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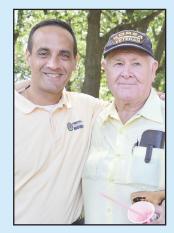
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A season of crime: home and bicycle thefts spiking during summer months



Loss of bicycles and other personal property can be greatly minimized during the high-risk summer months by following a few simple guidelines, according to police crime analysts. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

By Jim Clark

According to information being shared by the Somerville Police Department, incidents of theft involving bicycles and home break-ins take a sharp upward rise during the summer months.

One can, however, minimize the risks of loss or damage to personal property by following some simple guidelines laid out by law enforcement professionals.

In analyzing the statistics available, police have determined that bicycle theft is definitely a seasonal issue. In 2014, 50% of all bike thefts occurred in the summer months (June-August), 75% including September and October.

For the first two months of this summer (June and July), bike thefts ran 30% above last year's average. Other communities have noted similar increases. Continued on page 4

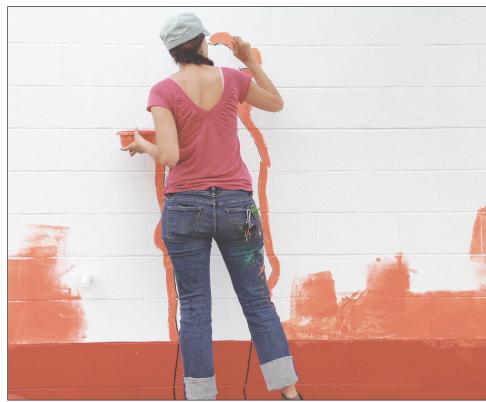
New mural taking shape in East Somerville

By Josie Grove

Cross Street is a half-mile length of road between Interstate 93 and the McGrath Highway. The East Somerville street's single-story buildings, small bodegas, and Brazilian restaurants feel worlds away from the trendy eateries and artisan coffee of Davis Square. The neighborhood is hard to reach and easy to overlook, but Teresa Vazquez-Dodero hopes new art projects will change the neighborhood's image.

"East Somerville has been somewhat ostracized from the Somerville community, says Vazquez-Dodero, the director of East Somerville Main Streets. "Part of the mission of Main Streets is to make East Somerville a destination make it a place where people know that it's safe. And by creating events and festivals, that changes the perception of people."

East Somerville Main Streets is a nonprofit organization working to promote business development in the area, and to enhance East Somerville's sense of itself Continued on page 6



The This is East arts project is behind the Cross St. mural project underway in East Somerville. — Photo by Josie Grove

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The 13th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition takes place on Thursday, September 17th, beginning at 11 a.m. Registration opens at 12 noon. Shotgun start at Sandy Burr Country Club, Wayland. Register to play here: http://bit.ly/1f5Uubt. Tournament fee includes hors d'ouevres, a boxed lunch, golf cart, 18 holes of golf with complimentary beer and non-alcoholic drinks as well as snacks available during play, a buffet dinner as well as contests and prizes. Entries will be accepted as individuals, two, three or four person groups. The tournament is a scramble format and shotgun start.

Don't forget tomorrow, Thursday the 13th, is the Annual Lefthanders international Day, so remember to wish your friendly left hander (south paw) a happy day. We (I mean they) even have a web site: www.lefthandersday.com. Go take a look, even though we (I mean they) are a minority, some pretty special people are left handers. No more being punished for being a left hander. We (I mean they) even think a good "left handed compliment" is in order, but you have to be left handed to give one. Remember, left handers may be left handed, but they are always right!

The 15th Annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 12 at the Falmouth Country Club. To get more information and to sign up go online at www.johns-team.org. A great event every year and a worthy cause. Get a group together and spend a nice day down on the Cape.

Save the date, Saturday October 17 at the Holiday Inn when the SHS Scholarship Foundation will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. For updates go to their Facebook page.

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends as well as friends of The Times: Happy Birthday to Brandon Wilson, who is well known here in the city for her saving many properties and helping to preserve a lot of the history of our city. Ms. Wilson is the Executive Continued on page 11

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville Delegation votes against annual state sales tax holiday

Jason says:

Having worked in retail for a number of years in somerville, we always set record sales on tax holidays, always.

Phil 2015 says:

I just don't see how any elected official can vote against a tax-free weekend?

It does indeed help small business a lot more than large corporations, and that's all that matters.

John Q. says:

This is a dog and pony show. Eliminating the sales tax for 2 days helps random people. If your washer or TV gives out in May you're not going to wait until August on the off chance you'll save a few bucks. Why not cut the sales tax by a small percentage, so that everyone, no matter when they shop, will reap the benefits? Wait a minute, didn't the taxpayers already vote to decrease the tax rate? Hmmm....wonder what happened to that?

Genie Geronimo says:

It's been my observation that folks planning to buy big ticket items within a couple months of the day(s) will wait. Otherwise I've always regarded it as kind of a useless / BS event because you get better deals by waiting for stuff to go on sale, plus you don't have to deal with huge mobs. But I guess the whole point of the holiday is to lure all the folks who buy for the sake of buying whenever there's a "special" day, however small the actual discount may be. They save 6.25% while buying 300% more than they needed / planned to get, & the stores do better, thus benefitting the retail economy. I don't think it was meant to be just a handout to shoppers two days a year. Curious if it's possible to know how much benefit there actually is, economically.

Oliver Seppo says:

Just buy used stuff on the net and pay no sales tax at all! :)

I think John Q has just about got it right. These "special" tax discount days are BS. If they want to do something good to boost the economy then lower the rate across the board year round. Otherwise it is nothing but a show put on for voters.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

The Somerville Times.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 support a two-day sales tax holiday in Massachusetts. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

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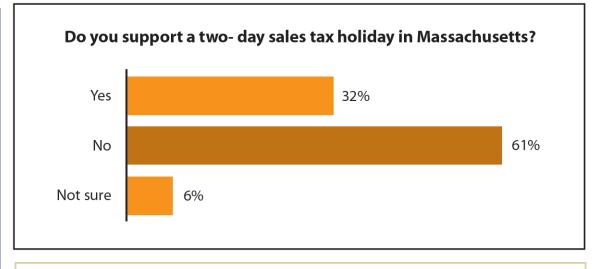
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Unsatisfying McGrath Highway meeting

By Donald Norton

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston and the City's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invited all interested residents to a community meeting to discuss construction updates and schedules for the ongoing McGrath Highway Interim Improvements project. The meeting was held in the Public Safety Building's Academy Room at 220 Washington St. from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

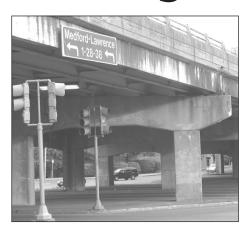
Tuesday night's hearing concerned the fiasco going on down at Medford Street between Washington St. and Somerville

A small but vocal group of property owners and residents from the area showed up to ask questions, but they were not happy.

The city was represented by Brad Rawson, Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development at City Hall. Right away he got hit by some angry comments. One property owner, Ron Tauro, told Rawson, "If you represent the mayor, then let him know we are upset."

Other comments were from John's Auto owner who told them to go back to the drawing board because they didn't know what the state people were talking about.

There were lots of questions, but in the end the issue of what was going to happen so that residents could park was nev-



er resolved.

One other problem Rawon said he is going to look into is taking down the no parking signs after 2:30 a.m., so residents can park.

No follow up meeting was announced, and you almost got the feeling that the person representing the mayor's office could not wait to get out of there and to adjourn the meeting.

Maybe the city and state should meet up and be on the same page. We think the first thing to do is to take down the "no parking after 2:30 a.m." signs.

The state's people did say they were going to take the off ramp of McGrath to Somerville Avenue down. Some suggested taking it down and letting the neigh-

Oh, and by the way, the cost - believe it or not – to just fix the bridge recently was over \$10M. What a great contract that was!

In Memoriam

Celebrating Jacqueline Marie Allen (Berry-Mitrano)



A celebration of life for Jacqueline Marie Allen (Berry-Mitrano) was held on July 11, 2015 by her mother Muriel White, daugher Melissa Mitrano, son-inlaw Hector Delgado, son Michael Mitrano, brother Michael Berry and husband Richard Allen. Many friends and family came together to share memories and laughter of her years growing up in Somerville and her many years in Winthrop. Her favorite things in life included time spent with her granddaughter Sophia, family, music, reading, cooking, being near the ocean, as well as sitting in Salem talking about the things she loved. Jacqueline touched many lives during her short time on earth, she will forever be remembered and loved.



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By Jim Clark

Hit-and-runner ran down in Somerville

Police received a tip by phone that a possible drunk driver was heading into Union Square at approximately 1:00 a.m. last Saturday. The witness was following the vehicle in question along Washington St. while filling police in on what was happening.

An alert was dispatched to patrol cars in the area and the

vehicle was soon spotted and stopped by officers in the area.

The officers reportedly witnessed the driver, a female later identified as Viktoriya Blindman, of Canton, attempt to switch places with the male passenger sitting beside her.

One of the officers open the driver's side door and requested that the car be turned off and the keys handed over.

When the officer asked for a driver's license and vehicle registration, Blindman reportedly began verbally abusing the officers while refusing to comply with their requests.

According to reports, the officers detected the odor of alcohol in the car as they questioned Blindman, who repeatedly refused to cooperate with them.

Several attempts were made to talk Blindman out of the vehicle, but she reportedly continued to refuse to cooperate and verbally abuse the officers.

Eventually, Blindman was removed from the vehicle by force as she continued to struggle and argue with the officers.

After receiving a burst of pep-

per spray, Blindman was finally subdued and taken into custody, charged with operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense, disorderly conduct, and assault and battery on a police officer.

It was later learned that Blindman's vehicle was involved in a hit and run accident in Boston just prior to this incident.

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Arrests:

Eleazar Clayton, of 48 Clarkwood St., Boston, August 3, 5:38 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, marked lanes violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and leaving the scene of personal injury.

Gerald Matthews, of 36 South St., Brockton, August 3, 9:03 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle, operation of a

motor vehicle with a suspended registration, failure to wear a seatbelt, and failure to stop for police.

Teresa Colangeli, of 54 Sydney St., August 4, 1:12 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and larceny over \$250.

Richard Mason, August 6, 12:43 a.m., arrested at New Washington St. on charges of violation of city ordinance open container and disorderly conduct.

Shane Ryan, August 6, 6:12 a.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of receiving

stolen property over \$250 and larceny under \$250.

Hector Rosario, of 39 Boylston St., Boston, August 6, 1:58 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of shoplifting over \$100 by asportation and resisting arrest.

Luis Cora, of 38 Sewall St., August 6, 10:42 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of drug possession to distribute and drug violation near a school.

Viktoriya Blindman, of 6 White Sisters Way, Canton, August 8, 1:06 a.m., arrested at Bow St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense, disorderly conduct, and assault and battery on a police officer.

Mario Mijango-Reyes, of 67 Florence, August 8, 10:24 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Christopher Tardo, of 62 Bradley St., August 8, 10:40 p.m., arrested at Bradley St. on warrant charges of receiving stolen property over \$250, assault with a dangerous weapon, destruction of property over \$250, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, threat to commit a crime, assault and battery, and misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Thomas Magiera, of 47 Marshall St., August 8, 11:43 p.m., arrested at Pearl St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery on a person over 60.

Jose Reyes, of 36 Homer Rd., Arlington, August 9, 2:44 a.m., arrested at Main St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Jose Hernandez-Jacinto, of 30 Summer St., August 9, 11:58 p.m., arrested at Bow St. on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

A season of crime: home and bicycle thefts spiking during summer months CONT. FROM PG 1

The Davis Sq. area is considered a hot spot for bicycle theft due to the many commercial/public racks in place there. The nearby residential areas on surrounding streets are also vulnerable points. Assembly Row is also cited for similar reasons.

On nights and weekends, residential areas along major streets, where bikes are secured outdoors (front or back yard) are often targeted.

According to the analysis, most thieves who steal bikes are roaming the region with bolt cutters. Use of cable locks should be avoided, in favor of the tougher options that are available, such as U-locks and heavy-duty web chain locks.

It is strongly recommended that you store your bike indoors if at all possible, especially when

Law enforcement agencies advise all bicycle owners register their bikes with their universities or with the city (somervillema.gov/bicycleregistration) to deter theft to aid in recovery.

Report suspicious parties

to the police. This year, theft activity appears to be related to groups of young males (15-24). Look out for groups or individuals carrying bolt cutters. Look out for individuals or groups with more bikes than people.

Residential Burglary tends to be consistent from April through November, before dropping off in the winter months. The summer months, however, pose unique challenges, as more residents leave their windows open during the day or install air conditioners, which are easily pushed in by a burglar.

Residential burglary this year tends to occur in the evening (7–11 p.m.) Tuesday-Saturday. Windows are the most frequent method of entry. Often, burglars will push in an AC, or cut the screen to access an unlocked window at the side or rear of a house.

Activity has been elevated from School St. to Teele Square, especially in the area between Central St & Davis Sq.

Residential burglars prefer to

target areas with many students or young professionals, who are more likely to have access to laptops or other portable electronics – the preferred target of theft – and are less likely to have security precautions.

To help protect yourself from home invasion theft, make sure all external doors and windows, including common doors, have functioning locks.

Keep windows closed and locked when not at home. Windows with ACs, even on upper level porches, or windows that are frequently left opened should be prevented from opening all the way. For example, use of through-the-frame nails, across-the-frame security bars or wooden dowels is particularly effective. These measures can also provide security for normally locked windows and can act as a deterrent.

Cut away growth that conceals windows at the side of the house, and avoid leaving furniture or trashcans out that might be used to climb up to a window. Consider a home security sys-



tem. Good systems run under \$500. Consider adding cameras or adopting a security system that streams video to your phone if your home is entered. Consider timed lights if out in the evening.

Keep the serial numbers for portable electronics. Consider registering electronics with your university or the city (smoervillema.gov/wrap-information). Consider adding tracking software to portable devices.

Report Suspicious Parties

to the Police, specifically unfamiliar individuals or groups going into or out of driveways or backyards.

Report any breaking and entering incidents to the police as soon as they are discovered. You may have scared off the burglar in the act and they may still be in the area.

By following these simple guidelines, authorities assure us that we can protect ourselves and our property in a safe and effective manner.

Mobile Farmer's Market hours: New and improved

By Amy Swain

Somerville's Mobile Farmers' Market has begun new hours. Since 2013, Shape Up Somerville has been operating the Mobile Farmers' Market in order to bring affordable produce to area residents. As the market is only open select times and places, knowing the hours and locations can help you to access healthy affordable food this summer.

From now until October 31, the mobile market can be found at the Somerville Council on Aging, 167 Holland Street, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Then it will move to the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, 115 Sycamore Street, between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. from now until August 28, and between 2 and 3:30 p.m. from September 4 (just as school begins - pick up time!) until October 30. Saturday times and locations remain as they have been; the market will be at North Street Housing Development from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at the Mystic Housing Development from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Shape Up Somerville is "a 15-year-old strategy to build and sustain a healthier, more

equitable community for everyone that lives in, works in, and visits the city." Their goals include methods of encouraging healthy lifestyles for the people of Somerville." The Mobile Farmers' Market is a large part of this, along with a focus on health determinants, and encouraging increased physical activity. The program began with a focus on decreasing obesity in the city's youth, and has been beneficial to those of all ages and income ranges.

Considering the low availability of government funding for the project, "citizenvestors" have provided much of the capital necessary to operate in its first two years. Continued patronage is another way to contribute to the operation. Full priced purchases, which are still considerably lower than most grocery stores, support the market's practice of helping those in need, offering a 50% discount to anyone using SNAP or WIC.

There are many ways of accessing further information about Somerville's Mobile ers' Market, including calling (617)625-6600 ext. 4321, and visiting Shape Up Somerville's Facebook page.





The Somerville Mobile Farmers' Market is on the road again, through October 31.



Pets in hot cars!



Last year Somerville Animal Control rescued more dogs from hot cars than any year previous. Please leave your pets at home on warm days if they cannot join you at every stop you make. If you see a dog left in a car on a warm day, please call the local police non-emergency number and ask for and officer to be dispatched to your location.



Adopt a pet this week

We encourage you to consider adopting a pet in need of a home this week. A list of State of Massachusetts approved shelter and rescue organizations can be found online at http://www.mass.gov/ eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/ shelter-and-rescue/massachusetts-approved-shelter-and-rescue-organizations-generic.html.

Somerville housing boards need new members

By Tom Bannister

According to the City of Somerville, two housing boards, charged with preventing housing discrimination in the city and with enforcing the condominium conversion ordinance to protect renting tenants, have vacancies and the City invites interested candidates to apply and represent the community.

The Somerville Fair Housing Commission receives complaints about possible fair housing violations, and provides information and assistance to residents, including referrals to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination and Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services. The

Commission also conducts cancies on the Commission: lic about state and federal fair housing laws and to minimize housing discrimination.

There are five volunteer residents on the Commission, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen for three-year terms, which must include a City or Housing Authority employee; a representative of a nonprofit community-based organization; a local realtor or lender; a low or moderate income tenant; and a person with substantial civil rights experience. The Commission generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 12-1 p.m. at the Central Library, 79 Highland Ave.

There are currently three va-

outreach to educate the pub- one low or moderate income resident, one representative of a nonprofit community-based organization, and one City or Housing Authority employee. Commissioners must live in Somerville.

> The Somerville Condominium Review Board oversees applications for the conversion of rental units to condominium and for the sale of a condominium unit that has most recently been a rental unit, as required by the City's condominium conversion ordinance. The Board also conducts hearings, surveys and updates information about rental units in Somerville.

There are five members on the Board, appointed by the Mayor and Continued on page 10

New mural

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both as a distinct neighborhood, and as a part of Somerville. Along with streetscape design and local festivals, the group is using public art to achieve these goals. A grant from the National Endowment for the Arts is funding a series of public art projects, known together as This Is East.

"This Is East is a big, community-wide project that's happening at a time of change in East Somerville," said Vazquez-Dodero. "This is part of a much larger initiative that has to do with the identity of East Somerville, exploring the identity of East Somerville in a time of change."

"Along with two other murals, This Is East also encapsulates a storytelling component," said Laura Smith, the project's artistic director. "People are taking videos, and capturing videos with longtime community members, and people who are important in the community in East Somerville." "And the business community," added Vazquez-Dodero, who sees business development as the most important part of development. neighborhood "The Main Streets mission has been to make sure businesses said Vazquez-Dodero. "With businesses thriving, neighborhoods thrive. Crime is lower, it's just a chain reaction. So that's part of the mission."

Art is already helping businesses by marking the business district. Colorful "This Is East" banners hang on light poles along Broadway, defining the boundaries of the district, and making it easier for outsiders to find. "The banners contain some of the people who are also painted, who are also telling their stories," said Smith. "Not every single person, but there are intersections between all of the projects."

The mural's design is a result of cooperation between artists and East Somerville residents over the past. "We've done a commu-

nity design process. We invited the whole community," says Smith. Vazquez-Dodero clarifies, "We obtained ideas from the community, we had an event where we invited members of the community. Laura and three other artists came and did drawings. And then Laura and Nate Swain [another artist] created the actual concept of how the mural is going to look, and the techniques that will be used to create that."

The mural started taking shape last week. "We took photographs of people and projected them on the wall. We started tracing the silhouettes on the wall last week, and then also took people's silhouettes in the moment, and also traced them up on the wall." The mural will feature silhouettes of residents and their stories in writing. "All of the murals contain images of people in the community, and they're very literally about the identity of people in the community."

The orange-and-red mural taking shape on Cross Street has already brought people together. Neighbors came out on Thursday and Friday as they walked by, or after seeing it on Facebook. "We've had a lot of different groups working on it," said Smith as she poured water for a sixyear-old volunteer. "Next week, people from the Council on Aging are going to come out and paint, there are also some people from Teen Empowerment on this, and there were all different generations of people that came to our mural design event."

Despite the boarded-up church building on the corner, and the interstate visible just blocks away, the mural makes the street feel bright and cheerful. The tucked-away place feels like a neighborhood secret, one locals will be proud to show off.

The last community painting day for the mural will be August 13 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Ignite! A global street food and fire festival

By Rebecca Danvers

Food from a dozen local restaurants, fire throwers, and roaming street performers - at night in Union Square!

To celebrate Union Square's sizzling food landscape, ArtsUnion will present Ignite, an evening of international eats, fire throwers, roving entertainment and a raucous celebration of global culture on Saturday, August 15, 6:00–10:00 p.m.

Just a few of the 2015 vendors include Cantina La Mexicana, Casa B (Latin American Tapas), Reliable Market (Korean), India Palace, Gracie's Ice Cream and the Arts Council's Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurs, who will be serving up: Mexican Tostadas de Tinga de Pollo and Brazilian Acarajé. You will also be able to graze on Brazilian BBQ while sipping freshly squeezed sugar cane juice, or perhaps a vegetarian Indian dosa is more up your alley? They've got you covered.

There will also be plenty of food activities: At the Arts Council table play "Ignite Your



Start your ignitions! The festivities take place this Saturday, August 15.

Mouth" or the "Nose Olympics!" and check out the SAC's Nibble book, which is filled with recipes, stories and art. Nearby there will be food demos: Mexican Cactus Juice, Brazilian Acarajé and a how-to ferment extravaganza. There will also be activities for children (6:00-8:00 p.m.), including a "Play

with your Food!" art activity and a stilting workshop courtesy of Open Air Circus in Stone Park (behind the Independent parking lot). Also visit Groundworks Somerville and the Community Growing Center tables to learn more about their great food-related work.

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Dorothy's Corner BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Banana & Chocolate Chip Gelato

While meandering through the cobblestone streets of the Trastevere section of Rome, just south of Vatican City, on the west bank of the Tiber, we came across a gelateria tucked away on a very narrow cobblestone street. The store couldn't have been 50 square feet in total. That of which freezers took up most of the space. The vibrant colors and flavor combinations were abundant.

You may be wondering what the difference is between ice cream and gelato. It all comes down to creaminess, denseness, air, fat content and serving temperature. Gelato is more creamy, and dense, (without using large amounts of cream or eggs), but contains less air and fat as ice cream. Gelato is traditionally served at a higher temperature, about 12 degrees warmer which makes it easier to scoop. Here's a great and currently written article for NPR called The Salt.

http://www.npr.org/sections/the-salt/2015/06/16/413223571/why-scream-for-gelato-instead-of-ice-cream-heres-the-scoop

The other night while I was reminiscing about this wonderful trip, I decided to try my own hand at gelato. I opened up the cabinet and collected ingredients and got to work. This is what I came up with. I hope you give this recipe a try.



4 large, firm bananas (1 reserved and chopped into 1/2" pieces, set aside)

1 cup sugar

3/4 cup milk

1/2 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon brandy or Cognac (optional)

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 cup semi-sweet mini chocolate chips

Peel all the bananas, set one aside (chopped into 1/2" pieces), break apart the remaining 3 and add to a food processor or blender along with the sugar. Blend until liquified. Add the milk, heavy cream, brandy or Cognac and vanilla. Blend on high for 2 minutes. Fold in the banana pieces and the chocolate chips. Transfer to the ice cream maker (optional), and let run for an hour until the mixture is thick. If you don't have an ice cream maker just add the mixture to your preferred, freezer safe containers. This recipe yields about 1 & 1/3 quarts. Freeze for 6-8 hours or overnight.

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A John Sebastian summer in the city

By Jim Clark

Few, if any, can claim to have travelled the same musical roads as John Sebastian. As founder, front man, and principle composer of songs for the wildly popular 60's group The Lovin' Spoonful, and later with his own successful solo career, Sebastian has forged a career as unique in its nature as it is vast in its scope.

Local audiences will have a rare opportunity to savor the sweet sounds of a true musical icon in the intimate environs of Johnny D's on August 28.

Sebastian seems to have lived a charmed life, as far as being swept up into the arms of the muses is concerned. Born into artistically accomplished family, his mother was a radio scriptwriter and his father a world-renowned classical harmonica player. While his father's musical influence is undeniable, the younger Sebastian embraced blues and folk instead of classical, and mastered those forms. As his playing on The Lovin' Spoonful and solo recordings attest to his virtuosity, he has also been a much sought after session man in the studio. His soaring riffs on The Doors' Road House Blues are as stirring today as when they were first recorded nearly 50 years ago.

Growing up in Greenwich Village, NY, he took in and ultimately became a part of the explosive art and music scene that emerged there in the 60s. He played alongside Burl Ives, Woody Guthrie, and Bob Dylan.

He explored and mastered all the many forms of what is now termed Americana: blues, country, jug band, jazz, and the newly emerging rock scene of the mid-60s.

The final result of this exploration took the form of The Lovin' Spoonful, consisting of Sebastian and his multi-instru-

mental proficiency (harmonica, guitar, and his trademark autoharp), along with band mates Zal Yanovsky, Jan Carl and Steve Boone.

Both Sebastian and Yanovsky had previously played together in The Mugwumps, which also featured future The Mamas & The Papas members Cass Elliot and Denny Doherty. Yes, that's the Sebastian immortalized in The Mamas and The Papas lyrics for *Creeque Alley* ("In a coffee house Sebastian sat, and after every number they'd pass the hat).

But where the Mugwumps floundered, The Lovin' Spoonful soared. After securing a record contract, the band achieved the unprecedented feat of having their first seven singles chart in the top 10. This in the formidable years that saw the height of Beatlemania and the British Invasion.

Timeless classics such as Do You Believe in Magic, You Didn't Have to Be So Nice, Daydream, Did You Ever Have to Make Up Your Mind?, Didn't Want To Have To Do It, Summer in the City, Rain on the Roof, Nashville Cats and Darling Be Home Soon ruled the airwaves across America and abroad, all laid down in the studio between 1965–1967. Sebastian was the principal writer of all those great songs.

Additionally, their music was used in the soundtracks for the films What's Up Tiger Lilly (directed by Woody Allen) and You're a Big Boy Now (directed by Francis Ford Coppola).

Sebastian left The Lovin' Spoonful in 1968 to pursue a career as a solo artist and released a series of highly acclaimed albums such as *John B. Sebastian* and *Tarzana Kid*.

His impromptu solo performance at the Woodstock Festival in 1969 was immortalized in the documentary film that



The eternal troubadour, John B. Sebastian will be gracing the stage at Johnny D's on August 28.

chronicled the concert.

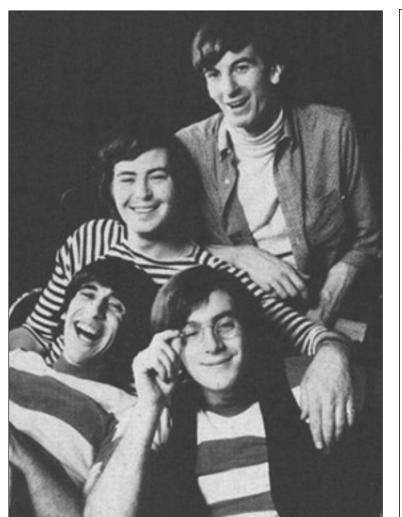
Later, in 1976, Sebastian gained new and broader popularity after writing and performing the theme song to the TV comedy show *Welcome Back Kotter*, appropriately titled *Welcome Back*. Rarely has a TV theme song enjoyed such popularity and high positions in the

charts.

Sebastian has continued doing what he does best, playing, singing and collaborating. His recent partnerings with David Grisman have enjoyed great success with fans and critics alike. Look for more such pairings in the future.

Sebastian will be playing the

memories as well as the pulse of the present moment at Johnny D's on Friday, August 28. Don't miss the opportunity to be entertained by a true legend of American popular music. A man whose legendary status is reaffirmed with every song he writes, plays and sings. And he has plenty to go around.



The Lovin' Spoonful, in their heyday in the 60s.

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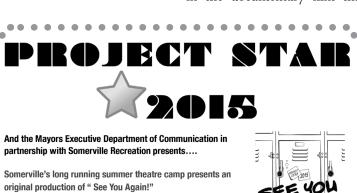
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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for \$1 MILLION FOR ZOOS (H 3650) Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives and senators on roll calls from prior legislative sessions before the summer recess. All roll calls are on Gov. Charlie Baker's vetoes of funding in the \$38.1 billion fiscal 2016 budget.

House 124-32, Senate 35-3, overrode Gov. Baker's \$1 million veto reduction (from \$4.9 million to \$3.9) in funding for the nonprofit Commonwealth Zoological Corporation that runs the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston and the Stone Zoo in Stoneham.

Supporters of keeping the \$1 million said that these zoos depend on this state money. They noted that the zoos are a valuable resource for children and adults across the state.

In his veto message, Baker said that he reduced the funding to an amount consistent with his original budget recommendation. Some opponents of keeping the \$1 million said that the state cannot afford the additional \$1 million for zoos during these difficult economic times when other more important programs are still underfunded.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$1 million. A "No" vote is against the \$1 million.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen

\$300,000 FOR "REACH OUT AND READ" PRO-GRAM (H 3650)

House 146-10, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Baker's \$300,000 veto reduction (from \$1 million to \$700,000) in funding for the Reach Out and Read (ROR) program. ROR is a national nonprofit group that began in 1989 at Boston Medical Center to address the problem that most pediatricians' waiting rooms did not have books available to read. The Massachusetts ROR program trains pediatricians and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud to their children in order to prepare them for school. The program also funds the purchase of books to give to children who are 6 months to 5 years old during their visits to their doctors.

Supporters of keeping the \$300,000 said that this program establishes a unique relationship between doctors, parents and their children and helps encourage early literacy skills. They noted that there are 254 hospitals and clinics in Massachusetts that participate in the program, serving 186,000 children and families.

In his veto message, Baker said that he reduced the funding to an amount consistent with his original budget recommendation.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$300,000. A "No" vote is against the \$300,000.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

\$1 MILLION FOR TUFTS VETERINARY **SCHOOL (H 3650)**

House 144-10, Senate 38-0, overrode Gov. Baker's \$1 million veto reduction (from \$5 million to \$4 million) in funding for Tufts Veterinary School in North Grafton.

Supporters of keeping the \$1 million said that the funding is important to this college that welcomes 300 new students annually to its four-year academic programs which offer a degree in veterinary medicine. They noted that the school also has three hospitals that treat an estimated 28,000 animals annually and conducts groundbreaking research that benefits animals and people.

In his veto message, Baker said that he reduced the funding to an amount projected to be necessary. Some opponents questioned whether the state should be providing millions of dollars to a private university.

(A"Yes" vote is for the \$1 million. A"No" vote is against the \$1 million.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Rep. Denise Provost No Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

\$250,000 FOR PROSTATE CANCER (H 3650)

House 156-0, Senate 37-1, overrode the governor's \$250,000 veto reduction (from \$500,000 to \$250,000) in funding for a prostate cancer awareness and education program focusing in particular on men with African-American heritage, family history of the disease and other men at high risk.

Override supporters said one out of every five men will get prostate cancer and argued the \$250,000 will help save lives.

In his veto message, Baker said that he reduced the funding to an amount projected to be necessary.

(A "Yes" vote is for the 250,000. A "No" vote is against the \$250,000.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

INCREASING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (H 3671) - Gov. Baker signed into law legislation increasing the earned income tax credit for low-income working families with children living at home from 15 percent to 23 percent of the federal credit and extending the maximum state credit from \$951 to \$1,459. The credit is applied toward the taxpayer's liability, and if it exceeds the liability, the taxpayer receives the excess credit as a refund.

Supporters of the law said this increased earned income tax credit will help some 400,000 low-income working individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet and will result in many of them paying little or no state income tax. They noted the hike also begins to address the growing problem of income inequality in the Bay State.

2015 SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 3659) - Consumers will be able to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16, without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax. Gov. Baker signed the measure into law last week.

Supporters of the law said the holiday would boost retail sales and noted that consumers last year saved more than \$24 million. They argued that increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by

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shoppers on those two days would help offset the state's sales tax revenue loss.

Opponents of the law said the state cannot afford the up to \$30 million estimated revenue loss and argued the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers typically buy the products even without the tax-free days.

A COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR ALL KIDS (H 1067) - The Higher Education Committee will hold a hearing on September 16 at 10:30 a.m. in Room A-2 of the Statehouse on a bill requiring the state to open a college savings account for each new baby born in Massachusetts. Families would be allowed to opt out of the program. The state would also be mandated to deposit \$250 in the account of each child and annually would match donations of up to \$250 made by the family of qualified children from low income families.

Supporters say that these savings accounts will encourage parents to plan for and contribute their own money to college savings plans. They point to a study that found that low- and middle-income students who had saved even a small amount of money for college were more than three times more likely to go to college than students with no savings.

FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (H 1070) - Also on the Higher Education Committee's agenda at the September 16 hearing is a bill to provide free tuition at community colleges for every Massachusetts resident.

Supporters say that this would vastly increase the number of Bay State kids who go to college. They noted that the state, not the community college itself, would be required to pay for the free education.

POSSIBLE 2016 BALLOT QUESTIONS - Sponsors of possible ballot questions for the November 2016 election faced their first deadline in the long process to get their proposed law or constitutional amendment on the ballot. Sponsors had until August 4 to submit the proposal and the signatures of ten citizens.

There were 35 initiative petitions for proposed laws or constitutional amendments filed with Attorney General Maura Healey's Office, including 26 proposed laws and nine proposed constitutional amendments. Healey will decide by September 2 if the proposals pass muster and meet constitutional requirements.

If a proposal for a law is certified by Healey, the next step is for supporters to gather 64,750 voter signatures by December 2, 2015. The proposal would then be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by May 3, 2016, proponents must gather another 10,792 signatures by July 6, 2016, in order for the question to appear on the 2016 ballot.

Proposals for laws filed last week include legalizing, licensing, regulating and taxing marijuana and allowing adults over 21 to grow it for their personal use and the use by others over 21; requiring companies to give female employees eight weeks of maternal leave, including two of those weeks with pay; prohibiting any state, local or government entities from working with any Jewish, Armenian or Ukrainian Holocaust Denial Groups; allowing the state to open up to 12 new Charter Schools annually and legalizing the use of fireworks.

Several proposals to amend the state's constitution were also filed. The procedure for getting proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot is different than the one for getting a proposed law on the ballot. Sponsors must still gather 64,750 voter signatures by December 2, 2015. The proposal then goes before the Legislature and goes on the 2018 ballot only if approved by 25 percent (50 members) of the 2015-2016 Legislature and the 2017-2018 Legislature.

One proposed constitutional amendment declares that corporations are not people and do not have the same rights as individuals and that money is not free speech and may be regulated. That amendment is in response to the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United vs. Federal Elections Commission, which allows corporations to donate an unlimited amount of money to Super PACs that are formed to support or oppose candidates. The PAC is not allowed to communicate directly with the candidate or his or her campaign.

Other proposed constitutional amendments would prohibit the public funding of abortions and impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current 5.15 percent tax, on earnings of more than \$1 million.

In the 2014 election, 33 proposals were submitted, with only four ultimately collecting sufficient signatures to make it to the ballot. Only two of those were approved by voters and are law today.

A complete list and summary of each of the petitions can be found online at www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/initiatives-and-other-ballot-questions/ current-petitions-filed.html

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Massachusetts has one of the largest income inequality problems in the country, and it's getting worse. Yet our highest-income residents, who have been the biggest winners in the economy, pay the smallest share of their income in state and local taxes." — Arthur MacEwan, professor of Economic Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts Boston, on the proposed constitutional amendment allowing a graduated income tax and imposing an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current 5.15 percent tax, on taxpayers earnings more than \$1 million.

"If the graduated income tax passes, it will virtually drive the most productive citizens out of Massachusetts. Once the takers have accomplished that, they will find ways to go after more revenue (higher taxes) from the vast middle class of taxpayers." — Chip Faulkner, Associate Director, Citizens for Limited Taxation, on the increased tax.

"I don't have a flat screen TV. The Baker family is thinking real hard about what'll happen the weekend of August 15 and 16 at our house." — Gov. Charlie Baker thinking about buying a flat screen television during the sales tax holiday on August 15 and 16.

"As Republicans in Congress and in state legislatures across this country work to roll back the voting rights of the elderly, the impoverished, people of color and others, we here at the Massachusetts Democratic Party are proud to say we are working to expand voting access." – Massachusetts Democratic Party Chair Tom McGee on the 50th anniversary of Democratic President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"From Republican U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke's strong defense of the Voting Rights Act in 1975, to Gov. Baker's unprecedented effort to expand two-party politics in urban areas in 2014, the Massachusetts GOP has a long history of working toward a more inclusive political system." — Kirsten Hughes, chair of the state Republican Party.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of August 3-7, the House met for a total of 43 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 45 minutes.

House 11:03 a.m. to 11:36 a.m.

Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Tues. August 4 No House session No Senate session Wed. August 5 No House session No Senate session

House 11:03 a.m. to 11:13 a.m Thurs. August 6 Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Fri. August 7 No House session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Cambridge Health Alliance raises \$100K

By Tom Bannister

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), an academic community health system that provides essential services to Cambridge, Somerville and Boston's metro-north communities, held its twelfth annual golf Invitational on Monday, August 3, at the Oakley Country Club in Watertown, Mass. The event raised \$100K to support CHA and its critical community health mission.

Proceeds from the CHA Invitational will benefit Patient Experience of Care initiatives at CHA's Cambridge, Somerville, and Whidden Hospitals. Funds raised this year will support CHA's new palliative care program. Palliative care is a specialized form of medical care specifically designed for people with serious illnesses that aims to improve the pa-

tient's quality of life by providing relief from the symptoms, pain and stress that are inevitably a byproduct of both the disease and the medical intervention.

Mon. August 3

Since its first golf tournament in 2004, CHA has raised nearly \$1 million to help fund significant projects, including upgrades to both their Maternity Suite and Whidden Hospital Emergency Department, strengthening their digital communications with their patients, and the purchase of much-needed new furniture for visiting families of their patients.

No Senate session

COMMENTARY

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Planning to preserve our history and heritage



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Change is inevitable, and it is necessary. As people return to the urban core seeking vibrant urban neighborhoods that are walkable, bikeable and accessible to transit, our community has set forth a vision in a comprehensive plan for how we can both grow as well as improve our city according to our shared community values. In that same vision, however, our community has made clear its commitment to preserving what we already love about Somerville: our diversity, character and culture. We want to manage that inevitable change. Part of that is the rich history of our city, from its significant role in the Revolutionary War when we were still part of Charlestown, to Somerville's status as a major industrial center for the region, to our emergence as an artists' enclave. And our community not only stated its commitment to historic preservation in SomerVision, but made firm on that commitment by overwhelmingly voting in favor of the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Now we are taking the next step by developing the City's first-ever Historic Preservation Plan.

This plan will guide investment in our community's historic resources by identifying the resources we have, determining their significance and laying out recommendations to preserve and protect our heritage. We're developing the plan with the community, too, by using our lauded Somerville by Design process that puts the formation of the plan into the hands of the community. Having already held two visioning sessions for the Historic Preservation Plan last month, we'll hold an open house at the Armory on Highland Avenue on Aug. 20 to unveil a first draft of the plan.

We need a formal plan developed with the community especially since the passage of the CPA, which created a new dedicated funding source for historic preservation, along with open space and affordable housing. You could see the demand this past year, when the Community Preservation Committee reviewed applications for CPA funding and makes recommendations to myself and the Board of Aldermen. In this first-ever round of CPA funding, there were over \$2.6 million in historic preservation funding requests—far exceeding the funds available. So, we need a plan in place that helps us identify our historic resources and plan for how to preserve them.

In the coming year, we'll already start to see the fruits of these commitments made by our community. The Community Preservation Committee ultimately recommended and the Board approved nearly \$1.7 million in funding for historic preservation projects. Some of those are large-scale projects, such as a renovation of the Prospect Hill Tower to coincide with a rehabilitation of the surrounding park. The City originally bought that land in 1902 and completed the tower in 1903, serving as a monument for one of the most critical strongholds during the Siege of Boston in the Revolutionary War, with the Citadel atop Prospect Hill serving as the American Army's main fortress, within cannon shot of the British troops on Bunker Hill in Charlestown.

Another large-scale project is the rehabilitation of the Mystic Water Works building on Alewife Brook Parkway. This was Somerville's first water supply, created in 1861 when Charlestown was granted the right to construct a dam at Mystic Lake and a reservoir to supply the city with water. The Somerville Housing Authority will now turn that historic building into affordable housing for seniors, preserving our past while building toward our future.

And sometimes a small project can be the start of something big. One of the projects awarded funding this past year was \$7,500 to contract a historic preservation consultant to prepare a National Register Nomination for the American Tube Works Complex outside Union Square. This company, founded in 1851, was the first in the United States to manufacture seamless tubes used

for boilers on trains, ships and in buildings. This designation would make the complex eligible for historic tax credits, and thus incentivize rehabilitation. It's not a large funding request compared to some of the others submitted, but it could spark a great revitalization of these beautiful industrial buildings that could harken back to Somerville's past while housing our community's future.

More than \$3.7 million in CPA funding is available this coming year for historic preservation, open space, outdoor recreation and affordable housing projects, and we are once again inviting residents, organizations and businesses to submit their project proposals to see if they are eligible for funding. But even if you don't have a historic preservation project to pitch, join the open house on Aug. 20 as we build our first-ever Historic Preservation Plan. You can also fill out our Historic Resources Survey online in just a few minutes to help shape the plan. Join in and help us stay true to the community's commitment to preserving our city's character and history.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor:

"I love listening to Jindal, because I swear if you didn't know who he is, you swear it was Gomer Pyle," the Democrat added. "We shouldn't lower ourselves to the lowest common denominator, and that's the brain of ... Bobby Jindal."

Interesting that the Somer-

ville Mayor immediately reflects bad on the LA Governor, by associating him with what he thinks to be Southern redneck ignoramuses, such as Gomer Pyle and Barney Fife. The words that come to mind on reflecting on the Andy Griffith Show, Gomer Pyle and Mayberry characters are the good natured human charac-

teristics reflected without the assumed superiority of a particular section of the country exemplified by Mr. Curtatone's statement. I'm not that crazy about Bobby Jindal for President either, but it is interesting that it appears to be politically ok for the Mayor to go off on Southern character types in showing disagreement with the

Gov on dealing with a policy issue. Disagreement without name-calling, particularly with a certain regional, cultural twist, would appear to be the mark of good politician who had a few of the characteristics of human kindness shown by the Mayberry folks.

Suggest Mr. Curtatone go down to Mayberry, or its coun-

terparts, for a spell, sit on a bench, or in a coffee shop and visit with the folks there awhile. He might even pick up on some good manners and courtesy in the process. http://www.barneyfife.com/

Best Regards -Rex Carey Midlothian, TX

Somerville housing boards need new members CONT. FROM PG 5

by the Board of Aldermen for three-year terms, which must include two homeowners, two tenants, and one elderly, handicapped or low or moderate income resident. Board members receive a stipend. The Board generally meets the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

There are currently two vacancies on the Board: one homeowner representative and one tenant representative. Board members must live in Somerville.

Candidates for either board must submit a written statement

of interest and resume:

- + For the Fair Housing Commission, statements and resumes should be sent to vwairi@somervillema.gov.
- + For the Condominium Review Board, statements and resumes should be sent to rkoty@somervillema.gov.

• For either board, applicants can also drop off or mail their statements and resumes to City of Somerville Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145.

Submissions are due by Aug. 31. For more information about the Fair Housing Commission,

contact Vicki Wairi, Housing Program Specialist, at vwairi@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 extension 2588. For more information about the Condominium Review Board, contact Russell Koty at rkoty@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 extension 2568.

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COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Hey, isn't the tax holiday good for local business?



The annual two-day sales tax holiday was once again approved by the State Senate last week, in spite of opposition by a group of dissenting legislators who feel that the measure actually does more harm than good. Among them were our own Rep. Christine Barber, Rep. Denise Provost and Senator Patricia Jehlen.

Critics of the program believe that claims of an overall boost to the economy

statewide are mostly exaggerated. They say that shoppers tend to wait for the "holiday" in order to bypass paying the sales tax, which actually lowers revenues over the long term.

Citing that in 2014 alone approximately \$25M in revenue was lost due to the holiday, its opponents argue that these monies could be used for important programs that are in need of additional funding.

In a report issued by these opponents last week, it was noted that the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's evaluations of the tax holidays consistently show that they are a bad investment. That the apparent benefits to the economy are merely a result of consumers shifting the date they purchase items, rather than representing an actual increase in total sales.

These arguments are moot at this point,

as far as this year's sales tax holiday is concerned. This will be the 11th year of the program and, in spite of the criticism, most seem to still be in favor of it.

As the revenues lost in the process look to be a drop in the bucket compared to the massive overall budget the state works with, perhaps it's not such a bad thing to offer just this one bit of respite to the consumer, who really seems to appreciate it.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Director of the Historic Preservation Committee of the City of Somerville. Also, happy birthday to Robert DeVasto, well known around the city for many years as one of the best mortgage brokers from Wells Fargo. Also, happy birthday to Carol Fontana, also well known here in the city as a realtor with Remax Andrew. We wish her the very best of birthdays this week. Joan Sullivan of Berkeley St. celebrates her 75th birthday today. We wish her many more. If you see her say "Hi" and wish her the best. Big time happy birthday to a great guy, Sal Ferro who's well known and well liked in these parts. A nice guy with a great family and, of course, his wife Claudia is a great photographer. We wish Sal the very best on his birthday coming up this weekend.

There's a new web site in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. *The Somerville Times* is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com.

The Rotary Club of Somerville is inviting the community to join in for an evening of baseball and friendship on Thursday, August 20. The \$50 price includes a buffet dinner at Pizzeria

Uno's in Kenmore Square and a ticket to see the Red Sox take on the Royals. The evening is open to everyone and provides a good opportunity to be with local Rotarians and others from the 47 communities of the local Rotary District. To register, contact Kevin Bacon at the Porter Square Star Market, (617) 492-5566 or email Kevin at kevin.bacon@starmarket.com. They hope you will join in.

On the political front, we heard that one of the candidates for Ward 6 Alderman had her name removed from the Cambridge voting list recently. Guess she made up her mind where she wanted to be politically active.

Alderman McWatters was out and about this past Sunday all over the Highland Avenue at the SomerStreets event, which was a success from what we saw.

Question: can city employees while on the clock for the city, especially while on overtime, take pictures for a so-called newspaper on city time? We wonder if they get compensated, and if so is that a conflict of interest?

Candidate Charles Chisholm has been seen at Dunkin' Donuts lately. His diet of working the streets for votes is apparently working. We see him everywhere, all over.

Newcomer and candidate for School Committee in Ward 4, Jamie O'Leary, is also working hard. We ran into her campaigning this past weekend and we like her candidacy, hard working. She has a background as a teacher here in the city. You can read about Jamie O'Leary for Ward 4 school committee on her website so when she gets to your door you'll know a little about this very smart and committed lady running for office. Go to http://jamiesue.wix.com/joward4.

Walking Dialogues with Police, Youth, and Community — coming up next Wednesday the 19th at 6:00 p.m. this is the last one for the summer and will begin at Grimmons Park in the Ten Hills. It's a great idea, so when you see the kids and police walking the neighborhood make sure you stop and answer the survey. Last time Alderman Bob McWatters was the only one of the aldermen who showed up. Let's see if an alderman shows up for this one.

The Mayor's 35 Annual Elderly Picnic was a huge success, but we see that the same alderman didn't show up or donate as usual. This year, Maryann Heuston, Bob McWatters, Bill White and Dennis Sullivan were the only four aldermen to show up and to donate. Wonder why? We know for a fact that Heuston, McWatters, White and Sullivan work full time, so that can't be an issue. But Matt McLaughlin of Ward 1 wasn't there, Tony Lafuente of Ward 4 wasn't there and Ward 5's Mark Niedergang wasn't there. One person we always like to see is our Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan, who is a Somerville lady. It's always nice to see her.

Don't forget the mayor's fundraiser over at the Winter Hill Yacht Club on the 19th, sponsored by the same person who called the mayor delusional few weeks ago. Our sources will be present to see who attends. Winter Hill Yacht Club, August 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Again, how interesting the same person who is hosting it called the mayor delusional and again complained to City Hall about closing down his family property that lines McGrath/Medford Streets. (Oh, that's right, he didn't

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Mayor's Senior Picnic

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone host the 35th annual Mayor's Senior Picnic last Wednesday. It's a wonderful day of dancing, music, entertainment and prizes, all taking place in beautiful weather.































Photos by Claudia Ferro





SPORTS

Somerville little leaguers take a swing at cancer

Team playing in Jimmy Fund Little League

By Rebecca Danvers

Children in Somerville are among the thousands of boys and girls, ages 8-14, participating in Jimmy Fund Little League presented by Extra Innings and Franklin Sports to help support adult and pediatric cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Institute is asking for the public's support of Somerville 11 by generously helping them take a swing at cancer.

Jimmy Fund Little League, now in its 29th year, provides little leaguers of New England with the chance to continue to play baseball or softball after the conclusion of their regular season by participating in local

tournaments and fundraising efforts. These youngsters are given the opportunity to hone their athletic skills, build self-confidence, and, most importantly help others by fundraising in their local community.

"Youth baseball and softball players from New England are encouraged to participate in Jimmy Fund Little League," said 2015 Jimmy Fund Co-Captain and Red Sox third baseman Brock Holt. "These young athletes will learn about the importance of raising money for cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute while playing the game they love," added Jimmy Fund Co-Captain and Red Sox third baseman Pablo



Somerville kids are stepping up to participate in Jimmy Fund Little League to help battle cancer.

Ms. Cam's 110 cellaneous #187

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What pet did Florence Nightingale carry around
- 2. What objects were shaped like the lips of the Rolling Stones logo at a museum dedicated to them in Germany?

with her in her pocket?

- 3. The rice dish "paella" comes from what coun-
- 4. Pure water has a pH level of around what number?
- 5. In what year were first and second class stamps introduced in Britain?

6. Which category of

Nobel Prize was first awarded in 1969?

- 7. What does a hotwalker
- 8. Can frogs live in salt water?
- 9. A single piece of coiled DNA is known as what?
- 10. To a competitive swimmer, what does the abbreviation d.p.s. mean?
- 11. Octopus blood is what color?
- 12. What was the allies' password on D-Day?

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Sandoval.

The top fundraising team from each district will receive tickets to the Saturday, Sept. 26 Boston Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles game at Fenway Park. Prizes for other top fundraising teams and individuals include

on-field opportunities at a Red Sox game, tickets to the Lowell Spinners, North Shore Navigators, and Brockton Rox, batting cage sessions, private lessons, autographed Red Sox gear, and various prize packages from Extra Innings.

Last summer, more than 5,000 children throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire participated in Jimmy Fund Little League and raised more than \$250,000. To support Somerville 11, visit jimmyfundlittleleague.org.

Night of Mics



Calling all talented teens and young adults: Somerville Public Library (MA)and The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc. have teamed up to host a series of open mics at the library. The first one is Wed., Aug. 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come sing, dance, play an instrument, perform a poem, or crack some jokes - this is a judgement free zone! Night of the Mics will be held in the Central Library, 79 Highland Ave.

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Innovative rain garden project this weekend

By Tom Bannister

The Massachusetts Workforce Alliance, Groundwork Somerville, the City of Somerville, and Land Escapes Design will install two rain gardens on the campus of Somerville's Mystic River Housing Development on Saturday, August 15 at Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Temple Street entrance. Training is 9:00-10:00 a.m., with hands-on installation at 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The project will demonstrate the job, business and industry creation potential in green infrastructure techniques of storm water management. Volunteers will be trained in installation techniques, build the structure and learn about jobs in the industry.

Rain gardens are a sustainable gloves, a hat and sunscreen. approach to landscaping that is growing in popularity and is especially recommended for city landscapes. The demand for jobs implementing such sustainable practices is on the rise.

Rain gardens catch rainwater and filter it as it soaks into the ground, watering plants and cleaning our local rivers and streams. Rain gardens are just one of the green infrastructure practices used by communities to help reduce flooding and improve resiliency to climate change.

Work will include raking, grading and planting the rain garden. Coffee and light snacks will be provided to people that attend the training. Tools and materials will be provided. Please wear boots and bring

This project is funded by a Healthy Communities grant from the EPA and is focused on developing job skills and promoting awareness about the work of storm water management within the city of Somerville.

Contact: MWA Executive Director, Deborah Mutschler at 617-780-1770 for more information.

To register for the event please visit the Groundwork Somerville website: www.groundworksomerville.org or the Groundwork Somerville Facebook page.

Partners: Massachusetts Workforce Alliance, Groundwork Somerville, Land Escapes Design, Inc., City of Somerville, Somerville Housing Authority, Environmental Protection Agen-



Somerville kids enjoy harbor program







Over 80 kids from multiple different groups in Somerville visited the Boston Harbor Islands National Park in July as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor program. Somerville groups that took part included Groundwork Somerville, Mystic Learning Center and Somerville YMCA. More than 5,000 youth and teens have taken part in the free program so far this summer, which brings area youth groups to Spectacle, Peddocks, and Georges Island for a fun filled day of environmental exploration and healthy outdoor activities, including fishing, crabbing, swimming and art on the shore. Pictured here: kids from Groundwork Somerville (top); kids from Mystic Learning Center in Somerville (middle); and kids from Somerville YMCA.

Ignite! A global street food and fire festival CONT. FROM PG 6

Beyond food, there will be roving performers, including belly dancers, Butoh cheerleaders and musicians. Get ready for a salsa performance by Noche Latina Dance School and don't miss the main event: a fire throwing spectacular by the Boston Circus Guild. All evening long, visit the Uniun (next to backbar) where there will be a DJ and activities for all

ages. The festival will be illuminated in high style by Todd Sargent. From the global menu and fire to an 8-foot tiger head created by Pecan Nut, this festival guarantees thrills, international flavor and a full stomach!

This event is free and open to the public. Rain date: Sunday, August 16 from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

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The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays:

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 16-16

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Otis Playground Renovation

An Invitation for Bids (IFB), including all specifications, may be obtained online:

http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids

or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after August 14, 2015.

Sealed bids will be received until Friday, September 4, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3400, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information, and bid packages.

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

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NOTICE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The Somerville Housing Authority is inviting proposals from registered Engineering Firms to provide professional engineering services for SHA Job No. 1518, Elevator Modernization. At Weston Manor (AMP-2) in Somerville, Massachusetts. This is a fully occupied, federally assisted development containing 80 elderly apartments in an eight-story high-rise concrete panel exterior building. The total construction budget is \$200,000.00

A/E fee negotiated not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Application materials can be obtained from the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. There is no charge for the application materials, however request to mail by calling (617) 625-1152 must be accompanied by a \$10.00 non-refundable check made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority. The successful designer is required to provide suitable evidence of professional liability insurance in the amount of at least \$1 million. Award is subject to HUD guidelines.

A site visit will be held on Wednesday August 19, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. For more information, contact Gabriel Ciccariello, Modernization Departments Project Manager, at (617) 625-1152 ext. 330. Interested professionals should submit proposals no later than 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI15P3760EA Estate of: Middle Name First Name Also Known As: Phillip F. Vaccaro Date of Death: April 1, 2015 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Elaine M. Stiehl of Somerville MA
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
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has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the

[] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday**, **August 19**, **2015** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

1119-1133 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2013-73-E1-7/2015) Applicant and Owner, Shree Ganesh Realty Trust, Laxmi Pradhan, Trustee, seeks a time extension SZO §5.3.10 & mgl ch 40a for Variances (§5.5) for lot area per dwelling unit (§8.5.B), floor area ratio (§8.5.E), and number of parking spaces (§9.5). This is part of a previous Special Permit with Site Plan Review to add 8 new units and a build an additional floor to the structure. BB zone. Ward 1.

74 Morrison Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-42) Applicant & Owner, Buster Bronze LLC, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming three-family structure to add a third floor to the rear porch, add a door to access the porch and add a dormer to the nonconforming side yard. RA zone. Ward 6.

40 Evergreen Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-45) Applicant & Owner, Burgundy Realty, Vincent Lee, Manager, seek a Special Permit to alter a non-conforming two-family structure by adding a second story to the front porch, a window well, and new windows and doors under SZO §4.4.1 and a Special Permit to not provide a parking space §9.13. RA zone.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

As published in The Somerville Times on 8/5/15 & 8/12/15.

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday August 17, 2015** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Muse Paintbar, LLC d/b/a Muse Paintbar, for an Wine & Malt Only Restaurant License, a Common Victualler License and an Entertainment License by Devices at 461 Artisan Way, Somerville, MA

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Executive Secretary

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A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, August 20, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

444 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2015-10) Applicant, Greentown Labs, Inc., and Owner, Krisco Realty, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to establish a manufacturing use including research and development under SZO § 7.11.14.D.c, a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure to add additional floors and windows and doors under §4.4.1. Zones IA & AOD. Ward 2.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids from contractors for the SHA Job No. 1519. (200-2) Mystic River Apartments, Road Resurfacing & Repairs and all other incidental work necessary to complete the project.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 sec.39M and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §826 to 27H inclusive.

Sealed bids must be received no later than <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 27</u>, <u>2015</u> <u>at 2:00 P.M.</u> and may be hand delivered or mailed to the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department located at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and should be received no later than the date and time specified above.

The Project site will be available for inspection on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at: Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Gabriel Ciccariello At (617) 625-1152 Ext. 330.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS S.H. A. Job No. P- VEH-082015

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids from Vendors to supply and deliver two vehicles to our Somerville, Massachusetts location/s, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department Job No. P-VEH-082015

Description of Work:

Supply and deliver two new vehicles. Deliver to Somerville, MA address.

Sealed Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M., on August 26, 2015 and opened forthwith.

If mailed, send to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, Attention Anthony Crespo, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 no later than the time specified.

Bid Forms and Specification will be available for pick-up at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville 02152 after 10:00 A.M., on August 12, 2015

All inquiries regarding this bid shall be directed to the Purchasing Department (617) 625-1152 Extension 336 or by email to Tonyc@sha-web.org.

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Wednesday August 12

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Sing Along with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.| 40 College

Thursday August 13

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

Central Library

Lego Club

Cathy Piantigini

617-623-5000 x2950

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 79 Highland

East Branch Library

Origami Workshop with Gustavo Garcia Barragan

Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.| 115 Broadway

Monday August 17

Central Library

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

Tuesday August 18

Central Library

Kidstock! The Lying King! Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000,

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

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Book Club for Kids Ages 6-9 Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950 4 p.m.-5 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday | August 19

East Branch Library

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

West Branch Library

Sing Along with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.| 40 College Avenue

Central Library

Summer Reading Program Awards Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000,

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

Central Library

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

MUSIC ARTS

Wednesday | August 12

Johnny D's

Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room

Exile on Elm

Back Room

Molloy/Carty/McGlynn: Two Shows |7:30 p.m.

Comedy @ 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

The Heavy Years 8 p.m. From Bears Palm Spring Life **Layers And Frames**

345 Somerville Ave

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

Arts at the Armory

A Summer Improvisational Voyage: Journey in Sounds 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday August 13

Johnny D's

Love Love + Kris Rodgers & Autumn Hollow

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Road Side Dolls and friends|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.

Back Room Scattershot

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Derek of OC45|8 p.m. Dreadnought

Crooked Horse

Spitshiner 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Dub Down Reggae

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Davis Square Theatre

Shit-Faced Shakespeare 7 p.m.

255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Prateek Poddar - Mary Henriquez -Iulio Sharp 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday | August 14

Johnny D's

Ghost Town Blues Band FROM MEM-PHIS! (Funk / Rock / Blues) We Dig Free Fridays Presents: SIRSY plus LIVE NUDE GIRLS 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Jeremy Lyons Trio |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents presents presents Atlas Lab, The Breaks, The Versa Contrast \$10 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

P.A.'s Lounge

Drew Zieff|8 p.m. Jumpcuts **NARK**

Christie Prince

Fort Vine

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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10 p.m.|65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Bull McCabe's**

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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

Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory

Feminist Fiber Art Exhibit 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre The Grownup Noise

8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Saturday August 15

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch

Boston Blues Society presents Blues in Schools

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

One Thin Dime rare early show! |6

Meghan Chiampa hosts JoJo's Fake Welcome Home Party! With Ryan Alvanos, Kristen Schaer, Mark

Phinney, Jojo Lazar, more! \$5 cover 9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Back Room

Scattershots 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Cam Cotham|8 p.m.

The Other Stars

Dippin' Sauce **Dead Tenors**

345 Somerville Ave Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke

65 Holland St

On the Hill Tavern Live DI Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DJ El Sid!

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

10 a.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Arts at the Armory Rick, Dave, & Friends

Sunday August 16

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew **Smart Band**

17 Holland St. 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Amber Casares Sunday Finale! | 8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

The Burren

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

Burren Acoustic Music Series

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Dub Apocalypse

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & **Bluegrass**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Live Band & DI

Andy Newton

Davis Square Theatre Sounds Like Summer

Iohnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

Conquerors 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Science by the Pint

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

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

Stump! Team Trivia

Bull McCabe's Pub

Johnny D's Muscle Shoals Revue feat. Amy Black

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Back Room Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m.

Jazz|8:30 p.m.

On The Hill Tavern Stump Trivia (with prizes)

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Highland Kitchen

The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Avel617-440-6045

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling

Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

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

PJ Ryan's

Egoart.

Pub Quiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Arts at the Armory

First and Last Word Poetry Series 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday August 19

Johnny D's

Alex Meixner Band plus Britt Connors & The Bourbon Renewal 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

Front Room Exile on Elm

Back Room Comedy @ 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Secret of Sound|8 p.m. Salient Point

The Out of Towners

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway 617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

strumentalist

9910 Arts at the Armory

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Central Library Night of the Mics Stephanie Santiago -617-625-6600

ext.225

Thursday August 13

Central Library Affordable Homeownership Opportunity: Fair Housing Commission Vicki Wairi-617.625.6600 x 2588

(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

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

Bagel Bards

weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Holland St

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Family Groups

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Front Room

and Dan Keller|7 p.m.

Bull McCabe's Pub

Sunday Night Live Music

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Samba Bar & Grille

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

1 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

5 p.m.|255 Elm St Monday August 17

17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Marley Mondays with The Duppy

The Burren Front Room

Back Room

Americana Mondays

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Tuesday August 18

& Sarah Borges 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

P.A.'s Lounge

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Samba Bar & Grille

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

40 College Avenue

West Branch Library

For more info call: 781-762-6629 Saturday August 15

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Diamond Edge 345 Somerville Ave

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Wednesday August 12

5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

Learn English at the Library!

HAPPENINGS: CENTER $N \mid O$

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

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

The Farmers Market is back – Running through Friday, October 30th. The Mobile Farmers Market will be at the Holland Street Center every Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market sells fresh, local and reasonably priced produce. Anyone using SNAP or WIC receives a 50% discount. Cash, credit, debt & farmers market coupons accepted.

Summer Fun Fridays – Museum and Cultural outings on the following Fridays –August 14th – John F. Kennedy Library and Museum / August 28th – The Griffin Museum of Photography. All trips depart from our Holland Street Center at 9:00 A.M. Trip prices will vary depending upon mode of transportation. Lunch is always on your own and at your own expense. Space is extremely limited so please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Revere Beach – Monday, August 17 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 9:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 9:45 A.M. – Join us for the day as we take a little walk along the beach or just sit back and relax, enjoying the ocean. A \$5.- fee will cover transportation. Lunch is on your own. Approximate return time of 2:00 P.M. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you should have any questions.

Lowell Spinners – Wednesday, August 26 – departing our Holland Street Center at 3:30 P.M. with an approximate return time of 10:00 P.M. A fee of \$30.- includes transportation, seating at the Lowell Spinners game and an all you can eat BBQ. Game time is 7:05 P.M. Please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home (Again).... -Monday, August 24 starting at 9:30 A.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. This is the 3rd in the series of our Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series. Lecture will be give by urban planner and lecturer at MIT Ezra Green. Examines housing in the U.S. in the 1940s, in a period right after WWII. Come find out what he has learned and how post-war decisions have shaped policy-making since then. A nominal fee of \$20 will include five, one-hour long lectures. Or, if you prefer to take in a variety of different subjects, each lecture we present cost \$5. For details and information, please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Afternoon At The Movies – Tuesday, August 25 – 12:30 P.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. "Woman in Gold" starring Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds and Katie Holmes. This movie runs 1 hour and 49 minutes and is rated PG-13. Please call Josephine at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to RSVP. Free / no charges.

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival – Sunday, September 13 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 6:00 P.M. A fee of \$13. includes transportation only – Lunch, shopping and a \$5. admission fee is on your own. There is a lot of walking, eating and shopping so put on your best walking shoes, bring your appetite and remember your sunscreen. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for info.

Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto – Thursday, September 17th – Saturday, September 19th - \$479.-/DO \$629.-/SO ... Come join us as we take in a Red Sox game and see the beauty of Niagara Falls as well as Cooperstown. 3 days / 2 nights include roundtrip deluxe motorcoach – 2 nights at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel - 2 full American Breakfasts - Niagara Falls, Niagara on the Falls Vineyard Tours & Tasting, Red Sox vs. Blue Jays baseball game seating - The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, baggage & room tax. Check-in time is 6:30 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center on Thursday, September 17th with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 19th. PASSPORT REQUIRED and upon registration a copy is requested - Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to - or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller"

Please note our Cross Street Center is now open Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and the events are listed in the "UPCOMING SCHEDULE."

Please note all Centers will be closed Tuesday, August 18th.

The Fun Friday trip to the JFK Museum for August 14th is BOOKED SOLID.

The trip to the Lowell Spinners scheduled on August 26th is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Hart's Turkey Farm, "Turkey Train" scheduled for October 8th is SOLD OUT.

The trip to New York City scheduled for November 7th & 8th is SOLD OUT.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Advisory Group - Monday, September 14 - 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, September 14 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. A choice between hot and cold lunch provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder Services. As soon as the lunch options become available they will be posted. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Monthly "Movies To Come Out To" - Monday, August 17 – 5:30 P.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. Showing "Were The World Mine" and dinner will be vegetable lasagna & salad dinner. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. Become more active – make new friends – boost your brain power – feel healthier. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A 9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B

11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday | August 12

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RI)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ) 12:00 Lunch (C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Drop in Stress Reduction (C) – Mandalas

Thursday August 13

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:00 Current Events (H)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ) 12:00 Fit-4-Life (C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

1:00 Lunch (C)

1:30 English Conversation (C)

4:00 Community Mural Painting on Cross Street East (C) Intergenerational Day at Cross Street

Programming with Teen Empowerment

Friday | August 14

10:30 Farmers Market (H) 11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday August 17

8:30 Fit-4-Life Walking/Talking Group (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 12:00 Individual Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 5:30 LGBT Dinner & Movie Night (H) Revere Beach

Tuesday | August 18

ALL CENTERS CLOSED FOR TRAINING 6:00 Caregivers Support Group (H)

Wednesday August 19

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 6:00 Bingo (H)

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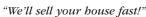
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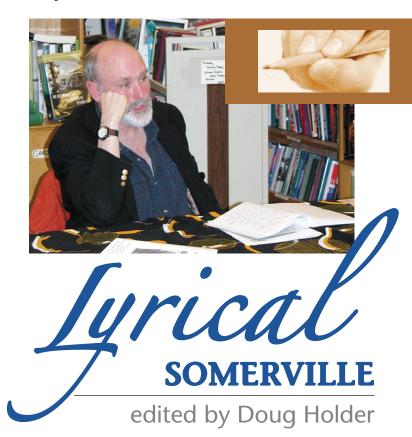
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Our poet this week is Mary Schroth. She sent us her bio statement: "Mary Schroth is a 19-year old college sophomore at Worcester State University. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in English due to her love of the written word. She is passionate about literature, writing, and hu-



manitarian efforts such as women's rights, hunger awareness, and the LGBTQ community. Her poetic style is generally lyrical in nature, and she prefers to write about abstract concepts that have a visceral, introspective origin. Schroth is fascinated by the concept of human emotions and relations, which is a common theme that she likes to explore in her poetry."

Writing What's Been Written

I fear that all I feel

is unoriginal.

I wonder if there could possibly be something left unsaid by creation's vast history of clever minds and strikingly eloquent souls. I'm unsure that I know anything at all about living. But look at me, still breathing, still alive. I know not why I am here, and a faithful intuition does not ease the pain of wondering. But though I may often seem inferior, and despite my probable unworthiness, I am royalty. A queen, lavished within her own kingdom of self. I have not lived these other lives and therefore I belong to no one, seek to impress not a soul but my own. Never will I deny that it has all been done before, but I rest easily.

My life is a virgin, naive to the cosmos. I am meaningless, but I mean everything.

safe in my palace with a rooftop of stars.

I live within relativity,

— Mary Schroth

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Somerville Writer Sarah Ignatius:

Remembering the Armenian Genocide

Somerville's Sarah Ignatius met me on a warm spring morning, at my unofficial office in the backroom of the Bloc 11 Café in Union Square. Ignatius is the Executive Director of the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project in Boston, and also a Somerville Arts Council Grant Fellow, who presented a talk and visual presentation at the Somerville Public Library entitled Remembering 1915: The 100-Year Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. She is also the author of a young adult novel (not yet published) The Devil's Kaleidoscope. The novel concerns a 14-year-old Armenian boy caught up in the genocide.

Ignatius has lived in a carriage house in the Union Square section of Somerville since 1992. She was born in Boston, but has lived in many other places. She told me, "I love Somerville, the community events, the special dynamic that the city offers. Some of the homes here are so beautiful, and I love the public spaces."

Ignatius, in her role of the Executive Director of the Immigration Representation Project, helps immigrants from Africa, the Middle East, and elsewhere to achieve asylum in this country. She claims she has a 90% success rate. Prominent law firms like Ropes & Gray and others send their young lawyers to train at the project, and in turn they provide valuable services for asylum-seekers.

The Armenian Genocide, Ignatius' focus as of late, occurred in 1915 when 1.5 million Armenians were slaughtered by the Turks. Ignatius told me that she was delighted with the Pope's decision to call the Armenian Holocaust a "genocide," a word that has been quite controversial as of late. Ignatius' presentation at the Somerville Public Library consisted of a PowerPoint presentation,

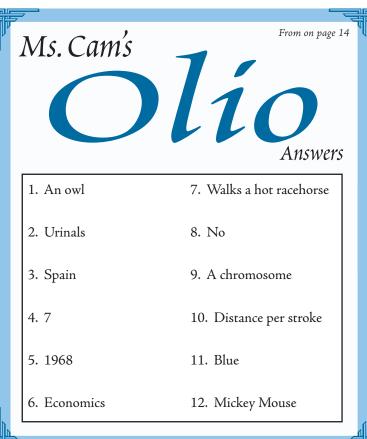


along with a slideshow, which is meant for the Armenian and non-Armenian.

Ignatius' young adult novel, The Devil's Kaleidoscope, has as a 14-year-old boy as the protagonist, who is caught up in the genocide. According to Ignatius, "The book does not focus on violence, and is geared to promote peace in a world that is often filled with blood lust." Ignatius said she had a great deal of help with her book from teachers at Grub Street in Boston. And indeed, Ignatius has another novel in the works that concerns two girls, 18 years old, Berkeley, the 70s—well you get the picture.

Ignatius wished me a quick goodbye, because like most of us in the Paris of New England, we always have a lot to do, people to meet, and many miles to go before we sleep.

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