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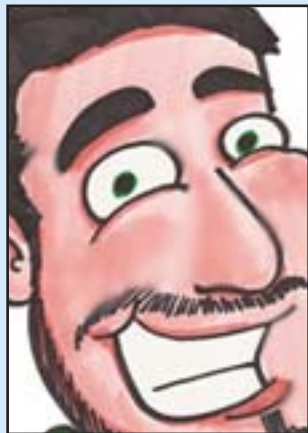
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Reclaiming humanity for immigrants



Photo by Harry Kane

Laura Gonzalez has struggled with the negative connotations of being labeled "illegal" for many years, even though she has actively sought US citizenship at every possible opportunity.

By Harry Kane

Undocumented immigrants have an upward battle when it comes to becoming citizens, but on April 2 the youth advocates from a local organization for immigrant rights chalked up a victory.

In a unanimous vote among school committee members the use of the term "illegal" was deemed not appropriate to describe undocumented immigrants.

"It's one of those things that you're always constantly hearing when you're growing up and it has a negative connotation," said youth organizer for Centro Presente, Laura Gonzalez, 23, who moved to Cambridge when she was six-years-old from Colombia.

"Until you actually begin to understand what that is, a lot of the times you begin to internalize those feelings."

Gonzalez grew up in a family of undocumented immigrants. To this day, she is still vying for US citizenship.

"I can relate to a lot of the youth that come here."

For thirty-years Centro Presente has worked with the Latino community advocating for social justice.

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Looking down from the sky

By Amanda Rhodes

If you were in Davis Square on Saturday, you might have noticed a big, red balloon hovering high in the sky. You might not have noticed the camera attached to it. The camera and the balloon were part of a grassroots mapping event hosted by the Public Laboratory for Open Technology and Science (PLOTS) and Parts and Crafts.

The idea is to put mapping in the hands of ordinary people, both kids and adults, who then have information and power to understand, re-frame, and possibly re-imagine the neighborhood or site being mapped. By attaching a point-and-shoot camera that is operating in continuous mode, one is able to take aerial photos by using a helium-filled balloon or kite to lift the camera high in the sky. Mapping by aerial photo is best done during this time of year, before the leaves are back on the trees and the sidewalks and open spaces become obscured.

Saturday was windy enough that two kites were able to be launched, but everyone was eager to see the 5 ft. wide balloon

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Photo by Amanda Rhodes

Up, up and away. Aerial photography is now in the hands of the masses thanks to the efforts of groups like PLOTS and Parts and Crafts.

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NEWTALK

The Business Town meeting VII with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, at the Somerville Theatre is today, Wednesday, April 11. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the event starts at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor will give his annual address to the business community here and then there will be a round of Q&A.

Don't forget the annual Somerville Lions Charity Breakfast is this coming Sunday, April 15, down at the clubhouse on New Washington Street, directly behind Holiday Inn. Starting at 7:30 a.m. and running until 12:30 p.m., donation is \$8 each or 2-\$15. Proceeds to benefit Lions Club charities. It's a great time and they are looking to make this a huge success again this year.

This coming Monday is Patriots Day here in Massachusetts. In particular here in Somerville we will be having the annual "Patriots' Day Ceremonies" down at Foss Park. This year marks the 237th anniversary of the historic ride of Paul Revere on horseback, who will stop at the park to bring greetings from Boston. The event will start at 10 a.m. Mayor Joe Curtatone and Ward 1 Alderman Bill Roche will be there along with other city officials to welcome the crowd. Games, songs, light refreshments, youth readings, and, of course, the welcoming of Paul Revere.

1912 has global and local significance: The Titanic sank and Fenway Park opened up. In December on the 23rd we will see if there is a December 24th - if the Mayan Calendar was correct or incorrect. But, in the meantime, Somerville's Winter Hill Yacht Club is also making history this year celebrating its 100th year as well with some special events over the next several months.

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Saturday morning shooting in Somerville*

Somerville Home Owner says:

These problem houses are not being dealt with seriously. This house has been a known problem for 9 years? Call me crazy, but it seems with better policing and enforcement, it could have been different. It took 9 years to result in a driveby shooting. "If there's not policies in place to deal with nuisance properties, then we need our alderman to put policies in place to prevent violence and drug trafficking.

Bartlett Street Resident says:

Readers should note that the 1st and 2nd floor tenants of 132 Central Street attended the community meeting and shared the community's outrage regarding the incident in their front yard. Although not explicitly stated the investigation appears to be focused on individuals associated with the 3rd floor tenant. As we express our outrage as a community, let's keep the residents on the 1st and 2nd floors in our thoughts...

L McMurry says:

Well we live in a big city we need to get rid of these gangs and put gang members in jail for longer periods

solarwind says:

Bartlett st. resident your dead wrong, despite the other tenants display concerns, the whole house is responsible for all the problems in the area. and has been for years. Like the commenter above 1993. the entire entourage needs to be eradicated.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.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 are in favor of prohibiting the use of Welfare (EBT) cards at tattoo parlors, gun stores, nail salons, bars, smoke shops and spas. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto The-SomervilleNews.com.

Are you in favor of prohibiting the use of Welfare (EBT) cards at tattoo parlors, gun stores, nail salons, bars, smoke shops and spas?



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Dramatic silo rescue

By Harry Kane

Firefighters rescued a man after he allegedly fell into a silo during the nightshift on Thursday, April 5.

Carlos Barbosa, 47, of Rehoboth found himself in a tight spot after trying to unclog a jam in a paper-filled silo at Universal Wilde in the Inner Belt section of Somerville.

Barbosa was in danger of losing his life in what escalated from a routine issue, to a near death situation.

He was trapped underneath paper scraps and was having trouble breathing, according to the Fire Department.

The Somerville Fire Department was able to speak with Barbosa via cell-phone. The worsening air quality conditions were reportedly making it difficult for Barbosa to breathe. Time was running out.

Barbosa, trapped like a rat, waited for approximately 45 minutes while firefighters worked vigilantly to free him from certain death.

Ladder 2 raised Barbosa to safety and paramedics rushed him to MGH. Barbosa was later



Photo by Bobbie Toner

Disaster was narrowly averted last week when firefighters rescued Carlos Barbosa from this paper silo at Universal Wilde.

released from the hospital.

"We are speaking with him on a daily basis," said Steve Duffy, director of human resources at Universal Wilde.

Barbosa is expected back at work soon, according to Duffy. But, Barbosa has been told to take "as much time as he needs."

Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at The Mount Vernon

By William Tauro

A packed function room full of Somerville Business community leaders was the scene at this month's Somerville Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" event last Thursday evening at the Mount Vernon Restaurant in Somerville.

Dan Kallis of "Arts at the Armory," also formerly of "Dapper Dan's," was the proud winner of this month's Chamber door prize.

The Chamber of Commerce holds this event at various restaurants and pubs within

Somerville on the first Thursday of each month. It's an excellent networking opportunity for businesses to interact and work with each other and with other businesses in the city.

Business Town Meeting VII with Mayor Joe Curtatone is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, at the Davis Square Theater.

For more information and upcoming events you can visit the Chamber's website at: www.somervillechamber.org or email them at: smackey@somervillechamber.org to jump onboard.



Photo by William Tauro

Somerville Chamber of Commerce President Stephan Mackey and Chamber member Ray Zongetti Vice Chair/Chairman of Dining and nightlife group.



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Friday 4/20: Larry Flint & The Road Scholars 6 p.m.
The Zone "Dark Side of the Moon" tribute \$5 cover 9 p.m.
Saturday 4/21: Josh Lederman & the CSARs 6 p.m.
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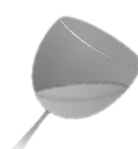
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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Kmart employee a little too sympathetic

Police were called to the Kmart store on Middlesex Ave. last Saturday to investigate a reported larceny.

Upon arrival, officers were briefed by the store's loss prevention personnel, whereupon they were informed that one of the store's cashier's had been allegedly involved in a scheme to allow certain customers to leave the store with goods that were unpaid for.

Reportedly, Phillip Rogers, 53, of Boston, and Laurie Ann Garrett, 41, of Malden had taken various items to the checkout stand operated by Maria Crooker, 47, of Everett, and while a few of the items were scanned for sale, others would be placed in a bag by Crooker without being scanned, police said.

Store loss prevention personnel had taken notice of this activity prior to Rogers and Garrett leaving the store and all three parties were detained until police arrived.

It was noted by loss prevention personnel that another individual was involved in the activity but the person fled after being confronted.

Upon questioning by police, Crooker reportedly told them that she felt bad for the customers involved so she scanned some items and placed others in bags without scanning them.

All three parties were placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250 and conspiracy.

Man allegedly exposes himself in parking lot

A complaint was called into Somerville Police last Friday as a woman reported that a man who was sitting in a vehicle parked at the Market Basket on Somerville Ave. was exposing himself to passers by at that location.

As police arrived the vehicle in question was reportedly pulling out of the parking lot, but officers stopped the car and held the driver for questioning.

The complaining witness reportedly told police that she had parked her car in the back of the parking lot with her 19 year old daughter and her daughter's 19 year old friend. As she exited the vehicle she reportedly observed a man parked next to her exposing and touching himself. She said that she made eye contact with him for at least five seconds while he continued to touch himself.

The witness told police that no one else had seen these actions.

Upon questioning, the suspect, Maurice Reidy, 54, of Cambridge, denied any wrongdoing. However, based on witness testimony Reidy was placed under arrest and charged with open and gross lewdness and lewd, wanton and lascivious conduct.

Suspected heroin users detained, arrested

While performing ongoing investigative duties, Somerville Police Narcotics Officers observed what they determined to be a known heroin user along with four other individuals making their way through the streets of East Somerville towards Charlestown last Saturday afternoon.

The suspects' vehicle was reportedly followed into Charlestown and their activities closely watched by police surveillance units.

While in Charlestown, two individuals were reportedly spotted entering the vehicle, after it had made a stop, and then leaving it a short time afterwards, police said.

The vehicle and was then reportedly followed back into Somerville where it eventually made a stop at a restaurant. The driver and passengers then reportedly entered the restaurant at that time.

Officers continued their surveillance and observed one female, McKenna Goodman, 19, of South Easton, entering the bathroom, later coming out with what they believed to be an obvious recent puncture wound on her hand, police said.

Another individual, James Amaral, 31, of Malden, appeared to police to be very unsteady on his feet, according to reports.

The group left the restaurant and once again traveled by car through Somerville until they were stopped at the intersection of Washington and Mt. Vernon Streets, police said.

At this time the suspects were questioned and searched by narcotics officers. Both Goodman and Amaral were reportedly in possession of small glassine bags filled with a brown powdery substance that officers believed to be heroin.

Goodman was placed under arrest and charged with possession of a class A drug.

Amaral was placed under arrest and charged with class A drug, possession of a class C drug, and possession of a class E drug.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jill Blanco, 36, of 56 Havre, East Boston, April 3, 7:09 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Brian Aufiero, 27, of 240 Pearl St., April 4, 4:38 p.m., arrested at 120 School St. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Dan Silberberg, 62, April 5, 12:35 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and unregistered motor vehicle.

Brian Botelho, 34, of 21 Nasua St., April 5, 1:37 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on warrant charges of larceny from a person, utter false instrument, larceny over \$250, larceny under \$250, destruction of property over \$250, and nighttime breaking and entry of a vehicle or boat.

Omar Legall, 29, of 7 Youngs Terr., Everett, April 5, 2:36 p.m., arrested at Ivaloo St. on a

charge of drug possession to distribute and on warrant charges of trespassing, drug violation near a scholl or park, and drug possession to distribute.

Ayo Murphy, 25, of 6 Annadea, Brockton, April 5, 10:28 p.m., arrested at 1188 Broadway on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Maurice Reidy, 54, of 5 Newtowne Ct., Cambridge, April 6, 3:36 p.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on charges of open and gross lewdness and lewd, wanton and lascivious conduct.

Tracy Vitello, 41, of 46 Glen St., April 6, 3:58 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

McKenna Goodman, 19, of 72 Village St., South Easton, April 7, 1:15 p.m., arrested at Mt Vernon St. on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

James Amaral, 31, of 168 Madison St., Malden, April 7, 1:15 p.m., arrested at Mt Vernon St. on a charge of possession of a class A drug, possession of a class C drug, and possession of a class E drug.

Phillip Rogers, 53, of 2628 Thame St., Boston, April 7, 5:41 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on charges of larceny over \$250 and conspiracy.

Maria Crooker, 47, of 51 Nicholas St., Everett, April 7, 5:41 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on charges of larceny over \$250 and conspiracy.

Laurie Ann Garrett, 41, of 36 Hazlewood St., Malden, April 7, 5:41 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on charges of larceny over \$250 and conspiracy.

Incidents:

Theft:

April 3, 8:37 a.m., police reported a theft at 444 Somerville Ave.

April 3, 11:16 a.m., police reported a theft at 160 Washington St.

April 3, 5:37 p.m., police reported a theft at 133 Middlesex Ave.

April 3, 7:09 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

April 4, 11:00 a.m., police reported a theft at 165 Middlesex Ave.

April 4, 9:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Magnus Ave.

April 5, 6:32 p.m., police reported a theft at Calvin St.

April 6, 3:58 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

April 6, 9:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

April 7, 4:49 a.m., police reported a theft at Meacham St.

Robbery:

April 3, 12:50 a.m., police reported a robbery at 463 McGrath Hwy.

Breaking & Entering:

April 3, 12:00 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Dartmouth St.

April 5, 6:00 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Hudson St.

April 6, 12:47 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cedar St.

April 8, 7:17 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Thorndike St.

Vehicle Theft:

April 5, 9:33 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 50 Webster Ave.

April 5, 10:34 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Windsor Rd.

April 7, 4:58 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Thurston St.

Assault:

April 8, 12:46 p.m., police reported an assault at Thurston St.

Drug Violation:

April 5, 2:36 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Ivaloo St.

April 7, 1:15 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Mt. Vernon St.

Proposal of WiFi Hotspots in Somerville Parks

By Savath Yong

Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente proposes Wireless Internet Access (WiFi) at Somerville parks. Lafuente said that in the past offering WiFi in public areas would have been extremely costly but he presented a resolution asking the city to explore other venues to add WiFi capabilities.

The Alderman researched the idea and found that many people in Europe were already enjoying the benefits of WiFi at their local parks and have reported that their quality of life has greatly improved. A decision has not yet been reached but Lafuente stated that plans are still in the beginning stages and Mayor Curtatone has been supportive of the idea.

In a media release, Mayor Curtatone is quoted as saying, "Wireless technology is changing all the time and I think Tony is right to suggest a fresh look at Wi-Fi hotspots for Somerville parks."

"As society evolves, so does the need for us to keep up with the changes..."

While the possibilities are being explored, Lafuente hopes to install the first WiFi hotspot at Grimmons Park. He stated that it's a very busy park frequented by parents and children throughout the day and hopes

that the free Internet access will expand into other public parks in the city.

"The feedback has been really positive from residents and families I've talked to. More people are dependent on the web and more parents are working from home. Children can be entertained at the park, parents have access to the Internet to do their work and WiFi can also serve as a public duty for the city. People can report on what's happening at the park or email us if they see anything that needs improvement. WiFi hotspots can really benefit the residents, visitors and the city as a whole. As society evolves, so does the need for us to keep up with the changes, so it only makes sense in the direction we are all moving towards," Lafuente said.



Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente is advocating for WiFi installations in Somerville parks.

Opportunity to honor Somerville teachers

By Cathleen Twardzik

Stand for Children Leadership Center Massachusetts recently launched a contest called Our Heroes, which was designed to recognize and to reward outstanding public school teachers. The contest will award \$1,000 to as many as five such teachers to use for classroom supplies or for professional development expenses.

Therefore, Somerville parents and residents have a chance to nominate a public school teacher who has made a difference for their children throughout the community. Tell your story on Stand for Children's website to give your nominated teacher a chance to win.

"Teachers are every day heroes, and their work to improve the lives of children should be recognized. By providing our kids with a great education, great teachers - our heroes - are ensur-

ing the children they teach will be ready to succeed in life when they are out of school," said Anika Gregg, Special Projects Coordinator of Stand for Children Massachusetts.

"We hope that by highlighting the great work of the teachers who go above and beyond the call of duty [that] their inspiring stories will draw attention to similar stories of heroism that occur in classrooms every day," she said

The panel uses the following criteria to determine the winners: Teachers who have helped students with diverse backgrounds and learning needs to grow, have helped at-risk students to learn, have inspired and motivated students to overcome challenges, and have shown examples that demonstrate the teacher's high expectations for all of their students.

Examples of the types of items, on which most teachers

spend their \$1,000 from the contest may include: subscriptions to interactive websites for students' use, charts, a license to computer-based literacy programs, books and professional development textbooks for developing students' literacy and writing skills.

"We hope to continue this tradition, moving forward, and continue highlighting the great work of teachers across Massachusetts," said Gregg.

Stand for Children Leadership Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit leadership development and training organization which works in partnership with Stand for Children Massachusetts.

The organization trains ordinary people to be effective citizen leaders, all of whom are capable of solving problems, which children face, locally as well as statewide, by convincing elected officials and voters to invest in and to reform vital

children's programs.

Stand for Children Massachusetts first opened its doors in 2003, and since then Stand's members, which include students, parents and teachers throughout Massachusetts, have been working together to ensure that all children, regardless of their background, graduate from high school, after having been prepared for, and after having been given access to a college education.

Nominations for Our Heroes opened on March 28, and the deadline to submit nominations is April 20. Winners are expected to be announced on May 8, and an awards ceremony will take place at a future date, which has not yet been set.



Anika Gregg, Special Projects Coordinator of Stand for Children Massachusetts.

Interested individuals may submit a nomination at www.Stand.org/Massachusetts/OurHeroes. Additional information, as well as official contest rules are available on the same website.

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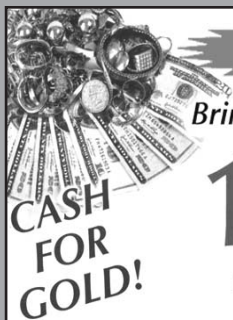
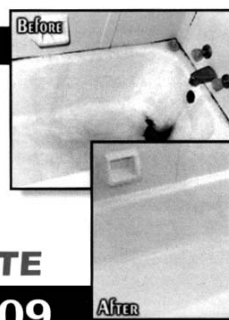
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Tufts geology professor's new energy source

By Chris Leo Palermينو

Soon, Tufts University may be powered by a new energy source: geothermal energy from groundwater beneath the urban campus.

Tufts geology professor Grant Garven began the project as a teaching tool for his upper-level course on hydrogeology, in which he drilled an observation well next to the geology building to demonstrate the basics of drilling wells for scientific research.

"It was to provide an outdoor laboratory, and to take advantage of the unique geology of Tufts' campus. The geology is very interesting, as we're sitting on top of a drumlin, which is a type of hill," Garven said.

In the midst of drilling the well with heavy machinery on campus, the university facilities staff became interested in his work. After the university realized the environmental impact of this new energy source, which creates energy without emitting greenhouse gases, Garven received funding to continue the project.

"I did it out of curiosity, but I think that the university views it as a prototype. In a practical sense, [the geology building] is not the type of building you would want to invest in geothermal heat. But, we had a well out front, only 80 feet from the building... we're being very modest and essentially heating and cooling one of our classrooms," Garven said.

With the help of the facilities

staff, Garven implemented a geothermal heat pump in this well. The pump removes heat from the groundwater, which remains a constant 50-to-55 degrees regardless of season, and moves it inside of a building.

"Think of [geothermal pumps] like a refrigerator, which takes heat out of food and transfers it outside of the refrigerator. Instead of food as the energy source, the pump removes heat from the ground," Garven said.

In this specific case, the pump circulates refrigerant through the pipes that are attached to the pump on one end and an apparatus that acts like a furnace on the other end. In the winter, the pump absorbs heat from the groundwater and circulates the heated refrigerant into the building. The opposite happens in the summer, in which thermal energy from the classrooms are instead transferred through the pipes to the ground for a cooling effect.

While Garven's motivation for the project was simply to give his students firsthand experience in

the field, representatives at Tufts are considering using this technology to regulate the temperature of other buildings at Tufts.

"The [administration] had a lot of interest. These systems are everywhere. Tufts president [Anthony Monaco] is very interested in sustainability, and he has a committee organized now to assess how these systems might work at Tufts," Garven said.

The technology, in which over 160 colleges and universities either have the system in place or are in the process of installing one according to the National Wildlife Federation in a 2011 report, offers a cost efficient, sustainable energy alternative to coal and fossil fuels.

"If you do the geology right, this is technology that can be done anywhere. But, the upfront cost is expensive...to recover the cost, it would take decades," Garven concluded.

For a university, which relies on large amounts of energy day in and day out and will stay in the same location for decades, geothermal energy may just be the solution.



Photo by Chris Leo Palermينو

Professor Grant Garven's innovative research into geothermal energy is catching on in a big way at Tufts University.

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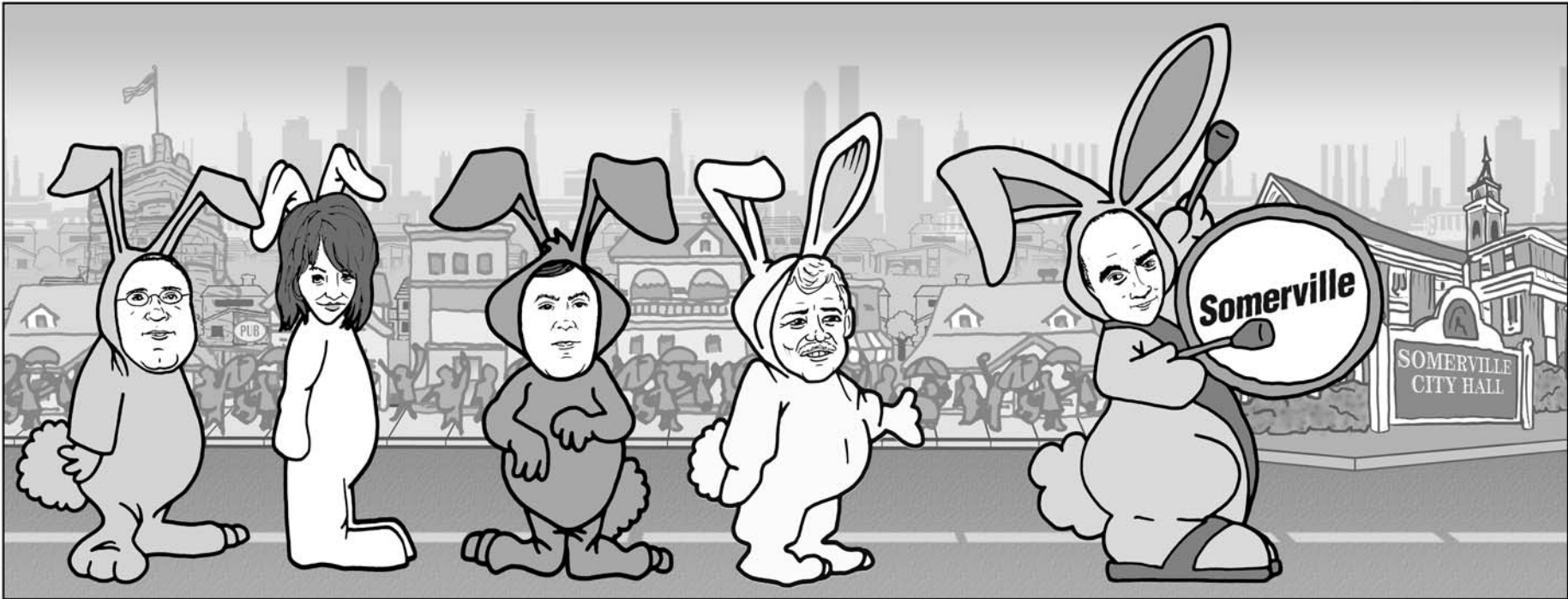
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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Mayor Joe is like the Energizer Bunny – always working. Work! Work! Work!

The View From Prospect Hill



Let's face it, no matter how one may feel about specific policies and programs coming out of the mayor's office, one has to give it up for the sheer energy and resolve exhibited by this very busy man.

Whether it be the day-to-day, nuts and bolts operation of city government and its infrastructure, or the larger visionary initiatives put forward such as the recent Mayor's Fitness Challenge, hizzoner is all over the map tending to the city's and its inhabitant's business.

This is, of course, as it should be. Such a diverse and dynamic community requires a certain vitality and drive in its leadership in order to stay ahead of the challenges and special needs that arise on a daily basis. We can feel grateful that we have in office a person who is clearly up to the task and ready to take on whatever may come: good, bad, or indifferent.

It takes a special type of person to survive and thrive in the world of politics, be it national, regional, or local. Many would fall flat on their faces if they dared to try it, so we should be especially appreciative of those who can pull it off successfully, and with a little flair.

Mayor Curtatone is one such person. We commend him for his past accomplishments and future ambitions as we stand back in awe of his relentless drive and exuberance.

The man keeps going...and going...

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Big Happy Birthdays to some of our friends here in the 'Ville: In particular, Lance Barretto, who is breaking out and celebrating vigorously this week. Lance is a party animal. A big Happy Birthday to Herb "secret squirrel" Vargas, who is celebrating his 71st birthday.

A get well to Orsola "Susan" Fontano of East Streets down in East Somerville, a lifelong resident who works very hard for our community. Susan is home now since her long stay in the Hospital going back to March. We hope to see her smiling face once again around the city.

Condolences to Herb Vargas and his family on the recent loss of his brother Manny who passed away this past week. Manny was a nice guy and he was well liked, and will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Also condolences to the family of Jacqueline Zinnershine who also passed away earlier this week. Jacqueline was a nice lady and will be missed by many here in the 'Ville. She was al-

so the cousin to popular Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston.

Congratulations to Gilda Nogueira for recently becoming the first woman as well as the 14th President of the East Cambridge Savings Bank. We wish her the best of luck in her new position.

Our good friend Bob Publicover (former News Publisher) is heading back to the hospital for some minor surgery, hopefully the last for a while anyway. Bob is a trooper and we here can't believe how well he looks considering all the operations he's gone through these past several months. Bob and his long time partner David are planning a June wedding. As usual, we wish Bob the best in the hospital.

A get well soon to our good friend Bill Hill, who is recuperating at the Winchester Hospital. Bill is a great guy and we wish him all the best in the 'Ville! Also, we continue to wish Steve from Steve and Sons a big get well. He's a nice guy. Freddy Gill, a long time Somerville resident, is resting after his

stay at Beth Israel Hospital. He's over in Melrose at the EPOCH Healthcare.

Congrats to off duty Lieutenant Charles Houghton of the Somerville Fire Department and his son Charles Houghton Jr., who lives next door. The two kept last week's Hancock Street fire at bay and prevented much more extensive damages or casualties from occurring by using a garden hose to hold back the fire until the engines arrived. Hats off to father and son for a job well done!

Tickets are out and for sale for the annual SHS Scholarship Foundation. \$100 per ticket with a grand prize of \$10K for the potential winner. The drawing will be May 18. To purchase a ticket send your check for \$100 to SHS Raffle, c/o Eugene C. Brune, P.O. BOX 440275, Somerville 02144. Hurry before they sell out. A limited number of tickets will be sold.

Don't forget the City's annual Shape Up Somerville / Somerville Recreation Road Race will be held on Saturday, April 15th, starting and ending at the Somerville High

School concourse, 93 Highland Avenue. The day will begin with a 1-mile children's "Fun Run" at 10:30 a.m., followed by a 2.7-mile walk at 10:30 a.m. and a 2.7-mile adult race at 11:00 a.m. Registration is open to all community members at a price of \$5 for youth under age 10 and \$20 for adults. Price includes a commemorative t-shirt, refreshments and a celebration immediately following the adult race. A celebration will be held for any interested runners at the VFW Post #19, located across the street from the finish line at 124 Highland Avenue. To register, please visit www.somervillerec.com, www.somervilleyouthrecf.org, or visit City Hall or the Recreation Department (19 Walnut Street) for printed applications. Checks should be made payable to Somerville Youth and Recreation Foundation, and can be mailed or delivered to Somerville Recreation, 19 Walnut Street, Somerville, MA 02143. Top male and female finishers in each category will receive awards. For additional information, please call the Somerville Recreation Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 2980.

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Musings about love

Part 2: What I think it is



By William C. Shelton

Presuming to define love is an act of hubris. So please understand that I am writing about what love means to me.

I should explain that I'm not talking about the completely selfless love ancient Greeks called "agape" and Christians call "grace." That is a love that is inspired by the beloved's mere existence, and it endures no matter how pleasing or disgusting, kind or cruel, loving or hateful the beloved's behavior may be.

Instead, I'm talking about love that emerges from clearly seeing the beloved and being moved by what you see. It is impossible to love people in this way without knowing who and what they are. You can't love what you don't know. But genuinely knowing the loved one inspires delight and a desire to know more.

This is not romance, which we imagine just happens to us. It is an act of will. It isn't so much a state of being as a process of becoming, requiring skills that we develop and improve only through practice.

With growing knowledge and delight comes a desire to enable our beloved to become fully him- or herself, to overcome what constrains them, to realize their full potential. Real love expresses itself through a commitment to learn and do what is necessary to make this happen. It has the power to transform both the lover and the beloved.

It is not a feeling. But it produces the richest feelings that humans experience. It is not a means to an end. It is the end itself, and it need never end.

When we live with this kind of love, so much becomes possible. Without it, nothing is enough. Its presence supports good physical and mental health, and its absence undermines them.

Psychologists and sociologists have conducted numerous studies of relationships. Partners who have sustained fulfilling unions over many years cite ro-

mance as one of the least essential elements in making their relationships work. Factors like communication, affection, compassion, honesty, acceptance, dependability, and a sense of humor dominate romance in their responses.

With loving comes vulnerability to disappointment and hurt. And inevitably, we hurt each other.

Being hurt when we are vulnerable activates a complex network of feelings, painful memories, a sense of betrayal, and old behavior patterns. These obscure accurate perception of the moment and of each other. They undermine our capacity to respond in the most effective way. At such times we can momentarily forget all the love and caring that we have shared.

When we feel anger, it is useful before reacting to consider all the things that we love about the other. It may not make us less angry, but it can make us more effective in expressing it.

Acceptance doesn't mean tolerating a pattern of hurtful behavior. But effective criticism involves expressing how such

behavior hurts us. It means confronting what is, with what realistically could be. It involves making an effort to understand what lies behind the other's behavior.

Such understanding does not come easily, and especially when we are hurt. It requires honesty, listening to each other, and looking at the shared conflict through each other's eyes. If we do this, we can recognize that the other's experience is as authentic as our own. We can craft solutions that honor each other's experience of the situation.

We come to understand that deep trust does not come from what we have in common. It comes from reconciling our differences. This is where acceptance can come in. If we can't craft effective solutions, sometimes we must just accept the other's annoying behaviors, recognizing that they are not motivated by malice or indifference.

Each of us has disagreeable behaviors. But when we clearly see what the other is struggling with and how they're doing the best they know how, it's difficult *not* to love them.

It's also important to accept that we don't love each other with the same constant intensity. That's an ideal that can be striven for but never achieved.

Intensity flows, ebbs, and flows again. Idealizing love ensures that it will never live up to our expectations. We should expect what is reasonable, not what is perfect.

All that I have said thus far need not apply to loving only one person. We can apply what we learn in a loving relationship to others.

We can love our country, seeing past symbols like its flag and politicians to the underlying reality of its people and land. We can care about a group that has experienced common distress and faces common challenges.

We can even love our city. But doing so requires delving beyond public relations happy talk, understanding its underlying reality, and embracing its potential.

So that's what I think about love. If it sounds self-righteous, I apologize. I'm no expert in such matters. In fact, I'm just a beginner.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

A great time of year



As the weather starts getting nicer, something is in the air. You can take a breath and smell optimism. The city is buzzing. Ahead

of us are beaches, camping, baseball and generally enjoying the outdoors. Many road races, outdoor festivals (The Sunsets), and summer recreational programs are coming up.

Working near Somerville High School, I sense the excitement. There is much activity. Lots of things are happening, especially for the graduating class of 2012. Next year will mean college and the real world.

What does this have to do with a guy who graduated High School in 1971? It happens every year at this time. I remember counting the days until school was out. I see kids at the bus stop, walking with backpacks, hoodies and ear buds, and all I can do is go back to when that was me. Of course, we had no iPods, or cell phones and dungaree jackets were more the style of the day, but we were the

same energetic kids. This time of year sparks the old mind to recall those magical memories of High School and friends we made there. This was definitely the best time of year to be a student. You could feel freedom. I am very happy for my own kids too as they get closer to the end of another school year. They worked hard for many months and now the end is in sight.

Twice last week I witnessed what I call Somerville Security. Now that's not some new local alarm company, it's what you feel when old friends see each other. We reminisce about old times. We speak of our crazy antics and funny stories that still seem so fresh in our minds. We can't believe that these recollections are 20, 30, 40 years or more in the past.

The warming temperatures start to get people out more. When we start mingling, the old friendships are revisited. Looking back also makes me think of a lot of clichés. "If I knew I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself." "I wish I had saved more money." Would have, should have, could have

is my go to phrase.

What we do have is history, and thanks to youth sports fundraisers, class reunions, and citywide events, we get to see our old friends. For the most part, I can remember a lot of names and faces. Sometimes I have trouble connecting them to the right people.

This time of year seems to bring back thoughts of being young and hopeful. Like I said, it's in the air. Get out and be a part of the vast number of city events and celebrations. You will see your old friends and meet new ones.

Although it won't be me reaching the end of another school year, I am still excited for the students. I am genuinely happy for the kids as they start talking about summer vacation plans because I was once there, and so were many of you. Next week is April vacation, a sort of testing out time for summer vacay.

As I sneeze from my springtime allergies, I think back 40 years to when that kid at the bus stop in front of Somerville High School was me. As I always say, let's enjoy our memories of yesterday while

making new memories for tomorrow. Somerville Rocks!

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on two roll calls and local senators on four roll calls from the week of April 2-6.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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. 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. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middle-

sex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: SECOND MIDDLESEX. - Medford, Somerville, ward 1, precincts 2 and 3, ward 2, precincts 2 and 3, and wards 3 to 7, inclusive, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (H 537)

House 155-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would expand protections for volunteer firefighters who risk being fired from their regular day job if they miss work or are late for work because of an emergency call.

Current law defines an emergency call as one in which the employee is responding to, working at the scene of or returning from a fire.

The bill expands the definition of emergency call to include rescues, emergency medical service calls, hazardous materials incident or natural or man-made disasters. It also expands the protection currently enjoyed by volunteer firefighters to emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Supporters said the bill will ensure that these volunteer firefighters and EMTs are protected from being fired from their regular jobs when responding to a new wide range of emergencies. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN SCHOOLS (S 2132)

House 154-0, approved a Senate-approved bill that would require each school to have a written medical emergency response plan to “reduce the incidence of life-threatening emergencies and promote efficient responses to such emergencies.” The measure is called “Michael’s Law” in memory of 16-year-old Michael Ellsesser of Sutton, who died suddenly of cardiac arrest during a high school football game.

Provisions include requiring establishment of a rapid communication system linking all inside and outside parts of the school campus to the emergency medical service system; a determination of emergency medical service response time to any location on campus; and a method of providing access to training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid for teachers, coaches and other school staff.

Supporters said this bill would save lives. They noted that while some schools already have a plan in place, there are many that still do not.

Final approval by each branch is needed prior to the measure going to Gov. Deval Patrick. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

CHANGES IN THE STATE’S ENERGY LAWS (S 2200)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a bill aimed at reducing the high cost of electricity in Massachusetts, creating more competition for energy contracts and bringing down prices.

Specific provisions would end the current long-term contract program under the Green Communities Act by December 2012 and require investor-owned utilities to competitively bid proposals from renewable energy suppliers for long-term renewable energy contracts; increase the overall net metering cap from 3 percent to 6 percent, thus doubling the existing limits on municipal and privately owned projects that generate their own renewable energy; require gas and electric companies to file rate cases every three years with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU); increase from six to ten months the time DPU has to review rate cases; prevent DPU from approving rate case settlements more than once every six years; and require DPU to spread over a two-year period any rate increase that would exceed 10 percent in one year, with a first-year cap of 7.25 percent.

Supporters said the bill will make several changes to bring costs down, including identifying cost-drivers, reviewing rates on a more regular basis and attempting to create more competition. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

NUISANCE ELECTRIC POLES (S 2200)

Senate 13-25, rejected an amendment that would that would fine a utility company up to \$500 per day if it does not remove electric poles it is no longer using. It would also impose up to a \$1,000 per day fine if a company’s neglect results in old poles blocking the street.

Amendment supporters said these poles are a major nuisance for cities and towns. They argued the companies have been unresponsive to municipalities’ requests to remove them.

Amendment opponents sympathized with the problem but urged senators to defeat the amendment and wait for a subcommittee to finish its work on this idea. They said eventually a separate bill accomplishing this will reach the Senate floor. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment imposing the fines. A “No” vote is against the fines.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

REBATES FOR CUSTOMERS WHO LOSE POWER (S 2200)

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment requiring utility companies to give customers a \$25 credit if their power remains off after 120 hours due to a catastrophic condition. The measure also mandates the rebate if service is not restored within 16 hours after an outage that occurred during normal conditions and when there are more than seven service interruptions in a 12-month period.

Amendment supporters said this is essentially a fine on the utility companies and will make them hire more

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crews and work harder and faster to restore power. They pointed to last October’s storm and August’s Tropical Storm Irene that left many residents without power for days. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ENERGY POLICY AND ELECTRICITY COST REDUCTION COMMISSION (S 2200)

Senate 5-33, rejected an amendment creating an Energy Policy and Electricity Cost Reduction Commission. The 19-member commission would be charged with promoting “public transparency regarding the effectiveness and economic cost of energy and electricity policies and programs implemented in the commonwealth.” The commission would also research and review the economic and electricity cost implications of Massachusetts’ current and proposed energy and electricity policies.

Amendment supporters said this pro-consumer commission, comprised of people from a broad range of backgrounds including government, business, green business, organized labor and energy efficiency, would provide valuable information and ensure the industry is constantly monitored to protect the interests of ratepayers. They argued this is one of the few ways that commercial and individual ratepayers would actually have a say in the cost of electricity. They noted the commission would be charged with making recommendations to reduce the cost of electricity and control the cost of government subsidies and programs.

Amendment opponents said there is really no need for the commission and more government bureaucracy. They argued current laws and regulations already offer all parties a voice in policy and rate discussions. (A “Yes” vote is for the commission. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MEETING TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC OR PRESS

- The six-member conference committee trying to work out a compromise version of a bill promoting transparency, efficiency and accountability in state government has decided not to open up its meetings to the press or the public. The committee’s three senators and three representatives have now met twice in an attempt to hammer out a new draft of the bill after the House and Senate approved different versions.

House conference committee member Rep. Peter Kocot (D-Northampton) defended the decision. “If you look at the rules of committees, the joint rules, conference committees are not included in those rules,” Kocot explained. “Conference committees operate under a separate set of rules and typically it’s been very common practice in the Legislature to close conference committees so that the members of the conference committee can have a frank and open discussion of the merits of the bills.” Senate conferee Sen. Michael Knapik (R-Westfield) also supported the closed-door decision.

A conference committee working on a compromise version of “Melissa’s Law,” a controversial bill changing the state’s habitual offender laws, opted to make its meetings open to everyone. The group has met several times since it was appointed in November.

The State House News Service reports that in recent years, lawmakers have most often opted to close meet-

ings of conference committees.

FORMER STATE TREASURER TIM CAHILL INDICTED

- Former State Treasurer and failed 2010 Independent gubernatorial candidate Tim Cahill pleaded “not guilty” to Attorney General Martha Coakley’s charges he abused his position by approving and using \$1.5 million of state Lottery money to implement a Fall 2010 television and radio advertising campaign for the Lottery that was designed and timed to help promote his campaign for governor. The ads did not feature Cahill and did not mention his name.

The official charges include counts of violating the state ethics laws and procurement fraud. Scott Campbell, Cahill’s former chief of staff and former campaign manager, was also indicted on similar charges while Alfred J. Grazioso, Jr., the Lottery’s former Chief of Staff, was indicted on two counts of obstruction of justice.

Cahill says the decision to air the Lottery ad campaign was made in response to the Republican Governors Association spending of some \$2 million in ads attacking the integrity of the Lottery. The Governors Association’s goal was to damage Cahill’s independent candidacy and to help GOP nominee Charlie Baker’s unsuccessful attempt to defeat Gov. Patrick.

Cahill argues the decision was made in conjunction with top Lottery and Treasury officials and was the right thing to do in order to protect the Lottery and ensure its continued success. His attorney, Peter Parker, said a 1995 publication from the Office of Campaign and Political Finance advises it is permissible for an incumbent candidate for office to use public resources to respond to criticism even if it also enhances the official’s political future.

Prosecutors disagree and say that senior Massachusetts Lottery officials “universally and forcefully opposed the idea” of the ad campaign.

HIKE MBTA FARES

- The MBTA Board of Directors voted 4-1 to impose an average fare increase of 23 percent to help close the T’s projected \$180 million budget gap. Other provisions approved by the board include eliminating some weekend commuter rail service; doubling from \$2 to \$4 the fares for users of THE RIDE service; and raising the cost of bus service for Charlie Card holders from \$1.25 to \$1.50, and trolley and subway rides from \$1.70 to \$2.

The board also hopes to obtain the Legislature’s approval of the T’s use of \$51 million from the Motor Vehicle Inspection Fund, \$5 million in surplus snow and ice funds left over from a mild winter and \$5 million in other one-time savings.

Supporters say the hikes and cuts are necessary to balance the T’s budget. They noted the “modest fare increases and limited service changes” are the first in five years.

Opponents, including hundreds who demonstrated at the meeting at which the hikes were announced, said the fare hikes and service cuts are excessive and would hurt thousands of commuters, who will no longer be able to afford fares especially during this poor economy when their dollars are already being stretched.

LIST CARBS IN SCHOOLS (H 69)

- The House gave initial approval to legislation requiring that public schools list the amount of carbohydrates contained in all food products served to diabetic children, teachers and faculty.

LIQUOR ID (H 1012)

- The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing workers who serve alcoholic bev-

erages to accept a non-duplicate, out-of-state photo driver’s license as a valid form of ID. Current law allows use of a Massachusetts driver’s license, Massachusetts liquor ID card, passport or military ID card.

Supporters said current law unfairly prevents many adult tourists and college students from being served because they appear to be younger than 21. They noted state licenses are now very high-tech and difficult to forge.

Opponents said it is already difficult enough to make sure customers are over 21 without allowing an unfamiliar out-of-state ID to be used as proof of age. They argued it is easy to obtain high-quality fake IDs on the Internet and said the bill will lead to more illegal liquor sales.

EASIER HIV TESTING (S 2158)

- The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved bill that would allow doctors to test for the HIV virus with only verbal consent of the patient. Under current law, Massachusetts is one of only two states that require written permission from patients.

Supporters said the change would reduce the transmission of the virus from mother to child, which is almost totally preventable if the mother is tested. They argued there are an estimated 5,000 people in the state who don’t know they have HIV because they have never been tested. They noted the change will result in more people getting tested and receiving life-extending treatment.

The measure still needs additional approval in both branches before it goes to the governor.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER DAY (H 842)

- The House gave initial approval to a bill designating October 20 as School Bus Driver Day. The measure calls for “recognition of the invaluable contributions of the Commonwealth’s school bus drivers to the safe delivery of the state’s children to and from school, through all forms of climates and conditions, twice a day for 180 days a year.”

OTHER “DAYS”

- The House also gave initial approval to measures making the month of May Aviation Awareness Month, to increase public awareness of the economic, transportation, medical, public safety and recreational benefits of general aviation (H 1742) and designating the fourth Friday in September as City Year Day in commemoration of the young men and women of City Year, an organization dedicated to service, idealism and the belief that young people can change the world (H 2580).

“CORK AND CARRY” WINE (H 3108)

- The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing customers at taverns, clubs and VFW halls to take home any unused portion of a bottle of wine purchased but not totally consumed during a meal. The measure would expand the current law that allows this practice by patrons of restaurants and hotels.

Supporters said current law prohibits this practice by taverns, clubs and VFW halls and actually encourages excessive drinking and driving by giving customers only the option to finish the wine at the venue or forfeit it. They noted the law has worked well in restaurants and hotels and should be expanded.

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Food-Themed Art by Somerville Students

The K-6 students and the art teachers of the Somerville Public Schools have produced a beautiful array of food-themed art that is now on exhibit in the auditorium of the Central Library, 79 Highland Ave, Somerville. The exhibit is part of the "Somerville Reads" campaign and will be on display through the end of April, stop in and have a look at their wonderful work.



Students showcased their art work at a reception Tuesday at the Central Library. The exhibit will be on display through the end of April.



Victoria stands beside her drawing of a fruit bowl. Grade 4, Kennedy School.



Victoria's drawing of a fruit bowl, Grade 4, Kennedy school.



Isabella's drawing of fruits and veggies.



Isabella Milanowski, stands below her drawing of fruits and vegetables., Grade 3, Argenziano School.

Somerville teens prepare for Sixth Annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference

By Alexandra Botti

Mayor Joseph Curtatone met Monday with youth from The Center for Teen Empowerment who are planning the upcoming Sixth Annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference on April 28. In preparation for the event, participating Somerville teens discussed Conference plans with the Mayor, who will take part in the event, and presented work they are creating for the occasion. At the heart of their performance pieces are issues affecting Somerville teens, along with ideas for positive change.

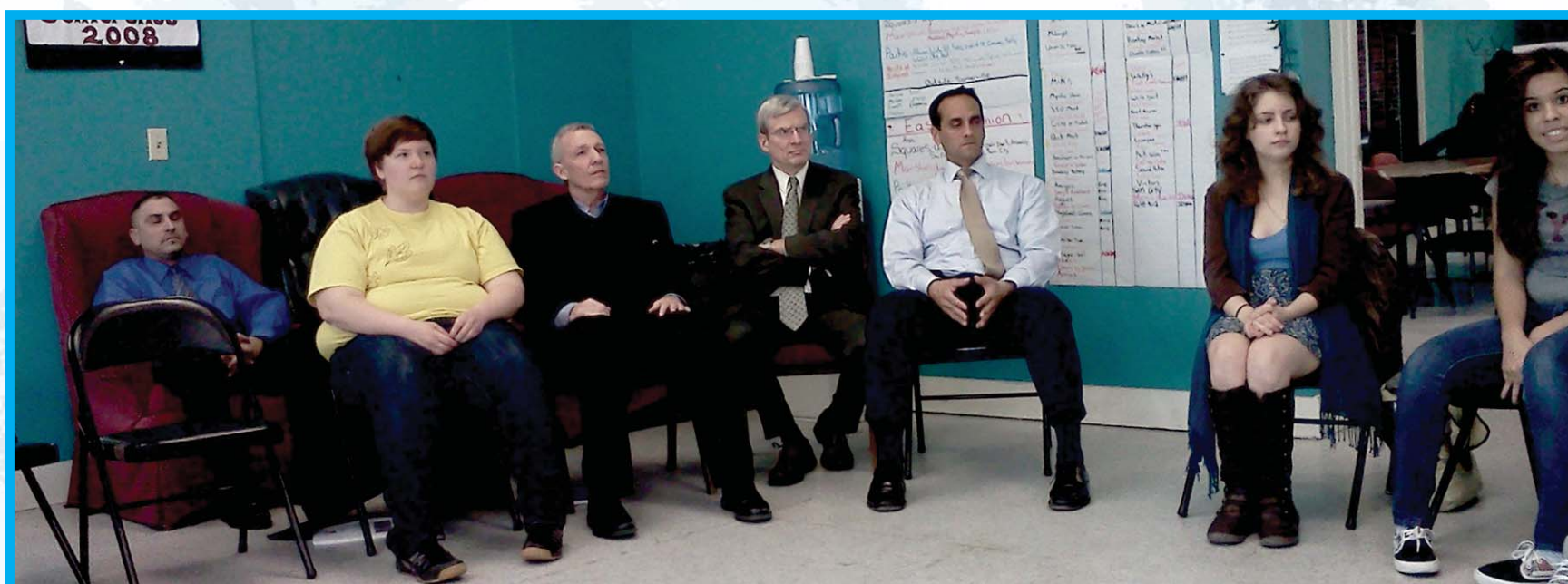
"Mayor Curtatone was impressed by the meaningful messages delivered by the youth and couldn't help to reflect back during a time when Somerville was a different place and young people were not doing so well. He went on to mention that we have to stay vigilant with addressing issues young people struggle with," said a Teen Empowerment spokesperson. "Mayor Curtatone has been a champion for Teen Empowerment and we continue to appreciate how much he values young people and their future in Somerville."

On Saturday, April 28, more than 600 Somerville youth are expected to attend the Conference, whose theme this year is *Media Meets My Reality*. Somerville teens have created works of theater, dance, poetry, music and more for the event, drawing from their own lives for inspiration. Also featured are workshops, a job and services fair, and an open-mic Hope and Healing Ceremony where attendees will speak to their own experiences.

The Somerville Conference next week is based on Teen Empowerment's annual Youth Peace Conference, begun in 1993. Bringing together Boston-area teens to create solutions to the gang violence issues of the time, the 1993 Conference resulted in a lasting truce between five rival Boston gangs, and had a positive impact throughout the community. Since then, Teen Empowerment's Youth Peace Conferences have continued to work towards constructive change for teens and the community. The Center for Teen Empowerment, founded in 1992, is behind more than 150 initiatives annually, involving around 6,000 youth and adults.

The Conference is presented by The Center for Teen Empowerment, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Somerville Public Schools, the Somerville Police Department, and the City of Somerville, and represents an ongoing commitment to peaceful, productive collaboration among the area's youth.

The Conference itself, *Media Meets My Reality*, will be held on Saturday, April 28 at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Conference is open to the public, and tickets cost \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. For more information, visit www.teenempowerment.org.



SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Collecting our national pastime

By Kenneth Gloss

The following is a reprinted article from the September 7, 2011, edition of The Somerville News. We present it again this week to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Fenway Park.

Since the incredible World Series win of 2004 by the Boston Red Sox, interest in all sports has increased and over the past 25 years, interest in sports collectibles has continued to skyrocket. Baseball has been particularly popular - it is the epitome of America. There is a little bit of baseball woven throughout much of the American story, and there are books to collect for every era, every team, every league and every standout player in the history of the game.

One of the first recorded references to baseball appeared in a Civil War soldier's diary that I once had. The writer described a baseball game he played while behind the front lines, enjoying a reprieve from the action. He writes about being hit by a base-

ball, then running around the bases and jamming his leg while sliding. He wrote, "I've had more injuries in this one day of baseball than in all my days in the Civil War." Because it is one of the earliest references to baseball, it is worth thousands of dollars.

Mementos of baseball from the 19th century and the World War I era are rare and highly valued, even though the players then aren't as well known as those from other times. Unlike today, souvenirs weren't produced to be future collector items, but they have continued to increase as evidenced by their value in the today's market.

Baseball became segregated after the turn of the century and many collectors concentrate on material from the Negro leagues. They are very rare because they were produced in smaller quantities than items for the major leagues as fewer people attended Negro league games and they had less money to promote their teams.

Moe Berg, a Jewish player on the Red Sox team, used to come into our store when I was a boy.

Besides playing baseball, he was a linguist and during World War II he had been a spy. He traveled to Japan with the All-Star Team, including Babe Ruth and the game was broadcast in Japanese. He also went to the top floor of his hotel and took pictures of Tokyo. At one point, he was flown behind German lines to gather information on Germany's progress towards building an atomic bomb. Back then he wasn't well known, but today anything to do with Moe Berg is very collectible.

Some collect only team histories of their favorite club. The first book to detail the history of a particular baseball team was The History of the Red Stockings, the precursor of today's Red Sox squad. This book is now very rare and worth up to \$3,000. One of their stars was King Kelly. Kelly traded himself from team to team - once for the hefty sum of \$10,000. It is one of baseball's earliest examples of high stakes contract peddling.

As much as baseball has changed over the years, some things have stayed the same. One baseball collectible I treasure is a program from the 1912 Red Sox versus New York Giants World Series. Not only did the Red Sox win that series, but it also was the first year that Fenway Park was open. An original program such as this one isn't found very often and is worth \$3,000 or more.

Not all collectors focus on the historical aspect of baseball. One of my customers has defined his own collecting niche that other people hadn't thought of before. He likes fiction and sports, particularly baseball so he collects novels that have baseball as a theme or that have a good baseball scene in them. There are countless books that fit that description. This is a fascinating collection to have, and is really pioneering in that few, if any, other collectors are hunting the



Collecting sports memorabilia can become a game changer once the bug bites you.

same set of books. For most collectors there are set parameters - book lists, prices, etc. and a collector has only to hunt down particular items. For him, it is all "new," and he never knows when or where a perfect addition to his collection will turn up. His collection serves as the list for other collectors who decide to venture into this area.

Unfortunately, fakes and forgeries abound in sports collectibles and baseball is no exception. You must be cautious about whom you deal with and what you buy. One thing that should raise a red flag is a big certificate of authenticity because sellers who try too hard to prove authenticity may be trying to convince you a fake is the real thing. Be especially wary of autographed material, unless you are able to authenticate the autograph.

There are so many books about baseball that many can be picked up inexpensively, while others sell for thousands of dollars. Ironically, some of the more modern pieces are often more expensive than the earlier examples. People's memories are short and many collectors are only willing to pay high prices for

modern celebrities of the sport or for the true legends. Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, and Mickey Mantle are always in the higher price range. Some of the best selling issues of our large collection of Life magazines are the ones that show their faces on the cover.

Twenty-five years ago, everyone was collecting movie star memorabilia. Today, sports collectibles, especially from baseball, are the hottest items. With a wealth of material available, baseball memorabilia is fun to collect, whether your collection is an historical aspect of the game, a hometown team, a favorite player, or some unique criteria based on your own personal interests.

Ken Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston, the oldest antiquarian bookstore in America. The Brattle Book Shop is currently celebrating its 58th year of ownership by the Gloss family. Visit the shop at 9 West Street in downtown Boston, their website at: <http://www.brattle-bookshop.com> or call them at 800-447-9595. Ken can be seen on PBS' "Antiques Roadshow" from time to time.

SHS girls track update

Results of the Somerville High School girls track meet held at Dilboy Stadium on Thursday, April 5, are as follows:

Nicole Genard set a new SHS record in the long jump of 18'5" - breaking her own record of 18'0 set when she was a freshman in 2009. Genard also placed first in the javelin throw with a distance of 121'0.

Michelle Meranda placed first in the 400 L.H. with a 75.0, as well as marking a 17.9 in the 100m hurdles.

Melina Garro-Duplisea took first place in the 2 mile with a 13:13.

Gelynn Berger placed first in the 100 with a 13.2.

Pristine Mei took top spot in the mile with a 6:23.

Natalie David led in the shot

put with a distance of 31'5.

Melissa Baptista leapt to a 4'8 victory in the high jump and marked a 32'11 in the triple jump.

"It was a good opening win over a much improved Everett team," said Coach Charlie O'Roarke. "We still have a lot of work to do before we get to the big meets against Malden and Cambridge."

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What novelty song tells what the vampires and ghouls did in the lab one night? | iting Gambia? |
| 2. A gymnast at the 1996 Summer Olympics turned what Spanish song into an international dance craze? | 7. How tall is a baby giraffe at birth? |
| 3. What is histology the study of? | 8. Who is the actor that appeared in both the movie <i>Three Men and a Baby</i> and the TV series <i>Cheers</i> ? |
| 4. The human body has more than 200 bones - which is the largest? | 9. Where in Massachusetts is there an island, county, and town that share the same name? |
| 5. What is the only Major League baseball team whose name is composed solely of foreign words? | 10. Which Asian culture holds the belief that there is a toad on the moon instead of man? |
| 6. What gift did Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip receive for a birthday present for Baby Prince Andrew while vis- | 11. What country produces three quarters of the world's maple syrup? |
| | 12. What country is second to South Africa in the production of gold? |

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, April 18, 2012**, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:
57 Pitman St: (Case #ZBA 2012-57) Applicant and Owner Pitman Property Group, LLC, seeks Special Permits under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish a five unit residential use and under SZO §9.13.b to modify parking/loading area design standards. BA zone. Ward 3.

109 Hancock St: (Case #ZBA 2012-22) Applicants and Owners, George Westerman and Marilyn Augustyn seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 for relief under the provisions of SZO §8.5.E to alter a nonconforming structure to increase the floor area ratio of the property, including the addition and modification of basement windows. RA zone. Ward 6.

106 Orchard St: (Case #ZBA 2012-23) Applicant and Owner Sapna Mehtani, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a two story addition in the rear of an existing single-family residence and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a for relief from one parking space to add an additional dwelling unit to the property. RB zone. Ward 6.

369-371 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2008-61-R1-3/2012) Applicant and Owner Makrigiannis Fuel, LLC, seeks a revision to a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (ZBA 2008-61) under SZO §5.3.8 in order to modify the conditions attached to the original Special Permit to include additional conditions related to traffic and engineering items as specified in the Order of Remand from the Massachusetts Land Court dated March 7, 2012. BA Zone. Ward 2.

280 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2012-25) Applicant Amos G. Winter and Owner Fred Camerato, seek a Variance under SZO §5.5 for relief from the minimum side yard setback under SZO §8.5.H, relief from the minimum rear yard setback under SZO §8.5.I, and relief from the dimensional requirements of SZO §6.1.22.G.5 to install a second means of egress from the second story of the rear structure at the property. CCD 55 zone. Ward 4.

Copies of these petitions 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 somer ville.ma.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 may not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somer ville.ma.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **April 19, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

230 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2012-07) Applicant George Moussallem and Owner TYR TWO Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5.a to alter the façade of the building including door and window openings. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

65 Mystic Ave: (Case #PB 2012-08) Applicant, David Corsetto for Home Depot, and Owner, Stephen Bobrow, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to be able to revise SPSR # 91.49 and PB 2011-06 to allow for outside display of garden plants in the parking lot for one year. ASMD zone. Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP # 12-61

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

An request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, April 9, 2012**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Monday, April 30, 2012 at 11:00 AM** at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for three years from 6/1/2012 through 5/31/2015.
Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email kmancini@somer ville.ma.gov, for information and bid packages.

Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 ext. 3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 12-62

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:
Roof Repairs to East Branch Library.

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, April 11, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

A Pre-Bid Site Visit will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 11:00AM, DPW, One Franey Road, 2nd floor Conference Room, Somerville, MA.

The contract term shall be from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013.
Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email kmancini@somer ville.ma.gov, for information and bid packages.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 12-56

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

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, April 11, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013, with two (2), one-year options to renew. The City reserves sole discretion to exercise renewal options.

Please email Orazio DeLuca for bid packages and specifications at: odeluca@somer ville.ma.gov

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Request For Proposals
Day Care and Educational Services

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed proposals from non-profit day care providers for the multi-year leasing of 35 Memorial Road #17C and 35 Memorial Road #18C.

Project Description

The Somerville Housing Authority is interested in making available the provision of preschool day care and educational services for children of low-income families.

Sealed Proposals will be received and/or delivered to **Somerville Housing Authority 30 Memorial Rd. Somerville, Ma. 02145**, until 2:00 P.M., on April 19, 2012 and opened forthwith.

If mailed, proposals should be sent to the address listed below and received no later than the time specified.

RFP will be available for pick-up at SHA Adminstrtrrtion Office, 30 Memorial Rd. Somerville, Ma. 02145, after 10:00 A.M. on April 4, 2012

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1999	Honda	Civic	Vin# 2HGEJ6671XH524128

Sale Date is- May 7th At 12:00 PM
Location - 160 Mc Grath Hwy -Somerville, Ma

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, April 23, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of 381 Summer St. Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Rosebud, 381 Summer St., Somerville, MA to extend its closing hour from 1AM to 2AM. On the weekends.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, April 23, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application Yusel-Berti, Inc., d/b/a Istanbul Lu, 237 Holland St., Somerville, MA for a Wine and Malt Restaurant license.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission
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Annual Shape Up Somerville Road Race



The city's annual Shape Up Somerville / Somerville Recreation Road Race will be held on Saturday, April 15, starting and ending at the Somerville High School concourse, 93 Highland Avenue. The day will begin with a 1-mile children's "Fun Run" at 10:30 a.m., followed by a 2.7-mile walk at 10:30 a.m. and a 2.7-mile adult race at 11:00 a.m. Registration is open to all community members at a price of \$5 for youth under age 10 and \$20 for adults. Price includes a commemorative t-shirt, refreshments and a celebration immediately following the adult race. A celebration will be held for any interested runners at the VFW Post #19, located across the street from the finish line at 124 Highland Avenue. To register, please visit www.somervillerec.com, www.somervillyouthrecf.org, or visit City Hall or the Recreation Department (19 Walnut Street) for printed applications. Checks should be made payable to Somerville Youth and Recreation Foundation, and can be mailed or delivered to Somerville Recreation, 19 Walnut Street, Somerville, MA 02143.

Patriots Day Ceremonies set for April 16



The City's 237th annual Patriot's Day celebration will be held at Foss Park on Monday, April 16 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Co-sponsored by the Preservation Commission, Historic Somerville, the Somerville Museum, and East Somerville Main Streets, the day's events will include Colonial games and songs, light refreshments, youth readings, and a visit from Paul Revere on horseback on his historic ride from Boston to Lexington through Somerville. The event will begin with live music by the Somerville High School band, games and refreshments, followed by a brief speaking agenda with youth poetry readings and the arrival of Paul Revere. Children will receive a "Colonial Times Passport" and are invited to participate in various Colonial-era games. Children who complete each of the six stations will receive a small prize. Attendees are also encouraged to dress in traditional Colonial attire.

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"We allege that the timing, amount budgeted, and coordinated messages of the Lottery ads all point to a decision made by Treasurer Cahill to abuse his position of trust and put his own political ambitions over the best interests of the taxpayers he was elected to represent." – *Attorney General Martha Coakley.*

"Today is the beginning of a long process that will result in the end in my name being cleared and my reputation being restored. No one did anything wrong. No one used public money to produce and run a campaign ad." – *Former State Treasurer Tim Cahill.*

"I have seen no evidence of criminal conduct by anybody, which does not surprise me, because the truth is that nobody did anything wrong." – *Peter Parker, Cahill's defense attorney.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say 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 the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of April 2-6, the House met for a total of three hours and 51 minutes while the Senate met for

a total of three hours and 42 minutes.		
Mon. April 2	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.	Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
Tues. April 3	No House session	Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
Wed. April 4	House 12:02 p.m. to 3:27 p.m.	No Senate session
Thurs. April 5	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.	Senate 1:00 p.m. to 4:29 p.m.
Fri. April 6	No House session	No Senate session
<i>Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall</i>		

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|April 11

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

Central Library
Half Day Wednesday Movie: Kungfu Panda 2
1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Teen Advisory Board Meeting
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|April 12

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

Friday|April 13

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

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

Thursday|April 12

Central Library
Stone Soup
2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday|April 16

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

Wednesday|April 18

East Branch Library
Jeff Jam
11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Writing Workshop for Kids with Regina Hansen
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

MUSIC

Wednesday|April 11

Johnny D's
Del Ray|Elijah Wald
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Geoglyphs|Many Arms|Brendan Murray
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
TÔMN w/special guests The Fearless Combo, Mike Hastings Band
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Kong - King of Funk
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Interactive Trivia and Game Night|Free Pool, Darts, Night Videogames,Sports on TV, 8 Ball

Tournament|Texas Hold'em
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
The Alone Together Tour with Billy Martin, Sarah Neufeld & Gregory Rogrove
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 12

Johnny D's
Baker Thomas|Samantha Farrell|Anthony DaCosta
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays|6 p.m.
The Beauty Way grassy Thursdays |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Scattershot 80's Night
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Ginger Ibex|Axemunkee|The Steve Walther Orchestra
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live music starting at 8:00pm from Maxi
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
Chelsea Merlini|As The Sparrow|Casey Sullivan Band|Life On Hold
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

PJ Ryan's
Live Music
239 Holland St|617-625-8200

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Rosebud Bar
Matt Hill and the Fried Two
381 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Tony Memmel @ the Cafe
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|April 13

Johnny D's
Marcus Foster|No Static
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
Melt, Bullethead, Emmy Cerra \$5 cover | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Cherry Bomb
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live Acoustic Music
8 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents:Almost Righteous|Bill Dwyer Band|The Minor Three|Myrtle Peatree|American Beauties
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Big Ghost|The Way Home|Ashpark|Tad & Kate
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live music starting at 8:00pm. Featuring Dave Scott and friends
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Age of Soul|Coffee Blue|heavy Sol|Highway Ghost
8 p.m.|381 Summer St

Casey's
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory
Mali Live: Music and Dance from West Africa
7:15 p.m.|Performance Hall| 191 Highland Ave

Saturday|April 14

Johnny D's
Sim Redmond|Milo Z
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
SYM |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Spitting Vinnies
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents:The Jail Breakers|Whiskey Pariah|Dominic and the Lucid|Zagnutt|Brian McKenzie
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ every Saturday
9p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Beautiful Weekend|Animal Hospital|Dan Friel|Permafav
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Rosebud Bar
Alternative Riot|The Oggs
9 p.m|381 Summer St

Casey's
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory
Bookbinding workshop - Coptic Binding
10 a.m.|Conference Room
For the Sake of the Song presents: Ryan Adams
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
Martin Hayes, Dennis Cahill & friends
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Sunday|April 15

Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.
New Band Night|8 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Julie Dougherty Roots Review|1 p.m.
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.
Jody Blackwell Band |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Grunge Brunch|11 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Pleasant Sweaters|Dolphin Mouth|Mikael Hirsch
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
Randi Millman Presents: Marc Pinansky|Rumors of a Strange Universe|(No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
Dave Master|Noel Smyth|Sean Martin
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Drill Hall Flea Market
10 a.m.|Performance Hall

Somerville Theatre
Vieux Farka Touré and Idan Raichel Quartet
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday|April 16

Johnny D's
Team Trivia|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike|7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors|9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Bur Run|6:30 p.m.
Big Night Out|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
Trusty Sidekick|No Cover
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Arts at the Armory
STEM Classes for Girls - pARTicipate!
April 2012 School Vacation Week Classes|9 a.m.|Conference Hall
Make Your Own Music with Dana Colley|
0:30 a.m.|Hi-N-Dry Studios lower level
Vegetable Circus Camp - pARTicipate!
April 2012 School Vacation Week Classes|1 p.m.|Performance Hall
Hope Roth Third Monday Residency!
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|April 17

Johnny D's
Questionnairey
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
The Merry Runaround |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
The Honors|(No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
The Hornitz
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday of the month
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
"Beer and Mussels" Night
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Arts at the Armory
The First and Last Word Poetry Series
6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|April 18

Johnny D's
Infrared Band|Michael Musillami Trio
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

La Fin Absolut Du Monde|The Dying Falls|Nihility|High Diner
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
TÔMN w/ special guests Chad Perrone and Grand Fatilla
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Kong - King of Funk
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Interactive Trivia and Game Night|Free Pool, Darts, Night Videogames,Sports on TV, 8 Ball
Tournament|Texas Hold'em
381 Summer St

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|April 11

Central Library
Somerville Reads: Community Storytelling Open-Mike Night
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|April 12

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library
Session 1 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.)
Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.)
40 College Ave

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Union Sq|
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

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).
For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday|April 14

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Winter Farmer's Market
9:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

Sunday|April 15

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

Monday|April 16

Third Life Studio
Beginning Hawaiian Hula
6 p.m.| 781-729-2252

Tuesday|April 17

Central Library
Somerville Reads: Discussion of Paul Fleischman's Seedfolks
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884
The Art of Singing Group
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|April 18

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Musical Conversation with Alan is back! Come join us April 18 at 12:30 pm at Holland Center for a wonderful hour of music, reminiscing and conversation! RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Chair Massage - From 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Massage therapist Dell fisher will be giving chair massages at the Holland Street Center. \$15 will buy you 15 minutes of bliss and relaxation. Call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to book your appointments. Thursday April 19th Holland Street Center.

Do you knit or would you like to learn? Come join our knitting group as we knit for a purpose. April 17 and April 24 this month. 1:30 pm. Holland Street Center.

Celebrate Brazil - Join us in celebrating Brazil with a delicious meal, musical entertainment and cultural speaker. The SheBoom is a Brazilian drumming group who will be performing for us! Reserve a space, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. Cost is \$2.00 for lunch.

NEW EVENING CLASSES:

Chair Yoga - This class focuses on relaxation, stretching. If you have aches, pains, stress, anxiety - this class may be for you. Monday 4:30 - 5:30 at Holland Street. \$5.

Line Dancing - Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00 Holland Street. \$5. All levels welcome.

Zumba Gold - Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 Holland Street. \$5.

Chair Yoga - Tuesdays at Holland Street from 10:15 - 11:15 beginning April 23. \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

Zumba Gold - Join the craze and dance your way to fitness. Ralph & Jenny Center from 10:30 - 10:45. \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

QiGong - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 pm. Stretching and moving.

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers.

Strength with Geoff - Tuesdays at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny.

Indoor Exercises - all three centers.

April 11

Winter Hill Yacht Club

Holland Street Center
Chronic Disease Mgt.|1 p.m.
Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center
Center Closed
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
Center Closed
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 12

Holland Street Center
Memoir Writing Class|9 a.m.
Current Events Group - new members welcome! Come join us as we discuss what's going on in Somerville, the United States and World events.|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercises* - note new time|11 a.m.
Bereavement Support Group|12:15 p.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
Strengthening with Geoff|10 a.m.
Portuguese Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 13

Holland Street Center
Indoor Exercises|11 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center
Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
Center Closed
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 16

All centers closed - Patriots Day

April 17

SCES Elder Fair
Holland Street Center
SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.
Knitting|1:30 p.m.
Line Dancing|3 p.m.
Caregiver's Group|6:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

April 18

Holland Street Center
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 p.m.
Women's Group|10:30 p.m.
Musical Conversation|12:30 p.m.
Chronic Disease|1 p.m.
QiGong|1:15 p.m.
Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center
Center Closed
Bowling at Flatbread|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
Zumba Gold|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:30 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Computer Tutorial - Retired computer teacher Barbara Marshall will be volunteering on select Thursdays from 11 - 12 at the Holland Street Center to provide individualized computer training. To schedule an appointment, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Check out our **Facebook site** for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA

Reclaiming humanity for immigrantsCONT. FROM PG 1

Recently, The “Somos We Are” campaign sought to remove the negative connotation associated with the word “illegal” in the attempt to rescue the humanity of the Latino community within Somerville.

At the hearing on Monday, April 2, Somerville School Committee members listened to three youth advocates testify why the word “illegal” should be discouraged from their daily vocabulary.

Rewind to the end of last year when students associated with the “Somos We Are” initiative visited Christine Rafal, school

committee member for Ward 4, to ask for help in getting their motion passed.

Rafal recalls November of 2011 when a dozen undocumented teens asked for assistance in this initiative.

“It was a very modest request,” said Rafal.

Several months later a community school hearing was held at city hall to address the initiative.

Katherine Hernandez, 15, from the Winter Hill Community School was one of the undocumented students who testified on Monday.

“I had to cross a lot of borders

to get here, and I hope that you will join me in crossing this one. The word 'illegal' is a barrier and tonight I ask that together we tell the city of Somerville and its schools to stop using words like illegal to describe human beings.”

Distinguishing between people who are criminals and those who are undocumented was the impetus behind the testimonials.

Hernandez had looked up the word “illegal” in the dictionary and much to her dismay she found it refers to someone that is “against the law.”

State Representative Denise

Provost, D-Massachusetts, sees the shift in verbiage as a move in the right direction.

Provost said, “undocumented' is more accurate and less pejorative, and the word 'illegal' is misleading and disrespectful because it suggests criminal action instead of a violation of civil law.”

Laura Gonzalez's opinion of the motion is a huge victory because it says that the local government cares about the youth.

“When you look at the dynamic nationally there's a huge anti-immigrant sentiment that is increasing every single day,”

said Gonzalez.

Currently, there are almost 24 million undocumented immigrants living in the U.S., according to a website called <http://www.immigrationcounters.com>

Yet, The Department of Homeland Security released their findings recently, estimating a decline in undocumented immigrants since President Obama took office in 2009.

Still, Gonzalez feels there is a new “pool of immigrants” that strives for citizenship during election season.

Looking down from the skyCONT. FROM PG 1

take flight. As Jeffrey Warren, Research Director at Public Lab, pointed out “It's kind of like surfing. You can do it anytime, but it's not going to be optimal. You have to know the weather.”

The plan was to launch the balloon, take some photos, bring it down to view the photos, and then launch it again. Unfortunately, the balloon popped in the air and the camera had to be rescued from the power line where it was entangled. However, the camera was still able to take photos of Davis Square and the results can be seen on the PLOTS

website.

For many people at the event, this was their first attempt at balloon mapping. A few of the participants had tried it before and talked about the challenges they faced and the solutions they found. One issue is protecting the camera, which can be accomplished cheaply and easily with a used soda bottle. The repurposed bottle creates a shell to protect the camera from unplanned landings, dirt, and sand. Attaching wings to the bottle helps stabilize it and keeps it from spinning in the air. Another

challenge is the storage and battery capacities of a digital camera. Shooting photos in continuous mode drains the battery quickly, while filling up the memory card. One group said they had found one solution to this problem: they activated the flash mode and taped over the flash so the photos did not become overexposed.

That is part of the fun of the activity. There is a specific goal, but there are many challenges and many solutions. Each person has to approach the task and think through the whole scenario.

It is both fun and educational.

PLOTS was founded in response to the 2010 BP Oil Spill, but the group and its movement are really about exploring the environment and understanding its social and political implications through the use of open-source hardware and software tools. As the organization's website states: “Public Laboratory creates a collaborative network of practitioners who actively re-imagine the human relationship with the environment... Our goal is to increase the ability of underserved

communities to identify, redress, remediate, and create awareness and accountability around environmental concerns.”

The balloon only took flight once, but that one trip made quite an impression on the group of people who gathered on Saturday morning. To find out more about PLOTS and Do-It-Yourself mapping, visit <http://publiclaboratory.org/home>. For more information on Parts and Crafts and the programs and camps it offers, visit the website at <http://partsandcrafts.org/>.

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Local animator Alex Salsberg and the art of satire

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

"I've been drawing my whole life," Alex Salsberg exclaimed over a cup of coffee, "When I was six, I decided I wanted to be a newspaper cartoonist."

A native of Wayland, Massachusetts, and current Somerville resident, Salsberg is an artist devoted to socio-political satire, and has created a wide breadth of works in myriad mediums since being a boy with a dream. Now creating comic strips, illustrations, animations and more, he has branched out of his original passion substantially.

Salsberg created some of his first animations using clay and a toy camera, taking shots frame for frame and bringing his imagination to life when he was just 10 years old. After continuing his work through high school, taking some related classes during that time, the animator went on to the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, where he created his first animated film for school, which focused on bathroom etiquette.

The artist explained that the video went viral in a time before the web-based video explosion of today, leading many interested viewers to reach out to him and offer contracts for private jobs. Through college, Salsberg did freelance work, which he continues to do today. Additionally, he has honed writing skills, which has been a passion from a young age, from screen-styled to short stories to enrich his animations and illustrations further.

Specificity of direction, subject matter and the eventual publication has never held the animator back, as he explained he has done work for everything from Nickelodeon to Playboy. He has done instructional animation, motion graphics, and is currently doing work for the U.S.S. Constitution, while teaching each summer at the Digital Media Academy in

Harvard University. Additionally, Salsberg is working on a children's book with a collaborator, which has been one of his lifelong dreams.

With influences ranging from Bill Watterson and Gary Larson to The Simpsons and Dr. Seuss, it's no wonder that this talented individual creates such eclectic pieces. His original works walk the line of political correctness, poking at the social norms and mores that often divide individuals with the end game of uniting otherwise conflicting groups with humor. Coupled with his style of drawing, this makes his work suitable for audiences of all ages and from a wide range of social backgrounds.

"Usually when I do an original cartoons, I'd say the target audience is adults, though not adults," Salsberg explained. "I do a lot of satire, though for client work it's been a range...For my own original work, I usually do not have an audience in mind, other than the target audience of the satire and observational humor. I tend to keep things very light-hearted, I don't like to be too cynical, mean or offensive."

Taking a potentially hard hitting message and mixing in this style of child-friendly humor has given the artist the opportunity to create each work in a way that can be viewed and received in a variety of different ways from varying audiences. He used his experience of being commissioned by Playboy to animate their party jokes as an example of this.

"Almost just because I thought it was funny, I did that in a very Saturday morning cartoon-style, and directed the narrator to read it as if it was a children's book," he said, "and a lot of those voices were even teachers I had from high school."

The animator stays very busy, as he is commissioned to do a variety of works, such as caricature drawing at parties and other hired projects, while still keeping up with his own original pieces.



Somerville artist/animator Alex Salsberg observes and renders the world around him in his own unique way.

His goals are very much oriented in his current projects, as he aims to create more original works and gain a larger viewership online through his website, while pitching ideas to television stations for animated programming and other pursuits, keeping the idea of a feature-length animated film in mind for when the proper time and financial backing are available.

Salsberg loves the fact that his passion and profession allow him to live wherever he likes. He did note that even with the opportunity to live anywhere and continue his work, he chooses to live in Somerville, as he loves the city and in-

tends on sticking around for a long time.

Interested parties can find all of his contact information, as well as the majority of his works on his website - www.pokegravy.com - named after a cartoon Salsberg used to draw in middle school and high school, and managed entirely by himself and long-time friend Ellery Harrington. His latest original animation, a hilarious take on the tension between Passover and Easter titled "The Focus Group," can be found there along with a tremendous amount of satirical and social-humor based original and commissioned works.

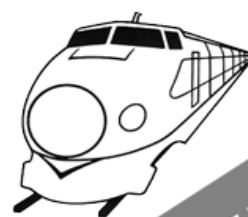
Person of the Week



Meet Ann Dunbar, a mother, grandmother and lifelong member of the 'Ville. Ann raised her children as a single mom, and she did a great job teaching the lesson of life. Ann worked hard as well, she worked full time for the T and retired, she is now involved in that great role as Grandmother. Ann has also been active in local politics in the past as well as a member for more than 35 years of the Democratic Party in Ward 4. She attended many of the state's conventions over the years as well. She is a very nice lady who is very good-natured and always friendly, no matter who you are. We have known her here at The News for many years, and we are always glad to see her and get all the latest. A pleasant and nice person, whom we are glad to have as Person of the Week here in Somerville. If you see her around say "Hi" and ask about her days at the 350. You'll love the story.

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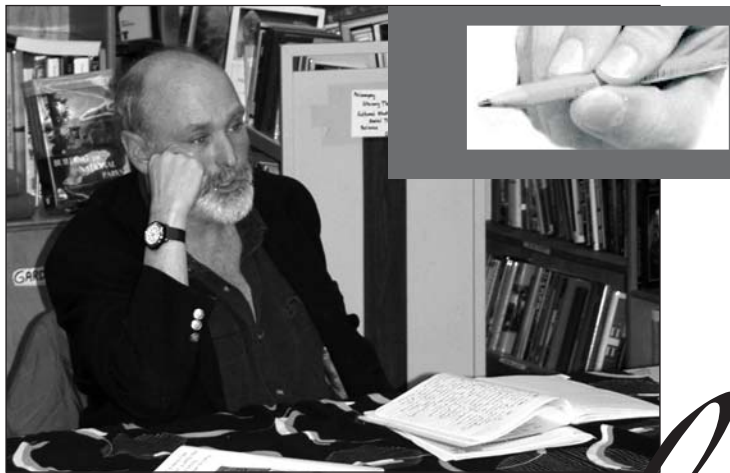
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SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, April 11					
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	Ablevision	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman
6:00am	Flip Side	5:30pm	Cooking w/ Georgia & Dez	2:00pm	SCATV Special
6:30am	The Struggle	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville
7:00am	Baby Boomers	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents...
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:30pm	The Nicole Show	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	4:30pm	Back In The Day
10:00am	Abugida TV	9:30pm	Physician Focus	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	6:00pm	Tele Magazine
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	Friday, April 13		8:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING
1:00pm	Sen. Pat Jehlen's Bread & Roses	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
2:00pm	Back in The Day	6:00am	Live Response	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk
2:30pm	Life Matters	7:00am	Culture Club	11:00pm	GAY TV
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	7:30am	Talk About Somerville	Sunday, April 15	
3:30pm	Inside Talk	8:00am	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV
4:00pm	Thom Hartman show	9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00am	Show de Fe
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	Vida Na TV
5:00pm	Active Aging	11:00am	Gay TV	8:00am	Eckankar
5:30pm	Somerville Housing	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:30am	Healer in Every Home
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	1:00pm	Sen. Pat Jehlen's Bread & Roses	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	2:00pm	Somerville Housing	10:00am	International Church of God
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	Neighborhood Cookin W/Candy	11:00am	The Commonwealth Report
8:30pm (LIVE)	Grasping Nature	3:00pm	Brunch w/ Senator Sanders	11:30am	Somerville Housing Auth.
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	12noon	The Entertainer's Show
10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	4:30pm	Art@SCATV	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.
10:30pm	The Smoki Dick Show	5:00pm	SCATV Promo's	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
11:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe
11:30pm	Art @ SCATV	7:30pm	Adventures of Scuba Jack	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
Thursday, April 12		8:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Garage	6:00pm	Abugida TV
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	7:00pm	African TV Network
7:00am	Discovering Justice	10:00pm	Jeff TV	8:00pm	Tele Magazine
7:30am	Perils For Pedestrians	11:00pm	Visual Radio	9:00pm	Watch This
8:00am	Democracy Now!	Saturday, April 14		9:30pm	Grill Dog
9:00am	Sen. Pat Jehlen's Bread & Roses	12:00mid	Bongoman	10:00pm	SCATV
10:00am	Active Aging	1:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	Undercover TV
10:30am	Jeff Jam	6:00am	Arabic Hour	Monday, April 16	
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	SCATV Promos	12:00am	Free Speech TV
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:00am	The Struggle	6:00am	SCATV Promos
1:00pm	African TV Network	8:30am	Animal Agenda	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids
2:00pm	Baby Boomers: The Sandwich Generation	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	8:00am	Democracy Now!
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	9:00am	GAY TV
3:30pm	Art@SCATV	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes
		12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00non	Democracy Now!

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, April 11					
9:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:45am: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	Sunday, April 15	
9:00am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	12:45am: (15)	WSNS Talent Show at Tufts	12:00am: (13/16)	Greek Independence Day
11:30am: (15)	Highlander Forum	2:15am: (15)	SHS Hockey Highlights 2011-12	12:00am: (15)	WSNS Talent Show at Tufts
12:00pm: (13/16)	Seriously Somerville	2:25am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	1:05am: (13/16)	Seriously Somerville
12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00am: (13/16)	Guns n' Hoses Hockey Benefit	1:20am: (13/16)	Guns n' Hoses Hockey Benefit
12:15pm: (13/16)	Guns n' Hoses Hockey Benefit	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:30am: (15)	Kid Stuff
12:45pm: (15)	6th, 7th & 8th Grade Soccer Championship	12:00pm: (13/16)	Greek Independence Day	2:00am: (15)	Educational Forum at Argenziano
1:20pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm: (15)	WSNS Talent Show at Tufts	2:25am: (13/16)	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions
1:50pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back	1:05pm: (13/16)	Seriously Somerville	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
7:00pm: (13/16)	Women's History Month Celebration	1:20pm: (13/16)	Guns n' Hoses Hockey Benefit	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Hockey Highlights 2011-12
7:00pm: (15)	Candidate Search for SHS Headmaster	1:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:10pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
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7:45pm: (15)	SHS Hockey Highlights 2011-12	2:25pm: (13/16)	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions	12:40pm: (15)	National Honor Society Induction
7:55pm: (15)	National Honor Society Induction	7:00pm: (13/16)	Greek Independence Day	1:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update
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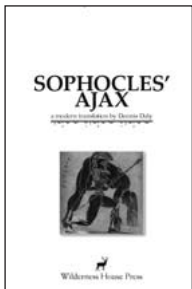


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Somerville Bagel Bard Dennis Daly:

A Translator, A Poet, A Reviewer, A Union Organizer



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Our guest poet is Timothy Gager. Timothy Gager is the author of nine books of poetry and fiction. His latest chapbook of poetry, *Anti-Social Network* will be released shortly from Red Neck Press. He lives at www.timothygager.com.

When It is Still Winter

My Valspar sailcloth walls
against the snow
on the windowsill
needed a coat
of new paint.
Your tracks on my front walkway
are now covered so clean —
You left when it was falling,
perhaps you were never here at all
but I know you've visited
a hundred thousand times
this morning;
like a faint song
I heard birds singing
of springtime.

— Timothy Gager

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Dennis Daly has been many things in his eclectic life. He has been a union organizer, an English graduate student at Northeastern University, a mental health worker on the night shift on a back ward, a columnist for The Salem News, and a world traveler--who chose to traverse the dangerous hinterlands of Afghanistan, and other hotspots around the world. Daly, who can be found at the ungodly hour of 8A.M. every Saturday at the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square at the Bagel Bards literary group meeting, is also a poet and a translator. Daly, who has published poetry when he was a young man, has now come back to the fold and in a big way. Over the years he has been published in numerous magazines and small poetry journals such as The Sou'wester, Lyric, Boston Today Magazine, Soundings East, Tendril, Poetry &, Dark Horse, Green House, Lyrical Somerville, Wilderness House Literary Review and is included with two other poets in a chapbook entitled 10 X 3, published by Northeastern University Press. And now he has just completed a verse translation of Sophocles' Ajax, which is published in the current issue of Wilderness House Literary Review. A paperback version of Sophocles' Ajax will be released by Wilderness House Press on June 1, 2012. Additionally, five new poems are due to be published in the Istanbul Literary Review and two more in the Muddy River Poetry Review this spring. He also regularly writes literary reviews for the Boston Area Small Press and Poetry Scene. His first book of poems, Custom House, will be released by Ibbetson Street Press by June 1, 2012. Here is a review by poet Irene Koronas of Daly's translation of Sophocles' Ajax.

Sophocles' Ajax
A modern translation
Dennis Daly
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"Athena! How happy I am to hear your voice. The voice which of all the gods is dearest to me."

In the year 1980, restoration of the Sistine Chapel was painstakingly begun. The general and not so general public was dismayed by the clarity, the bright simple colors that appeared from underneath the patina. We, as an audience, to the masters paintings, fresco, thought the build-up of dirt and dust that lay on the surface of the fresco, was intentional and that the artist Michelangelo, intended the effect that was being viewed. Perhaps, one might view it as a natural intention and that would then result in the decline of the pigment originally painted. Personally, I reveled in the clean, unearthed images in wonderful coral and blue pigments.

Daly's translation is indeed modern, not contemporary, but modern in relating an ancient story/play that was meant to be read and heard by a then modern audience. We being the modern audience can now read what was then modern:

"Odysseus

... "I am on the trail
Of Ajax, possessor of the seven-fold
Shield. I've been following him for hours.
Last night he carried out an incredible
Attack against us. Or at least we think
It was he. The facts at this point are still
Not very clear. I have offered to track down
The perpetrator of the deed and discover

His motive. This much we know: our Trojan spoils,
All of our cattle and sheep, were found
Butchered this morning..."

After the controversy of the restoration of the Sistine ceiling was lain aside, tourists once again gazed at a masterpiece, in the knowledge, that what was being seen, was indeed, the original Michelangelo.

Can we ever know, truly, if Sophocles meant what any translation tries to translate? My criteria for any given translation is, is that the story or the play I'm reading, is relate-able to my present or past circumstances or experiences or to my cultural experiences. The translation needs to relate to the culture at hand, otherwise it become lost in translation:

"Odysseus

I know of none greater. He is
My enemy and I hate him, yet I
Pity him also for his helplessness
In the face of misfortune and the shame,
The awful shame he will feel. For this touches
My condition as well. Are we-all living
Beings-mere phantoms, a moment's shadow?"

Daly has cleared away all the debris that so often falls onto translations, that has fallen onto so many ancient plays. In the introduction to Ajax, Daly writes.... "In Ajax, madness leads to shame and shame leads to self-knowledge and nobility..." We come to a better understanding of Sophocles, and his intentions in Ajax, because of the translation. An account of nobility after a long traverse into madness, the characters emerge clean, refreshed in understanding the human directives as well as the feminine, higher voice, Athena, that the characters participate with. The readers will revel in the clear language and hear their own voices:

"Teucer

...O brother, let me
Lift you off this accursed weapon
Which boasts even now of your stolen breathe.
Did you guess that Hector, although gone
Before you, would be the parent of this deed?
How strange the fortune of these two men!
With the same girdle that Ajax had given him,
Hector was dragged to death under the wheels
Of Achilles' chariot. And this hateful sword
On which Ajax fell and died was a gift
From Hector. Only a Fury could have forged
This blade! Only the grim artisan
Of Hades contrived that girdle! These things
Like all others which torment men's lives..."

We the reader are in view of a great masterpiece, uncovered, after many long years in obscurity, uncovered after being buried beneath scholarship and rhetoric, we the general populace, now get the gift of being able to participate in this passionate work of art:

"Chorus

The matter of life a man may see
And from it learn a wisdom.
But who has sight enough
To envision the future
Or perceive his own fate?"

Ms. Cam's

Answers from page 14

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Answers

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| 1. The Monster Mash | 7. 6 feet tall |
| 2. The Macarena | 8. Ted Danson |
| 3. Tissue | 9. Nantucket |
| 4. The thigh bone | 10. The Chinese |
| 5. San Diego Padres | 11. Canada |
| 6. A baby crocodile | 12. The United States |

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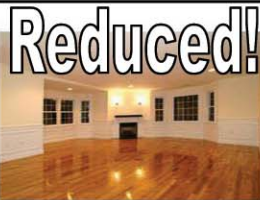
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