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Earth Day urban farm expansion



Photo by Harry Kane

Groundwork Somerville has put down roots for its urban farm in downtown Somerville.

By Harry Kane

South Street Farm is Somerville's first farm. It's part of what will be a larger urban agriculture initiative in the city. The farm is located at 100 South St. on the corner of Willow St.

On April 21 during a citywide Earth Day Weekend celebration, community volunteers and Groundwork Somerville installed 8 more raised bed gardens at the farm.

"We're hoping to demonstrate that urban agriculture can be a sustainable business model and also provide fresh healthy local food to people who need that," said Chris Mancini, executive director at Groundwork Somerville.

Groundwork's environmental youth program is in charge of planting and maintaining the raised bed gardens.

Mancini and Green Team members will be working with shelters and schools to get the "food into the hands and mouths of students and people in need."

The farm was a vacant city lot that has been made available for urban farming. When the farm opened last autumn, they put 5 raised beds down, and some of the crops have already come to fruition like garlic and kale.

"What we're hoping is

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Veterans' Services gets new director

By Harry Kane

Jay Weaver became the Director at Veterans' Services on April 2. As a Harvard man he studied American History. Weaver has always been fascinated with The American Revolution and World War 2.

"This job has been fantastic," said Weaver, "because I get to meet these guys that actually were in World War 2. This morning I was talking to a guy that parachuted into D-Day. It's a good opportunity to learn something about history in the process of doing work."

Weaver was in the military, but joined very late in life. "I'd always regretted not having served in the military because I was always so impressed by veterans when I met them and it was with a little bit of embarrassment that I had to admit that I had never served myself. So, at the age of 47, I convinced the army to give me a 12 year age waiver."

Weaver was allowed to serve as an "army reserve guy." He went to Germany and served with the First Armored Division and later went to Afghanistan for one year.

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Photo by Harry Kane

New Veterans' Services Director Jay Weaver enjoys history and embraces the opportunity to be of service to the community's veteran population.

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NEWTALK

This Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. join in on the annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up. For information and list of locations see the city's website , www.somervillema.gov. East Somerville main Streets is looking for a dedicated East Somervillillian to be Team Captain. Recruit the biggest team and you can win \$100 towards a meal at a local restaurant. Don't have a team? No problem! Come on your own and join the fun. All participants get a free t-shirt, with an after party to follow at Casey's from 12 to 1. For more information contact Abbie Dusseldorp at projectassistant@eastsomervillemainstreets.org

What's going on at the Board of Alderman? We hear a certain committee chairman is busy yelling and screaming at department heads. One alderman has only been in attendance three times out of eight meetings since January. Another alderman used his Section 15 "no more discussion rule" on a mayoral request. So everything is normal, or is it?

Wow! We were on Winter Hill where the new "bike corrals" is installed and the businesses are upset. One person reported to us that since the rack has been installed no bikes were using it. It means loss of revenue from the meters, not to mention loss of revenue to the businesses. Is this an attack on local businesses by city government? This is the question asked by a lot of small business owners. Maybe these racks would be good for Davis and Union Squares - we're not sure - but in Ball Square in front of a bar and in Winter Hill in front of a pizza place? How many bicyclists are parking to go in the bar and how many are ordering and taking out pizza on a bike? The person behind this must never have worked in the business world and if the Board of Alderman approved this then why?

Congratulations to both Mike and Judy Podymaitis, once again being installed as Worthy Patron

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Old Ball Square

Eileen says:

And don't forget Girard's Donut Shop.....They had the best donuts in Somerville. Steven's was noted for their vanilla cokes and English Muffins – everybody would go their after Mass on Sunday and get "the usual". Great Memories of Ball Square – thanks Jimmy

Some Ole Villen says:

Excellent article on what was in Ball Square back in the day. Just to add a few things as I stretch my memory to its limits. Where CVS recently was, Johnnies Super Market held that location however when it first opened it was smaller and that block was shared with Von's Cleaners and McCue's Variety Store. Wasn't Marget's a smoke shop where you could place a bet on anything? Steven's became Harold's Lunch. My favorite place for Mom to take me was Saval's Five and 10 where it seemed to have everything a kid could want. Don't forget Patsy's Barber Shop right next to Mitchell's. Does anybody remember the Sign Shop right next to the Fryers.

Gary K says:

I remember one day it was cool and rainy, no good for farmers to pick corn so some of them came and sat in the Chatterbox Cafe for a while and tried to comfort each other by telling a few familiar jokes. Roger and Rollie and Harold and Virgil Berge, sitting in the back booth, began with a few clean ones about animals walking into a bar and asking for a drink, and a cannibal joke, and the pig-in-the-apple-tree joke, and the ventriloquist who spends the night at the sheep farmer's, and the one about the Norwegian trying to get into heaven. Then Harold started one about a seed salesman who was traveling through. His voice dropped as he came to the part where the lady tiptoes out to the privy in the moonlight and her dog follows her, and everyone leaned in close, and Mr Lundberg and Bud and Russell came and huddled over the booth, waiting to be killed by this beloved old classic and he said, "So Clarissa seen a petunia growing near the path and bent down to pick it up..and the dog he." and Harold, who has been under a lot of pressure lately, began to slowly explode. He leaked air out of his nose and his ears. He gasped and whined, tears running down his face, he grabbed in to the table, out of control, he stood up and motioned to be let out, but they were starting to leak too and he couldn't move. Uncle Al was there, having a bite of meat loaf. He told me later, "You know, some people only know how to tell a joke, but Harold knows how to make people laugh."

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

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Police headquarters' modifications to be completed

By Harry Kane

The \$282,000 requested for renovations of Police Headquarters has been allocated to the Department of Public Works after a special meeting with the Aldermen last Wednesday, April 18.

The modifications include \$220,000 taken from the Police Salaries Fund and \$62,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance.

Commissioner Stan Koty said that everyone was being coordinated and "it's moving rather quickly."

The money will be used for various upgrades and installations. Appropriations from the Police Salaries Fund will go towards air conditioning, rugs, additional painting and a portion of the new windows

on the Meriam Street side of the building.

"There was an area of rugging that was ruined when they were trapping in or something and the Chief wanted it done. That's under his purview. That will be done within the next two weeks maximum," said Koty.

Appropriations from the Unreserved Fund Balance will go towards the building of two rooms, installation of ceiling tiles, additional funds for the windows on Meriam Street and the installation of monitor fasteners and electrical outlets.

According to Commissioner Koty the ceiling tiles are 80 percent installed.

"I would honestly say, at the maximum, another 60 days until the work is completed," said Koty.



Funding has been approved to continue improvements at Somerville Police headquarters.

'Eye sore' in East Somerville

By Harry Kane

Somerville residents communicated their concerns for safety at the border of East Somerville around the intersection of Broadway and Caldwell Street. According to residents at the Ward 1 ResiStat meeting on April 24 the "no man's land" by I-93 is an area where soliciting takes place. Several residents were apprehensive about the shady homeless char-

acters lingering around the dilapidated buildings at the beginning of Broadway.

A resident who wanted to remain anonymous said, "It's not just an eye sore. If the buildings were occupied it wouldn't be a problem."

Police Captain Trant initially said that the problem area was not under the Somerville jurisdiction, but after residents continued to offer their viewpoints he suggested that Ward 1 Com-

munity Police Officer Nicky Stiles would look into that section of Somerville and report back if any unusual characters presented themselves.

Ward 1 Alderman William M. Roche communicated to the residents that the MBTA Police may, at some point, have patrolmen to aid in the surveillance of the area. This addition would help the Somerville Police with the needed security for that section of East Somerville.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Immediately following a call to Ward 7 Alderman Bob Trane, about a very uneven sidewalk causing residents to fall, he arrived on the scene to observe my concern, a

wonderful same day response.

Mr. Trane's intervention resulted in a repair on Sterling St. shortly thereafter. Cheers to Alderman Trane for his rapid re-

sponse and continued concern for his constituents.

Thank you very much Alderman Trane!
A Sterling Street Resident

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Unruly patron arrested

Police were called to Sherman Café at 1 Union Square last Saturday on a report of an unwanted customer who was allegedly causing problems.

Upon arrival, officers were directed to the man in question, Matthew Rais, 30, of Malden, as he was walking around outside of the eatery, reportedly eating a cookie that witnesses said he had stolen from the café.

Police said that they attempted to question Rais, but that he only complained of being treated badly, although he failed to offer any details concerning these complaints.

At one point Rais reportedly stepped off the curb of the sidewalk causing passing cars to slam on their brakes. When officers attempted to pull him back onto the sidewalk Rais jerked his arm away and resisted being led by them, police said.

Officers were eventually successful in getting Rais to sit on

the ground, but they report that he was very unsteady and fell backwards. He also reportedly appeared to behave in a very uncoordinated fashion and continuously shouted obscenities at the officers.

Rais also reportedly claimed to have taken rat poison, so officers called for EMS personnel to come and evaluate the man's condition.

Rais reportedly continued to scream at police and passers-by, drawing a crowd of onlookers, even as emergency crews tended to him.

It was determined that Rais should be placed into custody, but he reportedly resisted and struggled with officers as he was being detained.

He was eventually handcuffed and taken away from the scene, charged with resisting arrest, disturbing the peace, larceny under \$250, and threat to commit a crime.

Somerville Auxiliary Police provide support at Boston Marathon



Fifteen members of the Somerville Auxiliary Police participated in the massive public safety effort in support of the Annual Running of the Boston Marathon. For the tenth year, the Auxiliary Officers were requested by the Hopkinton Police Department to assist with security and safety efforts at and around the starting line. These volunteer officers worked from 5:30 a.m. until noon in support of the public safety efforts. In addition to providing security, the officers help to keep the runners on course at the start of the race. Members of the Auxiliary Police volunteer their time representing the City of Somerville at many public events in Somerville each year. They also assist other communities at public events upon special request.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Francine Conley, 54, of 57 Puritan Rd., April 17, 10:54 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery and disorderly conduct.

Joseph Torres, 56, of 7A Taylor St., April 17, 3:10 p.m., arrested at 90 Union Sq. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, failure to stop or yield, and marked lanes violation.

A juvenile, April 18, 12:35 a.m., arrested at 350 Broadway on a charge of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Eder De Oliveira, 28, of 46 Derby St., April 18, 9:09 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Rita Smith, 35, April 18, 3:23 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of conspiracy, larceny over \$250, and threat to commit a crime.

Mowafi Shora, 49, of 9 Drenzo Terr., April 19, 10:49 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Michael Leonard, 45, of 34 Bay State Ave., April 19, 4:41 p.m., arrested at Broadway on

warrant charges of leaving the scene of property damage, assault and battery on a police officer, destruction of property over \$250, resisting arrest, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, possession of a class B drug, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Djalma Paixao, 44, of 87 Temple St., April 19, 5:42 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of marked lanes violation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Haley McElmurray, 18, April 19, 7:11 p.m., arrested at 22 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Christopher Reed, 25, April 19, 7:11 p.m., arrested at 22 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Matthew Rais, 30, of 152 Sylvan St., Malden, April 21, 4:23 p.m., arrested at 1 Union Sq. on charges of resisting arrest, disturbing the peace, larceny under \$250, and threat to commit a crime.

Edilson Guedes, 39, of 40 Third, Medford, April 22, 1:22 a.m., arrested at 133

Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Henry Ayala, 25, of 20 Heath, April 22, 2:27 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Fernando Silva, 31, of 33 Marshall St., April 22, 8:02 a.m., arrested at 82 Broadway on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, unsafe operation of a motor vehicle, miscellaneous equipment violation, and possession to distribute a drug.

Eric Swindell, 40, of 402 Medford St., April 22, 9:55 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of larceny by check over \$250.

Jargle Soto, 26, of 1909 Columbus Ave., Roxbury, April 22, 12:34 p.m., arrested at Minnesota Ave. on charges of possession of a class B drug, and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Armando Quiros, 36, of 17 Wellesley Ave., Natick, April 22, 3:07 p.m., arrested on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Kevin Silva, 30, of 33 Edgar Ave., April 23, 10:09 a.m., ar-

rested at home on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Incidents:

Theft:

April 16, 8:25 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

April 17, 11:29 a.m., police reported a theft at Summer St.

April 18, 12:10 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

April 19, 1:21 p.m., police reported a theft at Boston Ave.

April 19, 7:11 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

April 20, 8:56 a.m., police reported a theft at Sydney St.

April 22, 9:27 a.m., police reported a theft at Moreland St.

April 22, 2:21 p.m., police reported a theft at Alewife Brook Pky.

Robbery:

April 19, 11:24 a.m., police reported a robbery at 125 Broadway.

April 22, 10:46 a.m., police reported a robbery at 220 Washington St.

Breaking & Entering:

April 17, 12:36 p.m., police

reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

April 19, 5:00 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Mt. Vernon St.

April 19, 6:03 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

April 21, 4:29 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Sydney St.

April 21, 9:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Perkins St.

Vehicle Theft:

April 18, 9:58 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Washington St.

April 18, 12:06 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Pinckney St.

April 20, 10:15 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Elm St.

Assault:

April 17, 10:54 p.m., police reported an assault at Puritan Rd.

April 19, 10:49 a.m., police reported an assault at Drenzo Terr.

April 19, 4:33 p.m., police reported an assault at Kent St.

April 19, 7:22 p.m., police reported an assault at Bonair St.

NBC's Brian Williams speaks at Tufts

By Francisco L. White

The Distler Performance Hall at Tufts University's Medford/Somerville campus filled quickly around noon on April 23, for the 7th Annual Edward R. Murrow Forum on Issues in Journalism. The event was free and open to the public. According to the press release, the forum "is inspired by legendary broadcaster Edward R. Murrow for his many contributions to journalism and public diplomacy" and "brings together interdisciplinary panels to reflect on Murrow's legacy and relate it to contemporary issues in journalism." The forum is sponsored by Tufts' Communications and Media Studies Program at the School of Arts and Sciences, the Edward R. Murrow Center of Public Diplomacy at The Fletcher School, and the Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service.

This year's highly anticipated featured speaker was the charismatic Brian Williams. Williams, anchor and managing editor of NBC Nightly News and the visionary behind the launch of the network's latest primetime news endeavor Rock Center with Brian Williams, is one of the most

acclaimed media figures of our time. He is the recipient of 12 Emmy Awards, 11 Edward R. Murrow Awards, the Walter Cronkite Award for Journalism, and the George Foster Peabody Award, among others. TIME named Williams one of the world's 100 most influential people in 2007. Having only obtained a total of 18 college credits, from three colleges, Williams admitted, "Tufts is where my mother always wanted me to go." He explained that his father is originally from nearby Framingham and his parents met while attending school in Maine.

The topic of this year's forum was politics and election coverage. Williams spoke specifically about presidential debate moderation, saying, "It's a high-wire act." He also addressed contempt for members of the media during significant political periods saying, "We have a vital job to do in a democracy. And it's not going to win you any popularity contests." When asked by an audience member how he chooses between "an attractive story and one that needs to be told," Williams responded, "Most days, the world around us compels our interest. There is



Brian Williams, left, anchor of NBC Nightly News, talks about his career with trustee Jonathan Tisch at the Edward R. Murrow Forum at Tufts University's Distler Performance Hall on April 23, 2012.

no shortage of stories to cover."

The discussion was led by Jonathan Tisch, a graduate of Tufts and host of Emmy-nominated Beyond the Boardroom with Jonathan Tisch. Tisch, who is also the author of three bestsellers, Co-Chairman of the Board of Loews Corporation (the parent company of Loews Hotels), and co-owner of the New York Giants, interviewed Katie Couric for the 6th Annual Murrow Forum.

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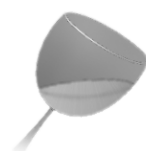
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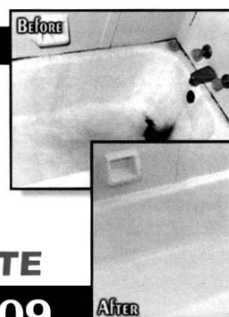
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THE Somerville News Person of the Week



Meet Celica Courtney Taylor, a lifelong resident and political activist but, more importantly, a mother and wife here in the city. Celica served on the School Board for Ward 1 for several years, and then she married Alderman Ward 3 Tom Taylor, then left office to become full time wife and mother. To the many Somerville residents who know Celica over the years, and we certainly count ourselves here at The News as big fans, she is one of the nicest, sincerest, and most honorable people that you could ever meet. Her many different friends and family members will tell you she's bright and knowledgeable about local politics going way back to the early 70's. More importantly, she's dedicated to her husband and daughter as well as her three children from a previous marriage. She gave her husband's speech at the city inaugural last January, when he was too sick to attend. Tom asked her to give the speech as the newly elected President of the Board of Alderman and, to no one's surprise, she was excellent. We think Celica makes a great choice as Person of the Week here. When you see her out and about make sure you say "Hi" to her. You'll notice her nice smile and what a genuine, caring, loving person she is for her family and the city.

Alderman proposes crosswalk safety video

By Harry Kane

Ward 1 Alderman William M. Roche is advocating for an educational video to be made for the safety of citizens who use the crosswalk at the corner of Foss Park at McGrath Highway and Broadway.

According to Alderman Roche the pedestrian signal is confusing for the elderly and youth walking across the street.

Alderman Roche had worked for several years to increase the signal cycles at the intersection. Now he feels the pedestrian signal is difficult to understand for the elderly and the youth of Somerville.

While the time sequencing of crossing signals has been studied and adminis-

tered for this intersection, the amount of time a pedestrian has to cross the street can be hard to determine.

Senior citizens, the disabled, teens and even parents with baby strollers are caught off guard when the signal starts to flash.

Regardless of when the crossing signal starts to flash the amount off time allocated is 15 seconds, said Roche. However, when the light starts to flash people do one of three things: they freeze, turn back or run forward.

The video would be shown at schools and elderly centers in order to help serve the community to be more safe and secure.



Alderman Roche is pressing ahead with an effort to have an educational video produced that will help to clarify the workings of the signals at the corner of Foss Park at McGrath Highway and Broadway.

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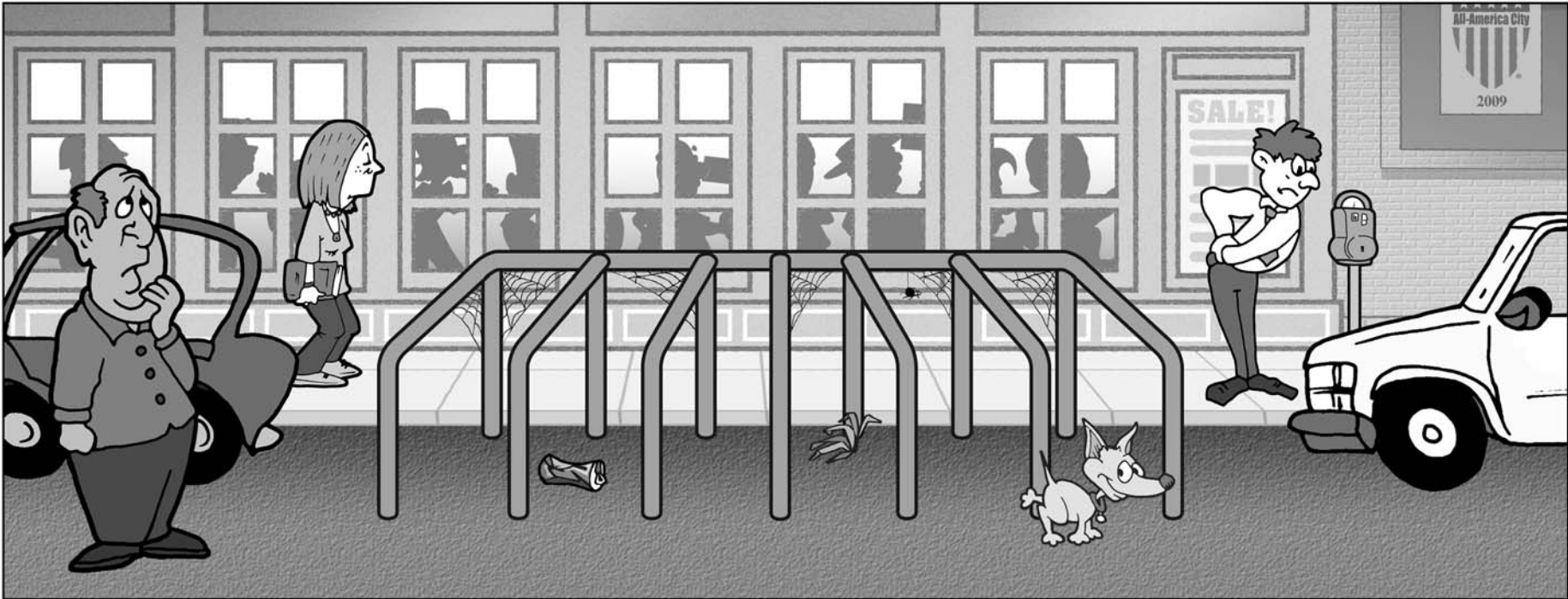
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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Free bike parking here. No waiting. Hello?...anybody?...

The View From Prospect Hill



A safe, free place to park one's bicycle seems like a good idea. The city, in its efforts to promote cycling in general, asserts that the bike corrals will make our streets and sidewalks a bit safer, while freeing more space for pedestrians and events. They are also regarded as a better alternative to locking bikes to parking meters, sign posts, etc., since in many instances

such activity can cause certain problems that can be avoided by use of the corrals. As an adjunct to general discussions of late regarding unsafe and illegal bicycle usage in the city, some wonder why free parking is being offered to cyclists while no such generosity is being extended to motor vehicle operators. Permit and metered parking is a vexation to many in

the city, and, although funded by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), it galls them to see these corrals put in to place at public expense. There is a call in some quarters to have cyclists registered, paying fees to help fund cycling law enforcement and related programs such as the bike corrals. How practical that proposal may be is yet to be proven.

Do we really wish to discourage bicycle use in our community, rather than promote it? Arguments can be made on either side of that issue. For the time being, we can say that a sensible method of parking bikes is now in place. For a certain number of cyclists, that is. The question now is, will the corrals gain favor with the cyclists themselves? Some re-

ports have indicated that trial offerings have not generated much interest among cyclists, with the corrals going largely unused. Old habits are hard to break sometimes, and a parking meter may be as convenient, or more so, than the new thing being offered. Place it and they will come? Apparently, this is not always the case.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

and Worthy Matron of Fraternal Chapter #136, Order of Eastern Star, tonight, Wednesday, April 25, at 125 Highland Avenue. If you're a relative of a Freemason and would like more information on joining Eastern Star, email Mike at mpodymail@aol.com. The chapter here in Somerville is very active.

Big time Happy Birthdays to some of our fans here in the 'Ville, like Alderman Jack Connolly who celebrated this past Sunday. Lifelong resident and good guy Mike Nionakis, who ran for Alderman himself this past year, celebrates this week too. Also, to Julie Brady. Although not officially a resident of the 'Ville, she's an avid reader of our paper and lives over in Medford. Chip Koty is celebrating his birthday as well, and we hear he's also engaged. Happy Birthday to our good friend Ray Snow Jr. of Somerville Plumbing who is also partying his way around the 'Ville this week. And finally to Kenny Web, Gale Snow, and Mary Jane Gambale who are all cele-

brating this week as well. A big get well soon to Mary Carafotes who suffered a fall recently and is in the MGH. She's in bad shape and will undergo surgery for a broken back. Prayers and good thoughts are with her and her family for a road back to recovery.

Also a get well goes out to Yolanda Di-Girolamo who has been laid up recently in the hospital. Yolanda is a wonderful lady as well as the mother of Somerville's own Attorney Rich Di-Girolamo. We wish her all the best and a speedy recovery as well.

Did anyone else notice that a local attorney Evan Gaff was on Jeopardy last week? Although he didn't win it was nice to see another Somerville resident make the TV screen, even if it's for a one time show.

Happy third wedding anniversary to our good friends at Somerville Fire De-

partment, District Chief Dennis and his lovely wife former Somerville Fighter Cindy Snow Murphy. Let the partying begin! Also, happy anniversary to our own Billy and Marisa Tauro, who are celebrating here in the 'Ville as well. Billy and Marisa make a great couple, and share lots of laughs and fun. We wish them many more years of happiness and bliss.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for a week from this Sunday, May 6, over at Anthony's in Malden. The annual Gene Brune scholarship breakfast is a great time. There will be lots of people and it's always nice to see Gene. This is his last year as Registrar of Deeds. It's hard to believe he's given over 20 years of service in Middlesex County.

Saturday, April 28, this weekend, is the family fundraiser in memory of Edmund J. Medeiros, who passed away 10 years ago. This is the 10th annual sports scholarship benefit, a Multiple Sclerosis Research fundraiser, in loving memory of Edmund. Buffet dinner,

dancing and raffles. 8p.m. to 12midnight at the Dante Club on Craigie Street. For information and tickets call Judy Medeiros at 617-599-8088. A \$20 donation is the cost, or send a donation to The Medeiros Family Fund, c/o Nancy Medeiros, 87 Wheatland Street, Somerville MA 02145.

The Somerville News will be offering an obituary section in the paper as well as listings for weddings and other announcements. Email ads@somervillenews.com or call The News' office: 617-666-4040.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Board of Aldermen invite residents to attend their local Spring 2012 ResiStat Community Meetings. Seven neighborhood meetings, one in each ward, will be held in the coming weeks, the first one started last night in Ward 1. Officials will discuss issues important to residents. Residents are invited to help shape the meeting agendas by visiting the ResiStat website, www.somervilleresistat.blogspot.com.

COMMENTARY

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What to do about the national debt



By William C. Shelton

I've never written a book review. But a recent work on the fiscal crisis is so sensible, thoroughly researched and non ideological that its ideas are worth sharing.

It is *White House Burning: The Founding Fathers, our National Debt, and Why it Matters to You*. Its authors, Simon Johnson and James Kwak are professors at MIT and the UConn respectively. Johnson was Chief Economist for the International Monetary Fund.

They show that arguments over national debt and taxes are as old as the Republic. The Continental Congress had borrowed heavily to finance the War of Independence. So the new nation was bankrupt when the war ended.

Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton restructured the debt and successfully argued that taxes must be imposed to pay it

down. This reassured lenders, but Thomas Jefferson and James Madison held that taxation gave the federal government too much power.

Simon and Kwak identify six episodes in which the nation has gone deeply into debt. The first five were to support wars. Americans paid down those debts with increased taxes, but did so over decades rather than years so as not to stifle economic growth.

Nonmilitary events since 2000 are responsible for the sixth and toughest debt problem: the George W. Bush tax cuts, adoption of the Medicare drug benefit, and the 2008 financial crisis that wrecked the economy. A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) analysis says that the financial meltdown's total impact, including reduced tax revenues, was a 50% increase in federal debt relative to gross domestic product (GDP).

They present simple and unequivocal evidence disproving the notion of runaway government spending. With the exception of defense, most government spending categories, as a percent of GDP, have remained flat or declined

since the late 1990s.

As a share of GDP, our government spending is low in comparison to that of other nations with advanced economies. And investors around the world are lending us money at an incredibly low interest rate-around 2%.

So do deficits matter? Dick Chaney famously told then Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill that Ronald Reagan had proven they don't matter.

They do. We cannot keep borrowing indefinitely. Nor is there any way of knowing when international investors will demand higher interest rates. And our dysfunctional Congress is not giving them confidence.

We need to convince investors that we can stabilize the debt and then bring it down, relative to the size of the economy. Higher interest rates would retard economic growth, slow or reverse job creation, reduce tax revenues, and indiscriminately reduce the needed services that government can provide.

Johnson says that, "Politicians deal in illusions and dreams." And Republicans and Democrats are both doing it.

President Obama wants to tax those earning over \$250,000 per

year. But his proposal would produce only a quarter of the total revenue lost by the Bush-era tax cuts. The wealthiest 1% that we have heard so much about is still only 1%. Although the Bush tax cuts disproportionately favored the rich, the bulk of taxes comes from the middle class.

Republican politicians say that the crisis is driven by excessive spending, and that deeper tax cuts would stimulate the economy, producing increased tax revenues. Harvard Economist Gregory Mankiw was Chairman of George W. Bush's Council of Economic Advisers and is now a key consultant to Mitt Romney. His exhaustive research shows that even under the most optimistic projections, cutting taxes does not lead to greater revenue. Romney, however, is saying the opposite.

Simon and Kwak identify the greatest expense-side threat to future budget balancing as Medicare and Medicaid. Republican Congressman Paul Ryan, Chairman of the House Budget Committee, offers one solution. He would replace Medicare with a voucher with which to buy healthcare in the private market. Its value

would be capped. So what could be bought would continually decline.

But the private market has been unwilling to insure people in their 70s, 80s, and 90s. This is why Medicare was first created. And the CBO says that healthcare costs would rise with this plan because the government has much more bargaining power than do individuals and companies.

The authors advocate a free and open debate about such basic issues as what we want government to do. But it should be a fact-based debate.

What is their prescription? The worst economic medicine would be to precipitously stop borrowing. We should phase in fiscal adjustment gradually, balancing it with economic growth, as we did responsibly with past debt crises. But we must start now.

The Bush tax cuts should be allowed to lapse for everyone. This would take us back to the levels of the late 1990s, but would still be much lower than those of the 50s and 60s. The cost to the average American family would be a few hundred dollars per year.

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Good sports



This past week's Fenway Park 100th anniversary celebration brought back many memories. I recalled the first (and only) time my dad and I went to a game at Fenway Park together. I had won two tickets on a WBCN radio quiz and took dad. That was around 1978 when he was still a Red Sox fan. It was a great day and I will never forget it. Since then, my sons have been to many games at Fenway and even met Johnny Pesky at a sports show.

When I saw all those former Red Sox players walk out onto the field, it reminded me of 1967 when I became a Sox fan. The whole region was buzzing about The Impossible Dream team. The Sox had won the pennant and they were to play the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series. I was never a baseball fan until then. My father took me to try out for little league, which I didn't make. We just weren't a big sports playing family, but we loved watching. When the Sox were in the World Series I jumped on the bandwagon. The excitement

was crazy. I watched every game and remember actually crying when Yaz popped out to end game seven.

I wasn't as excited about a sporting event again until 1986 when the Patriots made it to the Super Bowl against the Chicago Bears. I was working at Kiss 108 at the time and I wrote a parody to Elvis Presley's *Teddy Bear* called *Skin the Bears*. We even made a video of it and it made it onto local video station V-66 and even to M-TV. After all these years a copy of that video just recently surfaced. It stars many Somerville people and I can't wait to see it again. We will post it to you tube.

We are definitely lucky to have been alive to see so many great Boston sports victories. Three Super Bowl wins, a few Bruins Stanley Cup championships, and two World Series trophies. It's a shame the way the 2011 Red Sox season ended. It's a bigger shame the way 2012 has begun. I can't wait to start wearing my Red Sox stuff again because I guess I am a fair weather fan.

I don't know exactly when my father became a Yankees fan. I do remember the reason. He was disgusted at the Red

Sox management for making what he thought were too many bad team decisions (does this sound familiar?). He basically threw in the towel as a Red Sox fan. He got himself a Yankees hat and started rooting for the Bronx Bummers. It was a little embarrassing for me but no one told my dad what to do and how to feel. I think he got more enjoyment from jawing with people about his Yankees hat than anything else. Today, if I see someone wearing a Yankees hat I have to hold myself back from making a remark. It just doesn't seem right to see someone wearing a Yankees hat around here. If I decided to jump ship as a Red Sox fan (which I never would) I would not pick the Yankees as my team. It's just wrong. If nothing else I learned how to carry a grudge and harbor lingering disgust. That's the way it is with the Yankees. I'd rather root for the Cubs, (the perennial underdog) than the Yankees.

As I am writing this, the Bruins are on their way to a game seven at the Garden. Thankfully Vancouver has already been eliminated. The Celtics are in the post season also. Hopefully, the Red Sox can

get things straightened out and start playing good baseball again. I know people who won't wear their Red Sox hats or jackets until they start winning. My Patriots' shirts and jackets are still locked up in the closet where they were thrown after the sad loss to the Giants. I think I will wear my Red Sox jacket tomorrow just to show that I am not a fair weather fan.

Even though the Sox are off to a bad start and the Patriots lost another Super Bowl, we are still in the greatest sports town. And please be kind to the new Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine. All he did was accept a job. If you want to hold anyone responsible for the Red Sox's sad start, blame the ownership. But whatever you do don't run out and buy a Yankees hat, unless it's to burn!

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' votes on two roll calls from recent legislative sessions. Last week was April vacation week for all public schools in the state. Keeping with tradition, each branch holds only brief, informal sessions during school vacation weeks.

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 Middlesex; 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.

FRAUD IN BIDDING FOR CONTRACTS (S 2212)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would clarify what constitutes fraud in the process under which private companies bid for state contracts.

The Supreme Judicial Court ruled in 2010 that only false statements causing actual harm to the state are considered fraud. That interpretation means companies can make misrepresentations in their bids as long as the state is not actually harmed by the false statements.

Supporters said this bill would clarify what constitutes fraud by putting a definition of it into the state's current bidding law. They argued it is outrageous that these companies are allowed to lie without a penalty unless the lie actually harms the state. (A "Yes" is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

SUPPORT RULING OF SENATE PRESIDENT (S 2213)

Senate 33-4, upheld the ruling of Senate President Therese Murray that two proposed amendments to a \$1.5 billion transportation bond package were beyond the scope of the bill and would not be allowed on the Senate floor for debate and a vote.

The first amendment prohibits the Registrar of Motor Vehicles from increasing any individual fee by more than 2.5 percent per year. The second one requires applicants for driver's licenses to provide proof of their lawful immigration status.

Supporters of the Senate President's ruling said the two amendments are clearly beyond the subject matter of the bill, which basically is borrowing money for transportation projects.

Opponents of the ruling said the amendments clearly involve transportation and are related to the bill. (A "Yes" vote is for the ruling that the amendments are beyond the scope of the bill and are not allowed for consideration. A "No" vote is against the ruling and supports allowing debate and a vote on the amendments.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAN SOME UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (H 3980) - The Public Service Committee held a hearing on Gov. Deval Patrick's proposal to prohibit retired public state and local employees from receiving a pension check and unemployment benefits at the same time.

Current law allows these pensioners to work at another public sector job for a maximum of 960 hours a year and prohibits them from earning more than the difference between the current salary of the position from which they retired from and the amount of their pension. Workers who exceed the 960 hours or earnings cap are then eligible to collect unemployment. The governor's legislation would bar those pensioners from doing so.

Supporters said the legislation was filed in response to the case of a retired North Shore police officer who while collecting a \$36,192 pension, was hired as a detail police officer. When he exceeded the earnings limit, he left the new job and filed for and was granted unemployment benefits. They argued this type of double dipping is an outrage and puts a burden on taxpayers and local cities and towns.

MORE HIV TESTING (S 2158) - The Senate gave final approval to and sent to the governor a measure 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 estimates indicate that some 20 percent of the up to 27,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in Massachusetts are unaware of it. They noted the change will result in more people getting tested and receiving life-extending treatment.

HOUSE REJECTS SENATE TRANSPORTATION BILL - The House rejected the Senate version of a bill providing \$200 million for maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The Senate version costs \$1.5 billion and also includes millions of dollars for state highway, bridge, rail and other projects that are not in the House measure. The House favors only providing the \$200 million.

Supporters of the House version said cities and towns are waiting for the \$200 million. They argued the Senate should now accept the House version and both branches can deal with the other \$1.5 billion items at a later date.

HANDICAPPED PLATES (H 2331) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would waive the \$275 court fee for any driver who owns a handicapped placard but is ticketed for allegedly illegally parking in a handicapped parking space.

Supporters said the measure was filed following an incident in which a woman received a \$250 ticket for parking in a handicapped space. She actually is handicapped and does have the appropriate placard but it fell on the floor of the car where the police officers did not see it. She was planning to appeal the ticket but decided not to because the non-refundable \$275 fee for the appeal is \$25 more than the ticket itself.

EARMARKS - Representatives have proposed millions

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of dollars in earmarks for projects in local cities and towns. The earmarks are part of the hundreds of amendments proposed by House members to the fiscal 2013 state budget.

Proposed earmarks include \$50,000 for Pembroke's 300th Anniversary; \$50,000 for Duxbury's 375th Anniversary; \$25,000 for the Springfield Symphony Orchestra; \$300,000 for the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield; an unspecified amount of money for a number of signs to be erected at the Greenbush T Station in Scituate designating the station as the "Frank M. Hynes Station at Greenbush" in honor of former Rep. Frank Hynes of Marshfield; \$500,000 for the eradication of weeds in Peabody's Crystal Lake; and \$485,00 for the rehabilitation and refurbishment of Alumni Field in Lowell.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Yes, yes." – *Former State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien when asked if the "Mitt Romney of today" was running against her for governor in her failed 2002 campaign, would the outcome have been different?*

"It's a sour grapes comparison of apples to oranges. The set of issues facing the nation, I would argue, are dramatically different than those facing us as a state. I would also say, is this the Shannon O'Brien of 2012 talking? Or is this the Shannon O'Brien of 2002 talking?" – *House Republican Leader Bradley Jones (R-North*

Reading)

"Looking back as we celebrate Fenway's 100th birthday, we remember how great a role the ballpark has played in shaping Boston's history. For the past hundred years, Fenway Park has been a staple of Boston tourism and is home to so many precious moments, a curse reversed and a timeless baseball club whose spirit will live on for many more years to come." – *House Speaker Bob DeLeo.*

"I haven't been paying much attention to it." – *Gov. Deval Patrick when asked his opinion on the controversial legislation to allow medical use of marijuana.*

"I hope this latest problem will encourage more legislators to support my budget amendment and my legislation so we can finally stop the fraud that is plaguing the system." – *Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton) commenting on the latest incident of illegal use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards.*

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 16-20, the House met for a total of 58 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 39 minutes.

Mon. April 16	No House session No Senate session
Tues. April 17	House 11:08 a.m. to 11:34 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.
Wed. April 18	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. April 19	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:34 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.
Fri. April 20	No House session No Senate session

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Urban farm expands CONT. FROM PG 1

that the area will continue to change as the green line comes in," said Mancini. He hopes that urban farming will be part of the fabric of the area.

Assisting with the urban farm was Green City Growers, who are a vegetable gardening business that installs and maintains raised beds. "We actually supervised the Groundwork Somerville Green Team and the building and the installation of the raised beds," said Jessie Banhazl, the owner of Green City Growers.

"There's no better way to spend Earth Weekend than installing a vegetable garden," she said.

Shanika Flowers, 18, is one of the Green Team members that are working on positive environmental changes. "Basically right now we are just trying to make sure that we finish the garden."

Green team members like Shanika Flowers attend to the crops, which will be sold at the Union Square Farmers Market and Mystic Mobile Market.

Adrianne Schaefer is the intern at the mayor's office and is currently working on the Urban Agriculture Initiative. "The city is hoping to really encourage the production of local foods," said Schaefer.

"They are trying to send the



message that food security and food access is really important," she said.

The city has recently released a set of ordinances that support the production and selling of lo-

cal foods. They're hoping it can be a chance for economic development in the city.

Veterans' Services gets new director CONT. FROM PG 1

Weaver had a bunch of different jobs over his military career.

One of his big jobs was serving in the JAG Corps. "One of the big responsibilities I had over there was taking care of soldiers." If one of the soldiers was injured, and had to be sent back home, Weaver had to make sure the soldiers' affairs were wrapped up. "In the course of that year of helping our soldiers in a combat environment I learned that I really enjoyed that kind of thing. It was really very fulfilling to help those kinds of people who were defending our country."

When Weaver returned he fell

into a similar line of work at Somerville's Veterans' Services. Weaver recalls that the previous Veterans' Services Director, Frank Senesi, who had been the Director for 8 years, had retired in January opening up the post for Weaver. For Weaver it was perfect timing.

Veterans' Services serves several functions. Primarily they administer state benefits. Indigent vets can turn to Veterans' Services for assistance in getting their state benefits. If they meet certain income guidelines, veterans are entitled to a monthly paycheck from the state.

Veterans' Services does a bunch of ancillary things. They run the parade every year. They also are in charge of maintaining all the city's monuments and memorials and all the veterans graves.

Sometimes Weaver will be responsible for handling street dedications. Family can request that a square be named in honor of one of their military relatives. There's a square dedication committee that handles that procedure.

In the future Weaver would like to see some positive improvements at Veterans' Services. "In the past veterans were much more involved in things

like veterans organizations," said Weaver, "joining the VFW posts and the American Legion posts and so forth."

After meeting with the Allied Council, which is a joint meeting of all the various veterans' posts here in Somerville, Weaver learned that very few of the veterans who are coming back now from places like Iraq and Afghanistan are joining these organizations. "For the most part unless they are really banged-up. They're just coming back and going back to their lives and going back to work."

Veterans are entitled to a lot of

different benefits like the GI bill, which allows them to go to college on federal money.

"My fear is that a lot of these guys will come back and they won't even know the full range of benefits that they're entitled to get, and that they deserve, unless they come to talk to us about it," said Weaver.

Weaver hopes to do more outreach. The IT team will be updating the city's website "to improve that and make it a more local site." Soon he hopes to create a Facebook page, and more "things for the modern era" veteran.

Somerville Reads 2012

Somerville celebrated its third “one city, one book” campaign, Somerville Reads 2012, this past weekend, a project that promotes literacy and community engagement by encouraging people all over the city to read and discuss books on the same theme.

This year's theme is food: local, sustainable, and delicious. “Somerville Reads” Celebration and Potluck took place Saturday, April 21, at the Central Library.

The potluck featured live music from Somerville-based band Michael J. Epstein Memorial Library, food and recipes from community members and children's activities. Attendees were asked to vote on the best dishes and the winners received gift certificates to area restaurants. Cookbooks, created by Friends of the Somerville Public Library, were available, and all proceeds went to support library activities.

On Wednesday, April 25, at 7 p.m., Sherman Café, 257 Washington St., will be hosting a discussion of Farm City led by Somerville Public Library librarian Kevin O'Kelly.





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

St. Clement High School Sports update

Boys Baseball

The St. Clement Anchormen upped their overall record to 3-4 by beating Notre Dame Academy 4-3 on Friday, April 20, at Trum Field in Somerville. Senior Luke Hartnett (Medford) started on the mound and gave up the three runs in the first inning and then settled in and left Notre Dame scoreless through five innings by striking out six batters. Junior Kevin Foley (Medford) relieved Harnett in the fifth inning with the bases loaded and one out. Foley pitched brilliantly, striking out the next two batters and not allowing any runs.

In the sixth inning, Foley helped himself by hitting a single, knocking in the winning run to secure the lead for the Anchormen. Foley went on to pitch another scoreless inning and secured the win. Foley struck out a total of six batters. Junior Jamey Thompson (Everett) helped the effort by going 2 for 4, with 1 RBI and playing solid defense at second base. Senior Alex Fagundes (Cambridge) assisted by going 1

for 3 and knocking in a run.

The Anchormen host their league rivals Lowell Catholic and the Marian Mustangs this week.

Girls Softball

The Lady Anchors captured their third win of the year with a convincing 21-3 win over Notre Dame Academy of Lawrence on Friday, April 20, to even their overall record to 3-3. Senior Nicole Cella (Charlestown) struck out two batters and walked just four. Freshman Jessica Popken (Medford) went 2 for 3, scored two runs and knocked in 3 RBIs. Fellow freshman Christina Puccio (Medford) scored three runs and tallied 2 RBIs of her own.

The win lifted the Lady Anchors who came off of a devastating 10-4 extra inning loss against Maimonides Academy of Brookline. Junior Allison Caloggero (Medford) pitched the entire game going eight innings and striking out seven batters and walking just seven through five innings. With one out in the sixth, the Lady An-



The St. Clement Anchormen improved to 3-4 with their victory over Notre Dame Academy last week.

chors made two critical errors allowing Maimonides to tie the game and put it into extra innings. Maimonides rallied in the eighth inning to bring the final score to 10-4.

The Lady Anchors welcome head coach Guy Cafarella of

the highly successful EMmass Panthers Softball Junior Olympic Program based out of Woburn. Guy led the EMmass Panthers to numerous regional and national ASA tournament berths. Guy brings the team a wealth of knowledge, experi-

ence and leadership to hopefully bring the team back into tournament contention.

The Lady Anchors will also face Catholic Central League rivals the Lowell Catholic Crusaders and the Marian Mustangs.

SHS girls track update

Results of the GBL freshmen-sophomore meet held on Wednesday, April 18, at Cambridge are as follows:

Andrea Valladares took second place in the 2 mile with a time of 16:05.

Melissa Baptista won first place in the 100m Hurdles with a 17.6, while Taylor Machado came in third with a 20.8.

Saragrace Magre took third place in the 100m with a 14.6, and Tianna Sebastian clocked in at sixth place with a 15.6. Runners not scoring were: Adrianna Keefe-16.2, Casey Delaney-16.2, Leslie Duarte-16.2, Nina DiNatale-17.4, and Emily Miliken-18.8.

Kellie Haggerty placed sixth in the 800m. Not scoring were: Rachael Berry-3:02, Meghan Lynch-3:05, and Oneda Lalaj-3:10.

In the 400m, Cindy Mei took third place with a 73.8.

Delmi Hernandez placed second in the Mile at 6:12. Also running: Laxmi Spearing-6:39,

and Emily-Kate OBrien-7:25.

In the 200m, Alison Kaba earned first place honors with a 27.7, while Catherine Nakato took third with a 31.6, Grecia DeLa Gala placed fourth with a 33.4, and Kenya Texeira took fifth place with a 33.7.

Kellie Haggerty took second place in the shot put with a distance of 24'3. Coming in sixth place, Tara Baptiste threw a 17'0. Also competing, Lissa Sanon tossed for throw of 16'1.

In Discus, Theodora Babilye earned a second place spot with a throw of 55'3, while Leslie Duarte took third with a 54'4.

Catherine Nakato's 71'4 Javelin throw earned top spot, while Casey Delaney took fourth with a 40'6, with Meghan Lynch earning fifth with a 34'11.

In the Long Jump, Alison Kaba took second place with a 12'6 and Saragrace Magre placed third with a distance of 11'2.

Melissa Baptista's Triple Jump

effort was marked at 28'11.

In the 4x100m Relay, SHS placed second with a 55.3. Running: Saragrace Magre, Alison Kaba, Taylor Machado, and Melissa Baptista.

SHS also placed second in the 4x400m Relay with a 5:03. Running: Rachel Berry, Kellie Haggerty, Meghan Lynch, and Laxmi Spearing.

"We had some great performances by our underclassmen," said Coach Charles O'Roarke. "Melissa Baptista won two events and looks very promising in the 100m hurdles and triple jump. She also ran the anchor leg on our 4x100m relay. Delmi Hernandez ran the mile for the first time and ran a very fast 6:12. Alison Kaba stood out by winning the 20m and second in the Long Jump and ran on our relay. Catherine Nakato won the javelin and placed in the 200m. We have lots of potential and it was nice to see the freshmen and sophomores compete in their age group."

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What old fable are *King Kong*, *The Phantom of The Opera*, and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* all based on?
2. What is the mathematical relationship between 12 and 144?
3. Launched in 1958, what was the name of the United States' first earth satellite?
4. These are sometimes called "alligator pears" and 95% of the American crop is grown in California - what are they?
5. Who said "We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars?"
6. What artist painted *The Starry Night*?

7. What is the name of the Hawaiian city whose name means "sheltered bay?"
8. What was the occupation of Ali Baba in *Ali Baba and The Forty Thieves*?
9. In the old days what 10 letter word was used to describe a chemist or pharmacist?
10. What constellation of stars is named for a winged horse?
11. Which of the following three wrote the line "She walks in beauty, like the night" - Shakespeare, Lord Byron, or Keats?
12. What TV characters live at 742 Evergreen Terrace in fictional Springfield?

Answers on page 17

Travel books: A worldwide hit with collectors

By Kenneth Gloss

Winter is primetime for journeys to far-away lands by way of one's imagination but even late Spring gives time to get serious about Summer journeys! A collection of travel books is a great way to sample life in other countries and learn about their culture and history. From the very first travel guide put out by Baedekers in Germany, collectors and travelers alike have been fascinated with books that provide a colorful verbal and sometimes pictorial view of the world.

The Baedekers are some of the best guides ever produced and can sell for \$10 and up, depending on the rarity and condition. These mini-books had been written specifically to be used on trips and were not designed to last for generations. Thus, many of those guides did not survive much beyond the journeys for which they were used. Generally, though, travel guides for popular destinations like Paris, London and Germany are plentiful. In the U.S., Niagara Falls has the distinction of having the most travel guides written about it because it is a perennial honeymoon and family vacation spot. Bermuda is also popular with collectors, both British and American.

As one gets a little more off the beaten travel path, old guides become rarer and more valuable. Guides for Greece are rarer than for Paris, while finding a guide for a country like Syria is even rarer. One of the reasons tourist books on Syria are difficult to find is that the country used to prohibit them. The old guides to Syria contain a note that advises hiding it in a pocket before crossing the border because the guards would often confiscate them. That little side note is just one of the interesting tidbits you can find tucked inside a travel guidebook. With tourism down to many countries currently, they still make for absorbing reading and learning.

Guides to Russia are also rare. When communism closed the borders in 1917, travel writers were not allowed in to document the sites for many years, leaving a hole in the Russian travel guide history. Russian guidebooks had been one of the best sources for accurate maps. The State Department bought many because it was one of the few places where maps for the area were available. Therefore, there are not as many of them available to collectors today. A Russian guidebook will sell for \$200-\$350 because it is far rarer than guides to other countries.

Travel guides are more than just information; they make incredibly interesting historical references as well. If you collect all the guides available on a particular area over a large period of time, you can gain an amazing picture of the

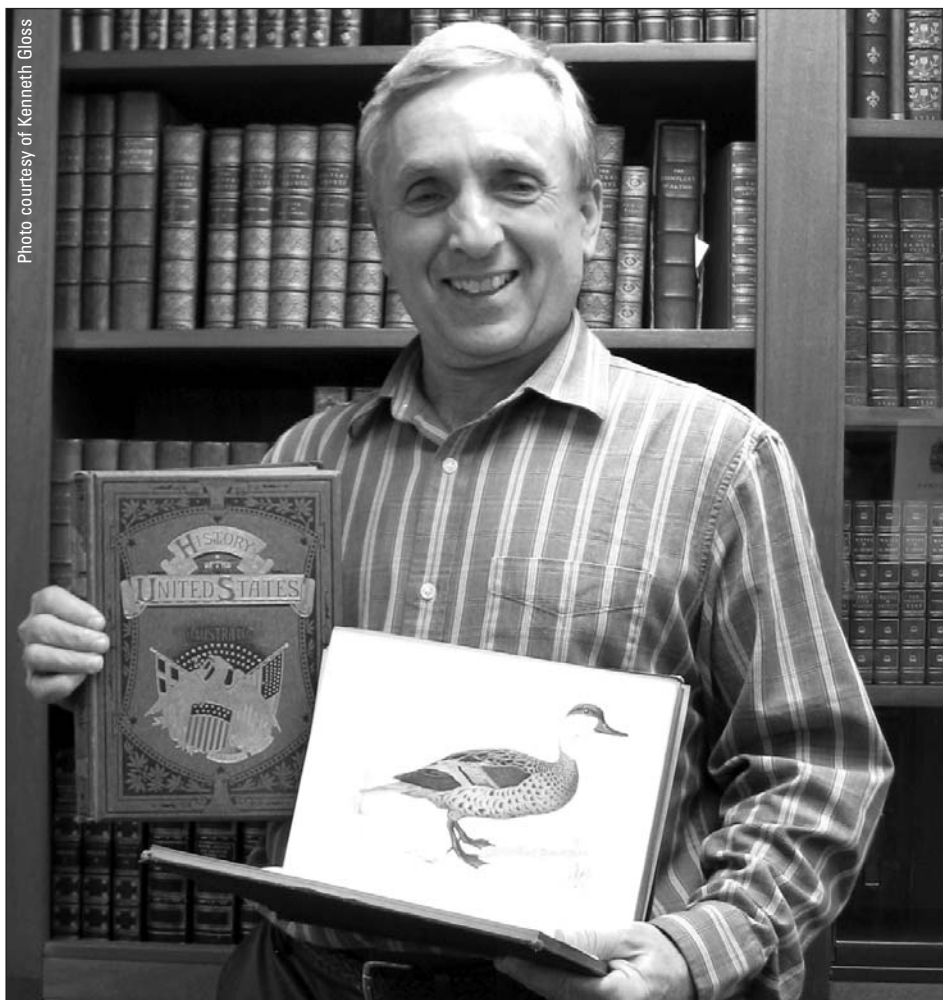
culture and society of that area. Travel guides point out what areas people deemed important, how the buildings and streets changed and what was popular at the time. Even any advertisements in the book can be a valuable reference to the society and its culture.

Travel guides were produced by a variety of transportation industries in an effort to entice people to travel. During the mid-1800s, the railroads produced a number of books that focused on the West. Some of the railroad companies even built their own hotels and resorts, and would then feature those places in the guides. The railroads were one of the biggest promoters of travel books to the public. Later, steamship companies, auto clubs and airlines began producing travel guides. Oil companies also published a number of these books, complete with listings of gas stations, as did Duncan Hines with eateries around the country. The components of the travel guide, whether it pointed out depots, gas stations or docks, were directly related to what conveyance the traveler was using and which company was producing the book.

Before photography, the pictures in travel guides were hand-drawn. Some of the artwork in these booklets is exquisite. The prints inside are often detailed enough to be framed and many collectors look for travel guides with particular artistic merits.

There are mainly two types of travel guide collectors. The first is the person who is fascinated with reading travel accounts and loves to learn about the history of different places throughout the world. They can travel the world, journeying to a different country every night, just by reading a variety of travel guides. The second is the armchair traveler, a person who may have always dreamed of circling the globe, but never got a chance. Some people spend their entire lives planning a trip to a particular destination and collecting guides on the area. It's sad to buy these guides from an estate and learn that Grandma or Uncle Joe always dreamed of traveling to Paris, but died before that trip became a reality. A handful of travel guides from years ago were even written by armchair travelers who never went beyond their local library to gather research. These particular books don't depict as true a picture of an area as one where the writer actually made the journey.

The best part about collecting travel guides is the cost. For relatively little money, you can start collecting these books. They are also easy to find. Travel guides pop up in boxes at garage sales, inside antique shops and at flea mar-



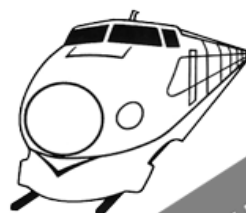
The collecting of travel books can lead to many discoveries and insights into the world at large, according to rare book expert Kenneth Gloss.

kets. If you are concentrating your collection on a certain area or specific time period, it may take a little more effort to find the right books but the payoff is worth it. Like the gold miners who sorted through gallons of water and tons of rock to find a single nugget, an industrious travel guide collector can search through the stacks in a bookshop or the boxes at an auction to unearth that tiny treasure that will top off a collection.

Ken Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston, the oldest antiquarian bookstore in America celebrating its 62nd year of Gloss family ownership. Mr. Gloss has appeared on PBS' Antiques Roadshow with some frequency. Visit the Web site at: www.brattlebookshop.com or call 1-800-447-9595 for information about free and open lectures. The shop is located at 9 West Street in the Downtown Crossing section of Boston.

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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, May 2, 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:

231-233 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2012-24) Applicant/Owner 62 College Ave Trust LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish 5 residential units at the site along with an existing 1,000 sf office and a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to change doors and windows on a nonconforming structure. NB zone. Ward 7.

10 Tyler St / 28 Park St: (Case #ZBA 2012-26) Applicant Petra Somerville, LLC and Owner JWF, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.11.6.3.b to establish a health and fitness facility including rock climbing, weight training, cardio equipment, yoga, etc. greater than 10,000 square feet, a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure including raising a portion of the roof and adding windows and skylights, and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.e for shared parking with other uses at the site. IA zone. Ward 2.

11 Linden Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-27) Applicant and Owner Linden Tree Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 to construct a second principal structure at the property containing two additional dwelling units. RB zone. Ward 5.


30 Bow St: (Case #ZBA 2012-28) Owner and Applicant, Mark Boyes-Watson, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to create five residential units within the existing structure. NB zone and Arts Overlay. Ward 3.


1 Westwood Rd: (Case #ZBA 2012-29) Applicant, Barbara Mangum, President of the Somerville Museum, and Owner, the Somerville Historical Society, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure. Alterations include the enlargement of an existing porch and the installation of an ADA compliant wheelchair lift. RA zone. Ward 3.

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 somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases 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@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Paul Govereau to USAlliance Federal Credit Union, dated November 26, 2008 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, Book 51934, Page 77, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at public auction at 10:00 AM, on May 22, 2012 on the mortgaged premises being known as Unit No. 3 The Two Benton Road Condominium, 2 Benton Road, Somerville, Massachusetts, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage to wit:

Condominium Unit No. 3 (the Unit) in the Condominium known as The Two Benton Road Condominium, (the Condominium) situated at 2 Benton Road, Somerville, Massachusetts, created by a Master Deed (the Master Deed) dated November 18, 2008 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51907, Page 536, as amended of record.

The unit is more particularly described (1) in the Master Deed, (2) such site and floor plans as have been recorded or filed therewith, (3) in the first Unit Deed thereof, and (4) copies of portions of such site and floor plans filed therewith. The Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 33.25% interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium and the same 33.25% interest in the Organization of Unit Owners known as The Two Benton Road Condominium Trust (the Unit Owners Organization) created by instrument dated November 18, 2008 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51907, Page 548, as amended of record. The Unit and said undivided interests are together hereinafter referred to as the Mortgaged Premises.

The Mortgaged Premises are conveyed subject to and together with the benefits of (1) the provisions of Chapter 183A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as amended, (2) the provisions and matters set forth and/or referred to in the Master Deed, (3) the provisions of the instrument creating the Unit Owners Organization and the By-Laws thereunder as filed with the Master Deed and such Rules and Regulations as may be promulgated thereunder and (4) the provisions set forth and referred to in the Unit deed into the Mortgagor recorded with Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51934, Page 75, to which Unit Deed reference is herein made to the title of the Mortgagor.

Being the same premises as conveyed to the mortgagor by deed of Vincent J. Gately, Trustee of Benton Road Realty, dated November 26, 2008, recorded with Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, Book 51934, Page 75.

The above described premises will be sold **SUBJECT TO** and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, building and zoning laws, to any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, water and sewer charges, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, if any.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of \$5,000.00 DOLLARS shall be required to be made to the mortgagee in cash, by certified or by cashier's check at the time and place of the sale as a deposit. The successful bidder will be required to execute an Auction Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, by certified check, by cashier's check, or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney within thirty (30) days thereafter at the offices of BARSH AND COHEN, P.C., Attorneys for the Mortgagee, 70 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts, in exchange for which and at such time and place, the deed shall be delivered to the purchaser for recording.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to amend the foregoing terms of sale by written or oral announcement made before the auction sale, during the sale thereof or at the commencement of or during any postponed sale, the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, and to postpone the sale up until the time the property is declared sold by the auctioneer.

The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in the Notice of Mortgagee's Sale or its publication.

OTHER TERMS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SALE.

Dated: April 19, 2012

(signed) USAlliance Federal Credit Union
Present Holder of said Mortgage

By its Attorneys,

Barsh and Cohen, P.C.

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Attorney for the Mortgagee
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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
Grants for Housing Assistance Programs

The Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund is accepting applications for grants to carry out programs that address the housing needs of low and moderate-income households in Somerville. Applications will be accepted until **12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012, at the OSPCD Housing Division (Attention: Kelly Donato), 50 Evergreen Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145 or at kdonato@somervillema.gov**. To download the full notice please visit www.somervillema.gov and follow links to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF SOMERVILLE
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD) will hold the second of two public hearings on the City's One-Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program, and the HOME program. The public hearing will be held at the Ralph & Jenny Center (9 New Washington Street, Somerville, MA) at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the proposed 2012-2013 HUD Action Plan (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013) and to receive input and comments on this proposed plan.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. Requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Friday, May 4, 2012 by contacting Carlene Campbell at 617-625-6600 x2615; (voice) or 617-776-8061 (fax). General questions about the hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. Written comments will be accepted up to **Thursday, May 24, 2012 @ 4:30 p.m.**, and should be sent to the attention of Jayne Gulla at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or email to jgulla@somervillema.gov.

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What to do about the national debt CONT. FROM PG 9

If the economy is still weak at the time that the tax cuts expire, we should implement a temporary payroll tax cut. They do propose increasing taxes on the wealthy, but by closing tax loopholes and raising the rate on capital gains to 28 percent-still lower than historic levels. Ultimately, say Simon and Kwak, the national debt is a political problem rather than an economic problem. I would agree, but I would add that the political problem continues because of politicians who encourage and exploit voters' misunderstanding and ignorance. The authors quote James Madison, writing in 1822: "Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and the people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

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The Annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up Day

Join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone for the annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 28, from 10:00 a.m. - noon at locations throughout the city. The annual cleanup is sponsored by Comcast. A rain date has been set for Sunday, April 29.

Participants will receive a complimentary t-shirt, light snack, and a Mayor's Fitness Challenge Buck. This is also an opportunity for Mayor's Fitness Challenge participants to earn an extra point toward their individual and team total.

Following the Clean-Up, all participants are invited to attend a community BBQ which will be held at the Blessing of the Bay Boat House on Shore Drive from noon - 2:00 p.m. The City of Somerville is currently accepting donations for the event, including cleaning supplies, rakes,

gloves and garbage bags. For more information about participating in the Clean-Up or making a donation, please contact Anna Ciccariello-Sherwood at 617-625-6600 x 2600.

Meet a Captain at one of these Locations:

WARD 1: Cross Street Senior Center, Zero New Washington Street (OLRA)

WARD 2: Union Sq Parking Lot at SCAT Building, Albert F. Argenziano School at Lincoln Park

WARD 3: High School Concourse, Nunziato Field, Vinal Avenue

WARD 4: Blessing of the Bay Boat House, Shore Drive

WARD 5: Community Path at Cedar St, Albion Street Park

WARD 6: Davis Square, Statue Park

WARD 7: Dilboy Field, pool parking lot



Somerville Youth Peace Conference

On Saturday, April 28, more than 600 youth are expected at the sixth annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The conference, Media Meets My Reality, will feature original performances by Somerville teens based on their own lives, workshops, and a jobs and services fair. Attendees will share their experiences in an open-mic Hope and Healing Ceremony.

The conference, presented by The Center for Teen Empowerment, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Somerville Public Schools and the City of Somerville, will examine teen violence, substance abuse, immigration, bullying and other issues.

Conference highlights include: Ashley Mento will address the impact of her parents' drug ad-

dictions on her own life and Jair Morales will speak about his journey to US citizenship; a young man's spoken word piece on the role of popular music in the degradation of women and male-female relationships; a "know your rights" workshop with Somerville and metro gang taskforce officers; and an original play about the experiences of Somerville youth. More than 30 Somerville youth are working on the conference. Mayor Joe Curtatone and other elected officials will join the mostly youth audience to listen to teens' stories and ideas.

Inspiration for the Conference comes from Teen Empowerment Boston's annual Youth Peace Conference, which began in 1993 as a way to bring together Boston teens to help solve the epidemic of gang violence occurring at the time. That first con-

ference produced a lasting truce among five rival gangs and set the stage for a dramatic improvement in the lives of thousands of youth.

The Conference is open to the public. Tickets cost \$3 and are available at the door. The Somerville Youth Peace Conference is made possible in part by funding from the Charles Shannon Community Safety Initiative. More than 20 groups are partnering with Teen Empowerment and the city to make the event a success.

Founded in 1992, The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc. (TE) empowers youth and adults as agents of positive individual, institutional, and social change. Each year, TE youth conduct over 150 initiatives involving some 6,000 youth and adults. For more information, visit www.teenempowerment.org.



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Monday 4/30:

Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike 7 p.m.
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Tuesday 5/1:

Kristen Ford Presents 8 p.m.

Wednesday 5/2:

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday 5/3:

Ryan Taylor Band 9 p.m.

Friday 5/4:

Kevin Connelly Band 6 p.m.

Saturday 5/5:

Saint Anyway \$5 cover 9 p.m.
Family Jewels 6 p.m.

Sunday 5/6:

Lauren Bateman CD Release with Miller English & Porch Party Mamas \$8 cover 9 p.m.
John Lincoln Wright Memorial Concert all day • many bands • donations help put JLW music in print 2 p.m.



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Answers from page 14

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| 1. Beauty and The Beast | 7. Honolulu |
| 2. 12 is the square root of 144 | 8. He was a woodcutter |
| 3. Explorer - 1 | 9. Apothecary |
| 4. Avocados | 10. Pegasus |
| 5. Oscar Wilde | 11. Lord Byron (1814) |
| 6. Vincent Van Gogh | 12. The Simpsons |

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|April 25

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

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

Thursday|April 26

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

Friday|April 27

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

Saturday|April 28

**Somerville Spring Clean Up
Day**
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Sunday|April 29

Central Library
Tide Pool Open House with the
New England Aquarium
1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79
Highland Ave

Monday|April 30

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

Wednesday|May 2

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

Central Library
Half Day Wednesday Movie:
Coraline
1 p.m.-3:30 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 25

Johnny D's
Molasses Creek|Marc Pinansky
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
Not Bothered|Friends of
Yours|The Hammond Group
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 Tony
Savarino, and Secret Mystery
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
YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
Somerville Arts Council's Art
Salon: Comics
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 26

Johnny D's
Radio Kings|Juliet & The
Lonesome Romeos
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band
grassy Thursdays |6 p.m.
Recession Boys, Coal Rock
Mountaintop, Adela & Jude
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
Shepherdess|Seashell
Radio|Travels|Seana Carmody
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
Grave Robbers|The
Phobia|Buttons and
Mindy|Summer of Aden
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
Billy Wine|Heart Sleves|Racha
Fora
381 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory

Playtime with Knucklebones
10 a.m.|Performance Hall
Gordon Michaels Presents Where
There's Fire There's Smoke
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|April 27

Johnny D's
Sarah & The Tall Boys|The
Chroma Concept|Bright Night
|The Ravens
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
New Million Box, Zipper,
Universe Narrows \$5 cover | 9
p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Cover Up
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
Brief Awakening|Swinglo
Pachinglo|Mass Delta|Lowman
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Guilty Party|Headband|Royal
Wedding|Fat Creeps
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
Jess Tardy Band
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
Adam PC|Bloww|Coyote Kolb
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
Groundwork Somerville Gala -
tickets required
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
Ensemble 451 at the Armory
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|April 28

Johnny D's
Ethan Rossiter|4
p.m.|Macrotones|Zili Misik|10
p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.
Acousticana |9 p.m.
The Low Sparks|10:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Red Square
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Private Party
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

PA'S Lounge
Drunk Cop|The Sinbusters|BDRM
Eyes|ONSLO|Motel Mattress
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Paddy Saul Band
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
Blue Print for a Riot|Soul Worn
Boots|Sunrise Showdown|Trama
Queens
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
Bookbinding Workshop - Link
Stitch
10 a.m.|Conference Room|191
Highland Ave

Sunday|April 29

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5
p.m.
Mark Brine with Larry Flint &
Chuck Parrish |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

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

PA'S Lounge
Kids Like You & Me
Presents!Gangbang Gordon|The
Atlantic Thrills|The Roaches
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
The Seaplanes
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Drill Hall Flea Market
10 a.m.|Performance Hall
Carey Murdock plays the Cafe
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|April 30

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.
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

Tuesday|May 1

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Kristen Ford Presents |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Open Mic W/Hugh
McGowan|6:30.
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
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
TBA
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
Teen open Mic Night
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|May 2

Johnny D's
Will Hoge|Tad Overbaugh & The
Late Arrivals
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
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

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

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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

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|April 25**

Central Library
Résumé Writing Review
Gary Gekow|781-784-9086
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Sherman Café
Somerville Reads: Discussion of Novella Carpenter's Farm City
7 p.m.- 9 p.m.|257 Washington Street

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

Thursday|April 26

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 28

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 29

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 30

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

Tuesday|May 1

ResiStat Meeting
WARD 4: Winter Hill, Ten Hills, Mystic View, Mystic River
6:30-8 p.m. |Winter Hill Community School Cafeteria,
115 Sycamore St. (use Medford

St. entrance)

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|May 2

Central Library
Book Group: Mystery
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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.

Financial Advice for Baby Boomers - Hosted by financial advisors Gia Veglia and Paul Quebec of New York Life at the Holland Street Center
Tuesday, May 1: 5:30-7 p.m. "Proper Investments for Baby Boomers" Which Accounts You Should Be Utilizing and How Strategies to Ensure that you NEVER run out of money
Ways to Maximize your Pensions
Maximize, Protect, and Guarantee Retirement Income
Long Term Care Insurance

May 3- Ice Cream Social with the Mayor! 12:30 at Holland Street.

Lunch and Learn Series
Somerville Council on Aging and Tufts University Osher Lifelong Learning Center join together to present a lunch and learn series. Transportation provided. You bring your lunch! Meet at Holland Street at 11:30 for the ride to Tufts Alumnae Lounge. There is no cost but RSVP is required.

May 7 - TV Series vs. Charles Dickens Literature
Afternoon at the Movies: The Artist
It's the late 1920s in Hollywood and handsome George Valentin is a silent movie idol. During the premiere of his latest film, Valentin meets Peppy Miller, a star-struck extra and aspiring actress. The two are attracted to each other and Peppy is given a small dancing role in his next picture. As their romance progresses, Valentin's producer has to cope with a love-struck star who is distracted on the set, Peppy's career begins to take off, and Valentin fears that a new fad in the movie business-talkies-will ruin him. Join us for a showing of The Artist at the Holland Street Center on Monday, May 7 at 12:30 p.m.

Do you play an instrument? There is a whole lot of musical talent out there. Just take a listen to the Swinging Singing Seniors. If you play a musical instrument, but maybe are a bit rusty or if you are tired of playing alone, come to a musical meet-up with other musicians in the community to talk about starting a band. All instruments and talent levels are welcome. Meet at the Holland Street Center on Thursday, May 10

at 12:30 p.m. Let us know if you can come! 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

April 25

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Medication Take Back Day

Holland Street Center
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
SHINE (by appt. only)|10 a.m.
Women's Group|10:30 a.m.
War Horse (RSVP) |1 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
Bingo at Flatbreads|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
Zumba Gold|10:30 a.m.
12:45 Bingo|12 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 26

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.
Chair Massage - sign up ahead of time|11:45 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/Walking|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 27

Holland Street Center
Indoor Exercises/Walking Club|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 30

Holland Street Center
Singing Seniors|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|10:30 a.m.
Cultural Monday - Brazil! RSVP|11:30 a.m.
Gentle Yoga|4:30 p.m.
Staying Put|6 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
Zumba Gold|10:30 a.m.-New Date
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 1

Holland Street Center
Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.
SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.
CHAIR YOGA - note new date and time|10:15 a.m.
Knitting|1:30 p.m.
Line Dancing|3 p.m.
Financial Seminar - Boomers pay attention to this one!|5:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 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.

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Ensemble 451 comes to the Amory

By Cathleen Twardzik

On April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arts at the Armory Café, Ensemble 451, an amazing group of musicians, will perform its inaugural concert.

Then, on September 5 at 7:30 p.m., enjoy another performance by Ensemble 451 at the Arts at the Armory Performance Hall. That evening will be a celebration of John Cage. You may revel in John Cage's words and music on the day of his centennial.

Ensemble 451 is a classical chamber music group who is in residence at Arts at the Armory in Somerville. The group promotes classical music in the city, in a community that is rich with incredible artists of all kinds. Ray Bradbury's novel, "Fahrenheit 451," is the namesake of the ensemble.

The ensemble's musicians have played together in various settings for many years. They look forward to bringing gems of classical music which from the past 400 years, as well as other little known works, to audiences in Somerville.

Ensemble 451 is comprised of Orlando Cela, flutist, conductor, teacher and arranger; Noriko Futagami Herndon, violist; Franziska Huhn, harpist; Annegret Klaua, violinist; Rafael Popper-Keizer, cellist; Robert Schulz, percussionist; and Yukiko Shimazaki, pianist.

"Without The Independent in Union Square, Ensemble 451 may have never existed. It was at the restaurant that Orlando and I met Jennifer Lawrence who is currently responsible for arts, cultural and community programming and booking at Arts at the Armory," said Annegret Klaua, Co-founder, Director and Violinist of Ensemble 451.

In the past, Franziska Huhn, Harpist of Ensemble 451, has "played together with the other members of Ensemble 451 repeatedly, in various concert settings, chamber and orchestral concerts, and we all have a warm connection of friendship that we look forward to sharing with the audience."

Klaua and Cela have resided in Somerville for around a decade. Additionally, all of the ensemble's musicians are Boston-area

freelance musicians.

Somerville provides copious opportunities for arts and music education, within the school system, but, "to the musicians, offerings in classical music on a professional level was lacking," said Klaua.

"The relationship of the performers with the audience" is key to the group's mission. In a time in which music is continuously accessible electronically, the ensemble strives to connect people, to share an experience, and to celebrate live music.

The ensemble will participate in the community via outreach activities, as well as a concert series, and their goal is to "enrich" the city's cultural life and to improve individuals' interest in classical music.

"I started playing violin when I was six years old. My parents are both musicians, and I was drawn to the violin, the instrument my father plays. My parents actively encouraged my love for music, and the violin in particular, and their support has been invaluable," said Klaua.

"I saw the harp when I was six years old and completely fell in



Franziska Huhn on harp and Orlando Cela on flute, both of Ensemble 451, rehearse together.

love with it. I finally was set up to start at age nine, after piano lessons [among other instruments,] and since then, have lived my dream of becoming a professional harpist," said Huhn. "Discovering new repertoire with old friends and sharing it with your local community is one of the best privileges a musician can have," she said.

"It is extremely rewarding to work with friends who understand one another, who are not afraid to speak their mind, while always remaining respectful.

Most importantly, however, is a good sense of humor which is in no short supply with the ensemble's members, and it is a tremendous joy to work together," said Klaua.

In the future, the ensemble is hoping to work with additional artists who work in drama, dance and the visual arts.

Tickets are available via Arts at the Armory, which is located at 191 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. For more information, visit <http://ensemble451.org/>.

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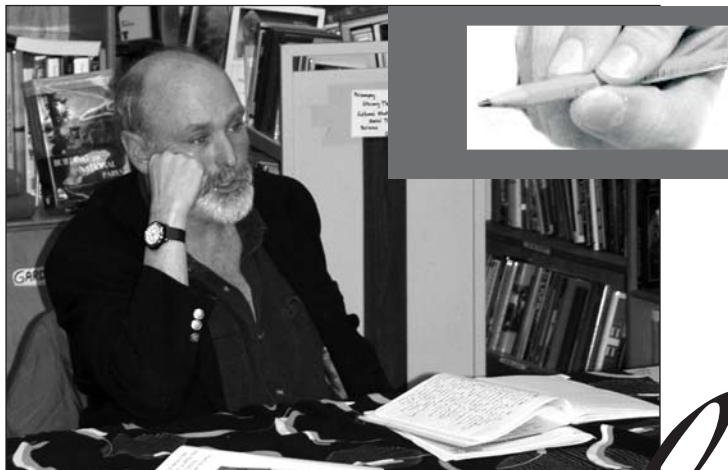
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SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, April 25							
12:00am	Free Speech TV	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00non	Democracy Now!
6:00am	Flip Side	5:00pm	Ablevision	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	1:00pm	Ablevision
6:30am	The Struggle	5:30pm	Cooking w/ Georgia & Dez	2:00pm	SCATV Special	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
7:00am	Drug Awareness	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville	2:00pm	Somerville Rocks
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents...	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:30pm	The Nicole Show	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	4:30pm	Back In The Day	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	9:30pm	Physician Focus	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	5:00pm	Culture Club
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	Somerville Back In The Day
1:00pm	Sen. Pat Jehlen's Bread & Roses	Friday, April 27		8:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
2:00pm	Back in The Day	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	7:00pm	Discover The Law
2:30pm	Life Matters	6:00am	Live Response	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	7:00am	Culture Club	11:00pm	GAY TV	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
3:30pm	Inside Talk	7:30am	Talk About Somerville	Sunday, April 29		8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
4:00pm	Thom Hartman show	8:00am	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00am	Show de Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:00pm	Active Aging	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	Vida Na TV	11:00pm	Visual Radio
5:30pm	Somerville Housing	11:00am	Gay TV	8:00am	Eckankar	Tuesday, May 1	
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:30am	Healer in Every Home	12:00am	Free Speech TV
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	1:00pm	Sen. Pat Jehlen's Bread & Roses	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Somerville Housing	10:00am	International Church of God	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
8:30pm (LIVE)	Grasping Nature	2:30pm	Neighborhood Cookin W/Candy	11:00am	The Commonwealth Report	7:30am	The Struggle
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	3:00pm	Brunch w/Senator Sanders	11:30am	Somerville Housing Auth.	8:00am	Democracy Now!
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	12noon	The Entertainer's Show	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	4:30pm	Art@SCATV	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
10:30pm	The Smoki Dick Show	5:00pm	SCATV Promo's	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	11:00am	SCTV Promos
11:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
11:30pm	Art @ SCATV	7:30pm	Adventures of Scuba Jack	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	1:00pm	Commonwealth Report
Thursday, April 26		8:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:30pm	Somerville Housing
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Garage	6:00pm	Abugida TV	3:00pm	Groundwork Somerville
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	7:00pm	African TV Network	3:30pm	Active Aging
7:00am	Discovering Justice	10:00pm	Jeff TV	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	Perils For Pedestrians	11:00pm	Visual Radio	9:00pm	Watch This	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
8:00am	Democracy Now!	12:00mid	Bongoman	9:30pm	Grill Dog	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
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10:00am	Active Aging	6:00am	Arabic Hour	11:00pm	Undercover TV	7:00pm	Art @ SCAT
10:30am	Jeff Jam	7:00am	SCATV Promos	Monday, April 30		7:30pm (LIVE)	Greater Somerville W/ Joe Lynch
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00am	The Struggle	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:30am	Animal Agenda	6:00am	SCATV Promos	9:00pm	Somerville Biking News
1:00pm	African TV Network	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Perils For Pedestrians
2:00pm	Baby Boomers: The Sandwich Generation	10:00am	Festival Kreyol	8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Animal Agenda
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	11:00am	Tele Galaxie	9:00am	GAY TV	10:30pm	The Gerry Leone Show
3:30pm	Art@SCATV	12:00pm	Dead Air Live Show	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00pm	JuPrey Productions
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9:00am: (13/16)	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	12:50am: (15)	WSNS Science Fair	12:00am: (13/16)	Patriots Day Celebration 2012	8:50pm: (15)	Youth Peace Conference 2012
9:00am: (15)	Healey School Spring Concert	1:15am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	12:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum	9:05pm: (13/16)	Homeless Coalition Benefit
11:30am: (15)	Soccer Championship	1:45pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:20am: (13/16)	Guns n' Hoses Hockey Benefit	Tuesday, May 1	
12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 4/23/12	2:15pm: (15)	SHS Hockey 2011-12	12:30am: (15)	WSNS Science Fair	12:00am: (13/16)	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff
1:15pm: (15)	National Honor Society Induction	9:00am: (13/16)	Patriots Day Celebration 2012	12:50am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (15)	Raising Families
3:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - WHCS	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:20am: (15)	Soccer Championship	12:30am: (13/16)	Mayor's Business Town Meeting
7:00pm: (13/16)	Winter Hill Yacht Club Council on Aging Event	12:00pm: (13/16)	Patriots Day Celebration 2012	1:25am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	12:30am: (15)	WSNS Science Fair
7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	1:55am: (13/16)	Council on Aging Event	12:50am: (15)	SHS Boys' Basketball 2011-12
7:30pm: (15)	Healey School Spring Concert	12:20pm: (13/16)	Guns n' Hoses Hockey Benefit	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	1:35am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
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9:05pm: (13/16)	BOA Agenda for 4.26.12 Meeting	7:00pm: (13/16)	Patriots Day Celebration 2012	2:10pm: (15)	SHS Hockey 2011-12	11:50pm: (15)	Gaeta Exchange Students Farewell
Thursday, April 26		7:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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1:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum	Saturday, April 28		8:30pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 4/26/12	3:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - Brown
1:50am: (15)	National Honor Society Induction	12:00am: (13/16)	Patriots Day Celebration 2012	9:10pm: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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7:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Highlights 2011-12	1:25pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	12:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:30am: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Bernard Horn: A Poet and Professor Who Brings Us Our 'Daily Words'

Bernard Horn is the author of the award-winning poetry collection "Our Daily Words." This English professor at Framingham State University in Massachusetts has had his work praised by the likes of Robert Pinsky, and David Mamet. Irene Koronas, a reviewer for the online journal "Boston Area Small Press and Poetry Scene" wrote of his work:

"We read each poem in the collection, because, it considers how far we dig to find a complete sentence, one that holds the earth, our experience, our dreams, then when the sentence ends, we feel complete, and only in a poem lies our daily refreshment."

Horn's poems and translations are widely published, in such journals as "The Manhattan Review," "The New Yorker," "The Worcester Review," and others. Horn has taught at Haifa University in Israel and at the Radcliffe Seminars at Harvard University. I spoke with him on my Somerville Community Access TV Show "Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer."

Doug Holder: "Our Daily Words" is your first poetry collection and you have had a long and distinguished career. What took you so long?

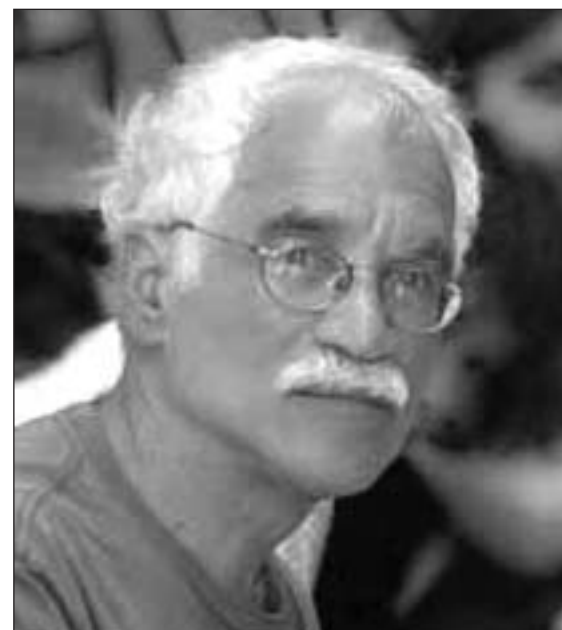
Bernard Horn: I have been writing for a long time--it's a matter of the market. I have been in writing groups with people for years and I have been sending out poems for many years. I am slow at writing poems. It is a longtime between how a poem ends and begins, not to mention all my teaching and family responsibilities that takes away from writing time. However I get material from my family. A lot of my poems are about family. I have written a number of poems in the middle of family chaos.

DH: Your wife is an artist and recently retired from teaching at Endicott College. Does your work compliment or overlap each other?

BH: We just had a joint presentation. A bunch of my poems were written in 2001 in Israel when I was teaching at Haifa University. At the time my wife (Linda Klein) was doing these small gouache paintings. My poems dealt with terrorism--with the Second Intifada--as it was known. We didn't think there was a relationship between her paintings and my poems. But after looking closely at them I realized gouache looks like you are looking through a screen or veil at an object on the other side. Sometimes it looks like you are looking through barbed wire. I realized that even though I knew Israel fairly well, I was still looking at it through the 'veil' of being an American. Later we put these images in my poetry collection. We had a joint exhibit at the Marblehead Public Library. This was the first time we did this.

Both my wife and I know as a painter and a poet respectively, that the moods we go through don't necessarily have to do with the other person. It is a valuable thing to know in a relationship.

DH: In your new collection you have a poem titled "The Smell of Time." As soon as I smell ethnic food like gefilte fish, I am transported back in time to the early 60's when I was a boy at my grandmother's house in the Bronx. I wonder, if one doesn't have a sense of smell, could one still be a good poet?



BH: That's a terrific question. Memory is so bound up with smell. And my poems are so dense with memory. It is such a powerful thing--and at times more than anything else it tells you time passes. Place and memory are just as important; so it is a hard question to answer.

DH: You seem to work hard to find that sentence that captures our dreams, our experience... our essence.

BH: I am always taken with the power of a sentence rolling forward. It is a memory of a sensation, on top of a thought.

DH: You have translated poems of the famous Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai. I read in an interview in The Paris Review with Yehuda that he believes all poetry is political. Poems are human responses to reality and politics is part of reality.

BH: I agree. There is a pressure in politics. When I was in Israel my poems were taking in the issue of terrorism. Then I found it hard to write my own poetry. What happens if you are writing during a time of terrorism people always call on you for solidarity. A place of solidarity--it is not a quiet place--it can be a very hard place to write in.

DH: You started out as a chemical engineering student at MIT, but you ended up as a PhD in Literature. How did you get to point A to point B?

BH: Well I think people who knew me were less surprised than anyone else. You just didn't major in the humanities at MIT. A friend's theory is that anyone who came of age during Sputnik--and were in sort of the middle between the humanities and the sciences chose the sciences.

This was in the early 60's, and I started out as a chemical engineer in West Texas. I tied to imagine myself in this job 10 years in the future. I couldn't. The rest is history.

To My Wife

Some times
when we grab an hour of love
luxuriously in the late afternoon,
the growly baby snoring in the next room,
v her sisters at the mall,
I feel as if I'm robbing the gods, who have,
some say, all the time in the world.

— Bernard Horn

Julia Carlson has written a poem about Somerville that is set in 1976. Somerville was a vastly different place then. Carlson, a Somerville Bagel Bard and a senior clinician with Bay Cove Human Services in Boston, gives us the detail and delivers a fine poem.

Somerville

1976 -America's Bicentennial -
Davis Sq was an eyesore
No one looked well-heeled
More down and out than in style
Tufts kept its students on campus
Or shuttled them to Cambridge
And Johnny D's only dished up
Meat and booze along with the Blues
Vegetarian - whazzat?
The locals hated the Brownies
Yuppie precursors, Outsiders who were
Buying up the neighborhood
And ruining it, of course.
One of my neighbors boasted
He had lived in Somerville
His entire life - 88 years-
Had never crossed the river OR left town
"Why would I want to leave?"
Why indeed when his front yard
A four foot graveled square
Boasted an inverted tire
Its interior painted robin's egg blue,
The Virgin Mary rising like Botticelli's Venus
From her cozy latex nest.
My State Representative,
A realtor on the side,
Found me an apartment I could afford
A miracle due to its Virgin Mary
As resplendent as the neighbor's,
With her own oyster-pink rubber shell -
The next month, July it was,
My hardworking democratic Pol
Made the front page of the Boston Evening Globe
Photographed swaying as majestically
As the billowing sails of the Tall Ships
Anchored in Boston Harbor
Stumbling drunk up the gangplank
Demanding permission to board
"In the name of The American Revolution,
God Damn It!" and got arrested.
Now I ask you, why would anyone
Ever want to live anywhere else?

— Julia Carlson

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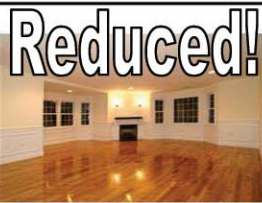
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