



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 1998

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
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WHEREAS: This film was written by Cambridge writer and teacher Maureen Foley; and

WHEREAS: Maureen Foley directed and edited the film; and

WHEREAS: This film was shown at the Nantucket Film Festival and won the grand jury prize at the Hamptons International Film Festival in October; and

WHEREAS: "Home Before Dark" will have a screening in July in New York and will be shown at the West Newton Cinema on Friday, May 29th for a limited engagement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its congratulations to Maureen Foley for her film "Home Before Dark;" and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Maureen Foley on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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First season of TV ratings leaves murky picture

And Armstrong would feel this call-
made its mark in 1994 with its "Doo-
The Bay area-based Green Day
in repetition," sang Armstrong,
"content in the same old shick
again/ Now the routine's turning to
contention/ Like a production line
cool, but I don't really want to look
back on anything right now. Remi-
niscing is cool and stuff, but it is
kind of like dying. I just like to write
my stupid songs and keep going."

"INTIMATE
AND
HEARTFELT,"
US MAGAZINE
Josh Rottenberg

'Home Before Dark' illuminates writer's past

Cambridge writer and teacher **Maureen Foley**'s semi-autobiographical film "Home Before Dark" could be called "Girl, Interrupted."

Set in western Massachusetts, the film tells the story of Nora James, an 11-year-old walking the tight rope between a child's world and that strange sphere of makeup, tampons, and anxiety about boys. Her depressed mother attempts suicide and is committed to a psychiatric hospital, throwing her fragile family's life into flux.

Foley wrote the coming-of-age tale to help herself develop as a writer. She "had every intention of handing the script off to someone else" to produce and direct. But friends in the writing and film businesses convinced her it ought to be an made independently. She decided to direct and edit it herself.

The making of Foley's family drama was a family affair. Working with Boston-

based Scout Productions, she and her "business wiz" husband **Robert Laubacher**, a research associate at MIT's Sloan School of Management, raised funds for the project. "We don't know anyone with money, so there were a lot of \$1,000 investments," she says with a laugh.

The film was locally made. **Stephanie Castellarin**, who plays Nora, is from Stoughton, and most of the actors and production crew live in the Boston area. Scenes were shot in Newton and at the Stony Brook Reservation and elsewhere around Boston.

"Home Before Dark" was well received at last summer's Nantucket Film Festival, and won the grand jury prize at the Hamp-ton International Film Festival in October. It opens at the West Newton Cinema for a limited engagement tomorrow, and is to have a New York screening in July.

BC president announces Moakley award

At a reception at Boston College yesterday honoring US Representative **Joseph Moakley** for his work in El Salvador, president **William P. Leahy** announced the establishment of a Congressman John Joseph Moakley Award to be given to a student contributing to international peace.

Local scholar gets Radcliffe's top honor

Radcliffe College awarded its highest undergraduate honor yesterday to **Rebecca C. Kiley**, a Jamaica Plain resident, who spent a year between high school and college working with Boston's City Year program, and who was in Washington last summer as a Judiciary Committee intern in Senator **Ted Kennedy**'s office. Kiley, who's graduating with highest honors in Afro-American Studies and Phi Beta Kappa, was lauded yesterday at Radcliffe's Strawberry Tea for graduating senior women.

► Material from wire services and other sources was used in this column. Names of people can be reached by e-mail at names@globe.com.



PHOTO / CONDEE N. RUSSO

y (left) directs Stephanie Castellarin in "Home Before Dark."



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Consent Order #54

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