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The Somerville Police and Fire departments squared of this past Friday for the 10th Annual Guns N' Hoses fundraiser, benefitting Somerville Youth Hockey. SPD Lt. Bill Rymill, who has been instrumental in organizing the event, is seen here passing his team captain's jersey over to future captain Jeffrey DiGregorio. Turn to pages 12-13 for more pictures and information about the event.

Shannon Grant finds supporters

By Francisco L. White

Officials welcomed citizens to the Massachusetts State House on Thursday morning to discuss Gov. Deval Patrick's proposed funding increase for The Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative, known as the Shannon Grant.

The grant, named after the late senator who passed away in 2005, supports community services in various cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth that are geared toward youth violence prevention and anti-gang efforts.

Worcester Youth Center's GED Program is funded by the grant, for example. Gov. Patrick has proposed a \$2 million increase, from \$6 million to \$8 million, for the 2013 fiscal year. Sen. Donoghue explained, "This is an important day here on the Hill. I know the Shannon Grant and the truth is, this is an investment for all of us, not just the youth, but an investment in our future. And I want to applaud Gov. Patrick for seeing it that way."

The meeting was organized by the Metropolitan Mayors' Coalition, a local initiative facilitated by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Senators Sonia Chang-*Continued on page 21*

Renovations at Police Headquarters

By Harry Kane

Painting renovations are finished at 220 Washington St. after several weeks of work. Prisoners from Billercia House of Corrections did the painting, saving the city of Somerville some money.

The Somerville Police Department wants to personally thank Middlesex Sheriff Koutoujian for providing government partnerships and a community outreach program such as this one.

"This year it's been almost \$53,000 worth of services to this point," said Koutoujian.

The sheriff explained about the other work to be completed. "We've got our custodian certification program, which is a brand new program that we started this year."

"Custodians are trained, and then certified in green custodial services to clean the floors. This is the first time that this type of program has been used outside of the institution to clean up an external facility," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "It's a great value, but the quality is high quality work," said Mayor Curtatone.

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Last year other inmates

Mayor Curtatone praised the work done by inmates from Billercia House of Corrections as part of Middlesex Sheriff Koutoujian's job training program.

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The 10th annual Guns N' Hoses hockey game fundraiser was held this past Friday evening and, once again, the Firemen (Hoses) won. Everyone there had a lot of fun. The work over the past ten years was done by Somerville Police Department Lt. Bill Rymill, who retired his "Captain of the Team" jersey and handed over the duty of Captain to Sergeant Jeffrey DiGregorio. It was lots of fun and, more importantly, the money raised stays right here with the Youth Hockey to help them with their work.

Happy Birthday to some well-known 'Villens and some of The Somerville News' loyal fans: To Jeffrey Lewis down in East Somerville, a lifelong resident himself, and a good family man from a nice family. A good friend, Gene Leonard Jr., who works hard with his dad, Gene Sr. They both are great guys. Susan Pye, of the famous Pye family - we wish her the very best. We would be remiss by not saying "Happy Birthday" to Tyler Hart, of the famous Hart family as well. Tyler is running again in the Boston Marathon raising funds for his charity. Go online to his Facebook page and pledge. An up and coming young Andrew Lafuente, who is busy between college and working for his dad's business, also celebrates. A former East Somerville 'Villen, Ricky Lewis, originally from Pinckney Street, is celebrating this week down in FLA. Also celebrating this week is former SPD Officer Bernie Doherty, celebrating his 74

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Musings about love

me says:

I watch Fox for the great looking women, especially for Meagan Kelley, i'd vote for her any day of the week

j. connelly says:

Yes there are great looking women, but all women are beautiful. There is the inner beauty as well as the outer beauty. Though at times we tend to forget...like on Saturday/Sunday when the game is on t.v. and you get handed the "Do this project list", (a.k.a. "The Honey List").

Harry says:

Me, even the weather girls on Fox news are drop dead gorgeous. Megan Kelly – yeowsah! I can honestly say that you never see an ugly women on fox – and that brunette on the five??? Whew. She's got a face and a body meant for a stripper pole.

CNN & MSNBC? What the heck is up with them? They throw fatties and other miscreants on there. I don't watch tv to lose my lunch. I watch the news to be entertained, because let's face it – nowadays the news is all slanted BS anyway. Dpending on which you lean. There is no honest, objective news out there any more. Sad.

Also, if MSNBC can't do something with that Maddow chick then get her off the air. She's got a face that's meant for radio.

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

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An Interview with new SHS Headmaster John Oteri

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Somerville Schools Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi announced last week that John Oteri will be the new headmaster of Somerville High School when the next school year begins in September. He succeeds current headmaster Tony Ciccariello, who is stepping down after six years for health reasons.

Oteri, who was chosen through a months-long selection process with parent, faculty and student input, first came to Somerville High in 1999 as a Social Studies teacher following a career in social work, and is currently one of the school's Assistant Principals and the Housemaster of Elm House. During his 13 years at the school, Oteri has served as Student Council Advisor and District-Wide Mentor Coordinator, and works directly with at-risk students and the school's Mediation Program.

How does it feel to know that six months from now you'll be headmaster here?

It's been kind of a euphoric ride. A lot of my colleagues I've worked with my entire career here have been really supportive. It's been great soaking it in for now, briefly, until we roll up our sleeves.

You first came to Somerville High as a Social Studies teacher 13 years ago, in 1997, when most of today's seniors were in kindergarten. What are some of the biggest changes you have seen in those 13 years, in teaching, at Somerville High and in the world your students are experiencing every day?

The use of technology has accelerated, especially in the last six or seven years. I think the teaching techniques have really changed a lot. I think we've gotten better at teaching. You see a lot more differentiated instruction, more focused instruction.

MCAS requirement for graduation is something that we're very aware of. It's made it a high stakes test: you either pass it or don't graduate. I think socially, when I first started teaching it was a different world, then after September 11, 2001, that changed. We've seen that, we've seen a lot of different things in the world that have impacted us here in Somerville, whether it's the Haitian earthquake, and the impact on our students who have family there. That's been an emotional moment, with the outpouring from the community and the mobilization of our students, rallying around their classmates. (schools that have opened...Dilboy Stadium). At the high school, the explosion of extracurricular activities for our kids. There has been a lot of positive and I hope to continue to build on that.

What do you think is going to be different at Somerville High five years from now, when today's middle schoolers are getting ready to graduate?

I'd like to think the high school they're graduating from in five years is a much better high school in terms of its academic performance. I think there's no secret as to where we are as a district with our scores. I hope that those are greatly elevated. I hope it's a high school that has incorporated a lot of innovation and different ways to reach our students. I hope that we have made it a place where all students succeed. I hope also in five years that there's some very serious planning and groundwork for a new high school. That's sort of a long-term wish of mine. I'd like to be there for the groundbreaking of a new high school and maybe the completion. If I had a magic wand and a crystal ball, that would be terrific. That would be the capstone to what I think is the terrific work we're



Somerville High School's new Headmaster John Oteri is hitting the ground running and optimistic about the future of the city's educational programs.

initiatives we have going on, with the partnerships in the community, I hope that those continue to expand.

> "This will be the best four years of your life if you want it to be"

If you could choose one and only one thing to change at Somerville High in your first year as headmaster, what would it be? (If you had your magic wand...)

I would like to raise the student growth percentage for our MCAS scores. We're going to start a campaign of awareness to students and faculty and families that we really need to get above the average. If we can get 55 on that, that's a realistic goal and something we're going to focus the by-product of improved teaching and learning.

There are probably some obvious challenges in secondary education today, like funding cuts and managing diversity, and keeping up with rapidly changing technology. But are there challenges that most people might not be aware of?

I think the level of the acute needs that some of our students have are not necessarily understood. We are who we are. We're a large, diverse urban high school. 72 percent of our students are on free or reduced lunch. Inherent with that are kids who have issues and obstacles that challenge them on a daily basis. That's something that doesn't come through on test scores. We've got a lot of kids that have a lot of challenging needs that take a lot of resources and time, and their successes are measured individually, but it doesn't necessarily translate into what the public sees. We've got a large immigrant population and we're trying to acculturate them.

In terms of the gap in society, that's the one thing that we know closes gaps rapidly.

You have worked directly with these at-risk students in your role as Assistant Principal. In an environment of limited resources, how do you service their needs without impacting the broader student body?

I'm fortunate to work here in Somerville where we have preserved so many of those [programs] through other districts budget crises. The superintendent and the school committee have placed an emphasis on those, in fact instead of cutting back on them; we've expanded some of our services and resources. I think it also speaks volumes to the partnership the community has made with us. I think it speaks to the Mayor's commitment to youth in the city. So we've partnered with some of the other city agencies that have provided some of those services. It's been a community effort and I think that in this admin-

Certainly, the passage of the doing in the district. With the our energies on. It's all tied in, it's Education is the great equalizer. istration Continued on page 11

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Unruly youths removed from bus

Police responded to a complaint of disorderly passengers bothering people on a MBTA bus last Thursday.

Officers arrived at the High School on Highland Ave., where the bus had been stopped, and questioned the driver about the nature of the disturbance. The driver pointed out three young male passengers on the bus and reportedly said that they had been loud and unruly and that he wished them to be taken off the bus.

Police said that the young men in question were shouting while they were conducting their investigation, yelling such things as, "I paid and you ain't kicking me off," according to reports.

The officers ordered the youths off the bus, but they refused and continued to shout obscenities and refusals to leave, police said. They were then personally escorted out by the police officers. One particular passenger was reportedly particularly difficult and had to be escorted off the bus by two police officers. This individual continued shouting obscenities and became physically confrontational with the police officers, according to reports.

Police said that they repeated-

ly asked the boys to "just leave," but after making several threatening gestures one of the youths was pepper-sprayed and taken to the ground.

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The juvenile was taken into custody and charged with disorderly conduct.

The other boys dispersed and the bus continued its service.

Drug bust on Dow Street

During the course of ongoing investigations into alleged illegal drug trafficking, Somerville Police Narcotics officers were made aware of suspicious activities involving the sale of Oxycodone Hydrochloride tablets by certain individuals in the city.

Surveillance was set up and the individuals in question were reportedly placed under observation to determine whether or not they may be engaged in the illegal distribution of the controlled substance.

The two men named in the investigation, Gary Sylvain, 24, of Somerville, and John Long, 22, of Lexington, were reportedly spotted driving west on Broadway last Thursday. They were followed by investigators as they proceeded to Johnnie's Foodmaster, located at the intersection of Broadway and Alewife Brook Parkway, where they parked.

Detectives reportedly spotted another vehicle in the vicinity, with two male occupants, that was approached by the suspects.

The investigators report observing money being handed to one of the suspects as they engaged in conversation.

After a short time the suspects left the area in their vehicle and investigators followed and eventually stopped them for questioning.

Sylvain was placed under arrest for outstanding warrants and a subsequent search yielded a quantity of what appeared to be 30 milligram Oxycodone Hydrochloride tablets, a class B Controlled Substance.

Sylvain was further charged with drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, and possession of a class B drug to distribute. Long was also arrested and charged with drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, and possession of a class B drug to distribute. Police were dispatched to the Kmart store on Middlesex Ave. last Sunday in response to a reported case of shoplifting.

Upon arrival, officers questioned store loss prevention personnel as to the activities of the man being held.

Police were told that the suspect had been observed gathering 10 pairs of Levis jeans, of various sizes, and taking them to the garden area of the store where he allegedly hid them in a bunch of bushes, according to reports. edly seen going back through the store and out the main entrance. As the man attempted to recover the jeans that he had allegedly secreted away in the bushes he was intercepted by store personnel and escorted back inside to await arrival of the law enforcement officers, police said.

Store employees reportedly told police that the jeans taken were valued at \$249.90 in total.

The suspect, Alex Gaudette, 22, of Charlestown, was placed under arrest and charged with shoplifting over \$100 by asportation.

The suspect was then report-

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Bad Idea' jeans



Arrests:

Melvin Fowlkes, 46, of 23A Mill St., Woburn, March 27, 6:22 p.m., arrested at 90 Washington St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Robert Coleman, 32, of 21 Wentworth Ct., Malden, March 28, 2:56 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of possession of a class A drug and possession of a class B drug.

A juvenile, March 29, 3:52 p.m., arrested at 91 Highland Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct. Ave., March 29, 10:20 p.m., arrested at 381 Summer St. on warrant charges of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation and leaving the scene of property damage.

Jake Beverlin, 25, of 127 Albion St., March 30, 5:50 a.m., arrested at Central St. on warrant charges of number plate violation, no inspection sticker, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Michelle Tuttle, 50, of 606 license

Ave. on charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Ronald Edgehill, 24, March 31, 4:07 p.m., arrested at 31 Burnside Ave. on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Lisbeth Mansilla, 22, of 38 Glen St., March 31, 6:16 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended liange March 28, 5:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

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ported a theft at Craigie St. March 31, 1:26 p.m., police reported a theft at Hall Ave.

Montrose St.

March 31, 8:39 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Houghton St.

Vehicle Theft:

April 1, 12:27 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Knowlton St.

April 1, 12:29 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Somerville Ave.

Assault:

March 27, 5:24 p.m., police reported an assault at Fountain Ave.

Gary Sylvain, 24, March 29, 6:52 p.m., arrested at Dow St. on charges of drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, and on warrant charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

John Long, 22, of 425 Woburn St., Lexington, March 29, 6:52 p.m., arrested at Dow St. on charges of drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug possession to distribute. Baljit Singh, 51, of 38 Fiske Lakeview Dr., Winchendon, March 30, 10:45 a.m., arrested at Curtis St. on warrant charges of failure to yield at an intersection, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to stop or yield, larceny under \$250, and failure to wear a seat belt.

Fernando Viera, 36, March 31, 12:00 a.m., arrested at 709 McGrath Hwy. on charges ofunlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Elsy Herrera, 31, of 11A Direnzo Terr., March 31, 12:31 a.m., arrested at 230 Highland Alex Clos, 24, of 266 Broadway St., Arlington, April 1, 3:01 a.m., arrested at 160 Orchard St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Francisco Lopez, 25, of 52 Glen St., April 1, 5:30 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Alex Gaudette, 22, of 80 Dunstable St., Charlestown, April 1, 5:34 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Incidents:

Theft:

March 27, 10:59 a.m., police reported a theft at Belmont Sq. April 1, 12:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq. April 1, 5:34 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

Robbery:

March 28, 8:16 p.m., police reported a robbery at 211 Pearl St.

Breaking & Entering:

March 27, 7:48 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Morgan St.

March 30, 12:54 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Knapp St.

March 31, 7:29 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at March 27, 6:22 p.m., police reported an assault at 90 Washington St.

March 31, 12:31 a.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.

March 31, 2:34 a.m., police reported an assault at Central St. April 1, 5:30 p.m., police reported an assault at Glen St.

Drug Violation:

March 28, 2:56 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

March 29, 5:28 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Dow St.



MassDot conducts study: Grounding McGrath

By Cathleen Twardzik

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is currently conducting a study entitled Grounding McGrath: Determining the Future of the Route 28 Corridor (Grounding McGrath Study).

The study will seek not only to balance the needs of all transportation users, but also to facilitate connections along the corridor, and to encourage development, which will have a positive impact on the neighborhoods, as well as on the area, as a whole.

The McGrath Highway issue was discussed at a meeting last month between MassDOT officials and local representatives.

"The working group had a chance to take a look at four different conceptual redesigns of McGrath Highway. There was a lot of discussion about the pros and cons of the various designs because they all have both. There [was] a lot of very detailed back and forth about the different concepts of design and the assumption that they're based on," said Denise Provost,

State Representative.

The state department of public health will conduct a health impact assessment.

When asked why the McGrath Highway project is a good idea, Provost said, "As a layperson and legislator, the elevated McGrath highway is a barrier across the city of Somerville. It's also problematic, in terms of maintenance. If you look at McGrath closely when you're stuck in traffic at ground level, you'll see that it's seriously deteriorated and that there's exposed rust [on the support columns.]"

"Given the state of the elevated highway, I'm very glad that there's an orderly planning process to talk about what to do when it comes to the end of its useful life," she said.

Grounding McGrath concerns several points:

The McCarthy Overpass, which is the elevated structure that carries Route 28 (McGrath Highway) over Washington Street in Somerville, is currently in need of substantial repairs.

Several significant planning and economic development efforts for the areas adjacent to the



The McGrath Highway project was recently discussed in detail by MassDOT representatives and local officials.

McGrath Highway corridor are in progress.

The City of Somerville has expressed a desire to modify Mc-Grath Highway from its current classification as the "other freeway" to a roadway, which is more conducive to a boulevard.

The Route 28 corridor through Somerville and Cambridge will continue to play a pivotal role by the offering of multimodal access for the area, as well as for the adjacent neighborhoods.

It must be noted that this con-

ceptual planning study is providing MassDOT, as well as the general public, with an opportunity to ponder the future functionality of the roadway, to consider the potential removal of elevated portions, and to enhance access for all modes of transportation.

One of the areas which would be affected by this project is Assembly Square. "A new Assembly [Square] Station on the orange line between Wellington and Sullivan Square Stations is planned to provide regional transit access and [to offer] an alternative to auto traffic at the Assembly Square redevelopment district in Somerville. The redevelopment district is the site of a proposed large-scale, mixeduse redevelopment project of 2,100 residential units, more than 2.75 million square feet of retail and office space and a 200-room hotel," said Michael Verseckes, spokesperson of MassDOT.



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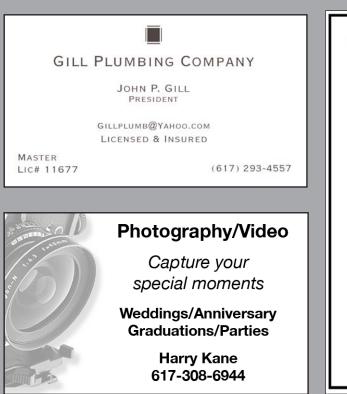
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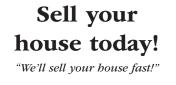
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Breakfast pans out for non-profit

By Amanda Rhodes

It may have been cold and raining outside, but inside the First Congregational Church on College Ave, adults and children were enjoying the 16th Annual Pancake fundraiser for the Duhamel Education Initiative last Saturday.

The Duhamel Education Initiative (DEI) was founded in 1996 by a group of active community members to honor the passing of their friend, Paul Duhamel, a Somerville School Committee Member who was especially committed to keeping kids in school. Since its founding, the all-volunteer non-profit organization has awarded over \$50,000 to the Somerville Public Schools. The organization has three annual events: the Pancake Breakfast, the Walk to Support Somerville Public Schools, and the Fall Fundraising Dinner.

This year's Pancake Breakfast was crowded, with every table full of hungry participants. The chefs were Somerville School Committee Members and included the Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi and Assistant Superintendent Vince McKay. The menu included pancakes, baked goods, fruit, coffee and juices. There were also raffle prizes, which included gift baskets and gift certificates from local businesses.

The DEI works with Somerville

Public Schools and accepts Requests for Proposals from teachers and school personnel. The group supports innovative ideas which "motivate a child in his or her education," said DEI President, Larry Siraco. "Our hope is that that motivation will continue throughout their lives," he stressed.

The awarded grants benefit students from the elementary school level through the high school level and are distributed throughout the Somerville Public School system. Awarded grants have funded art projects, reading materials, visits to Somerville industries, and even metalsmithing. The DEI works with Somerville Public Schools to identify opportunities. As Treasurer Matt Holzer pointed out, "we become an incubator and can flexibly start programs the district can move forward with."

The DEI requires the recipients of the grants to report back to the group with feedback and often receives thank you notes and photos. The organization hopes that soon photos of the funded projects will be available on its website so the larger community can see the impact it is making.

Though the Duhamel Education Initiative has a strong group of current members, the group is recruiting new members, "especially parents with families in the school system, so we can broad-



Paul Duhamel's grandson Nick flipping pancakes with Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi.

en the reach of the group," said Matt Holzer, treasurer of DEI and an assistant principal in South Boston.

The next event is the Walk to Support Somerville Public Schools, which takes place on June 3 at noon in Davis Square. Larry Siraco has committed to wearing a pink tutu for the walk if he can raise \$1,000. As Board of Directors member Doris McDaniel pointed out, "We're trying to get a tutu to fit Larry. We'll make it if we have to." She emphasized that Larry is "willing to do anything and we're trying hard to keep the kids in school." Larry stressed that the walk is a visible way for people to support the organization. Around forty people participate in the walk, but the group wants to see that grow. "We want to get a large group of people. We're inviting you to walk," said President Siraco.

To find out how to get involved, visit the website duhameleducationinitiative.o rg or call Doris McDaniel at 617-623-3168. Contributions can be made by visiting the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 440113, Somerville, MA 02144.



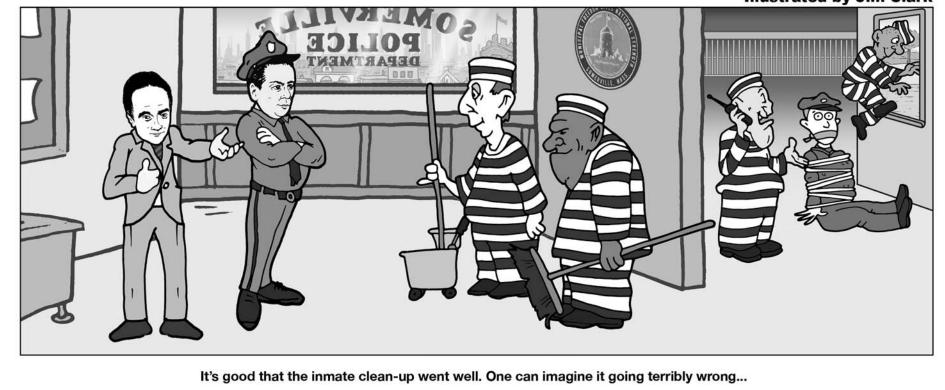
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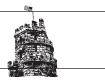
COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View From Prospect Hill



The Somerville Police Department is the latest beneficiary of Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian's Community Work Program, whereby inmates from the Middlesex House of Correction in Billerica contribute to the clean up and restoration of public institutions such as the police station, City Hall, and Department of Public Works building. The work crew provided lots of elbow grease as the police station was cleaned and plenty of fresh paint applied, all free of charge to the local taxpayer.

Mayor Curtatone praised the value of the program, noting the many thousands of dollars that have been saved by sparing the city the cost of bidding this work out to private contractors.

Of course, it can be argued that

the city's gain can equate to the private sector's loss in terms of unsolicited jobs and services. But in these fiscally challenging times it will be difficult to criticize the worth of this program, especially when every dollar in the city's budget can be regarded as precious cargo.

Some may voice concerns that such a program constitutes the imposition of involuntary servitude upon the participating inmates. One conjures up images of Strother Martin bemoaning a "failure to communicate" ala *Cool Hand Luke*. But the fact is, this is hardly a modern-day chain gang in disguise. On the contrary, participating inmates seem to appreciate the opportunity to get out and work, and correctional facility professionals agree that the program helps to prepare the inmates for imminent release by getting them back into the swing of working a daily job.

It appears to be a win/win situation for all concerned.

The question now is, can the good Sheriff provide any help to the SPD for getting a win at the next Guns N' Hoses match-up?

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

years. Another good friend is Dick Murdza, doing his 76 years worth of celebrating. Jane Roche, who is the lovely wife of that great Alderman from Ward 1, Billy Roche, also celebrates. They're a great couple and we know Alderman Roche will make sure she has a great day. Finally, to Jaime Motta, the astute and capable legal assistant to the well-known and famous attorneys at O'Donovan, Dwyer & O'Flaherty. We hope she had a great day on April Fool's Day. She works hard and deserves it. prizes offered. It will be a great time for everyone and, best of all, the money raised goes directly to the support of the elderly folks housed at their Jeanne Jugan residence on Highland Avenue. For ticket information you can contact Little Sisters of the Poor at 617-776-4420. Ask for Emily Gilmore, or visit www.littlesistersofthepoorgrboston.org.

It looks like the Farm Team (over at the Journal) is losing another Editor, just about the same time as us, and both are leaving after only a year. The Farm Team Editor is leaving journalism altogether, just as she was getting to know Union Square. We wish her well, even though she and the former Editor of the Farm Team before her were bashing us on a local so-called political pundit's show. As their parting shot they called us all sorts of names. But in the end we still print and distribute over 5K copies a week (more than the farm team) and have about 5K Facebook fans (more than the farm team), and 1200 to 1500 daily visits (probably more than the Farm Team) to our website. And guess what? It's all free. But the best part of The Somerville News, we're told, is that we only have Somerville stories about Somerville people and we will continue to do so. We do this because we are from Somerville. We didn't need a "Somerville for Dummies" book. We particularly liked the comment that the former Editor Kat made claiming that she cleaned up "Speak Out." Does that mean she picked and chose the comments? We are here. The Publishers, Editors, writers and staff live here, work here, and aren't going anywhere. FYI, we now have over 70 online media outlets and we're going for more. Plus, don't be surprised if you start seeing a Medford print edition real soon. We're talking to various Medford residents that want to do some

The Little Sisters of the Poor, the organization dedicated to the care and housing of the elderly poor in the greater Boston area, is celebrating with their Annual Black Tie Gala on Saturday, April 28, with all new auction items. The black tie event will be held at the Boston Harbor Hotel. A silent auction, including two tickets to the 2012 Emmys with flight and hotel, two clubhouse tickets to the 2013 Kentucky Derby with flight, trips to California Wine Country with flight and hotels, a Beatles signed framed album, and a few others are among the *****

The 38th Annual PTA Scholarship Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, May 4, at Anthony's of Malden. The event is run by Donna Romeo, the chairperson of the PTA.

Business Town Meeting VII with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone is slated for Wednesday, April 11, at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square. The Cities Business and Economic Agenda is a fast paced, one-hour Q&A session with the Mayor followed by a special networking reception. Contact the Chamber for more information and reservations at smackey@somervillechamber.org.

writing, and we have a local paper that only gives local news and, yes, Newstalk will be part of it!

A big get well soon goes out to our good friend Louise Mason who spent a few days of recuperation in the hospital. Louise is a nice lady and we wish her all the best for a speedy recovery.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Rita Stewart who recently passed away. Rita was a lifelong friend to some of us here at The News and a wonderful lady who will be missed by her many relatives and friends.

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COMMENTARY

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Excited about fitness



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The Fitness Challenge kickoff event last Saturday was a lot of fun and a great success. In a marked departure from 2011 when a big crowd came early and left early - we had a steady stream of visitors throughout the three-hour program. To be sure, there were lines at a few of the exhibits: the free massages supplied by students from Lincoln Technical Institute were, as always, very popular; and the healthy recipes demonstration tables had plenty of hungry and appreciative fans. (The "Silver Spoon" cooking challenge winner was a standout Caribbean squash soup - "tweaked" for healthy eating - from Chef Ernie Campbell of Belmont

Day School.) There were also demos and information booths on topics ranging from nutrition to boxing to Zumba to community rowing to martial arts to active senior living and much, much more.

One of the core activities for many of the attendees was signing up, weighing in and recording their Body Mass Index in order to be included in one of the numerous Fitness Challenge Teams taking part in this year's competition. (Individuals can compete on their own as well and it's not too late to join a team or get weighed in. For more information, call 311 or write to Carlene Campbell-Hegarty (no relation to Ernie) at ccampbell@somervillema.gov.)

Last year, my team came in second overall, but this year I am determined to lead a team than can go the extra distance and win it all. At the same time, and as I mentioned in my last Somerville News opinion piece ("In transportation, economics, fitness and more: Somerville plays to win," 3/21/12), I wanted to open up the team to representation from the community at large, so I decided to hold three spots for residents who convinced me (in a write-in essay contest) that they were ready to make a personal and team commitment to improving their fitness levels and developing healthier lifestyles.

The response was truly inspiring. Entrants from all sorts of backgrounds and all levels of fitness wrote in to describe their hopes, their goals and their dedication to the principles of Shape Up Somerville: "Eat smart, play hard, move more and live well." In the end, I decided three spots just wasn't enough and I should field two teams of ten each, each of which would be a mix of city staffers and residents - with a total of thirteen residents on each team. Since they took the time to share their thoughts as part of the application process, I wanted to pass along some of their comments. They do a far better job than I ever could of reminding

all of us of the critical role that healthy living can play in enhancing our quality of life - as individuals and as a community. John K. Atsalis wrote in to say

"I am looking to diversify my exercise routines and the fitness challenge is a great way to become acquainted with the various exercise options in our fair City. I usually work out by jogging and am emerging from my winter hibernation. I'm no slouch - I have run three marathons, two in the fall of 2011 and the Boston Marathon in 2008. I'd love to add my competitive spirit to Mayor Joe's winning team."

From a different point on the fitness spectrum, Jeff O'Connor wrote that "I am faced with medical consequences of being overweight. I'm only thirty, and I'm on blood pressure medication: that scares the living daylights out of me. I don't just want to lose weight - I need to lose weight. I want to be around for my wife and future children. I think getting this jumpstart will set me on the right path to be there for them for a long time."

My friend and noted local artist Pauline Lim (Google "Somerville urban shrines" if you don't know her work) offered these upbeat comments: "I would love to be on this team because while I love to exercise, I am at a 52-week high (for my weight), and I am addicted to sweets. I also love hangin' with Mayor Joe, and I love fitness challenges with other people!" And one of my favorite entries came. In true Somerville fashion, as a series of haiku from Jeanine Jenks Farley. Here's a sample:

"Joe's fitness challenge Is a wordsmith contest, too. Mind/body workout!

"Convex like a lens Is no shape for a human. Concave is the goal.

"Have I the right stuff? I'm not an astronaut, guys. But I like to win.

"I may be graying Flabby around the middle, But I can beat you!"

I'm looking forward to working with each of these contestants and the nine additional resident members of my two squads: Alan Ball; Dorothy Chaves; Matt Conley; Crystal Huff; Annie Latham; Diane Lynch; Kate Riley; Jennifer Sabia-Lopez; and Angela Venezia.

They're all winners in my book - and so is every member of every team in this year's Fitness Challenge. I'll keep News readers updated on our progress over the next seven weeks. This is going to be fun.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte Somerville's official food



It's a well-known fact that Marshmallow Fluff was invented in Somerville and everyone has enjoyed a Fluffernutter sand-

wich. I posted a question on Facebook looking for what people think should be the official food of Somerville. This is a strange time to be doing this type of survey because the Mayor's Fitness Challenge just kicked off. I got so many suggestions that I decided to just list as many as I could. Here are some of Somerville's favorite treats both past and present. Lyndell's Bakery in Ball Square was mentioned several times for their honey comb bread, cupcakes, and my fave, mocha cakes. I worked there when I was in junior high and I made my own gi-normous mocha cakes! I also used to fill my own jelly donuts until they practically exploded.

when I was supposed to be in class! (you kids should not try this! Times were different then.) I have to toss Di Tuccis subs and pizza into the mix also. Bobby made a mean sub. We have mentioned Leones many times in this column and again it's a choice for the best subs.

One long time Somerville guy tells us that he still considers the Somerville High School's cafeteria's mashed potatoes, sausages and gravy arranged campfire style as among his favorite meals. I liked the American Chop Suey. Don't forget The Highlander Café run by the High School's Culinary Department. Their prime rib is...prime! While we are on the subject of delicious foods, we must throw a shout out to the Mount Vernon restaurant's twin lobster special and their famous prime rib. Everyone likes the Mount Vernon. When one of my out of state friends come back home to visit, he heads right to Angelina's Sub Shop in Teele Square for a half Jumbo Italian, and then pops over to Amelia's Kitchen for some Tiramisu.

It consists of German bologna with all the fixings. My friend James remembers when they cost 25 cents back in the day. Victor's Sicilian Pizza, The old Highland Cafe's steak tips and the free lunches they used to serve at the playgrounds from Somerville Recreation Commission made

Do you remember the fruit truck guy? "Strawberries...raspberries...CHER-RIES! How about the fries at Frank's sub shop at the corner of Claremont and Holland? I can still see Del's Pizza truck with the bell.

A friend tells us that Yelp, that online restaurant review site, lists Somerville as having 59 pizza joints to Medford's 43. Close but no...crust. Did I mention Primos (we miss ya!) and Mama Lisa's? There are also new places like Pini's that people like. Sessa's and Mike's in Davis Square also serve delectable treats. Mike's has become a fave of college kids as well as us seasoned Somerville pizza lovers. The Venice Cafe, formerly on Holland St., won a poll I did a couple of years ago for the best Somerville pizza ever, past or present. So it seems that it's a tossup between subs and pizza as Somerville's official food. As our city keeps evolving and growing, we are lucky to have so many diverse cultures offering new and delicious foods. We will also never stop enjoying the foods that we have been eating religiously for Continued on page 21

Some folks mentioned subs from Nan's sub shop that used to be across from Somerville High School. I almost got clipped by a few cars rushing over there

Many people remembered Jonnies' special, which is found only at Thurston Spa. ur list of favorite Somerville foods.

Apollo Cakes, formerly in Somerville, made the grade as did La Hacienda and its delicious pizza. We can't mention Victor's without talking about Mike Moccia's Ball Square Café next door. Not only is the food and service great, but you can always bet on bumping into an old friend from the 'Ville when you are there. Melted cheese and a melting pot please! As one person stated, "It's as 'Villen as it gets!"

Along with all the new fancy restaurants and menus, we still love our sandwiches in Somerville. Sometimes you will hear them referred to as "sangwiches" for fun. We all loved the old Harold's Luncheonette (square pattie cheeseburgers) in Ball Square. (My old band The Tools had a song in their jukebox!) We will never forget Butch, Anna and Jeanne.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on two roll calls from the week of March 26-30. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

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

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. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: SECOND MID-DLESEX. - 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.

\$200 MILLION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 4000)

House 156-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing \$200 million for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The package is a bond bill under which the \$200 million would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds.

Supporters said this would fund this account at the same level as last year and help cities and towns keep their roads and bridges safe. (A "Yes" vote is for the \$200 million.)

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

FUND REPAIRS WITH RAINY DAY MONEY (H 4000)

House 13-144, rejected an amendment that would use \$200 million from the more than \$1 billion in the state's Rainy Day Fund to pay for the local road and bridge repairs. This would replace the provision allowing the state to borrow the money.

Amendment supporters said the state should use existing money instead of borrowing \$200 million that will ultimately cost more than \$200 million. They noted substantial risk of sexual abuse or bodily injury to a disabled person. The measure describes such behavior as situations in which a person is aware and consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk to the person which a reasonable person would observe.

Supporters said the bill simply adds persons with disabilities to the current law that takes aim at reckless endangerment of children. They noted this would result in another tool that would protect disabled persons.

STANDARDS FOR DEMENTIA UNITS (H

3947) - The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring the state Department of Public Health to establish minimum standards for dementia special care units in long-term care facilities in order to ensure the safety and quality of services.

The regulations must include dementia training for all direct care workers and guidelines for the physical design of dementia units, including taking into consideration the best design that would help prevent dangerous wandering by patients.

WORLD VOICE WEEK (S 2107) - The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved bill declaring the week of April 16 as World Voice Week, in recognition of the many citizens of the commonwealth suffering from voice disorders and the need for increased awareness among medical professionals and the general public to support these citizens and their families.

LIMIT WELFARE EBT CARD PURCHASES -

The special eight-member commission to study the illegal use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards by welfare recipients issued its long-awaited report on how to stop fraudulent use of the cards. Their suggestions include prohibiting use of the cards at tattoo parlors, gun stores, nail salons, bars, smoke shops and spas.

The Legislature has already banned use of the cards to purchase alcohol, tobacco and lottery tickets.

Supporters say the new restrictions are a major step in the battle against misuse of these cards.

Critics say the reforms don't go far enough to put a stop to the handouts and gaming of the system that discourages welfare recipients from getting a job. They note one of the main unsolved problems is the ability of recipients to use the card to get money out of ATM machines.



more than \$800 million would still remain in the Rainy Day Fund.

Amendment opponents said the \$1 billion in the Rainy Day Fund helps raise the state's bond rating. They noted that current low interest rates also make it an excellent time to borrow money. (A "Yes" vote is for taking the \$200 million from the Rainy Day Fund. A "No" vote is against taking it and favors borrowing the \$200 million.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUF-

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

RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT TO DISABLED (S 1143) - The House gave initial approval to legislation imposing up to a 2.5 year prison sentence on anyone who engages in conduct which by act or omission creates a Once the cash is received, the recipient can spend the cash at any of the "banned" establishments.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"During the last presidential election, I was watching TV with my oldest daughter, Isabella, when a Hillary Clinton for President commercial came on ... (Isabella) said, 'Dad, come on. Right! Only boys are president.' And you can imagine how I flipped out and went completely crazy at that comment. But needless to say, Madame President, when I spoke to you the next day, you were just as angry as I was. But you made a call. And a few weeks later, I will never forget the expressions on Isabella's and Victoria's faces when, after completing a speech here in Boston, Hillary Clinton stepped from the podium, ignoring all others, and walked over to my two daughters and said, 'You must be Isabella and Victoria. And let me tell you



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girls something. You can do anything or be anything you want as long as you work hard at it." - Former Sen. Steven Baddour (D-Methuen) addressing Senate President Therese Murray in his farewell speech to the Massachusetts Senate. Baddour resigned his seat to take a job at a private law firm.

"In one of the (college) houses, the kids were just helping themselves to soda, and so the till came up short. And when I told the guy from the company that the till was short and the reason was we'd had a lot of theft, the whole thing turned to me, and I said 'what are you talking about?' Ultimately the thing got resolved when we went over to the dorm and one of the white kids there said, 'Yeah, I'll show you how we did it."" - Gov. Deval Patrick recounting an incident at his school in which he was managing vending machines and was responsible for turning the money over to the company. When the money was short, he was accused of stealing from vending machines but was later exonerated when it was discovered other students were the culprits.

"At the dozens of public meetings on the original proposals, I heard our customers speak eloquently and passionately about the important role the MBTA plays in their lives. In response, we have developed a plan that demonstrates our strong commitment to continue providing transit services that are reliable, convenient and affordable." - Acting MBTA General Manager Jonathan Davis commenting on the new proposal that would impose an average fare increase of 23 percent to help close the T's budget gap.

"Thousands of riders have spoken against fare hikes and service cuts, yet the board, governor and Legislature have refused to take this burden off riders ... There's still time for our officials and elected representatives to become heroes and save the T. Will they stand with us or against us? Stay tuned." - From a press release by T Riders Union, a group that opposes fare hikes.

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 March 26-30, the House met for a total of seven hours and 42 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and eight minutes.

Mon. March 26	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 12:58 p.m.
Tues. March 27	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. No Senate session
Wed. March 28	House 11:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. March 29	House 11:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Senate 1:01 p.m. to 4:12 p.m.
Fri. March 30	No House session No Senate session

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An Interview with new SHS Headmaster John Oteri CONT. FROM PG 3

there's been an emphasis on collaborative work with the city. I don't think we're viewed as a separate department out there that's kind of on its own. They see a partnership that goes hand-in-glove. It's in the city's best interest to provide this, since it makes it a more attractive place to live. I have a lot of friends that live in suburban communities and I don't think they have half the support that we do here in Somerville. We've been very fortunate. I think we've been managed well fiscally. We've been managed well strategically from an implementation standpoint and I think we've used our resources wisely and we use data to back it up and justify what we're doing with some of these programs and I think it's worked out well.

that you know the school, the community, the administration, the students and the culture here inside and out. That has a lot of obvious advantages, but having worked so long at the nerve center of the school, how do you bring a fresh, objective perspective to your new role as headmaster?

When you are the number two person I think you have a perspective at times that you can look back and say, "You know, I think I might do this differently." Because I'm on the front line of things, I see, "this is more effective, if we can get some of these programs." I think, coming in with that, listening to a lot of staff, taking that input and evaluating it, that's kind of how I'm going to approach it. Tony Ciccarello, my predecessor has been You've been here now for over terrific. He's been a friend, a but I think kids are very com- least part way. This will be the working as hard as I can to make a dozen years, so we can expect mentor, a confidant, and I think fortable here being who they are. best four years of your life if you it the best school for all students.

he'd be the first to admit, "some of these things didn't work, this is what I would do differently if I were in your shoes. One of the benefits of being here is that we're not afraid to admit what we would do differently if we could do it over, and sometimes having a new person there's a window of opportunity to put things on a different path.

Most people look back at their high school years as either the very best of times or the very worst of times. Is that just the way it's always going to be? Or are there things we can do to make it a positive experience for every student?

I want this to be this to be the best four years of their lives, only to be eclipsed by the next four years, wherever they go. We've got our shortcomings, no doubt,

We've put an emphasis on bullying and respect for others. We're pretty good on those things. What we want to do to make it the best four years is to provide them with those outlets, those opportunities to leave their indelible mark here, whether it be athletically, through theater, through other extra-curricular activities, through music, through student government and service...Those are the things that we want to say, "you can look back and that's part of your legacy. That's the brick that you left here to build this place. And hopefully that's what it will be, the best four years of their life. My pitch to them every year as freshmen is these can be the best four years of your life. We're going to give you every opportunity, but you've got to come at want it to be. It can be the worst. I don't think it's the worst because there wasn't an attempt to reach them, or because there weren't services here. It may be not good because of other things going on in their lives, but I don't think it was because we're not reaching out to them and giving them the opportunities to succeed. I feel pretty good about that.

Anything else you'd like to add?

I'm excited, honored and humbled to be the next headmaster. It means a lot to be chosen among the internal candidates and the external candidates, and for it to be unanimous was affirming. I hope to live up to that and re-affirm that they made the right choice. I'll do everything I can. I'm committed to it and



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The SHS scholarship raffle is once again upon us. Buy a ticket for \$100 and get a chance to win \$10K. All funds go to the SHS scholarship foundation.

Our good friend, nurse and mother to a great family, Mary Hart, has taken a position over in a Malden clinic, leaving the clinic here in Somerville in Union Square. Mary is well liked and respected throughout Somerville and will be missed, but we bet she wishes everyone the best.

Those two Somerville candidates for Registrar of Deeds are both working very hard. Maria Curtatone and Maryann Heuston have signs popping up all over the place, and not just here in Somerville. Their race is for the position of Registrar of Deeds that is being vacated by our very popular former Mayor and current Registrar Gene Brune. This is particularly hard here in Somerville since both ladies want to win big so that they can have the edge going into the other cities and towns in Middlesex South. Both have Facebook pages, so check them out.

Mary Jo Rossetti, School Committeewoman from Ward 7, will be holding office hours this Saturday, April 7, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Angelinas Sub Shoppe, Teele Square.

Don't forget to save the date for the Somerville Lion's Club Annual Charity Breakfast, Sunday, April 15, 7:30am12:30 p.m.Place: Somerville Lions Club House, 9 New Washington Street, Somerville. \$8 each or 2-\$15. Proceeds to benefit Lions Club Charities.

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The Hoses take it

An invigorating 10th annual Guns N' Hoses Hockey game gave spectators chills last Friday, March 30. The Police squad squared off against the Fire Department in what has become a yearly tradition.

Somerville Fire Department won 10-1. Detective Dante DiFronzo scored the single goal for the police department. "He was our sniper," said Lieutenant Bill Rymill, captain of the team for ten straight years.

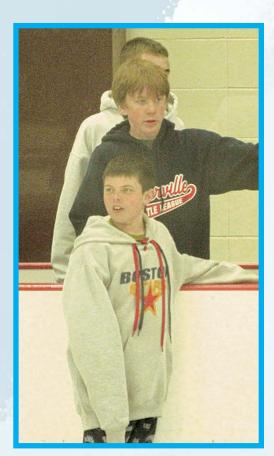
Rymill organized the Guns N' Hoses game ten years ago to raise money for charity. "It's never been about the scores," said Rymill.

Sadly, Rymill is handing off the responsibility of captain of the team to Sergeant Jeffrey DiGregorio.

Rymill jokingly said he is convinced Mark Wahl is going out to local high schools and recruiting for the Fire Department.























Photos by Harry Kane



SOMERVILLE SPORTS Red Sox book comes to library

By Harry Kane

Sportswriter John Powers cowrote the quintessential Red Sox book, Fenway Park: A Salute to the Coolest, Cruelest, Longest-Running Major League Baseball Stadium in America, in reaction to the ballpark's 100year anniversary.

Powers was at the Somerville Library signing books and promoting his book this past week.

The nearly 300 page historical saga covers the ballpark from its inception to last year's debacle.

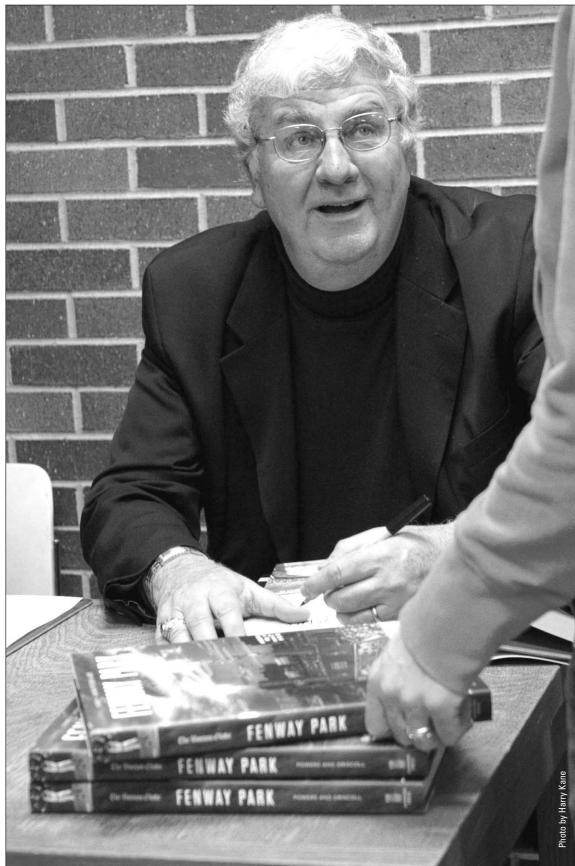
Powers became enamored with the ball club from an early age. The book gave him a chance to "revert to childhood" and relay the incredible ups and downs of the ball club with an imaginative vivid storytelling perspective.

Compiling the first ten years of Red Sox history took extensive research over the sixmonth writing period, which Powers and co-author Ron Driscoll spent on a digital platform, searching for facts. Ten years ago the microfilm hadn't been digitized so it would have made the book "too hard to write," said Powers.

The book discusses the baseball legends, architectural renovations, and more.



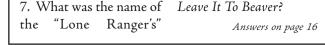
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Sportswriter John Powers met with Somerville Library patrons in support of the release of his and co-author Ron Driscoll's Fenway Park: A Salute to the Coolest, Cruelest, Longest-Running Major League Baseball Stadium in America.

Somerville runner's cause

Somerville Resident Erin 16, she will put her training to and utility payments during fi-



played by Dennis Weaver

in the series Gunsmoke?



Daly, a 28-year old speech pathologist has dedicated the past few months of her life to raising money and awareness for cancer patients and their families, and training to run the Boston Marathon for the Joe Andruzzi Foundation. Erin's inspiration comes from her experience working with sick and hospitalized patients who are undergoing the stress and financial burdens of medical treatments. Come April

the test and hit the grueling 26.4 mile race course to help support those in need. This is the 3rd Boston Marathon that Erin will run for charity and she would like to check in to see if you are interested in an interview to discuss her inspiration, drive and dedication to the race and cause.

The Joe Andruzzi Foundation was founded in 2008 to help cancer patients and their families make mortgage, rent, nancially difficult times, and to fund pediatric brain cancer research. Joe Andruzzi, a former offensive guard with the New England Patriots, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Burkitt's lymphoma in 2007 and was treated at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Cancer-free less than a year later, Joe has dedicated his life to supporting other cancer patients.

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The Mayor's Fitness Challenge 2012 kicks off

The 3rd Annual Mayor's Fit- and get revved up to win. ness Challenge Kick Off took place on Saturday, March 31 in the Somerville High Gymnasium. The day featured complimentary fitness bags, exercise demonstrations, healthy snacks and other family-friendly activand exhibits by ities Somerville-based organizations promoting a healthy lifestyle. It was also a day for Fitness Challenge participants to weigh in

Over the next seven weeks, participants will push themselves and each other to reach personal fitness goals. And they will compete for prizes as individuals and in teams of 10, earning points for losing weight, improving their body mass index (based on their ratio of weight to height) and participating in healthy community events.



6 local chefs provided healthy food menu items for attendees to sample. Later, all were judged by a panel (including the Mayor).



Mayor Joe and the winner of the 2012 Food Challenge Chef Ernie Campbell of Belmont Day School.





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Attendee speaks with local chef.



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Renovations at Police Headquarters CONT. FROM PG 1

1500 tiles that were water worked on Somerville's City Michael S. Cabral. The DPW has also re- stained or broken were re-Hall and the schools over the summer, says Deputy Chief placed ceiling tiles. Some placed.



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

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on <u>Wednesday, April 18, 2012</u>, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

57 Pitman St: (Case #ZBA 2012-57) Applicant and Owner Pitman Property Group, LLC, seeks Special Permits under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish a five unit residential use and under SZO §9.13.b to modify parking/loading area design standards. BA zone. Ward 3.

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

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

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

280 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2012-25) Applicant Amos G. Winter and Owner Fred Camerato, seek a Variance under SZO §5.5 for relief from the minimum side yard setback under SZO §8.5.1, and relief from the dimensional requirements of SZO §6.1.22.G.5 to install a second means of egress from the second story of the rear structure at the property. CCD 55 zone. Ward 4.
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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 <u>dpereira@somervillema.gov</u>.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

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Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro Administrative Assistant

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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ADVERTISMENT Request For Proposals Day Care and Educational Services

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed proposals from non-profit day care providers for the multi-year leasing of 35 Memorial Road #I7C and 35 Memorial Road #18C.

Project Description

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

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

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

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

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Somerville Arts Council hosts latest in Salon Series: Fibers

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

This past Wednesday, March 28, the Somerville Arts Council held the latest event of the Salon Series at the Arts at the Armory on Highland Avenue. This month's edition, titled Fiber, was curated by Alexis Kochka, who focused on the art of two contemporary artists, Jessie Vogel and Joetta Maue.

Jessie Vogel presented her work first, and took the full house of attendees at the Armory Café through the evolution of her work as a sculptor. The artist explained one of her first projects that combined fibers with juxtaposed materials as being a company she started with a boy who had a collection of toy robots. Vogel began to hand-make stuffed robots for five years, until the two decided to get 100 more manufactured.

She described some of the more powerful experiences she has had throughout her career, such as one residency at Elsewhere, a museum located in a thrift store in Greensboro, NC, where she developed a love for fibers. Additionally, a five-year residency in New Orleans, LA, helped the sculptor hone her passion for the fantastical elements of play and childhood through the creation of Mardi Gras and Halloween costumes with an artist local to the Big Easy.

Vogel, who cited French-American artist Louise Bourgeois as one of her biggest influences, went on to describe how her current pieces work to establish a fantastical reality through sculptures, and that the process of embedding soft fibers onto and into tough forms creates a dualistic complication, one that can be found in many stages of life.

The artist will be presenting at her thesis show at the MassArt on Huntington Avenue, April 26, at 6 p.m. Additionally, those interested can find her work at her website, www.jessievogel.com.

year, explained the evolution of her work with fibers. Where Vogel focuses on sculpture with fibers, Maue uses various found fabrics to embed short prose, single words, and various other poetic expressions through intricate stitching. The artist's main influences are personal, familial, and spousal relationships, as she views these experiences as having the most dramatic fluctuations through time.

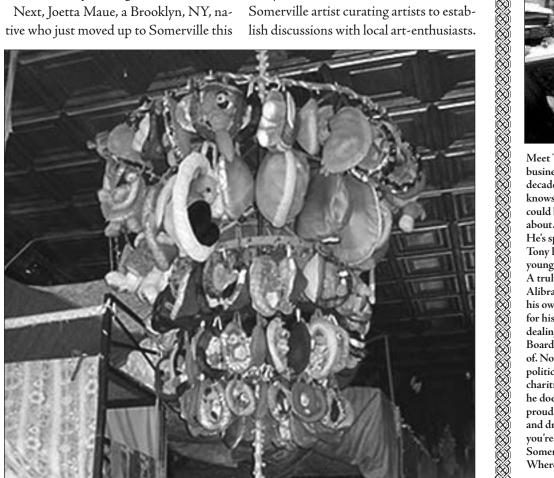
Maue noted that she had always been a photographer, and that her first work with fibers was an embroidery that was evoked for conceptual reasons, focusing on 75-100 words about healing. Her work is highly autobiographical, and explores modern femininity through the scope of love-filled relationships. Additionally, the artist noted that her change to fibers and embroidery helped her establish a passion for large-scale works.

One such project was an installation at Governor's Island in New York that involved clotheslines filled with her work, which she described as being a highly physical and interactive experience with the audience.

Her current project is a series of love letters, dealing with voices and sides of a relationship through embroidery into only found textiles. Maue stressed the importance of her decision to only use found fabrics, as she is adding to an already established piece of art in the form of the chosen textiles.

While Maue does not have a local show on the horizon, the artist will have exhibits in Brooklyn this June, and Indiana this September. Interested parties can find more of her work at www.littleyellowbirds.blogspot.com, or her website www.joettamaue.com.

The Somerville Arts Council will continue to host the Salon series on the fourth Wednesday of the month through June, all taking place at the Arts at the Armory Café. The series involves one Somerville artist curating artists to establish discussions with local art-enthusiasts.





Jessie Vogel's Strawberry-Blonde from 2010.



Vogel's Plush the Ride from 2009.

Meet Tony Alibrandi, if you don't already know him! He's a lifelong resident and in business in Somerville as a barber, taking over the shop his father had started many decades ago. Tony is more than just your friendly neighborhood barber. He's the man who knows where the bodies are, so to speak. He knows more about Somerville than most, he could be the one to go to if you've just moved here and want to find out what Somerville is about. But Tony is probably one of the top five most generous people here in the 'Ville. He's sponsored a local softball team for many years, and it's not unheard of to see that Tony has contributed to just about every sport here in Somerville that is geared towards young people, even to the young-at-heart adults.

A truly nice guy who is married to another local lifelong resident, Donna (Davis) Alibrandi. Together they have raised a son, John, who is well known throughout the city in his own right. Tony is just one nice guy, who always asks the right questions and if you ask for his opinion he is careful not to say the wrong thing. That must come from years of dealing with so many customers from different backgrounds. By the way, he's also on the Board of Election Commissioners here in Somerville, which he is very happy to be a part of. Not only does he do a good job, but it's a great place to be because he can't attend political functions or contribute money to politicians. He'd rather give it to his local sports charities. We think Tony is not only a nice guy but, because of the many charitable things he does, it makes him a true Somerville native who loves this city in so many ways. We are proud to highlight Tony. Head up to his barber shop on Holland Street near Teele Square and drop in and say "Hi" to him and all the friendly guys that work with him as well. If you're from here you probably already know what we mean. If not and you're new to Somerville you really need to go and check it out for yourself and say "Hi" to Tony for us. Where else can you go for a haircut for \$15 or less and get the dirt on what's going on?



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Thursday|April 5

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

Friday April 6

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West Branch Library Preschool: Storytime 11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Art Exhibit Reception 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

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Johnny D's Amy Black Band|Erin Harpe & Delta Swingers|Bambino 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's benefit for The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester \$15 cover goes 100% to The Clubs Glenn Yoder & The Western States o Sam Reid & the Riot Act o Highway Ghosts |6 p.m. Dirigible Ego, Rag Rock Rebels, Urban Myth \$5 cover |9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 9p.m.|65 Holland St

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

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Central Library Potluck with a Mystery Theme 7 p.m.- 9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday April 5

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

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

First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday April 7

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 8

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 9

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library Session 1 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.) Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.) 115 Broadway

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

Tuesday April 10

Central Library

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio

Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884 The Art of Singing Group

7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday April 11

Central Library

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

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

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.

The Oscar-nominated movie directed by Steven Spielberg, "War Horse" is coming to Holland Street on April 24th at 12:30 pm. "Magnificent! Joyous! Uplifting" is how Roger Elbert described this epic movie. RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

Osher Lunch and Learn - Tufts University Osher Lifelong Learning Center has joined with us to present a lunch and learn series. You bring the lunch and we will provide the transportation. April 9th - Best Bees: Learn about creating Bee Best Bees(tm) is truly unique. They are the only organization that brings the amazing experience of owning a honey bee hive right to your yard and manages the bees for you. April 20th -Preserving Homes. RSVP 617-625-600 ext. 2300

New exercise classes added! You asked - we listened! Our early evening classes have begun!

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

Dance at the Holiday Inn - April 9th will begin our celebration of Spring! Admission is \$10 for a wonderful lunch, music with DJ Hank and fun times with old friends and new! Doors open at 11:30 am.

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.

Museum Club is going to the Somerville Museum April 23rd for a private tour with local historian Bob Doherty. These trips fill out quickly so get your name on the list. 617-625-6600 ext. 2321.

Chair Yoga - Tuesdays at the Ralph & Jenny Center from 9:30 - 10:30. \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

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

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

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers

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

Indoor Exercises - all three centers

April 4

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance*|9:30 a.m. SHINE hours by appt. only|10 a.m. Women's Group - new members welcome|10:30 a.m. Chronic Disease Mgt.|1 p.m. QiGong*|1:15 p.m. Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Center Closed Bowling*|1 p.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

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

April 5

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

April 9

Lunch and Learn: Best Bees

Holland Center Gardening |9 a.m. Somerville Singing Seniors|10:30 a.m. English conversation|10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga |4:30 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center Closed

April 10

Culinary Arts

Holland Street Center Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m. SHINE by appt.|10 a.m. Low Vision Group|10:30 a.m. Line Dancing|3 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

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

Ralph & Jenny Center

Chair Yoga*|9:30 a.m. Flexibility and Balance *|10:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 11

Winter Hill Yacht Club

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

Cross Street Center

Book club - "Home Front" by Kristen Hannah. Contact Janine for a copy at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. Book club is meeting at 10:00 am April 9th at Holland Street. New members quite welcome!

Bereavement Support Group - Have you lost someone close to you? A bereavement support group can help you to express, understand and cope with the difficult emotions associated with grief and loss, and aid your healing journey. We are offering an 8 week support group facilitated by Diane Christopherson D. Min. The group will meet Thursdays at Holland Street Center from 12:15 - 1:45 from April 5th - May 24th. Lunch and transportation may be available upon request. Call Nancy at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317.

Join us in our exercise classes:

NEW EVENING CLASSES:

Gentle Yoga - Monday 4:30 - 5:30 at Holland Street \$5 Line Dancing - Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00 Holland Street \$5 Zumba Gold - Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 Holland Street \$5 Cross Street Center Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

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

April 6

Holland Street Center Lunch|11:30 a.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Lunch|11:30 a.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Center Closed 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223 Center Closed Bowling*|1 p.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Closed

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.

Veteran's History Project - Created in 2000, the Veterans History Project archives personal first-hand accounts/memoirs of American war veterans from World War I through the Afghanistan and Iraq conflict. In addition, those U.S. civilians who were actively involved in supporting the war efforts (war industry workers, USO workers, medical volunteers, etc.) are also invited to share their valuable stories. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318 if you are interested in participating.

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By Max Sullivan

The first ever Spring Ramble will be flying "lo" this Friday night at the Armory as the event's roots rock headliners, Patrick Coman and the Lo-Fi Angels, will be celebrating the release of their first EP, Let It Ring.

The Spring Ramble, Arts at the Armory's second in their series of seasonal new fundraisers, will be an evening of food, drink, carnival games and, of course, music. Four bands will take the stage, in honor of the four seasons: Autumn Hollow, The Pennies, Meg Smallidge and the Wednesdays, and the headlining Coman and the Lo-Fi Angels. Coman, who's been running a monthly music series at the Armory's café called "For the Sake of the Song", said that he is enthralled to release his EP in conjunction with the venue's fundraiser.

"We're really excited about releasing the new album, *Let It Ring*," said Coman, "And being able to do it at the Armory is a real honor and a real privilege. I've had a great opportunity to work with them over the past couple years, so it's nice to be able to take part in this event."

The local band's debut EP is a rich exhibition of traditional Americana done right. Coman claimed that he's gone through a "musical education" studying his heroes: Ryan Adams, Gram Parsons, Bob Dylan and the like. The EP varies in tone from song to song, from the upbeat opener Boston City Blues to the sobering closer, Streets of Berlin. This range demonstrates Coman's maturity as a songwriter and the attention he's paid to the detail in his heroes' recordings. On top of this, he's surrounded himself with an impressive cast of players. Backup vocalist Michelle Vanas and fiddler Aaron Cross stand out as sonically lush complements to Coman's songs, and drummer Bob Laing and Tim Moynihan form a rhythm section as tight as any.

Let It Ring was recorded "live" in the studio, meaning that the band played each song together rather than recording each part in separate layers. This allowed the band to communicate while playing as they would at any live gig, giving the songs a lively feel.

"We felt we had these songs really fine tuned," said Coman, "And more important than that pristine clarity (that often comes



Patrick Coman and the Lo-Fi Angels take flight at Arts at the Armory's Spring Rumble this Friday night.

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Coman, an Oklahoma native, has spent the last decade traveling the world. After graduating from college in North Carolina, he moved to Nashville in 2006 to get the "big city" music experience. He spent two years writing songs for a publishing company while waiting tables. In 2008, his travels took him across the Atlantic to Berlin before he fi-

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nally made his way to the Boston area in 2010.

Having spent a couple years in Boston now, Coman has found the local music scene to be a warm and welcoming community, unlike the cut throat nature of bigger music towns like his former home in Nashville.

"It's also really collaborating and welcoming, where as those other cities can be more competitive, so I've really enjoyed just getting to know people in a way that I don't think you get to do in other cities." Coman is known for his prowess as a live performer, so his songs will translate well to the Armory stage Friday night.

"Patrick is this great, eclectic musician," said Jennifer Lawrence, who manages events at the Armory and is very familiar with Coman's live performances."He's really a fun musician to listen to."

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at the Armory. You can buy tickets for the Spring Ramble online at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Shannon Grant finds supporters

Diaz and Sal DiDomenico were in attendance, as were Representatives Provost, Donato, and Henriquez. Youths from several organizations, including Somerville's Teen Empowerment, attended as well. Mayor Joe Curtatone of Somerville, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Mayors' Coalition, said, "We see the importance of this statewide effort for intervention and violence prevention." Secretary of public safety Mary E. Heffernan said, "Everyone's invested in making young people feel safe on our streets." Information given to those in attendance explained that funding for the grant has fluctuated in the past; in 2009, it received an all-time high of \$13 million, followed by \$4.5 million in 2010, and \$5.5 million for 2012. Since its inception, five

years ago, over 40 communities and 100 agencies have benefited from the program.

Mayor Curtatone says that it is because of the grant that "in Somerville, we have policeyouth dialogues."

Sen. Donoghue stressed the importance of citizens, especially youths, being vocal in support of the funding increase: "Make no mistake. It is a tough budget and advocacy is important."

Jay Ash, city manager of Chelsea, was optimistic about



approval of the increase, saying, "We will be successful because we have so much momentum, which you have advanced today." Attendees signed their names in support of the measure, before taking the opportunity to be photographed with various state and city officials.

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined local officials from across the Commonwealth at the 6th Annual Shannon Grant Day at the State House, to discuss the importance of the Shannon Grant and effective ways to combat youth and gang violence in our communities. He is pictured above with Chelsea City Manager Jay Ash and Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone.

Somerville's official food CONT. FROM PG 9

decades. It's great to go into all the new restaurants, sit down and order a fancy meal that you can hardly pronounce, and give your taste buds an international treat. It's also nice to know that you can still go into one of your favorite pizza and/or sub joints and sink your teeth into a familiar, comforting hunk of deliciousness. Now I'm hungry for a sub so I could really go for a Jimmy Del Ponte. That's a small Italian. But since I am participating in the Mayor's Fitness Challenge and have to lose weight, I'll have to settle for nonfat yogurt. I'm looking more like a jumbo these days than a small!

Please join me at The Dante Club on Craigie St. this Friday, April 6, from 7 to 11 p.m. for the Somerville Hockey Cash Giveaway Party. If you are a SHS hockey player or cheerleader alumni, consider this a SHS Hockey reunion party! We welcome old friends, coaches, and family to get together for a night of fun to help raise money to keep hockey alive in Somerville! Win \$10,000! Please contact Jen at jennifer_hickey2002@yahoo.com

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SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, April	4	5:00pm	Ablevision	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	Cooking w/ Georgia & Dez	2:00pm	SCATV Special	1:00pm	Ablevision
6:00am	Flip Side	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
6:30am	The Struggle	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	2:00pm	Somerville Rocks
7:00am	Baby Boomers	7:30pm	The Nicole Show	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
8:00am	Democracy Now!	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	4:30pm	Back In The Day	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Physician Focus	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
10:00am	Abugida TV	10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:00pm	Culture Club
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	10:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	8:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING	5:30pm	Somerville Back In The Day
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	Friday, April 6		9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
1:00pm	Sen. Pat Jehlan' Bread & Roses	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	7:00pm	Discover The Law
2:00pm	Back in The Day	6:00am	Live Response	11:00pm	GAY TV	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
2:30pm	Life Matters	7:00am	Culture Club	12:00mid	Beantown In Action	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	7:30am	Talk About Somerville	Sunday, April 8		8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
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4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	Vida Na TV	11:00pm	Visual Radio
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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
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3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	9:00am	GAY TV	10:30pm	The Gerry Leone Show
3:30pm	Art@SCATV	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	•	,
4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes	11:00pm	JuPrey Productions

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

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Endicott College Creative Writing student Maxwell Snelling is a dreamer. And dreamers make fine poets. Case in point: "Below the Spider Trees."

Below the Spider Trees

Trees

Like spider's legs

Coated in a chitinous gray carapace

Tangled between the fibers of time

As a yellowed black

Descends upon the furor

Of Asiago

And the Dream Merchants

Of Antiquity.

Pitted in a dim dark pit

The Dream Scion

Aeschylus

Child of the Omnibus

Barters sentient tangles of Blue Black Night

Strung with fibers of Yellowed Light

To Nightmares of wayward sleep.

There, below the chitinous trees

And bloated lights

Somerville Poet Harris Gardner Hosts Yet Another Boston National Poetry Month Festival

Somerville poet Harris Gardner has pulled off another one--another poetry festival, that is. Gardner, the founder of the acclaimed literary organization Tapestry of Voices, will be hosting a showcase for 56 major and emerging poets, titled the: Boston National Poetry Month Festival. And from the start I have been privileged to be a featured reader in the said festival. I know for a fact a few Somerville poets will be featured including: Gloria Mindock and Timothy Gager. So come and sample some of the poets, buy a signed edition, read your own work in the open mic, and enjoy. For details see below!

MONTH FESTIVAL

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CO-SPONSORS: Tapestry of Voices & Kaji Aso Studio in partnership with the Boston Public Library, SAVE the DATES: Saturday, April 28th 10:00 A.M.- 4:40 P.M. OPEN MIKE: 1:30 to 3:00P.M.; & Sunday, April 29thth, 1:10 to 4:30P.M. The Festival will be held at the library's main branch in Copley Square. FREE ADMIS-SION

56 Major and Emerging poets will each do a ten minute reading; ALSO

Featuring 6 extraordinarily talented prize winning high school students: from Boston Latin High School; Boston Arts Academy. These student stars will open the Festival at 10:00 A.M. SAM COR-NISH, Boston's current and first Poet Laureate will open the formal part of the Festival at 11:00 A.M. 55 additional major and emerging poets will follow with a

POETRY MARATHON

Some of the many luminaries include SAM CORNISH, Richard Wollman , Christine Casson, Dan Tobin, Alfred Nicol, Rhina Espaillat, Jennifer Barber, , Kathleen Spivack , Doug Hold-



Left--Harris Gardner-- Founder of Festival. Right-Sam Cornish-Boston Poet Laureate)

THE BOSTON NATIONAL POETRY er, Elizabeth Doran, Charles Coe, Kim Triedman, Ryk McIntyre, January O'Neil, Regie O'Gibson, Kate Finnegan (Kaji Aso Studio), Victor Howes, Susan Donnelly, Jack Scully, Rene Schwiesow, Chad Parenteau, Tomas O'Leary, CD Collins, Marc Goldfinger, Gloria Mindock, Tim Gager, Diana Saenz, Stuart Peterfreund, Valerie Lawson, Michael Brown, Mignon Ariel King, Tom Daley, Molly Lynn Watt, Ifeanyi Menkiti, Lainie Senechal, Harris Gardner, Joanna Nealon, Walter Howard, Susan Donnelly, Zvi Sesling, Irene Koronas, Fred Marchant, Danielle Legros Georges, Robert K. Johnson, Suzanne E. Berger, and a Plethora of other prize winning poets.

> This Festival has it all: Professional published poets, celebrities, numerous prize winners, student participation, OPEN MIKE.

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> FOR INFORMATION: Tapestry of Voices: 617-306-9484 Library: 617-536-5400

> Wheelchair accessible. Assistive listening devices available. To request a sign language interpreter, or for other special needs, call 617-536-7855(TTY) at least two weeks before the program date.

This man makes a livelihood

From the demons of sleep

And the saviors of dying thought.

The sprites of rest and repose

Trade their very souls with the Doubts and Troubles

And even the damper misuses of the denizens of the mind.

Here is an ethereal city

Below the blood red stars

Our nights are charted with profits.

- Maxwell Snelling

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