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Fire department gets life-saving drug



All Somerville Fire Department companies are now equipped with nasal naloxone (Narcan), a prescription medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. For more info turn to page 5.

Tufts sees largest protest in decades

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

In response to a new report published by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR), the student body rallied around Tufts University's administrative building May 1 to protest the school's Title IX status.

Part of the Education Amendments enacted in 1972, Title IX prohibits discrimination of any type because of an individual's gender or sexual orientation, and also covers the actions an institution must take when a complaint has been filed. This applies to any type of educational program or activity that receives financial assistance from the federal government.

The OCR released a comprehensive review May 1 of possible violations, specifically in terms of Title IX requirements that relate to sexual violence. Notably, 55 higher education institutions were named in the investigative report, with Tufts University being among them.

"We are making this list available in an effort to bring more transparency to our enforcement work and to foster better public awareness of civil rights," Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Catherine E. Lhamon

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Performing for peace

By Jack Adams

Every year for the past eight years, the Somerville Center for Teen Empowerment holds a Youth Peace Conference. The 2014 conference was hosted last Saturday evening at the East Somerville Community School, reopened this year after it burned down 10 years ago.

This year's conference was called "Rising from the Ashes," a nod to the rebuilding of the East Somerville Community School having risen from its former ashes. Stephanie Berkowitz, the director of external relations at the Center for Teen Empowerment, said it was also a reference to how all of Somerville has bounced back after setbacks over the years.

At this year's event, there was an ice cream social in the school's cafeteria before the stage show began. Many of the Teen Empowerment Center's partnering organizations, including Groundwork Somerville, Somerville Community Access TV and Bridge over Troubled Waters, had tables and spoke with students.

The peace conference is the culmination of an entire year's worth of

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Kourtney-Shea Yurko and Saladin Islam sing and play for the highly receptive audience at this year's Youth Peace Conference.

Photo by Jack Adams

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At the Board of Aldermen’s meeting at 7 p.m. this Thursday, May 8, the BOA will honor former Ward 3 Alderman Tom Taylor for his many years of public service on the board, representing not just his constituents in Ward 3 but throughout Somerville as a community. His family will be present, along with many residents here in the city, to witness the outpouring of thanks from a grateful community here in Somerville. This entire event Thursday night will be a great boost to Tom, who has suffered many physical problems he’s had to endure over these past few years. Tom has been an inspiration to many here over the years, and especially now that he has braved adversity. We hope that the Aldermanic Chamber at City Hall overflows with grateful city residents. His family, and in particular his lovely wife, Celia, truly appreciate the kindness shown to Tom over these past several months with his many complications with his cancer.

Also at the Board of Alderman meeting this Thursday the owners Bill and Kate Ragusa of Holiday Cleaners will be recognized for their many and varied contributions and dedication to our city.

This Thursday night, it’s the Sips & Savories with East Somerville Social from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on lower Washington Street on the Charlestown line. Join your friends and neighbors of East Somerville for a tequila tasting, featuring Tanteo tequila, paired with lime tortilla chips, homemade guacamole and fried wontons topped with southwestern ahi tuna. The cost is \$10, and attendees can drop their business card to be entered into a raffle. To RSVP, contact dhughes@distinctivehospitalitygroup.com.

Our condolences to the family of Robert Ventura, a lifelong resident and veteran who passed away this past week. He was waked at Doherty’s on Tuesday. He leaves his wife, Lucille, to whom we offer our sincere condolences. Bob was a very active member here in Somerville until recently. He was a nice guy and well liked by everyone who knew him.

Congratulations to our good friend James “Jimmy” Mastro-matteo and his lovely bride to be this

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to Are you a Villen?

Ellen Fabiano McPherson says:

Hello Jimmy,
As with all folklore,”villen” has many interpretations and significant meanings that are dependent upon the individual. A few years back there were two young men from Somerville, good friends, growing up together. Their families were also friendly. They attended school together, played sports together and created art together. They were trying to make sense out of their experiences as boys growing up in a culture that included the sudden and violent deaths of many of their peers that was rocking the city during the years the were coming of age. They came up with the phrase “villen” and had tattoos put on their wrists. Not long afterwards, one of those young men passed away in a tragic accident, his name was Brian Liberatore. The other still lives and works in Somerville, he is my nephew, Steven Morris. After Brian’s death, Steven and his brother Paul wanted to keep their memory of Brian and “villen” going and created a trademark “villen” and copyrighted the name. The teeshirts, stickers etc. came from that effort. Everyone is entitled to interpret art as they see it. And everyone has their own memory and truth. This is mine regarding “villen”.

hate it says:

hate the whole villen thing. I think it continues and reinforces a thug image. Villen/Villain. young people who want to be seen as villains, c’mon. the ville is one thing, but I think we’re making the drug/graffiti/villains hanging at the park, lifestyle just a little too cool. If our young people want to be seen as villains, it’s sad, very sad.

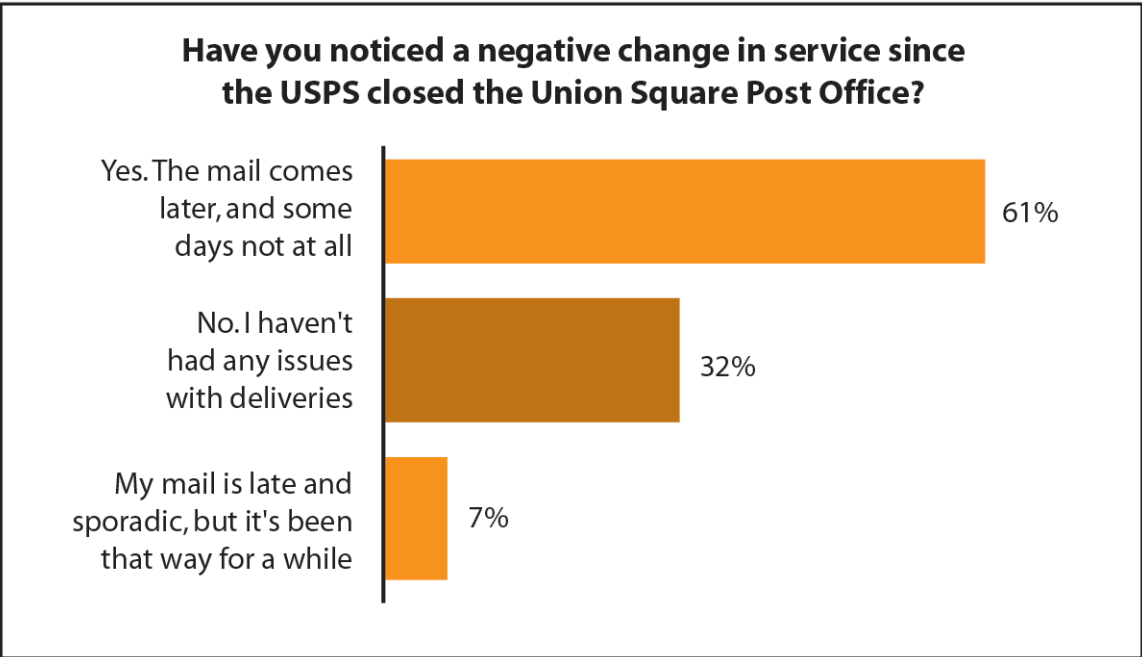
Uncle Rocco says:

Community pride is great. Tribalism . . not so much. Anytime people start going too heavy on the ‘my people,’ ‘my neighborhood’ stuff, and start counting who is ‘one of us’ and who is ‘them,’ it’s time to take a few steps back and cool out a little.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

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 have noticed a negative change in service since the USPS closed the Union Square Post Office. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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MBTA to extend bike path through Somerville

The MBTA will build an extension of the community bike path along the Green Line from Lechmere Station to the forthcoming Lowell Street Station, connecting to the current path and bringing the total length of Somerville's bicycle and pedestrian path to two miles.

Under an agreement between the MBTA and the city, the MBTA will first build the path along the extended Green Line from Lechmere Station to the forthcoming Brickbottom Station at Washington Street as part of Phase II of the Green Line Extension, which is scheduled for completion in late 2017 with the opening of the new Lechmere, Brickbottom and Union Square stations.

As the Green Line Extension (GLX) project continues, the MBTA will build the remaining stretch of the path from Brickbottom Station to the future Lowell Street Station. Last May, the state Department of Transportation (MassDOT) began work on extending the path from Cedar Street to Lowell Street.

Once the path is fully built, it will create a seamless link from the Minuteman Bikeway to the Charles River paths, creating a 48-mile continuous path network connecting 11 cities and towns in the Greater Boston region. The path will also provide emergency egress and a utility corridor for the Green Line Extension.

"When construction began last May on the Cedar Street to Lowell Street extension of the Community Path, I said it was only the beginning and that we would extend the path to Boston. That day is here

thanks to the determination of so many," Mayor Joe Curtatone said. "This project is about much more than biking and walking. It's about building a community and a region that is equitable, connected and vibrant."

"Today's announcement of funding for the GLX Community Path further demonstrates our vision for the future of transportation in the commonwealth," Gov. Deval Patrick said. "Investment in transportation infrastructure that provides better access to more healthy, sustainable and cost-efficient options is necessary to continue to move Massachusetts forward."

Bicycle infrastructure is an integral component of the Green Line Extension, which upon completion will have 1,100 bicycle parking spaces throughout the seven stations, including dedicated pedal-and-park enclosed bicycle storage units that can be accessed using a Bike Charlie Card. Last June, MassDOT agreed to fund a complete design of the path from Lowell Street to Lechmere as part of the Green Line Extension. The design previously ended at Inner Belt.

"MassDOT's vision for sustainable, healthy, accessible transportation has no better example than the commitment made to the GLX Community Path made here today," MassDOT Secretary and CEO Richard A. Davey said.

Somerville's bike network has more than doubled in the last decade, bringing the city's total to more than 30 linear miles of bike lanes in a 4.1-square-mile



The current bike and pedestrian path will be extended by some two miles as the MBTA and city work together to make the project a reality.

city, along with the installation of 75 new bike racks and 10 bike corrals. The city has also updated and added pedestrian safety infrastructure such as street trees, curb bump-outs and ADA-accessible ramps that make the city more walkable. Somerville is now the seventh most walkable city and the ninth most

transit-friendly city in the nation, regardless of population size, according to the 2014 National Walk Score ratings, and a Silver Bicycle Friendly Community, according to The League of American Bicyclists, a designation the city earned only two years after earning a bronze-level designation.

Somerville Library Director Maria Carpenter departing for new job

By David R. Smith

Library Director Maria Carpenter, who has held the position since 2011, will be leaving the position this month after accepting the job of library director in Santa Monica, Calif. An acting director will be appointed as the city searches for a full-time replacement.

"I will miss working alongside talented coworkers, Board of Aldermen, Trustees, and Friends, all of whom are dedicated to excellent library and city services," she said.

In her time with the city, Carpenter influenced and instituted a number of changes within the public libraries, including: launching a Library Teen Space; co-authoring a winning provisional grant of \$18 million for a new library building currently proposed for Union Square; expanded weekend hours at all three branches; increased library card membership through successful public campaigns; and launching new

programs such as StoryCorps @ Your Library, Muslim Journeys series and The Awesome Box project.

*"Maria has advanced
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"Maria has advanced our public libraries, as well as their programs and services, for residents of all ages, bringing libraries back into the spotlight in terms of the immense benefits they provide to our community," Mayor Joseph Curtatone said. "She is one of our most innovative and driven managers, and though we are sad to lose her, we are proud of her accomplishments and excited for her newest and prestigious adventure."

The job posting and additional information about a search for a replacement will be available at www.somervillema.gov in coming weeks. For information about the Somerville Public Libraries, visit www.somervillepubliclibrary.org.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Double-wrapped dealer unwrapped

A police officer on patrol last Saturday spotted a vehicle driving the wrong way through the powder House Rotary and then proceed down Broadway.

The officer followed and stopped the car, then ran a check on the vehicle, which was reportedly found to have a suspended registration.

The officer then approached the vehicle and asked the driver, identified as Steverson Delucien, 26, of Dorchester, whose vehicle he was driving and where he was going.

According to the officer, Delucien appeared very nervous, hesitating and stammering while attempting to respond to the questions. He eventually told the officer that the car belonged to his girlfriend from Quincy and that he was on his way to meet some friends in Somerville. He reportedly told the officer that he had permission from the vehicles owner to use it.

The officer then ran a check on Delucien and reportedly found that he had an extensive criminal record. It was also confirmed

that the owner of the vehicle was a woman in Quincy. It was at that time that backup officers arrived to assist in the incident.

The officer informed Delucien that that the vehicle's registration was suspended and that it would be towed.

The officer asked if he could search the car and Delucien consented, according to reports. When asked if they could search his person, Delucien reportedly agreed to this as well.

Police said that they found a 1-gram plastic baggie with high-

grade marijuana in it. When asked if he had any other drugs Delucien reportedly told them that he did not.

After conducting an extensive search of the vehicle, officers reportedly found two individually ½ ounce packaged bags of marijuana, as well as an additional 1-gram bag under the front passenger seat of the car.

When asked if they were his, Delucien reportedly denied that that were, and claimed that he was holding the items for a friend.

Delucien was then advised that he was being placed under arrest for possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute and taken to the station for booking.

While undergoing processing at the police station, it was noticed that Delucien was wearing two pairs of pants. A subsequent search of the hidden pants reportedly turned up several more bags of marijuana in their pockets, which was inventoried and placed in the evidence lock up.

High school spat gets serious

Police investigated a reported case of assault of a student at Somerville High School last week.

The investigating officer met with the alleged victim in the school's Nurse's Office and gathered facts pertaining to the case, including taking the victim's statement as to what had occurred.

The left side of the victim's head was swollen and red, including

his cheek, the area around his eye, his ear and the area within his hairline.

The victim reportedly told the officer that he had been attacked in the stairwell between the third and fourth floors of the school building. He said that he had been followed down the third floor hallway by one of the alleged attackers, Salvador Castro-Ramos, 19, and that Castro-Ramos, along

with a juvenile accomplice, began hitting him as he made his way through the stairwell area, according to reports.

The victim further stated that the two alleged attackers had knocked him to the ground and kicked him in the head with their shod feet.

The school nurse reportedly confirmed that marks consistent with the soles of the type of sneakers the alleged attackers

were wearing were present on the side of the victim's head.

The officer asked the victim why he thought he had been attacked and he reportedly said that he had been in a fight with another student a few days earlier and that he thought this attack was made in retaliation.

The victim's father arrived and took the student to the Somerville Hospital Emergency Room. Searching for the alleged at-

tackers, it appeared that the juvenile had left the premises. Castro-Ramos could not be found in his scheduled class, but was located in the cafeteria. He was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (shod foot).

A warrant for the arrest of the juvenile suspect was also put into effect.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests: Salvador Castro-Ramos , 19, of 17 Autumn St., April 28, 12:17 p.m., arrested at 91 Highland Ave. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Three juveniles , April 28, 5:13 p.m., arrested at 95 Wheatland St. on charges of trespassing and felony daytime breaking and entering. Christoph Boyd , 42, of 36 Parker St., Attleboro, April 29, 9:05 a.m., arrested at 709 McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, unregistered motor vehicle, and number plate violation. Sean O'Shea , 42, of 69 Cedar St., April 29, 9:30 p.m., arrested at 393 Highland Ave. on a charge of assault and battery on a police officer and on a warrant charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering. Michael Denning , 36, of 25	Mystic St., Everett, April 30, 12:05 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of carrying a dangerous weapon. Juan Sanchez , 30, of 171 Faywood St., E. Boston, April 30, 7:44 p.m., arrested at Bonner Ave. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Hubert Goss , 34, of 129 Perkins St., May 2, 7:58 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation. Steverson Delucien , 26, of 183 Center St., Dorchester, May 3, 2:53 a.m., arrested at 540 Broadway on charges of impaired operation of a motor vehicle, possession of a class D drug, drug possession to distribute, and unregistered motor vehicle. Incidents: Theft: April 28, 12:36 a.m., police	reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy. April 28, 1:54 p.m., police reported a theft at 855 Broadway. April 28, 4:03 p.m., police reported a theft at 236 Holland St. April 28, 4:55 p.m., police reported a theft at Dartmouth St. April 30, 8:17 a.m., police reported a theft at Campbell Pkwy. April 30, 7:31 p.m., police reported a theft at 176 Somerville Ave. May 1, 8:26 a.m., police reported a theft at Dane Ave. May 1, 9:20 a.m., police reported a theft at Wheatland St. May 2, 5:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Dane St. May 3, 10:57 p.m., police reported a theft at 20 Cummings St. May 4, 11:10 a.m., police reported a theft at 600 Mystic Valley Pkwy. Breaking & Entering:	April 28, 8:12 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St. April 28, 9:14 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Moreland St. April 28, 9:23 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 101 Linwood St. April 30, 9:40 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Beacon St. Vehicle Theft: May 3, 10:21 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Highland Ave. Assault: April 28, 12:17 p.m., police reported an assault at 91 Highland Ave. April 29, 6:09 p.m., police reported an assault at Auburn Ave. April 29, 9:46 p.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave. Destruction of Property:	April 30, 7:44 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Glen St. April 30, 8:56 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Mt. Vernon St. April 30, 10:11 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Virginia St. May 1, 11:22 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Oxford St. May 3, 9:38 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at College Ave. Trespassing: April 28, 5:13 p.m., police reported a trespassing at Wheatland St. Disorderly Conduct: April 29, 11:36 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Elmwood St. Drug Violation: May 3, 2:53 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Trum Field.
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Fire department equipped with anti-overdose drug

As of last week, all Somerville Fire Department companies are now equipped with nasal naloxone (Narcan), a prescription medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. In a joint effort with the Cambridge Health Alliance, Cataldo Ambulance and the Somerville Board of Health and Trauma Response Network, Somerville firefighters completed training on administering the prescription to victims of drug overdose. In March, Gov. Deval Patrick declared a public health emergency in Massachusetts due to the growing epidemic of opioid addiction and increasing rates of fatal overdose.

"There is a public health emergency in the commonwealth as it relates to opioid use and overdose, and the city of Somerville is far from immune to the challenges of addiction," Mayor Jo-

seph Curtatone said. "Over the last three months, we have lost several residents to this terrible disease, and though we know we must come together as a region to combat addiction and to find more and better ways to increase access to support services and resources, ensuring that our first responders are trained and equipped with tools like Narcan can greatly increase our ability to save lives and work to provide those necessary supports at the local level."

The Somerville Fire Department has partnered with the Cambridge Heath Alliance (CHA) to purchase Narcan directly through its pharmaceutical companies at discounted rates. Other medical supplies and kits will be purchased through separate vendors. The chief medical officer of CHA,

Dr. Assaad Sayah, agreed to provide the necessary medical oversight for the program with Dr. Jordan Wagner assigned as the medical control physician for the Somerville Fire Department. Initial training was conducted by Cataldo Ambulance Inc.

"Our firefighters are often the first on the scene, which is why we felt it was critical to ensure all of our companies are trained and equipped with Narcan," Fire Chief Kevin Kelleher said. "Those extra seconds or minutes saved can sometimes make all the difference in our ability to save a life. Just this past month, in fact, we were able to rescue an overdose victim by administering Narcan. We all always hope it never comes to an overdose, but when it does, we want to have every possible tool to help that individual on hand."

Narcan training, addiction resources for community members

The Somerville Health Department and the Somerville Office of Prevention, in cooperation with Teen Empowerment and Save Our Somerville, recently hosted a free How to Save a Life workshop and discussion on substance abuse, prescription drug misuse, and education, as well as strategies for support systems and treatment, recovery and coping mechanisms for victims and families. The workshop also included training in Narcan administration for community members. To receive notification of the next workshop, contact Patty Contente at 617-625-6600, ext. 4325, or email PContente@somervillema.gov.

If you or anyone you know is seeking support or resources for addressing drug addiction, additional resources include:

- Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline: 1-800-327-5050
- Families Anonymous, 121 Washington St., Medford. Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Call 781-727-1803 for more information.
- Learn 2 Cope at Spaulding Hospital, 1575 Cambridge St., Cambridge. Meets Mondays at 7 p.m. Call 508-738-5148 for more information.

Public invited to shape plans for CPA funding

Want to help determine how the city should spend at least \$1.5 million on affordable housing, open space, outdoor recreation and historic preservation projects? The Somerville Community Preservation Committee will gather public feedback at two public hearings this month that will assist in finalizing the criteria the committee uses to determine which projects are recommended for funding through the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

The meetings will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, in the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd., and Monday, May 12, in the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. Those unable to attend either meeting may also submit written comments through May 31 by email to emonea@somervillema.gov or by mail to Emily Monea, SomerStat, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143.

At each hearing, the com-

mittee will present its draft priorities for CPA-funded projects, such as preserving expiring-use affordable homes and expanding access to and use of the Mystic River and Alewife Brook corridors.

The committee will then listen to the public and use the feedback from both hearings to finalize the priorities, which will guide the committee's decisions about which projects it will recommend to the Board of Aldermen for funding through the CPA.

Once the prioritization plan is finalized, the committee will begin the application process for receiving CPA funding, which is open to all. Residents will also have the opportunity to provide feedback on eligible project proposals once all applications are submitted.

For more information on the CPA, visit the city's website at www.somervillema.gov/CPA. Contact Emily Monea at 617-625-6600, ext. 2118, or emonea@somervillema.gov with comments or questions.

OBITUARY



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Robert A. Ventura Sr.

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Suspect packs a wallop

By Jim Clark

Police detained and arrested a man who fit the description of the suspect in two separately reported cases of breaking and entering last week.

Michael Denning, 36, of Everett, was stopped by police officers who noted how closely his appearance matched that of the home intrusion suspect.

In searching the bag that

Denning was reportedly carrying, police said they discovered a pair of brass knuckles, a hacksaw with several blades, a pair of pliers, a Swiss Army Knife, a drill bit set and a pair of work gloves.

He was placed under arrest and charged with carrying a dangerous weapon. Possible connections to recent cases of breaking and entering are being investigated.

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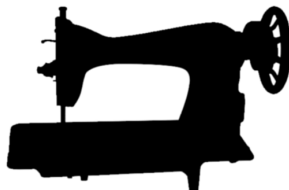
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Celebrate Somerville's history this month

Throughout the month, the Somerville Historic Preservation Committee (SHPC) and other local organizations partner to host numerous events honoring Somerville's history and historic districts. Remaining events include:

Milk Row Cemetery: First public opening, Tuesday, May 13, 6-8 p.m. Docents, dressed in period clothing, open this historic cemetery founded in 1804 by Samuel Tufts. Barbara Mangum, objects conservator and president of Historic Somerville, Inc., will lead an informative tour from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Meet at the front gate at 439 Somerville Ave. Rain or shine. Other public openings June-October TBD;

Walking tour of East Somer-

ville: "Identifying Architectural Gems From Gilman Square to East Somerville," Sunday, May 18, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Led by Edward Gordon, president of the New England Chapter of the Victorian Society in America, and sponsored in collaboration with East Somerville Main Streets, the walk begins at the Somerville Central Library at 81 Highland Ave. and concludes with complimentary appetizers at the East End Grille on Broadway. Rain or shine;

A talk with Somerville veterans: "An Historical Overview of the Somerville Story," Tuesday, May 20, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at the Tufts Administration Building, 169 Holland St.;

Historic Preservation Awards



The historic sites of Somerville will be highlighted throughout the month of May.

— Photo by Claudia Ferro



Photo by Andrew Firestone

Ceremony: Thursday, May 22, 6:30 - 9 p.m. A reception will be followed by a ceremony to honor 12 Somerville property owners for their award-winning preservation work on the exterior of their properties. The properties include both historically designated homes as well as older buildings in the city. SHS students will present their original drawings of each property to the owners. The event takes place in the historically unique space within the Somerville Armory, 191 Highland Ave.;

Memorial Day Parade: Sunday, May 25, 1 p.m. Join the Historic Somerville contingent.

Dress up in period clothing. Begins at City Hall and ends at Clarendon Hill. For more information, contact admin@historicsomerville.org. Rain or shine.;

A discussion: "Researching the History of Your House and Your Family," Wednesday, May 28, 7 - 8:30 p.m. with Kristi Chase, preservation planner for the SHPC, Kevin Kelley, reference librarian for the Somerville Public Library, and the city's archivist, Nadia Dixon. Find out how each of these resources can help you research the histories of your house and family. Mini tour of genealogy resources at the library and beyond, as

well as tips for getting started. Somerville Central Library, 79 Highland Ave.;

Thirteenth annual Historic Bike Tour: "Somerville Leads the Way," Sunday, June 12, 2-5 p.m. Co-sponsored with the Somerville Bike Committee, the 2.5-hour guided ride is designed for all ages and riding levels. Starts at City Hall at 2 p.m. \$3 suggested donation.

For more information, contact SHPC Executive Director Brandon Wilson at 617-625-6600, ext. 2532, or via bwilson@somervillema.gov or visit www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation for updates and photos.

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explained in a statement. "We hope this increased transparency will spur community dialogue about this important issue. I also want to make it clear that a college or university's appearance on this list and being the subject of a Title IX investigation in no way indicates at this stage that the college or university is violating or has violated the law."

The OCR noted that the investigative report and associated list were put forth in efforts to further drive the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault that was launched by the

Obama administration.

As a result, more than 100 students were reported to attend a protest that circled the administrative building, while representatives of the undergraduate classes and the school itself spoke inside.

A joint statement from Tufts officials and student organizers explained that the two collective parties completed a productive and successful dialogue regarding the school's Title IX status. The specific issue which students were protesting related back to the university's decision to forfeit its signature of a Voluntary Resolution Agreement

for Title IX compliance, which has a stipulation that demands schools resolve any complaints within 60 days.

University administrators stated that the revocation of signature constituted a Voluntary Resolution Agreement, but that the school has every interest in continuing talks with the OCR and re-signing the document. In fact, President Anthony Monaco approved the creation of a Response and Resource Coordinator that will be developed by a Task Force to ensure that the school is on the right track toward compliance.

"Nothing we can do as an institution is more important than ensuring the safety of all members of our community," Monaco explained in a statement, as read by Provost David Harris at the rally. "I am very grateful to the many people who have spoken candidly about their own experiences. You have helped educate us about the impact of sexual misconduct and

where our policies and procedures could be improved."

The administration noted that the conversation will continue on into the summer, and regretted that certain actions it took caused unrest among the school's student body and community. Other actions will include a complete review of Tufts guidelines for disciplinary sanctions that relate to cases of sexual misconduct, working with the Task Force to ensure total compliance before the beginning of the fall semester.

Currently, the school's sexual misconduct adjudication process policies dictate a response time between 60 and 90 calendar days, but the report stated that some cases have taken between 120 and 240 days to resolve. The administration stated that it will work toward compliance with the 60-day rule, as well as the notification statute for any adjudication process that exceeds this limit.

Both Tufts administrative

members and the student organizers agreed that the discussion will continue until the school has re-signed the Voluntary Resolution Agreement and achieves compliance with Title IX as a whole.

"We are in strong agreement with all of you that sexual misconduct has no place at this university," Monaco echoed in a statement. "Tufts must be a place where students find both the resources they need and policies and procedures they can trust. I want to focus our efforts on the goal we all share - eliminating sexual misconduct at our university. Thank you for your dedication to this important issue."

Other Massachusetts schools named on the list of Title IX noncompliance investigations included Amherst College, Boston University, Emerson College, Harvard College, the Harvard University Law School and the University of Massachusetts - Amherst.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on ten roll calls and local senators on three from the week of April 28-May 2.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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

Several of the House roll call votes involve successful attempts by Speaker Robert DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team to prevent Democratic members, in an election year, from having to vote directly against several Republican proposals including ones to reduce taxes. Here’s an example of how it works: The Republicans offer a proposal to reduce the sales tax from 6.25 percent back to 5 percent. If the Democratic leadership does nothing, there would be a roll call vote directly on the tax reduction. Most Democrats would vote against it and then would be open to charges of being anti-taxpayer in the election campaign. The Democrats, with a 129-29 membership advantage, control the House. A Democratic member offers a “delaying” amendment that would prohibit the tax reduction from taking effect until the Department of Revenue

studies the impact of the cuts. Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay the tax cut is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, no other amendments can be introduced and the original proposal that would simply cut the tax is dead without ever having a direct vote on it. Republicans say that the studies are a sham because they are never done. This is all pre-planned by the Democratic leadership. The speaker at the podium calls upon a representative who is loyal to him and that member proposes the delay and study. Even if a Republican member is waving his or her hands and shouting to be recognized, he or she will not be called upon because he or she would not propose the delay and study. GOP members have always been wary of this ploy and this year many spoke out strongly against it. They urged the Democratic leadership to stop purposely trying to confuse the voters and instead allow a vote directly on the tax reductions themselves. They said the Democratic leadership hopes that voters see that their representative voted “yes” but do not realize that the “yes” vote is not in favor of the tax cut but rather in favor of the study and delay. Some GOP members said that voters are smarter than Democrats think and will see through this charade. The Democrats fall into four categories. Some Democrats favor the tax cut and vote with the Republicans against the study. Others say that they are truly open to the tax reduction but vote for the study because they want to find out the cost first. A third group opposes the proposal but also opposes the study because they feel that there should be a direct vote on the proposal. Most vote for the study and acknowledge that the study is designed to protect incumbent Democrats and prevent them from being required to vote directly against tax cuts.

Beacon Hill Roll Call urges you to read the roll calls carefully and be aware that in most cases in which a study is proposed in place of a tax cut, a “yes” vote is for the study and essentially is against the tax cut. Conversely, a “no” vote is against the study and generally favors the tax cut.

HOUSE APPROVES \$36.2 BILLION BUDGET (H 4000)
House 148-2, approved and sent to the Senate an estimated \$36.2 billion state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. The Senate will soon draft and approve its own version. A House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be approved by the House and Senate and then sent to Gov. Deval Patrick.

The House on the floor added more than \$100 million over a three-day period. While some controversial amendments were debated on the House floor, most of the work was done behind the scenes. Individual representatives filed dozens of amendments on the same general subject matters, including local aid, social services and public safety. They were then invited to “subject meetings” at which they pitched their amendments to Democratic leaders who drafted “consolidated amendments” that were brought to the House floor for consideration and easily approved. Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that funds important programs to the best of the state’s ability during this difficult economy. Opponents said the budget process was flawed from day one when the House voted to prohibit any amendments increasing local aid or reforming welfare. They argued the budget does not help reduce property taxes, supports in-state tuition for illegal aliens but not for veterans and spends \$2 billion on people who do not qualify for state benefits including illegal immigrants.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

STUDY GAS TAX EXEMPTION FOR CITIES AND TOWNS (H 4000)

House 119-32, approved an amendment prohibiting a proposal exempting cities’ and towns’ vehicle fuel purchases from the 24 cents per gallon gas tax from taking effect until the Department of Revenue studies the economic impact of the exemption. Supporters of the study said the proposal is attractive but noted that the actual cost is unknown and might be a lot higher than the up to \$11 million that proponents of the exemption are indicating. They argued that the study will simply allow accurate estimates of the costs. Opponents of the study said that the exemption would save cities and towns \$11 million that they could use to make up for local aid cuts. They argued that the exemption would simply replace the current system under which communities pay the gas tax to the state, which then distributes the revenue to communities in the form of Chapter 90 money for road and bridge repairs. The roll call vote is on the amendment to study the tax exemption. (A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against the study and favors the exemption.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

STUDY SALES TAX CUT FROM 6.25 PERCENT TO 5 PERCENT (H 4000)

House 115-36, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment prohibiting a proposal reducing the sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5 percent from taking effect until the Department of Revenue studies the economic impact of the exemption. Supporters of the study said the state cannot afford the estimated \$1.25 billion loss of revenue and predicted that this tax cut would result in reductions to local aid, education, health care and human service programs. Opponents of the study said this increased sales tax is hurting consumers and retail operations, especially those on the state’s borders. They argued that you can’t tax your way out of this poor economy and urged the state to live within its means. The roll call vote is on the amendment to study the tax cuts. (A “Yes” vote is for studying the tax cut. A “No” vote is against the study and favors the tax cut.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

STUDY REDUCING INCOME TAX RATE TO 5 PERCENT (H 4000)

House 118-32, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment prohibiting a proposal reducing the income tax from 5.3 percent to 5 percent from taking effect until the Department of Revenue studies the economic impact of the exemption. Supporters of the study said the state simply cannot afford to lose billions of dollars in revenue that will result in severe cuts to very important programs like education, local aid, mental health and substance abuse. Opponents of the study said that voters in 2000 approved a gradual reduction of that year’s 5.85 percent tax to five percent by January 2003, and it is time for the Legislature to honor that vote. They argued that the billions of dollars saved by taxpayers will be pumped back

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into the economy.
The roll call vote is on the amendment to study the tax cuts. (A “Yes” vote is for studying the tax cut. A “No” vote is against the study and favors the tax cut.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

STUDY PROHIBITING LOWER TUITION RATES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 4000)

House 103-46, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment prohibiting a proposal prohibiting illegal immigrant students from paying the preferred, lower in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts state colleges and universities from taking effect until the Department of Higher Education studies the impact of the prohibition.
Supporters of the study said many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They noted some hardworking students are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are up to five times higher than the in-state rate.
Opponents of the study said the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. They argued it is outrageous to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens from outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state school.
The roll call vote is on the amendment to study the prohibition of lower tuition rates illegal immigrants. (A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against the study and favors the prohibition.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

STUDY LOWER TUITION RATES FOR VETERANS (H 4000)

House 107-42, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment prohibiting a proposal that would allow honorably discharged veterans to pay the preferred, lower in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts state colleges and universities from taking effect until the Department of Higher Education studies the impact of the lower rates for veterans. The proposal would offer the discount to all in-state veterans and to any veteran from across the nation who designates Massachusetts as his/her intended home and moves to Massachusetts within one year of attending a state college and university.
Supporters of the study said there is no estimate on how much it would cost the state to offer this discount to all these veterans.
Opponents of the study said it is outrageous that the state provides the lower tuition rate for some illegal immigrants but not to veterans.
The roll call vote is on the amendment to study the lower tuition rates for veterans. (A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against it and favors the lower tuition rate for veterans.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

POLICE IN SCHOOLS (H 4000)

House 29-118, rejected an amendment that would allow public schools to use current or former police officers to provide security in the schools. The police officer would not receive a salary but would receive a tax credit equal to the amount he or she would receive if working a regular police detail. The credit would be capped at \$8,000. Amendment supporters cited many recent school shootings and said this would help protect students at no cost

to the city or town.
Amendment opponents said this would cost the state an undetermined amount of revenue and noted additional funds are already in the budget for public safety and youth violence prevention. They noted the bill is poorly drafted and doesn’t specify what training these officers would be required to have.
(A “Yes” vote is for allowing police officers in schools. A “No” vote is against allowing it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

\$249.8 MILLION IN NEW LOCAL AID (H 4000)

House 31-119, rejected an amendment that would provide \$249.8 of local aid in addition to the \$150.2 increase communities are already receiving. The \$249.8 would be used for property tax relief and would be distributed based on a formula that would ensure that each community receives a total of 8 percent more in Chapter 70 school aid and unrestricted local aid than it did last year. Some communities that under the original \$150.2 million are already receiving an 8 percent hike would receive \$0 additional under the formula.
Amendment supporters said the funds will help local taxpayers who are being squeezed by property taxes. Amendment opponents said the state simply cannot afford this money.
(A “Yes” vote is for the \$249.8 million. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

USE SURPLUS FOR LOCAL AID TO CITIES AND TOWNS (H 4000)

House 32-119, rejected an amendment that would require one-half of any state tax revenue, above the projected \$24.3 billion in expected revenue in fiscal 2015, to be distributed to cities and towns as unrestricted additional local aid. The amendment would cap the amount at \$100 million.
Amendment supporters said this would ensure that the Legislature does not squander any budget surplus. They argued that struggling cities and towns deserve this excess money.
Amendment opponents said it is irresponsible to promise any portion of this excess revenue to cities and towns without knowing what the state’s financial situation will be at that time. They argued that the amendment would tie the hands of the Legislature.
(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment requiring that up to \$100 million go to local aid. A “No” vote is against the amendment.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

FIND MISSING KIDS (H 4000)

House 29-122, rejected an amendment that would provide \$200,000 for the state to hire private investigators at \$50 per hour to search for missing children under the custody of the Department of Children and Families (DCF).
Amendment supporters said there are currently 134 children under DCF care who are missing and this would put more resources into finding them. They said the current \$500,000 in the budget for a pilot program to investigate missing children is too vague.
Amendment opponents said the amendment is unnecessary because the budget already puts \$500,000 into a program to investigate to look for missing children.
(A “Yes” vote is for the \$200,000. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
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Rep. Timothy Toomey	No
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HIKE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$11 PER HOUR (S 2123)

Senate 34-5, approved a bill hiking the current \$8 per hour minimum wage by \$3 over the next three years, beginning on July 1, 2014, to \$11 per hour. Future wages would be automatically raised to reflect increases in the consumer price index. Other provisions make changes in the state’s unemployment insurance system including freezing the 2014 unemployment insurance tax rate paid by employers at the 2013 level instead of allowing an automatic scheduled increase to take effect.
Supporters said this pro-worker bill would ensure economic justice and help thousands of families that are living near the poverty level despite the fact that the breadwinner works in excess of 40 hours weekly. They argued that a minimum wage hike is one of the best anti-poverty programs available.
Opponents said the hike is excessive and noted they supported a more moderate hike to \$9.50. They argued the bill is unfair to businesses that are already faced with skyrocketing health care and energy costs and would also hurt consumers by forcing businesses to raise prices.
(A “Yes” vote is for the minimum wage hike to \$11. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

HIKE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$9.50 PER HOUR (S 2123)

Senate 7-31, rejected an amendment that would hike the minimum wage from \$8 per hour to \$9.50 per hour over two years instead of to \$11 per hour over three years. Instead of tying future hikes in the minimum wage to increases in the consumer price index, the amendment requires the minimum wage to be reviewed every two years by administration officials, who would be required to submit a recommendation on whether or not to increase it.
Amendment supporters said this is a more reasonable hike that is fair to workers and employers.
Amendment opponents said the \$9.50 will not provide sufficient help to families living near the poverty level despite working 40 or more hours per week.
(A “Yes” vote is for the hike to \$9.50. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

DELETE TIES TO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (S 2123)

Senate 11-27, rejected an amendment that would delete the section that ties future hikes in the minimum wage to increases in the consumer price index.
Amendment supporters said that any future hikes should be decided by legislators and not by a faceless index.
Amendment opponents argued that tying the hike to the index will ensure the minimum wage continues to rise in an appropriate manner to help hardworking people support their families.
(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment deleting the section raising future wages based on the consumer price index. A “No” vote is against the deletion and favors the tie to the consumer price index.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?
Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session

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COMMENTARY

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Saving the economy starts with saving federal Highway Trust Fund



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Federal transportation funding is on the brink of a crisis that could cripple our economy for years to come. The Highway Trust Fund faces insolvency as gas tax revenues, the primary source of replenishing the trust fund, continue to decline. Massachusetts could lose almost a billion dollars in funding next year, and the Greater Boston region alone could lose \$335 mil-

lion in transportation funding according to a report released last week by nonprofit Transportation for America. Congress has a number of options to choose from that could rescue the Highway Trust Fund and the projects that keep our economy growing, but our leaders in Washington must act quickly and decisively if our nation is to remain competitive in the 21st century global economy.

Massachusetts is already ahead of the curve, passing a transportation finance reform bill last summer that dedicates \$600 million a year to transportation over the next five years. A MassDOT report released last year showed that we need \$1 billion a year over the next ten years to

maintain and upgrade Massachusetts' current transportation systems, and last year's reform bill is a much-needed step toward preventing the kind of insolvency that now faces the Highway Trust Fund. And this spring, Gov. Deval Patrick, signed a 10-year transportation capital improvement plan of \$13 billion that will improve our roads, bridges and public transportation, rethink how we move people around, and make our transportation network safer, more reliable and more accessible.

But our forward-thinking plans in Massachusetts are absolutely dependent upon federal money to either match or supplement our local and state

funding. Our state legislators passed last year's reform bill and this year's capital improvement plan because they understand that funding our transportation system impacts us directly at the local level and is about what we value: providing critical services, improving quality of life and helping new businesses open, flourish and create new jobs.

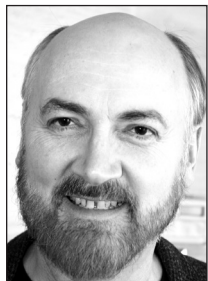
Somerville's own investments into better roadways and bike and pedestrian access have not only earned us recognition as one of the most walkable, bikeable and transit-accessible cities in the nation. They have helped lead to 73 net new businesses opening in the city between 2010 and 2013. In Assembly Square, we invested \$130 mil-

lion in city, state and federal funds, most of it into new roadways for Somerville's newest neighborhood. That investment in turn leveraged \$1.5 billion of just initial private investment that is expected, over the next 10 years, to create 23,000 new jobs and add hundreds of millions of dollars annually to the Massachusetts economy.

The Highway Trust Fund was critical in making our plans for Assembly Square and so many of the transportation projects that make Somerville an economically thriving city a reality. If we are going to continue our success, we can't do it alone. Without a partnership at the federal level, we can't make it happen, Massachusetts

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Probity or power?



By William C. Shelton

Last month Mayor Curtatone filed a proposed ethics ordinance amendment. Its stated goal is that "Non-elected City employees are to work in an effective, efficient, and professional manner, unfettered by political influence by elected officials..."

This purpose is worthy of broad support. But having care-

fully read the amendment, I have to wonder whether its intended goal is increasing the probity with which elected officials conduct the people's business, or shifting the balance of power among those officials.

The amendment's first provision would require "the Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen and School Committee" to disclose any communication regarding a license or permit with anyone who has or wants that license or permit. That seems like a good idea. But historically, major real estate developers have enjoyed extensive communications with and guidance from the mayor well before they

ever applied for a license or permit. Most aldermen and School Committee members learn of an application only after it's made.

Next, aldermen and School Committee members would be required to disclose any communication with a city employee that takes place outside of a public meeting, regarding a license, permit, citation, sanction, or personnel matter. Presumably the reason why the mayor is exempted from this requirement is that city employees are all his staff.

Finally, the amendment would forbid any alderman or school committee member to "direct non elected City employees with

respect to their official responsibilities." This would prohibit something like an alderman asking Public Works to fill a pothole in front of a constituent's home.

The city charter gives the Board of Aldermen only two real powers: budget approval and ordinance creation. For reasons worthy of a separate column, the budgetary power is illusory.

But for the two decades prior to the current Board's incarnation, aldermen largely abandoned their role as legislators. They were content to serve as ombudsmen who ensured good communications between citizens and city staff, and effective delivery of city services. The pro-

posed amendment would eliminate that role as well.

At one time the Board was assertive and independent. Between 1975 and 1985, for example, it legislated tax assessment reform, police department reform, zoning code reform, licensing reform, cable TV regulation, condo conversion regulation, Board of Health authority enhancement, rent control, requirement of a five-year capital improvement program, and creation of a personnel department. It depoliticized traffic and parking decisions, debated charter reform, commissioned a comprehensive study of our sewer system, and

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

Happy Mother's Day, Mom



so here goes.

My mom, Geraldine Del Ponte, graduated from Somerville High School in 1944. Now, I am going to try to reconstruct her life the best I can because I am running out of people who were there to ask. Her maiden name was Artone, and she had four brothers: Bernardino, (Bunny) Mike, Joe and Carl. There were also three sisters: Bea, Madeline (Molly) and baby sister Anna, the only living sibling.

Their mother died when Anna and my mom were very young, so Bea and Molly actually raised their two sisters.

She met my dad at St Anthony's Church, where she taught Sunday school. They were married in 1951, and my sister Christine, I and my brother Joe came along in '52, '53 and '56. Mom loved her kids fiercely. On our trip to California in 1969, she was in the airplane's bathroom when a return to your seat due to turbulence announcement came over the speakers. She rushed out of the restroom still tucking in her shirt yelling, "I want to be with my children!" That was mom: very dramatic. That's probably where I get it.

She was obsessed with keeping a clean house. I definitely did not inherit that quality from her. She was a gourmet cook and loved entertaining. She wrote poetry in high school, and there are some of her writings in the cellar. She also knew every song ever written and had a pretty nice singing voice.

Mom always encouraged my music and theatre interests. She would constantly sing around the house and bought us records like *Tubby The Tuba* that taught about the orchestra. She literally forced me to see Project STAR's production of *West Side Story* in 1967 – and it changed my life. She loved listening to my friends and me playing *Mr. Tambourine Man* on



our guitars in the backyard.

After we all got out of high school, she went back to work as a social worker at the Somerville welfare office in Davis Square as her headquarters. She always got emotionally

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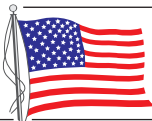
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



A Community Path to Boston is great news for some Villens.

The View Of The Times



The state Supreme Judicial Court will rule on whether a petition to ban casino gambling statewide will appear as a ballot question this November. The appeal to the SJC, arguments for and against which were heard Monday, comes after Attorney General Martha Coakley would not certify the petition, for which the group Repeal the Casino Deal collected more than the required 68,911 signatures. The SJC will likely issue its decision by next month.

Coakley has said she did not certify the

petition because developers who have submitted proposals, as well as a host of fees, have a right to see their submissions reviewed and acted on – positively or negatively - by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

There is certainly a case to be made that taking money from developers only to then ban the very thing they want to develop does have a scam quality, intentional or not.

Still, it’s a little hard to muster sympathy

for deep-pocketed people like Steve Wynn, whose company is behind the Everett casino proposal, when cities and towns near the proposed casino sites, such as Somerville, have already had to spend tens of thousands of dollars – not to mention hundreds of hours of human capital - in protecting their interests and mitigating the impact should a given proposal be approved.

That spending may prove to be all for nothing depending on who is awarded

the licenses, but it is necessary given the uncertainty of which proposals will ultimately be approved.

Regardless of whether the SJC allows the question to go on the ballot, and regardless of the outcome of the question if it does go before voters, Somerville will have spent money without hope of recouping it. Casino developers, by contrast, do have the hope that the money spent now will be repaid – many, many, many times over - through future profits.

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coming Saturday, Ms. Jodi Ann Gallo, who will be tying the knot at Lantana’s in Randolph. We wish them long life and happiness. A nice couple, and Jimmy is also setting up his own business now that he’s moved to Bridgewater with Jodi. Best wishes from his friends here at *The Somerville Times*. We look forward to a great celebration.

Happy Birthday this week to a few of our friends and fans here at the Times. To Brendan Ahern, who is celebrating, we wish him a great day. Also celebrating this week is Anthony Fraser, who grew up here, and to Leo Saltman. We wish them both a happy birthday. To Anita Erin, who is celebrating this week, we wish a happy birthday, as well. A big happy birthday to an old friend from Somerville, Aida Sousa-Braga, who is also celebrating this week. Former Alderman from Ward 4 and popular guy around the city, Walter Pero is celebrating this week, and we wish him well in his retirement. Brian Whalley, a good guy originally from Carlisle and who works for HubSpot, we wish him the very best of birthdays this week.

Our own Cam Toner is over at the Spaulding in Cambridge (former Youville) and is doing great but has a long road ahead of her. We wish her speedy recovery and hope to see her back to work really soon; we need those Ms. Olio’s trivia! Thousands of Somervillians look for them weekly.

The first-time home buyers seminar was a success and had a nice turnout at The Norton Group Real Estate offices in Ball Square. The event was co-sponsored by Attorney Mike Dwyer and Sean O’Donovan, with primary residential mortgage person Barry Shields. And a special thank you to Nikitas Tsoukalis, a credit counselor and the only one in the Boston area with his own company. Another one is being planned for mid-June (a date should be set by next week). To the people who attended, we know it was informative and well worth the visit.

The date for the SHS scholarship raffle and fundraiser (and the \$10K prize!) takes place Friday, May 16, at the Highlander Café at Somerville High School. Refreshments will be served, and the event starts at 7 p.m., with

the drawing at 8. Several door prizes will be given out during the drawing for those in attendance. To get you’re \$100 tickets, you can send a check to SHS Raffle c/o Joseph Favaloro PO Box 440275 Somerville 02144. Upon receipt of your check, you will be sent your ticket for the drawing. Tickets also might be still available at the door at the event. This great cause helps provide students with scholarships while having fun doing it.

Now that spring has finally arrived, it’s time to dust off your sneakers and start your training! On May 9, SCALE students, staff and friends will be raising awareness for adult literacy and raising funds for SCALE’s student emergency and scholarship fund. You’re invited to join the Friday morning fun! The Walkathon begins on SCALE’s doorstep (167 Holland St., just outside of Davis Square) at 8 a.m. Last year’s event raised more than \$4,000 to support SCALE students in their next steps after completing their secondary credentials. Contact Maureen McGovern or Doreen Curreri at SCALE (617-629-5500) for information or to find out how you can

support this event.

Any and all students in grades 5 through 8 (or of corresponding ages) who love to write and are active writers are invited to a “Writers’ Den” from 12:30 to 3:30p.m. at the Central Somerville Public Library (first-floor auditorium) Wednesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 21. The Writers’ Den meets informally to share work, learn some tips and discuss publishing possibilities. Bring a short completed piece of writing. There will be writing and discussion of writing. Bring your poetry, fiction, nonfiction, school newspaper reporting – whatever your interest.

From noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 15, through Sunday, the Friends of the Somerville Public Library will hold its annual spring book sale at the Central Library located at 79 Highland Ave. Leftover books will be donated to local nonprofit groups and charities further afield. Contact the Friends to be considered. Visit www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheSomervillePublicLibrary for more info.

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Performing for peace

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work for the students hired by the Center.

“We hire students all year long,” Berkowitz said. “There’s a group of about 10 or 12 youth that are working in a whole variety of initiatives throughout the year to address different community issues that affect the youth.”

Mayor Joe Curtatone spoke at the beginning of the stage show, and was followed by students performing various scenes, as well as giving personal anecdotes. Two kids acted out a scenario where the girl is trying to do her homework, while the boy wants her to smoke a joint with him. She refuses and says she is worried that he won’t pass his test. By the end, her concern breaks through to him, and he promises to pay more attention to his schoolwork.

Another skit featured a girl who had been impregnated by her boyfriend and kicked out of the house by her father. She told her boyfriend she expected him to bear some of the burden of raising the child, which she intended to keep. The boyfriend acted responsibly and promised to be there for his girlfriend, as well as their expected child. Most of the stories ended on similarly positive notes.

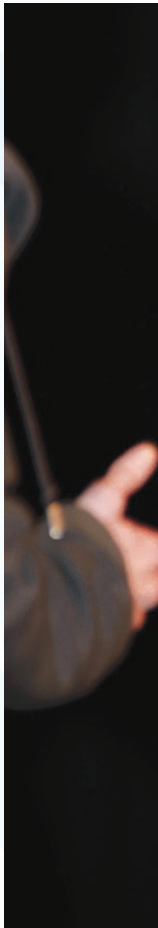
A highlight was the performance by Kourtney-Shea Yurko and Saladin Islam, both high school graduates. Islam played guitar while Yurko sang her heart out. Islam was the youth coordinator at Groundwork Somerville last summer, Berkowitz said.

Berkowitz said she does not know what is in store for next year’s conference, other than that it will be happening.

“The youth that we hire over the summer and the fall will have input into what [next year’s] event looks like,” she said. “Also, the Somerville Youth Workers Network plays a part in working together to figure out exactly what the format will be each year. So far all of the youth conferences have included an original stage show like the one that we just had, and sometimes it’s during the day time, sometimes it’s been at night, sometimes it’s included workshops and all different kinds of things. It all just depends on what the planners next year decide.”



Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone.



Kayla Cameron.



Oscarline Leneus.



Kayla Cameron and Nicole Carney.



Patrik Farris.



Audience members.

Photos by Jack Adams



Jonathan Mendoza.



Anthony Soto.

SPORTS

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

The annual M.O.M.'s Run 5k Run/Walk for Cancer will take place on Sunday, May 11 and could be a record breaker.

Last year's race, which was dedicated in memory of Officer Sean Collier, had 600+ participants and raised over \$21,000 for cancer research, putting the total raised in the 11 years of the event at over \$85,000. This year's event has the highest number of pre-registered participants in history and has the potential to break \$100,000 for total dollars raised.

The Pilotte Family, organizers behind M.O.M.'s Run, has received an outpouring of support from local businesses in sponsorship and in-kind donations for the event's post-race party and raffle. Sponsors like Harpoon, Redbones, Fleming Printing, and Nellie's Wildflowers have supported the event since its first year. This year M.O.M.'s

Run welcomes new supporters such as The Painted Burro, Whole Foods, Highland Kitchen, and many more.

M.O.M.'s Run began in 2003 after the matriarch of the Pilotte family, Mary Pilotte O'Brien, lost her brief battle to lung cancer in November of 2002. Each year since then, the race has taken place on Mother's Day with all proceeds benefiting the Claudia Adams Barr Program with Dana Farber Cancer Research.

"We are very excited about the potential for this year's race," says co-race director and three-time Boston Marathon participant Micho Pilotte. "There is hardly a person in this world whose life hasn't been touched by cancer in one way or another, and the support we have received from the Greater Boston community over the past 12 years has been absolutely amazing. I have every confidence that this year we will



The annual M.O.M.'s Run 5k Run/Walk for Cancer raises funds for cancer research.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#421

1. Which U. S. President officially proclaimed the first Mother's Day?

2. What is the name of the woman whose work has been recognized in establishing Mother's Day?

3. What was Frank Sinatra's mother's name?

4. What animal's skills were dominant in the first English circuses of 1768?

5. How many siblings started a circus around the the same time that Barnum and Bailey Circus was started?

6. What was Gene Autrey's mother's name?

7. What historic event having to do with the skies is acknowledged on the 5th of May?

8. In what year was the first Jumbo added to the circus shows?

9. In what year was the first Mother's Day celebrated in the U.S.?

10. Who was the mother whose life was depicted in Mommy Dearest?

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

12. What is the first name of President Barack Obama's mother?

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hit the \$100,000 mark."

The race starts and finishes at the George Dilboy VFW Post 529, 371 Summer St, Somerville, MA. Race registration is \$30 day of and will open at 8 a.m. that morning. The 1/10th mile Kids Fun Run starts at 9:30 a.m., 5K Walk starts at 9:45 a.m., and 5K Run starts at 10:00 a.m.

For more information visit the M.O.M.'s Run website <http://momsrun.org>. Twitter: @MOMsRun Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/momsrun>.

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

This week in Somerville Neighborhood News team reports on Justice for Janitors at Tufts University, updates from the Somerville High School reporters on LGBTQ community, interviews on the wealth gap and affordable housing, person on the street interview with our senior neighbors about how things are for the elder community here in "The



'Ville," and lastly updates on how the Somerville Quiz Team was neck and neck with Sharon. Who won? To learn more on all of these hyper-local stories, you'll have to tune in to Somerville Neighborhood News #14, only on SCATV Channel 3, or catch it online at <http://www.scatvsomerville.org/snn>.

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On behalf of Union United – a multi-issue coalition of community stakeholders, including small business owners, residents, activists, immigrant groups, religious congregations, labor unions, and community-based organizations – we are writing to express our views on the Union Square redevelopment process and project. As we talk to neighbors, we hear harrowing stories of rising rents, business and resident displacement, and calls for greater inclusion and transparency in the planning process. We recognize the value of strengthening the city's commercial tax base and we want to ensure that Union Square's unique social fabric is protected. In order to meet that goal, it is essential that affordability, workers' rights, and public safety are also prioritized as new development and infrastructure investments occur. This is an important opportunity for an entire community to shape its built environment on the basis of inclusion, equity, and future prosperity for all residents.

Union United is focused on intentional and influential community decision-making, as reflected in the city's Somerville's goals, which call for "engaging community members in civic life and decision-making, seeking diverse representation and participation" by "encouraging volunteer neighborhood-level participation" and "implementing more collaborative processes for engaging neighbors in review of development projects" (page 33 and 34). While we applaud the creation of the Civic Advisory Committee and the transparent public process convened by that committee, not all Union Square stakeholders are adequately represented in the CAC. We strongly believe that those who are not represented on the CAC should be able to help shape and determine priorities, as their lives and livelihoods will be greatly impacted by the redevelopment process and its outcome. To that end,

we formed Union United in April 2014, an inclusive coalition that is growing by the day. We have had productive meetings with prospective developers short-listed for the project to share our vision and hope to have the same opportunity with others.

As a coalition committed to equitable growth, we want decision-makers to ensure that equity is part of the selection criteria for the master developer, that Union United's issues are included in any and all forms of a master or land disposition agreement between the city and the master developer, and that the master developer be willing to negotiate and sign a community benefits agreement (CBA) with Union United as part of its agreement with the city.

As a first step, we want to advocate for the Link Somerville Equity Standards. Comprised of community members representing various groups, Link Somerville has engaged over 1,000 people to create and prioritize community principles for the Green Line Corridor through the Community Corridor Planning Initiative. Recently, Link Somerville released a draft working document called the "Link Somerville Equity Standards" – a set of community-generated metrics for equitable development in Somerville with respect to new growth. We define equity as just-and-fair inclusion that creates conditions in which all can reach their full potential to participate and prosper, borrowing from the national action institute PolicyLink. Union United believes the Link Somerville Equity Standards should serve as an equity framework in developing formal criteria and land use mixes with public input. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Jobs Equity Goal: New jobs in Somerville for Somerville residents
- Business Equity Goal: Maintain and promote local

businesses

- Housing Equity Goal: A large percentage of new housing units should be permanently affordable for low- and moderate-income households

- Green Space Equity Goal: New acreage of accessible open, green, and growing space in environmental justice (EJ) neighborhoods

- Transportation Equity Goal: Improve and increase mobility options in transforming areas as identified in SomerVision's Transportation Goals

- Land Use Equity Goal: Community decision-making for disposition properties

We understand that the Union Square Request for Qualifications (RFQ), the Union Square Revitalization Plan, and subsequent developer proposals are largely qualitative documents and were not intended to specifically include clear provisions for ensuring local jobs, affordable housing, active open space, guarantees for long-standing businesses, and other equitable outcomes. The city of Somerville requested \$2.5 million from the Board of Aldermen for private property acquisition within the D-1 Block as part of its Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvements Plan. We anticipate more tax dollars being committed to this project over the next two decades. Given this, we strongly believe that if public dollars are being employed for this transformative urban renewal project, then our community should receive substantial public benefits from it.

We look forward to playing an active role in the redevelopment process and helping to create a Union Square that is diverse, sustainable, and equitable.

For more information about the coalition, contact Mashael Majid at mmajid@somervillecdc.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding the proposal by Applicant, Belmont Hill Corporation, to demolish the c.1890 commercial structure at 314-316 Somerville Avenue.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered “Significant.” Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be “Preferably Preserved.” For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@somervillema.gov.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Legal Notice of Public Hearing

The Community Preservation Committee will hold **two public hearings** for all interested parties on **Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 7:00pm** in the cafeteria of the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Boulevard, and on **Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00pm** in the cafeteria of the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street.

The Committee seeks public input on how the City should prioritize spending Community Preservation Act funding. Information on the Community Preservation Act is available at www.somervillema.gov/cpa. Interested persons may provide comments to the Community Preservation Committee at the hearings or by submitting written comments through May 31st by mail to Emily Monea, SomerStat, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or by email to emonea@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Michael A. Capuano, Chair

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Highway Trust Fund

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will not be able to make it happen and much of the country will not be able to make it happen. The loss of these funds will have a deleterious impact on our quality of life, on the economy and jobs. That federal partnership is important so our city can not only provide critical services and the quality of life we need for our residents, but so that Somerville can fulfill its role in the greater regional economy. Our cities and towns, no matter

what state they are in or what region, are the fuel that feeds our regional and national economies. Every job has a hometown.

Congress has options to raise the revenue needed to rescue the Highway Trust Fund from insolvency—indexing the gas tax to inflation, enacting a sales tax on gasoline or imposing a per-barrel oil fee are a few examples that Transportation for America lists in its report. Implementing policies that increase the revenue

coming from taxpayer’s pockets to the government is often an area that makes legislators wary and taxpayers skeptical at first, but what people really want to know is that their investment is going to yield a return that is consistent with their values. Last year, according to Transportation for America, 73 percent of local transportation ballot measures passed. That number should send a clear message to Congress: People want investment in trans-

portation infrastructure, because they understand the return they get—a direct investment into our quality of life, our environment, and to our economy and jobs.

If we fail to make these critical investments in infrastructure, we are not going to be competitive in the 21st century global economy. People get that and understand that. Congress needs to get it too. The federal government doesn’t just have a role to play—it has the critical

role to play in all our projects. Every major roadway project we have done in Somerville, amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars, had significant financial support from the federal government. Without those investments, our local, regional and state economics would be crippled. We cannot do it alone. If Congress is serious about remaining competitive in the global economy, they must act to save the Highway Trust Fund.

Probity or power?

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discussed bringing the Community Development budget under Aldermanic review.

Debates were vigorous. Votes were often 6-to-5. In a number of instances where the Mayor resisted Board initiatives, the Board prevailed.

The current Board has begun to reassume its constitutional role and reassert its independence through actions such as

- Investigating the mayor’s unauthorized gift of \$75,000 of payment-in-lieu-of-taxes funds to a local league that’s competing with Pop Warner football;
- Questioning the wisdom of buying monitoring devices and installing them on all city vehicles;
- Resisting rezoning the Assembly Square IKEA site to accommodate a sprawling single-story supermarket; and
- Drilling down on how a half-million-dollar request to plan that Square’s redevelopment would be used.

Call me cynical, but it seems to me that the ethics amendment would be more effective at restricting the domain of aldermen’s and school committee members’ authority than at promoting good government. If I’m cynical, I come by my cynicism honestly when I take other factors into account.

One of them is the dueling pay-to-play ordinances. Last year Board President Bill White submitted legislation that would prohibit vendors who obtain non-bid contracts and developers who obtain special permits from making campaign contributions in excess of \$250. These supplicants would be required to disclose previous contributions to local officials.

Shortly thereafter, the mayor submitted a competing proposal that would exempt developers from these requirements, but include job seekers. Both proposals remain in committee.

Then I recall that in 2008, the

Somerville Journal requested city officials’ ethics statements and discovered that the pertinent information had been blacked out. The mayor’s solicitors responded that Massachusetts law forbids disclosure of public officials’ addresses and phone numbers, although that was the least of what had been redacted. The city publishes elected officials’ contact information anyway.

And then there are the “Hosts” listed in the invitation to the mayor’s latest fundraiser, held last night in Beacon Hill’s luxury Liberty Hotel ballroom. They include

- RJ Lyman who while at the Goodwin Procter law firm represented Federal Realty Investment Trust;
- Robert Fishman, a Nutter McLennen partner who represented Assembly Square Limited Partners and now represents Federal Realty;
- Goulston and Storrs attorney Doug Husid who represented

IKEA’s Assembly Square development team;

- Palmer and Dodge attorney Jim Shea who wrote the Assembly Square rezoning that allowed construction of Assembly Row and was judged by the Court to be illegal, but for which the city paid over a million dollars;

- Tufts University’s President Emeritus Larry Bacow and its SVP and General Council Mary Jeka, giving new meaning to “payment in lieu of taxes;”

- Frances Perullo and Paul Scappachio whose political consultancy, Sage Systems, advertises, “10 years of STRATEGY, INFLUENCE, RESULTS” (emphasis not added);

- Michael Morris, principal of Beacon Strategies Group, lobbyists and political consultants who “specialize in executing complex and multi-faceted campaigns;”

- Local real estate attorney Nick Ianuzzi;

- Brady Realty Group co-own-

er Julie Phelan Brady; and

- Natasha Perez who while working half-time for Gravestar Inc. and half-time as the Massachusetts Democratic Party’s Assistant Executive Director organized Assembly Square Limited Partners’ dirty tricks campaign and solicited massive donations from real estate professionals and political operatives, enabling Joe Curtatone to outspend Tony Lafuente by 390% during his first successful mayoral campaign.

Maybe I am being cynical. Maybe these high rollers are sincerely concerned about ‘Villens best interests. Maybe the proposed ethics ordinance is not crafted to reduce the influence of aldermen while allowing the mayor to wheel and deal with developers.

Or maybe he is the one who is being cynical.

I know that a number of his initiatives have provided genuine benefit to our city. And I know that this is not one of them.

Happy Mother’s Day, Mom

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involved with her cases. She loved having her co-workers over for lunch and would set the table before she left for work. It was a three-minute walk from Davis Square, so she had plenty of time to get home and play hostess. She always beamed with pride if I sat at the piano and sang a few songs for her friends after they ate. It was very important to her, so I always agreed to play for Bertha, Louise, Roz and Sheila. Mom’s favorite song was *Angel of the Morning*. I’d give anything to be able to play for her today.

Mom and I had our problems. One was the fact that I kept a very messy room

and I wouldn’t answer the phone when the Somerville School Department would call at 7 a.m. to see if I could substitute teach. She used to bang on my door and say, “If you’re not going to go in and teach, tell them to stop calling!” I actually did quite a bit of substitute teaching, but I also caused mom a lot of stress. Sorry, mom. She knew how much I loved The Beatles and actually woke me up and told me the bad news about John Lennon being shot.

Mom was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1985. She was operated on and we hoped for the best. I moved to Florida in 1986, and she actually flew down

and spent a week with me. Too bad the weather wasn’t that great during that week, but my brother flew down and we all went to Disney World (see photo). It was her last vacation. Mom’s cancer returned, and I left Florida to help Dad at home. He started calling me his “right-hand man” because I was there to help with Mom’s last days. Thankfully, my sister had a lovely baby girl in 1982 who really perked things up for Mom in her final days. She told her granddaughter to take a walk in the rain for her every once in a while, and she has done just that for the last 27 years.

We lost Mom in 1987, but she started a strong family that has endured many high points, as well as lots of sadness, like any other family. But it’s Moms strength and love that she instilled in me that keeps me on the straight and narrow. She now has three grandkids and a 5-month-old great-granddaughter! Hey, Mom, look what you started! Two of the grandkids never got to meet her, but I make sure I keep her memory alive.

Every so often I will sit at the piano and play *Angel of the Morning*, because Mom is now my angel! I will be sure to play it for her on Sunday. Happy Mother’s Day, Mama!

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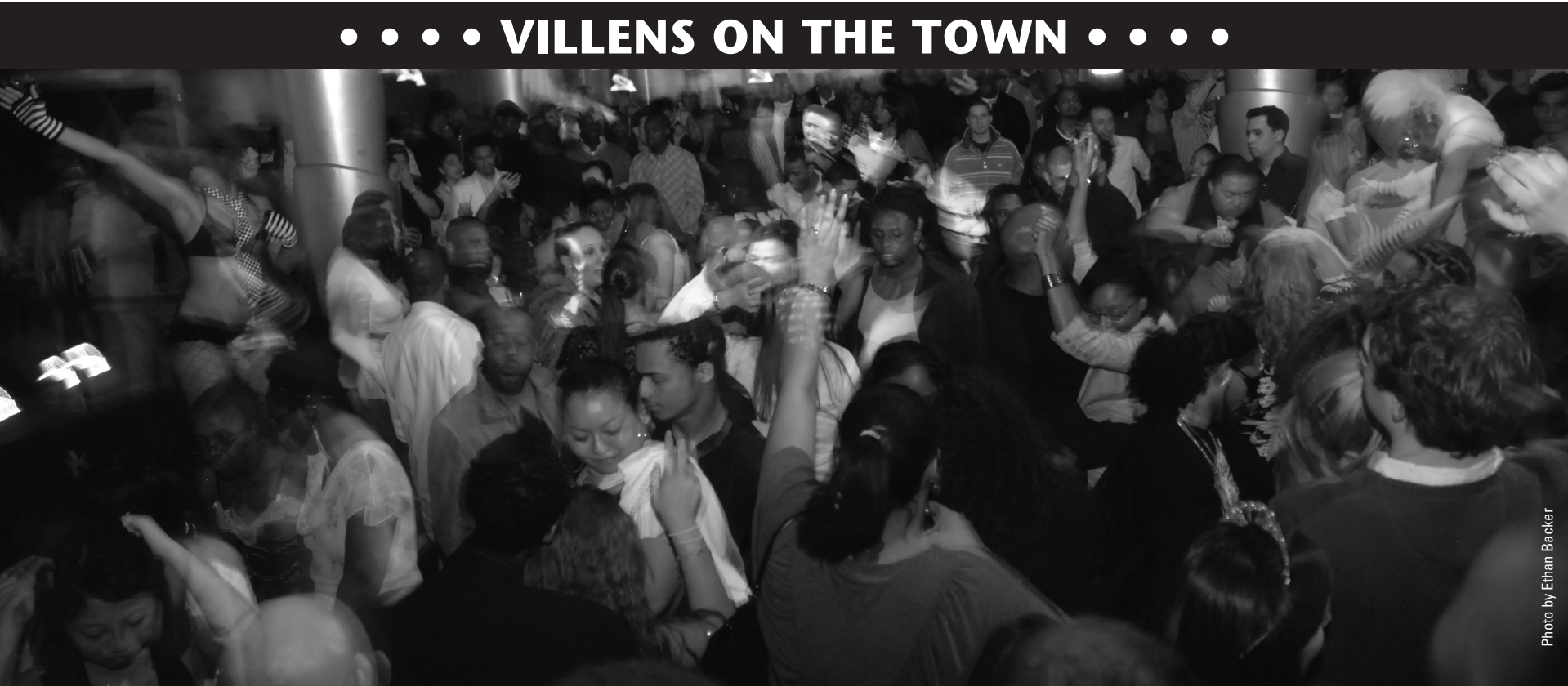
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East Branch Library
Preschool: Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

West Branch Library
Puppet Workshop!
Annamarie Almeida/ 617-623-5000 x2977
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

Central Library
Book Group for Kids Ages 9-12
Cathy Piantigini/ 617-623-5000 x2950
7p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday|May 8

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

Friday| May 9

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

Central Library
Teen Anime & Manga Meet-up
Cynthia/ 617-623-5000 x 2936
2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday|May 10

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

Sunday|May 11

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

Monday|May 12

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

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

Tuesday|May 13

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

Wednesday|May 14

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

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Wednesday|May 7

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Arts at the Armory
Red Cross Blood Drive
2 p.m.|Performance Hall
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|May 8

Johnny D’s
The Breakfast plus Delman Ryder & Dig
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Scattershot |10 p.m.
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Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
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Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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

Friday|May 9

Johnny D’s
Spottiswoode & His Enemies:
CD Release Party (“English Dream”)|7:30 p.m.

Glenn Yoder & The Western States with Field Day|10 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Bucky Bear Band |6 p.m.
American Thread \$5 cover
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Swerve
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DJ
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Gavin Castleton|Happy Body
Slow Brain|Emma Ate The Lion
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Reggae Jazz Attack Trio
8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 10

Johnny D’s
Beaver Country Day School|4 p.m.
Paul Nardizzi|7:30 p.m.
The Macrotones with MK Groove Trio|10 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
Christina & Fran with Jordan

Renzi |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Closed for renovations
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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Arts at the Armory
Spring Fling Open House: Arabic Cultural Showcase For All
11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.|Gallery
David Johnston
4 p.m|Cafe
Jeremy Lyons
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|May 11

Johnny D’s
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band |4 p.m.
Member’s Lounge: Women in Comedy Festival Edtion with KEN REID |8 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m
Amy Kucharik & Friends |8 p.m.
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Back Room
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345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Monday|May 12
Johnny D's
Johnny D's Comedy Showcase
Presents: Storyteller Cafe
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.
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The Burren
Front Room
Bur-Run
Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.
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PA'S Lounge
Americana Night
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Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump! Team Trivia
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Arts at the Armory
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
WBUR's 'Only A Game' 20th Anniversary Celebration
7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Tuesday|May 13
Johnny D's
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Honkytonk Masquerade |7:30 p.m.
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The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan
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Stump Trivia (with prizes)
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Arts at the Armory
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3 p.m.|Performance Hall
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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|May 7
Central Library
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday| May 8
Central Library
Skills for Success: Organizing for Healthy Eating
Cassandra Johnson
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
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Friday|May 9
Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 10
Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Third Life Studio
Jazz Dance Brunch!
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Sunday|May 11
Central Library
BUSY
1 p.m.,-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

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

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

Tuesday|May 13
Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Wednesday|May 14
Central Library
BUSY
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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The Tufts Department of Music and Community Music at Tufts will hold the Tufts Youth Philharmonic 2014-2015 auditions at 4 p.m. Friday, May 16, in the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center. The orchestra is open to teenage musicians in the greater Boston area and is led by noted conductor John Page. For more information about Tufts Youth Philharmonic, audition, and an application form, visit as.tufts.edu/music or contact Edith Auner at Edith.Auner@tufts.edu or by calling 617-627-3564.

Nike's newest factory retail location will open at The Outlets at Assembly Row at

10 a.m. Friday, May 16, with grand-opening events taking place through Sunday, May 18. Grand-opening events include a free gift to the first 200 shoppers each day, a \$10 shopper incentive when you sign up for store email alerts and a raffle to win a \$500 Nike gift card.

Parents/guardians will have the opportunity to learn about the Common Core state standards at an informational workshop at the East Somerville Community School (50 Cross St.), Thursday, May 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Register with the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC) in advance for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and/or for childcare by calling 617-625-6600,

ext. 6966, or by emailing at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/families.

The city is seeking community-member participation in a 40-member delegation to travel to Denver, Colo., June 13 as the city seeks to win the All-America City Award for the second time in five years, a feat only a handful of communities have accomplished in the award's 65-year history. Somerville previously won the award in during the 2009 competition, as well as in 1972. Community members of all ages are welcome, although those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Community members of all ages are invited to participate, though spots are

limited. All interested community members will be responsible for airfare, hotel and registration fees. All travel costs will be negotiated where possible for lowest prices, however current rates dictate an estimated cost of \$1,000 per person and includes round-trip airfare from Boston to Denver, a three-night stay at the Grand Hyatt, Denver, conference registration and ground transportation fees. There is a minimum requirement of two people per room. If you are interested in participating, contact Jackie Rossetti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2614, or JRossetti@somervillema.gov by Friday, May 9, at noon. For more information about the All-America City Award, visit www.ncl.org.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

YOGA by Noah: Thursday, May 8 through Thursday, June 5. Yoga is back and open to all. Join us on Thursday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m. for an hour long invigorating yoga class. Yoga provides modified, low-impact moves and easy-to-follow pacing for a healthy, active lifestyle. This program lets you stretch and relax, will make you feel fresh and most of all it will be exhilarating. Classes take place at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street and a cost of \$20 will cover the 5 week class. Space is limited and an RSVP is a must so contact Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315 to RSVP or for additional information.

Lucianos Restaurant & North Shore Acappella:

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

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

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

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

Twin River Casino: Monday, June 16. Located in

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

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

The Moonlighters: Somerville's Swinging Singing Seniors will be performing at the Zelma Lacey House on Monday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m. Stay tuned for when the Moonlighters will be coming to a venue near you.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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

The **Charleston, SC & Savannah, GA** trip scheduled for May 4th to May 10th is **SOLD OUT**.

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

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

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

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Lunch: Monday, May 12, 11:30 a.m. A special lunch as the students from the GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance) at Somerville High School will be joining us. Pizza for all at no charge. RSVP and for additional information please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

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

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

LGBT Advisory Group: Will now meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.

STAY ACTIVE:

Monday: Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H); Fit 4 Life (C), 1 p.m., \$10/mo., pre-registration required.

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

Wednesday: Fit 4 Life A, 8:45 a.m./B, 9 a.m./C, noon; \$10/mo, pre-registration required (H).

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 p.m., \$10/week for shoes and dues.

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

Thursday: Strengthening, 9:30 a.m., \$3 per class (RJ). LBT Fit 4 Life, 6 p.m., \$10/mo, pre-registration required. (H).

Friday: Fit 4 Life A, 8:45 a.m./B, 9:55 a.m., \$10/month, pre-registration required (H).

Upcoming Schedule:

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street = (H)

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street = RJ

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway =(C)

Wednesday, May 7

10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation(C)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:00 Peace Quilt Project with Teen Empowerment (C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

Thursday, May 8

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Friday, May 9

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

Monday, May 12

9:30 Veterans Group (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
9:30 Moonlighters (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Tuesday, May 13

10:00 SHINE by appt. (H)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ, C)

Wednesday, May 14

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

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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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 April 28-May 2, the House met for a total of 37 hours and 42 minutes and

the Senate met for a total of two hours and 54 minutes.

Mon. April 28 House 10:04 a.m. to 9:17 p.m.
Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.

Tues. April 29 House 10:14 a.m. to 10:43 p.m.
No Senate session

Wed. April 30House 10:05 a.m. to 12:05 a.m. (Thurs.)
No Senate session

Thurs. May 1 No House session
Senate 1:02 p.m. to 3:43 p.m.

Fri. May 2 No House session
No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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Answers

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| 1. Woodrow Wilson | 7. Alan Shepard's Mercury space trip |
| 2. Anna Jarvis | 8. 1882 |
| 3. Dolly | 9. 1914 |
| 4. The horse | 10. Joan Crawford |
| 5. Five (5) Ringling Family siblings | 11. A town in New York |
| 6. Elnora | 12. Stanley (Stanley Ann Dunham) |

Somerville Community Access TV Ch.3 Programming Guide

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Wednesday, May 7							
6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:30pm	Culture Club	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	5:30pm	The Folklorist	1:00pm	Play by Play	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health	3:00pm	Telemagazine	1:00pm	Plastic Planet (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Chie Yasuda	7:30pm	Basic Buddha	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	2:00pm	Tufts Films for Social Change Series
11:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:30pm	Copy Cat Festival (at the Arts at the Armory)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Penny's Dreadful and Shilling Secrets	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
1:00pm	Play by Play	Friday, May 9		6:00pm	SCATV: a year in review	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	7:30am	Shrink Rap	6:30pm	Art at SCATV	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Physician Focus	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	This is East	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	10:00am	Greater Somerville Special Edition:	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Nepali Producers Group: 104 Anniversary
3:30pm	The Kevin Murphy Show		Martha Coakley	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D		of L. Devkota by INLS
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:30am	Zoning for the Future	11:00pm	Gay USA	8:00pm	Greater Somerville
5:00pm	Health is Wealth	11:00am	Sound Off	Sunday, May 11		9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
5:30pm	Peace by Piece	11:30am	Peace by Piece	6:00am	Program Celebrai	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
6:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	12:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	Tuesday, May 13	
7:00pm	This is East	1:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00am	The Struggle
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	Rooster Tails	10:00am	International Church of God	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:00am	The Folklorist	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	Basic Buddha	10:00am	This is East
10:00pm	Net Neutrality & the Future of Internet Access	5:00pm	Greater Somerville: Mike Lake,	12:00pm	Play by Play	11:30am	Ablevision
11:00pm	SCATV: a year in review		Lieutenant Gov. Candidate	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday, May 8		5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	1:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:00pm	The Bioneers program (Free Speech TV)
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	3:00pm	Reeling Movie Show: a Movie Review program
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Real Estate Answers Show	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	3:30pm	Greater Somerville: Lieutenant Governor,
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	7:30pm	Culture Club	5:00pm	Greater Somerville: Mike Lake,		Mike Lake
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Visual Radio		Lieutenant Gov. Candidate		
10:30am	Greater Somerville Special Edition:	9:00pm	Porchfest	6:00pm	Abugida TV	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
	Candidate Mike Lake	10:00pm	Independent Filmmaker Hour	7:00pm	African Television Network	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Tufts University's Films for Social Change Series	11:00pm	A Black Show (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
11:30am	Ablevision	Saturday, May 10		9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1:00pm	African Television	7:00am	Net Neutrality and the Future of Internet Access	11:00pm	No Film Film Festival	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	11:30pm	Independent Filmmaker Hour	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	Monday, May 12		9:00pm	Energy Theater
3:00pm	Chef's Table Series	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	10:00pm	Nepali Producers Group: 104 Anniversary
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Dead Air Live	7:30am	Eckankar		of L. Devkota by INLS
		12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22			
Wednesday, May 7			
9:00am:	Community Path Press Conference	1:00pm:	Talking Business
9:30am:	Patriots Day Celebration	2:00pm:	Somerville-Tufts Partnership Announcement
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.5.14	2:35pm:	2014 Spring Clean Up
3:00pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	3:00pm:	Somerville Youth Peace Conference
6:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	6:30pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge
7:00pm:	Patriots Day Celebration	7:00pm:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony
7:30pm:	Community Path Press Conference	7:30pm:	SomerViva: Espanol
8:00pm:	Congressional Update	8:00pm:	Congressional Update
8:30pm:	SomerViva: Portugues	8:30pm:	Somerville Youth Peace Conference
9:00pm:	Somerville-Tufts Partnership Announcement	Sunday, May 11	
9:35pm:	Union Sq. Redevelopment Meeting IV	12:00am:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony
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12:30am:	Community Path Press Conference	1:30am:	Talking Business
1:00am:	Congressional Update	2:30am:	Somerville Youth Peace Conference
1:30am:	SomerViva: Portugues	9:00am:	Aldermen at Work
2:00am:	Somerville-Tufts Partnership Announcement	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
2:35pm:	Union Sq. Redevelopment Meeting IV	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Balance & Fall Prevention
9:00am:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story	1:00pm:	Talking Business
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	1:30pm:	Highlander Forum
12:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	2:00pm:	Aldermen at Work
1:00pm:	SomerViva: Espanol	2:30pm:	Union Sq. Development Meeting III
1:30pm:	Women's Commission 25th Anniversary	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit
2:30pm:	Talking Business	7:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Balance & Fall Prevention
7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	8:00pm:	Aldermen at Work
Friday, May 9		8:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.8.14
12:00am:	Talking Business	Monday, May 12	
1:00am:	Voices of Somerville	12:00am:	Senior Circuit
1:30am:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story	12:30am:	Sit & Be Fit: Balance & Fall Prevention
2:30am:	Shape Up Somerville: Historic Overview	1:00am:	Aldermen at Work
2:45am:	SomerViva: Espanol	1:30am:	Highlander Forum
9:00am:	2014 Spring Clean Up	2:00am:	Patriots Day Celebration
9:15am:	Talking Business	2:30am:	Talking Business
12:00pm:	2014 Spring Clean Up	9:00am:	Central Broadway Streetscape Meeting
12:30pm:	Talking Business	9:30am:	Shape Up Somerville: Historic Overview
1:30pm:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story	12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 5.8.14
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6:30pm:	Community Path Press Conference	7:30pm:	Community Path Press Conference
7:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	8:00pm:	Highlander Forum
7:30pm:	Central Broadway Streetscape Meeting	8:30pm:	SomerViva: Espanol
8:00pm:	Aldermen at Work	9:00pm:	The Mystic River: A Natural & Human Story
8:30pm:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony	10:00pm:	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff
9:00pm:	Somerville Youth Peace Conference	Tuesday, May 13	
Saturday, May 10		12:00am:	B2Green
12:00am:	Community Path Press Conference	12:30am:	Community Path Press Conference
12:30am:	Voices of Somerville	1:00am:	Highlander Forum
1:00am:	Central Broadway Streetscape Meeting	1:30am:	Talking Business
1:30am:	Aldermen at Work	2:30am:	Voices of Somerville
2:00am:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony	9:00am:	B2Green
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12:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:00pm:	Community Path Press Conference
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		2:00pm:	Consumer Affairs w/Barbara Anthony
		2:30pm:	Central Broadway Streetscape Meeting



Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

I ran into the poet Jim Dunn at the Mass. Poetry Festival recently. I asked him for a poem for the *LYRICAL* and he happily complied. In his featured work Jim goes into a subject he knows intimately: "Poetic Justice."



Poetic Justice

As if
There is
Any other kind

To allow angels
Is tricky business
Get in there and work the pen
To free the words

Chain the feeling
Praying to the wind
Doing nothing
Undoing the unspoken.

Inertia seduces
The Dreaming man
To sleep on it
Until the sun sheds light.

Poetry spins her fickle wheel
To crush or to redeem
Depending on the curve of the spin
All words gather to chain the course
Of life sentences to the breathless tree

Genuflect to the genuine fleeting feeling
Capture a hummingbird in a tea bag
And flutter his soul steeped in warm air

The stars line up
To shine
Not to dole out rewards

The line shines out to star
Not to dim
The heartbroken light.

As if
There is
Any other kind.

— Jim Dunn

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Catching up with Somerville Poet Afaa Michael Weaver

In late April the flames in the fireplace in the back of the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square no longer burn. But poet Afaa Michael Weaver's flame is very much in view. He joined me at my usual table near the fireplace, a makeshift office with a comfortable disarray of students' essays, newspapers, and the discarded skins of whitefish on my plate that once adorned my morning bagel. It has been a while since we had a chance to talk as he has been in a whirlwind of activity as of late.

Weaver, a poet, playwright and a Professor at Simmons College in Boston has recently won the the prestigious Kingsley Tufts Award for poetry that comes with a purse of a 100,000 dollars. Big money in the poetry biz and, according to the noted poet Chase Twichell (and judge of the award), well deserved. Twichell wrote:

"The Kingsley Tufts Award is one of the most prestigious prizes a poet can win, and I am delighted to see it go to Afaa. He essentially invented himself from whole cloth as a poet. It is truly remarkable."

The poetry collection that grabbed the eye of the prize was *The Government of Nature* (UPitt) The poems, according to Weaver, deal with: "... the recovery of childhood trauma in the context of Chinese spiritualism, merged with my own Christian upbringing."

Weaver has a few other things on his plate as well. Professor Enzo Surin, a colleague of mine at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, has started a small publishing press the Central Square Press. He will be publishing a collection by Weaver titled: *A Hard Summation*. It will contain 13 poems that span African-American history from slavery to contemporary times.

Weaver has also finished his final draft of his play *GRIP*. This is a two act play set in Baltimore (Weaver is a native son of Baltimore) in the year 2000. The play is a family drama that deals with a number of themes including: urban revitalization, the haunted past of a grandfather, race, class and gender. Weaver, years ago, studied with Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel (*How I learned to Drive*) at Brown University. At Brown he not only honed his poetic skills but his play writing ones as well.

Finally, Weaver will have a new poetry collection

coming out titled: *City of Eternal Spring* (UPitt) with a striking front cover by the African-American artist Romare Bearden.

Weaver left the café, with the lumbering gait of a big man and probably headed back to his humble apartment that he refers to as The Cave on Highland Ave. And undoubtedly in his dark and cloistered corner of the world he will be hatching his next creative plot ... and that's the way it is in the Paris of New England.



On the Passing of Heaven Sutton

In the year the Mayans said our world ends,
I sit in my basement apartment, The Cave,
my neighbors from lives different from mine.

It is a most peculiar way to be sixty, up here
from down south, no way to know where up is,
what up is or should be, only what it used to be.

Winters in Boston go inside my bones until
I feel the center of nothing, where people
grow old singing Shine on Me in a capella.

It is the center of alien coldness, hearts naked
to ice, to a blank sun, a nakedness that says it is
the only choice, one that owns love's essence.

I am black because I enter that space, people
see I am the door to what they ache to know,
the long corridors and rooms of our freedom,

a place where I refuse to be told I cannot dream
my own dreams, a place where people like me
agree to offer love from an uneasy forgiveness.

Nights become deep stillness, I do a soul dance
with ancestors building a respite from history,
arguing against the hard summation of slavery,

the truth of our black wish for humanity, a seed
made from resistance, bright moments where
we teach America the song of our right to live.

— Afaa M. Weaver
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