 album of the year



The Black Lillies' latest release Runaway Freeway Blues.

overall, based on radio airplay. The album has been selected by more than two dozen publications as one of the best albums of the year.

Rolling Stone Magazine called them "buzzworthy" and described their style as

"genre-mashing roots music with an Appalachian anchor."

Be sure to catch them as they shoot through the city, stopping off for a show at Johnny D's, 17 Holland St, Somerville, on Wednesday, June 3. You'll be mighty glad you did.



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