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Health insurance budget bill divides labor unions, City officials, State legislators



The school committee motioned their support to joining GIC, but stand opposed to the teachers' union over collective bargaining.

By Andrew Firestone

Mayor Joseph Curtatone has been a strong proponent of the healthcare amendment to the newest state budget for the new fiscal year. The amendment, which allows cities and towns in the Commonwealth to unilaterally join the Group Insurance Commission, unless presented with a cheaper option, would save the City of Somerville an estimated \$3.8 million for the next fiscal year, going a long way to solving the City's \$7.5 million budget gap, with a total of \$10 million in overall savings.

However, the plan has been criticized by public union labor representatives for taking away protections that they have, including raising the split on their premiums by five percent. All three State Representatives who comprise the Somerville delegation in the House Chamber voted against the amendment to the budget.

"The recent recession and rising health care costs caused the current financial crisis, not unions and certainly not the educators working in our city's schools," said Jackie Lawrence, president of the Somerville Teachers' Association. "We care deeply about our

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Teen activists meet elected officials over jobs, budget concerns

By Andrew Firestone

Youth activists of Somerville were called upon to discuss budgetary concerns this last Friday, May 6, when Mayor Joseph Curtatone and the Statehouse delegation of Somerville dropped by Teen Empowerment's East Somerville headquarters.

Members of Teen Empowerment and the Groundwork Somerville green team spoke for over an hour with state Senators Pat Jehlen and Sal DiDomenico, as well as state Representatives Denise Provost and Tim Toomey, and requested more funding for teen jobs in an event organized by Marlon Remdehal, director of Somerville programs for TE, and Adam Machson Carter, GS green team coordinator.

"Will you commit to putting full funding for the YouthWorks [line program] at \$4.4 million in the Senate budget?" asked Melinda Petit of Teen Empowerment to Jehlen and DiDomenico. The House budget

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Mayor Joseph Curtatone answers questions from Teen Empowerment.

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NEWTALK

Tonight at Old Magoun Saloon from 6 to 9 is the correct night for Ward 5 Alderman Sean O'Donovan's time. We hope he has a great time. We plan on being there. Last week we mistakenly mentioned that last Wednesday was his time. Nope it's tonight.

We hear that Lady J has asked for and received a 12 week leave of absence from work at the City. Too much stress, we hear , was the reason. Isn't it amazing, the amount of stress some can give but not take? We hear that she's not going back to COA. Looks like our papers are safe for at least 12 weeks! We hear that Ms. Cindy is going back shortly, since the city concluded its investigation into the various allegations. The city finished and we hear that the DA was looking over the paperwork from the investigation. What do you think the DA will conclude? Cindy was put on paid leave. Some say she's going back to COA, some say no. We'll keep you posted - since lips are suppose to be sealed, aren't they?

This Sunday is Somerville Lions Annual Charity Breakfast on May 15th at the Lion's clubhouse located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Somerville Holiday Inn) from 8; 30p.m. to 11a.m., tickets \$8.00 pp or two for great price of \$15.00. Call King Lion himself, Billy Tauro, at 617 293-2016 for more information.

The following Sunday, May 22, is Eugene C. Brune's 27th Annual Scholarship Breakfast in Malden at Anthony's...So two weeks in a row go out to breakfast on Sunday morning and support two great causes.

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Mother of Harvard shooting victim relieved at life sentence

Roberta says:

Justin sounds like a wonderful person. I hope the good memories sustain the family as they struggle to heal and move forward without him in this life. The perpetrators sound like misguided individuals who made a horrible decision and ruined their own futures. Very sad story all around.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you support the city's decision to post \$25,750,000 in bonds for the Assembly Row District Improvement Financing (DIF) project. If you don't agree with the results, simply log on- to TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you support the city's decision to post \$25,750,000 in bonds for the Assembly Row District Improvement Financing (DIF) project?



Comedy Play to Benefit Respond House

On Friday night, May 13th , a comedy play will be performed in the Somerville High School auditorium at 7 pm. Proceeds will benefit Somerville's own Respond House which helps battered women and children. The play is called "All in the Timing" by David Ives and it is six one act comedies. Don Pinnelle is directing and Jimmy DelPonte is the producer. Las Vegas headliner Johnny Joyce will open the show with his special brand of stand up comedy. Tickets are \$20.00 general admission, \$15.00 for students, \$10.00 for seniors, and are available either on line or at the door. Information can be obtained at oceanwaveproductions.org.

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Can't be too green

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

The East, or more specifically, Japan, is not that distant when one reflects on something shared such as business practices and their connected resources. Can other nations, including the U.S., prevent a life-shattering mishap such as a nuclear power plant being put to sleep by a raging Mother Nature? How do you get the crowd at the stadium to agree on the team starting from scratch? A discussion took place at the B2Green Expo at Washington Street's Holiday Inn. Options were offered to the curious members that joined the representatives and their organizations at the respective tables.

Some of the initiatives discussed were a community pathway and the use of bicycles, as well as the Green Building Project, an educational unit that seeks to guide the use of materials in construction of Somerville buildings and other green-safe details of a Somerville building's origins. The city's other plans under the leadership of Mayor Curtatone were mentioned at the Green Building table, including free recycling pickups for businesses, as long as they provide for the cart. The cost of the cart is 60 dollars. Of course, per household there is a no

charge single bin provided for.

This month is also bike month and in addition to a count of bicycle use around the city, events are being held in May to celebrate a pastime that is both clean and convenient. Somervillebikes.org has more information.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will fund the proposed community path, attached to the green line from Lowell Street to Inner Belt. The members of pathfriends.org are trying to acquire funding for the path to run to the green line's last stop, Lechmere.

Somerville is strong and young people flourish under such a healthy and creative atmosphere in terms of the knowledge passed on and absorbed. Bunker Hill Community College sponsored B2Green and its students were there in full force. The college's Health and Wellness Center recently won the LEED Gold certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design from the U.S. Green Building Council. The Sustainability Club, operated by a group of concerned young students, were featured prominently in the packets of information that were handed out-going strong and stopping apathy before it takes root.



Photo by Galen M. Mook

It's also going to be Boston Bike Week Soon: May 15-20.

Puglia launches Ward 7 alderman campaign

By Tom Nash
Post Somerville

Joan Whitney Puglia has announced she will enter the race for the Ward 7 seat in the November Board of Aldermen elections.

Puglia, who has worked at Tufts University for 29 years, has close ties to the Board of Aldermen. Her father, Walter Whitney, and grandfather, John Whitney both served on the board and her husband, Andrew Puglia, have served as Ward 7 alderman from 1974 to 1983.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," Puglia said of her decision to run. "It's just the right time for me."

Puglia's website lays out a platform of

government reform, naming "oppressive parking fines and fees" and zoning changes that would prevent "politically-connected developers from inflicting harm on our neighborhoods" as some of her key issues.

Puglia said she would also work to be a more responsive alderman than the incumbent, Bob Trane, who she says is too slow to act on the concerns of Ward 7 residents. One example, she said, is the city's planning process on how to use the old Powder House Community School.

"I think Bob's missed the boat," Puglia said. "He's waiting for the mayor to decide what he wants to do."

That attitude, Puglia added, appears to be common on the Board of Alder-

men in general.

"I would like to see the Board of Aldermen go back to the checks and balances it used to have," she said. "There's nothing wrong with asking questions. There's nothing wrong with bringing that back."

Community activist Barry Rafkind, who helps run Somerville Voices, is serving as Puglia's campaign committee chair.

"Joan will be a formidable candidate because she's pragmatic, she can bring old Somerville and new Somerville together, and she can't be intimidated," Rafkind said in an email.

In deciding to run, Puglia said she had considered whether recently re-ignited talk of her husband's past would be too much of a burden.

Andrew Puglia publicly challenged Mayor Joseph Curtatone's administration last October after the Puglias' son-in-law, Sean O'Brien, was continually passed over by the fire department despite being at the top of the eligible list because of his Iraq veteran status. A bypass appeal against the city is expected to be heard in July.

When defending the city after Puglia addressed the Board of Aldermen in October, Curtatone made an oblique reference to the fact that Puglia had been disbarred in 1998 for defrauding clients. He served six months in a house of corrections for embezzlement.



Joan Whitney Puglia.

"I'm not keeping him in the closet during the election," Joan Puglia said. "He's my husband and I love him dearly. He made mistakes, and I stood by him. I gave him the opportunity to heal from such a devastating episode in his life."

Puglia joins Katjana Ballantyne in the race for the seat. Ballantyne will be hosting a campaign kick-off party tonight at Orleans in Davis Square.

Trane has not announced whether he is seeking re-election, and did not respond to a request for comment.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Officer has a tough time breaking up brawl

A Somerville Housing Investigator was called to the scene of a reported fight between two females at 35 Memorial Road last Wednesday.

The Investigator encountered a disheveled looking young woman who was visibly upset and holding her arm. She reportedly pointed out the 10 River Rd. building and stated “the tall black dude with the dreads pushed me and grabbed my arm, screaming at me.”

The girl’s brother then proceeded to that location and the

Investigating Officer immediately followed after him. Upon arrival, the Officer heard yelling between the girl’s brother and Anthony Cundiff, 30, of 10 River Rd.

The Officer engaged Cundiff, temporarily calming the situation. The man suddenly began arguing with the young woman’s brother once again, however, drawing a crowd of onlookers, the Investigator reported. Additional police units were requested to assist, as the Officer reportedly took action

to stop the argument.

Then two females were found to be screaming and fighting nearby. The Officer reported that Sasha Johnson, 29, Cundiff’s girlfriend, was engaging in a fistfight with another woman. As the Investigator stepped in to break up this fight, the two males from the earlier altercation again began arguing, according to the Officer’s report.

As the Investigator once more turned his attention to the two males, the two women began to

scuffle again. According to the Officer’s report, Cundiff then grabbed the hair of his girlfriend’s opponent, twisting her arm and yelling expletives at her. The Investigator ordered Cundiff to release the woman and to restrain Johnson, which Cundiff reportedly did.

Cundiff and the other man began arguing once more and, while the Officer attempted to keep them apart, the two women yet again began fighting, according to reports.

At this time backup units from

the Somerville Police Department, along with another Somerville Housing Investigator, arrived and assisted in separating the males, while the two females were put in handcuffs to keep them from fighting.

Witnesses reportedly told police that Johnson was the primary antagonist, while Cundiff allegedly pushed and grabbed both females during the incident.

Both Johnson and Cundiff were charged with assault and battery.

Heroin bust at Holiday Inn parking lot

While conducting surveillance in and around the Holiday Inn parking lot last Friday, members of the Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit and the Cambridge Police Department Drug Control Unit observed suspicious activity by the occupants of an older model car that had arrived at the location.

Dennis DiCato, 28, of Lynn, was reportedly searching through the trunk of the car and behaving in a way that suggested

to officers that he was waiting for someone. DiCato was approached and questioned, and was ultimately found to be in possession of heroin, police said.

The driver of the car, Marie Gaudette, 28, of Lynn, reportedly admitted to being in possession of heroin and stated that DiCato, her boyfriend, was there to deliver 8 bags of heroin, according to investigators.

Two other passengers, Matthew Graham, 25, of Re-

vere, and Katelyn Antzak, 24, of Saugus, were also questioned. Graham reportedly said he knew that DiCato intended to deliver heroin at the scene, and a search of Antzak’s purse turned up a needle and syringe, as well as a liquefied substance, which Antzak admitted to being a heroin solution, police said.

All four individuals were transported to the police station and charged with various narcotics violations.

Man carries, fires illegal guns

Somerville police responded to the rear of the Holiday Inn last Friday to a report that a man was showing a firearm.

Teodoro Garcia Gonzalez, 34, was found to be in possession of two firearms and two boxes of ammunition, according to police.

Investigators reported that one

of the guns had been discharged.

Police said that Gonzales was not licensed to carry the weapons and was charged with carrying a firearm without a license, carrying a firearm with ammunition, carrying a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, and multiple warrant charges.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Damien Didas, 34, of 15 Stickney Ave., May 3, 2:20 p.m., arrested at 281 Broadway on a charge of cocaine trafficking and a drug violation near a school.

Ignatius Immonje, 30, May 4, 12:15 a.m., arrested at 91 Highland Ave. on warrant charges of unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle.

Brian Simeon, 18, of 34R North S., May 4, 6:18 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering and resisting arrest.

Donna Owens, 49, of 49 Marshall St., May 4, 7:22 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Michael Blasi, 23, of 67 Jaques St., May 4, 7:07 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime and assault with a deadly weapon.

Ryan Buckles, 26, of 59 Franklin St., May 4, 8:00 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of destruction of property, larceny, and assault with a deadly weapon.

Joseph McCulloch, 60, of 35 Otis St., May 4, 8:17 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of trespassing and destruction of property.

Michael Kocur, 33, of 16 Highland, May 4, 10:53 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on multiple warrant charges.

Yufen Liu, 48, of 268R Powder House Blvd., May 4, 3:31 p.m., arrested at 1202 Broadway on a charge of common nightwalker.

Anthony Cundiff, 30, of 10 River Rd., May 4, 7:54 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Sasha Johnson, 29, of 10 River Rd., May 4, 7:54 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Ever Fabian, 22, of 70 Broadway, May 5, 3:45 a.m., arrested

at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Eddy Pamphile, 28, of 7 Remick Ct., May 5, 5:16 a.m., arrested at 84 Broadway on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Edgar Veloza, 37, of 29 Faragut Ave., May 5, 6:19 a.m., arrested at home on unspecified charges.

Juan Vazquez, 28, of 14 Atherton St., Roxbury, May 5, 2:29 p.m., arrested at 4 College Ave., on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Emily Stanley, 25, of 10 Lopez St., Cambridge, May 5, 4:36 p.m., arrested at 559 Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Joseph Frejuste, 19, of 8 Flint St., May 5, 9:04 p.m., arrested at home on charges of distribution of a class D drug, drug violation near a school, and drug possession to distribute.

Ethan Feller, 30, of 147 Albion St., May 5, 11:17 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on charges of

possession of open container and operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Katelyn Antzak, 24, of 8 Birch St., Saugus, May 6, 2:28 p.m., arrested at 30 Washington St. on a charge of being present where heroin is kept, and a warrant charge of uninsured motor vehicle.

Marie Gaudette, 28, of 56 Orchard St., Lynn, May 6, 2:28 p.m., arrested at 30 Washington St. on charges of drug possession to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug law.

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Leandro Mariano, 27, of 9

Dexter St., Medford, May 6, 6:00 p.m., arrested at 158 Pearl St. on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operation of a motor vehicle with registration revoked, and uninsured motor vehicle.

Steve Milice, 19, of 34A North St., May 6, 9:25 p.m., arrested at 268 Powder House Blvd. on warrant charges of misdemeanor breaking and entering, assault with a dangerous weapon, trespassing, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Teodoro Garcia Gonzalez, 34, of 173 Walnut St., May 6, 11:18 p.m., arrested at 9 New Washington St. on charges of carrying a firearm without a license, carrying a firearm with ammunition, carrying a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, and multiple warrant charges.

Oscar Murillo, 19, of 32 Loring, May 7, 4:21 p.m., arrested at 29 Sewall St. on a warrant charge of disorderly conduct.

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PSG Framing comes to East Broadway

By Ashley Taylor

A museum-quality custom archival framing company, PSG Framing, is moving from South Boston to Somerville and situating itself in the area of Broadway slated for remodeling through the East Broadway Streetscapes project.

The streetscapes project will renovate the street itself: sewers, sidewalks, and bike lanes. Those changes, in turn, are expected to draw businesses and customers to what is expected to be a more pedestrian-friendly area. PSG Framing is one such business.

"The streetscape project played a significant factor in choosing 130 Broadway," said Michael d'Hemecourt, of Harborlight Advisors, the real estate consulting firm managing the project for PSG, "as it will provide retailers the infrastructure for long-term success."

PSG purchased 130 Broadway on April 25 with a \$3.5 million loan from MassDevelopment, a state agency that promotes economic growth as both a lender and a developer. According to a press release from Harborlight Advisors, the loan is for both acquisition and renovation of the building. On May 4, they broke ground on a renovation and,

d'Hemecourt said, construction should be finished this fall.

D'Hemecourt provided some history of 130 Broadway. "It was originally built for Broadway Chevrolet in the 1920's, so it was an automotive dealership. And then most recently, it was occupied by a company called Melotone, which is a vending machine company, and they didn't use the building as a retail operation; they used it to store and repair their machines. And they covered the whole building up with this ugly black EFIS [exterior covering similar to stucco]. So they let the building be vacant for about four years since they left."

Outside, the building is still covered in black, but inside, the renovation is underway.

PSG and Harborlight Advisors are restoring the historic brick façade and glass storefronts of 20,000 square-foot building, working with architectural firm LONdesign.

PSG will occupy the back of the building. In front, the glass panes that once displayed cars will display the wares of retail tenants, identity to be determined.

"There's actually really good interest in the space," d'Hemecourt said. "We haven't locked up anyone yet. We're still trying to de-



130 Broadway as it looks today.

cide on the ideal tenant mix in the front there. But it'll be a nice neighborhood type of retailer."

Unions, community groups, and elected officials have pushed for local and union labor on recent construction projects and development plans. D'Hemecourt said in an e-mail that, "It is our plan to use union labor for the retail storefronts along Broadway." PSG and Harborlight Advisors have hired

New England Construction as contractor for the project.

East Broadway Streetscapes is a city initiative to redesign East Broadway from Garfield Ave to the Boston/Somerville line. Design Consultants Inc. has already submitted and received feedback from Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) on what are called the 75-percent design plans for the project. According to city

planner Monica Lamboy, the city would like to submit 100-percent design plans, or construction-ready drawings, to the MassDOT this August.

In the Harborlight Advisors press release, Mayor Curtatone expressed his optimism for East Broadway: "PSG Framing is getting in early on what we think is going to become one of the hottest areas in metro Boston in the coming decade."



An architect's rendering of the renovated building.

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Get your walking shoes on for the SCALE walk-a-thon on May 12

By Cathleen Twardzik

At the 9th Somerville Center for Adult Learning Experiences (SCALE) walk-a-thon on May 12, the purpose of which is to raise awareness for adult literacy, as well as to collect donations for the student emergency and scholarship funds, SCALE students, staff and friends will walk the streets of Somerville, as well as the bike path.

Interestingly, the walk-a-thon will begin at 8 a.m. for early risers and will occur a second time at 5 p.m. for those individuals who prefer a late afternoon experience. Both walks begin at SCALE, at 167 Holland St., just outside of Davis Square, according to the program's newsletter.

The walk-a-thon is the final spring event, which is organized by the SCALE Student Services Division.

"The numbers usually range from approximately 25 to 40 participants for the morning and evening walks on the day of the event," said Doreen Curreri, Computer Operator and Head of the Student Services Division of SCALE.

"The SCALE walk-a-thon was started as an annual event to raise funds for the SCALE scholarship program," she said.

"Since 1974, SCALE has provided classes and support services to more than 1,200 adult learners 16 years and older annually who need basic reading, writing and math skills," said Curreri. English instruction for non-native speakers is also available.

The program is supported by the Somerville Public School system and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Students hail from Somerville, as well as from the



SCALE students gather and walk together in the annual walk-a-thon.

surrounding area.

The funds, which are raised at the walk-a-thon are used for "a scholarship fund that grants monetary awards to student applicants who want to supplement and/or continue their educational pursuits," she said.

Last year the fundraiser garnered \$2,045.

Join the cause by asking your friends and neighbors to support this important event.

Interested individuals may support the SCALE Scholarship Fund or the SCALE Emer-

gency Fund, by sending a check, payable to Friends of SCALE, 167 Holland St., Somerville MA 02144, or by visiting Eastern Bank's online community room to make a contribution at <https://www.communityroom.net/donate.asp?mode=show>.

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



“Let there be bonds!”

The View From Prospect Hill



Mark Twain once said - back when 25+ million dollars was *real* money - the following: “Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.” Unfortunately, certain people and the institutions they represent can take this sentiment to extremes. After some 20 odd years of political wrangling and hand wringing the die is finally cast. The Assembly Row District Improvement Financing (DIF) project passed by the Somerville Board of Aldermen last week sets into motion a number of initiatives that should bring the development to life at last. We seem to be fully committed now, and we are guardedly optimistic that the promises of economic growth, local jobs, and all the rest may finally become a reality. Twain also said, “If you hold a cat by the tail you learn things you cannot learn any other way.” Well, we’ve certainly got the cat by the tail now, and lessons will undoubtedly be learned over the course of time. We sincerely hope for a relatively painless educational process and success for all of those concerned - mainly, the people of Somerville. Fingers crossed.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Heard a rumor that might sound very interesting. Murray for Governor with Curtatone as Lt. Governor? We will have to wait and see properly. Not too long until, though. The Governor’s term limit is two terms only. Too bad it’s not for other state officers and our Senators and Representatives. Maybe then they won’t treat us like it’s a career instead of working for the people.

Another reminder of the annual SHS foundation annual drawing, with first prize for \$10,000.00. Lots of other prizes as well. Only 250 tickets sold. Send your \$100.00 to SHS Raffle c/o Eugene C. Brune, PO Box 440275, Somerville 02144...Great cause helping hundreds of students at the high school go to college.

We want to welcome back home to the Ville Ben and Marie Miele, who have recently returned from their restful Alabama trip. They are all ready to start going back and forth to the doctors for Ben because his cancer came back while they were in Alabama and he had to go through five weeks of radiation. Now he has to see the doctors up here starting Monday. Our prayers are with them both and we wish for a speedy and

healthy recovery as well for Ben.

Alderman Maryann Heuston wants to spruce up Ward 2. She’s putting in requests for improvements to Ward 2. Please let her hear from you. Be as specific as you can about requested locations for the following types of requests. Street lights that need repair, streets that need paving, trees needed, additional trash receptacles, bike racks needed, potholes requiring repair, and many other things you can think of. Call Alderman Heuston at 617 492-5331 or email her at mheuston@hotmail.com.

Our happy birthday greetings go out to a good guy and local Attorney Ed Smith this week as well as Mrs. Melissa Hurley - Sullivan. Michelle Bowler is also celebrating this week, and good friend to The News as well Charlie Lacombe. We wish them and all those here in the Ville a Happy Birthday and great day.

Congratulations to Ariana Roche who is one of our sweetest Somerville News fans. Ariana won the National Guidance Councilor Scholarship. She is a bright and ambitious young lady

and we wish her all the best and much success in her future.

A very special get well soon to our good friend Kay Post who is recuperating after not feeling well last week. Kay is a wonderful woman and we wish her all the best for a speedy recovery.

Somerville High School Class of 1961 50th Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th, at Hillview Country Club, North Reading MA. If you have not been contacted, please email shs6150th@gmail.com

Healey Recyclathon will take place May 18. Fun for all ages always accompanies the bargains at this giant yard sale. This year, the PTA and the 8th grade join the student newspaper, Happening at the Healey, in sponsoring the event, sure to be a Super Recyclathon. The PTA will offer a Super Bounce for kids for \$1, and a chance to dunk a grownup, 3 throws for a dollar (kids and adults welcome). Help the Pets! Please bring in old, clean towels, blankets, unused pet food and other pet supplies, which our help-the-pets com-

mittee is collecting for Somerville Animal Control. Any kid who brings in a contribution toward this need will be rewarded with a prize coupon, lots more!

Save our Homes 8th Annual Walk To Help Prevent Homelessness will take place Sunday May 15th, 2011; Registration begins at 1:30pm;the walk begins at 2:00pm.The 5k (3.1 mile) walk route begins at Somerville High School, passes affordable housing landmarks, and ends at Somerville High School. Help make this years walk a success by either donating to the walk or walking. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Shannon LeBlanc at 617-776-5931 x238 or Stacey Pires at 617-776-5931 x232.

Just a reminder that the City's annual Shape Up Somerville / Somerville Recreation Road Race, which had previously been scheduled for April 10, 2011, has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 5th as part of the City's first SomerStreets event of the year. For a map of the race course, please visit the City's website, www.somervillema.gov.)

COMMENTARY

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An improbable Assembly Square triumph



By William C. Shelton

Much public attention over the past eight months has focused on whether the city should take on \$26 million in debt to build infrastructure that would serve Federal Realty Investment Trust's (FRIT's) Assembly Square development projects. Over the same period, and almost unnoticed, a consequential development has moved toward approval.

It will produce high net tax revenues, provide visual appeal from critical Assembly Square vantage points, generate few auto trips per day, and help solve critical road configuration challenges. It is a self-storage facility.

Huh? A self-storage facility?

That's what Mystic View Task Force (MVTF) members thought when approached by SSG Development and Construction representatives in Jan-

uary 2009. The firm had successfully developed a half-dozen storage facilities elsewhere, and it wanted to avoid the kind of conflict that had surrounded FRIT's strip mall project.

The city's planning director George Proakis hails the resulting cooperation as "a model of consensus building for development," such that the project "reached the Planning Board with a positive driven force." He, his staff, and the city's Design Review Committee were part of that cooperation as well.

At an April 21st meeting, Planning Board members admired the project's design and supporting research. Members Favoloro, Moroney, Kyriilo, and Capuano praised the cooperative planning process.

Mr. Proakis quipped that the goal had been to approve the most beautiful self-storage facility in the world. The project may achieve that goal.

And when fully occupied, it should produce about \$120,000 per year in annual tax revenues, or about \$109,000 per acre, even though a third of it is usable open space. Compare that with the \$50,000 per acre produced



SSG Development's Assembly Square self-storage facility.

by the strip mall.

When costs of city services required by the two projects are figured into the calculation, the comparison becomes more striking. For example, the strip mall generates twenty-seven times the number of car trips per day, per acre, that the storage facility will.

These laudable outcomes were not easily achieved. They result from a long cooperative process of identifying problems and crafting solutions.

At their initial meeting with Mystic View in 2009, SSG partner George Bachrach and Attorney Adam Dash presented preliminary plans for the site, which is now a truck depot, across Middlesex Avenue from the end of Foley Street.

Mystic Viewers were cordial, but skeptical.

Not much happened for over a year, as Somerville's city planners studied potential street configurations. In May of last year, Monica Lamboy, head of Strategic Planning and Community Development, got in touch with MVTF. She said that SSG's project planning would move forward, and she encouraged the two organizations to meet.

At a June 2010 meeting with SSG, Mystic Viewers expressed their concerns. The Assembly Square district is big. The distance between its northernmost and southernmost points is the same as that between North and South Stations.

But it has only three access

points: McGrath Highway from the North, Sullivan Square/Lombardi Street from the South, and potentially, an extension of Foley Street under I-93 that would serve East Somerville. The extension would have to cross the project site. And it was important that its design coordinate with pedestrian access improvements that FRIT will be paying for in the near future.

The building's design would be highly visible to people on I-93, Middlesex Avenue, and locations across the district. Riders exiting the future T station would see it at the opposite end of Foley Street.

Related to this, a prominent industrial facility could harm the district's

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Hangin' up the park



Powder House Park has a history that dates back to the Revolutionary War in the 1700's. It also has another history that dates back to the 1970's when it was the cool place to hang around.

When Archie rode a flaming skateboard from "up top" all the way "down bottom" to College Ave., that was historic. You can see more history if you look at a tree down bottom that has the initials "JF" and someone else's initials that are now unreadable. "JF" was a kid who dated my sister. He was quite the Romeo.

Yes, the park is a treasure trove of memories. I walk my dog up there a few times a day. I'm lucky to live a short 3 minute walk to the park so I am up there a lot. In the old days I could run home from the park in 2 minutes flat, if I had to. A couple of weeks ago at the annual Spring Cleanup I had the pleasure of being assigned to clean up Powder House Park. (much like the police force back in the late 70's!) I went to Home Depot and bought one of those "grabbers," because I don't bend down too good these days. My

job was pretty easy because the park is kept pretty spotless by the city. Nevertheless, I picked up every little piece of paper, cigarette butt and other refuse I could find. Mission accomplished! Some of my friends joked that I would probably find an old tall can of Budweiser beer that I left up there years ago. Joke's on them because I didn't! (it was a bottle of Halfenferrer Private Stock!)

I spent many hours at the park in my youth with my friends Bud, Jack, and a fellow known merely as "GIQ."

I was never in with the real tough guys that hung there, but I was friendly enough with a few of them to be able to spend time up there without getting into any hassles. It got pretty hairy on Friday and Saturday nights. When it turned nutty, we would go back to our own home base, which was the corner of Bay State and Kidder. That was our safe zone. We could always duck into Mike, Teddy, or Charlie's house.

There were so many kids hanging around the top of park at one time, the city sent a crew up to completely get rid of all the shrubs and bushes. They figured they would eliminate hiding places and

such, and allow the cops to monitor activity as they drove by.

At times there were groups of maybe 50 kids up top on a weekend night. The cops would come up, make them empty out the beers, and disperse everyone. They would pop over to Goodell Drug and pick up some smokes, and go back up top a half hour later. One of the cops was affectionately known as Barney, as in Andy Griffith's sidekick, Barney Fife. All in all he was a pretty fair guy.

One of the former tough guys is now a grandfather and is close to retiring from the job he has had for over 30 years. Several of the other tough guys have been holding down respectable positions around the city. It's funny, because when I see these guys, sometimes I think of how they used to wear their Powder House Park embroidered jackets and wreak havoc with their pals. One of them said he still has his jacket in his closet.

Powder House Park was a place where I set off cherry bombs, tried out new skateboards, and hung around with a crowd of kids. Today it is where I walk my dog, take brisk walks, and host the Mayor's annual Senior Picnic. Boy, have

times changed.

I can still picture some of the kids that hung up at the park like "Bolo," "Myrtle," and "Ment."

Luckily, I stopped hanging around parks and corners and joined Somerville's summer programs such as Project STAR and Somerfest. I started spending my time with actors, singers, and musicians. My band, The Tools, actually played a concert at Powder House Park in 1978 with 2 other bands.

I used to pick up six packs and head to the park. Nowadays I head to the park and pick up after the dog. But everyday I look around that beautiful park and thank God that I am still here to enjoy its beauty and it's history. There are as many memories up there as there are trees!

Join us this Friday the 13th for a night of one act comedies and stand up comedians. *All in the Timing* will be presented at 7 pm in the Somerville High School Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door. Las Vegas Headliner Johnny Joyce opens the show with his unique brand of humor.

You can email Jimmy directly at jimmydel@rcn.com.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' votes on three roll calls from prior legislative sessions. All the roll calls are on proposed amendments to the House version of a \$30.5 billion fiscal 2012 state budget. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9,

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

MOVE \$1.5 MILLION FROM WELFARE TO EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (H 3500)

House 32-125, rejected an amendment that would move \$1.5 million from the Department of Transitional Assistance (Welfare Department) to the Employment Services Program that provides welfare recipients with the skills, education and support needed to get a job.

Amendment supporters said this shift in funding would help give people the skills and incentive to go to work. They argued it is a wiser investment than continuing the old ways, which encourage them to stay on welfare.

Amendment opponents said the \$1.5 million cut would hurt the effectiveness of the Transitional Assistance Department. They argued it could lead to the state not meeting federal standards and eventually losing millions in federal funding for food stamps. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that would move \$1.5 million from the Department of Transitional Assistance to the Employment Services Program. A "No" vote is against the move.)

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

EVACUATION DAY AND BUNKER HILL DAY (H 3500)

House 79-75, barely approved an amendment that would retain the current law relating to the Suffolk County (Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop) holidays of Evacuation Day (March 17) and Bunker Hill Day (June 17.) The measure would keep intact the current law approved by the Legislature in 2010 that retained the holidays' official status and the day off for most state and local government workers, but also required that all government offices in the four communities "be open for business and appropriately staffed." The law does not define "appropriately staffed." Prior to 2010, all state and local government and public offices were closed on those two days.

Evacuation Day, a controversial legal holiday celebrated since 1941 only in those four communities, commemorates a victory for the American patriots in 1776 when General George Washington and his troops drove the British out of Boston. March 17 is also St. Patrick's Day, and critics charge that Evacuation Day is a hack holiday

invented to allow state workers to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Bunker Hill Day commemorates the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The current law was a compromise between legislators who wanted to keep all Suffolk County government offices closed on those days and others, who wanted to abolish the two holidays altogether and keep all the offices open with full staffs.

The Statehouse and other state and local government buildings in Suffolk County were open on March 17 for the first time in many years and will be open on June 17. Thousands of local and state workers in these communities took off March 17 and will do the same on June 17. Thousands of other union state employees in all other cities and towns across the state are also given the day off per their collective bargaining agreements or may use it as a "floating holiday" - a procedure under which they can take off a day of their choice during the year.

Supporters of retaining the two holidays argued that both dates commemorate important events in the city of Boston and said it is unfair and cynical to attempt to eliminate them. They said critics should spend time educating people about the historical significance of these two dates instead of complaining about them. They noted these two holidays are not unreasonable in light of the salary cuts many public employees have been forced to accept over the past few years.

Opponents of the two holidays argued they cost taxpayers millions of dollars in pay for thousands of public employees who do not work on those days. Critics are even more vehement about the Evacuation Day holiday and contend it is just an excuse to provide a day off to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Boston. They noted most residents have no idea of the significance of Evacuation Day and that nothing is really done to celebrate this "important" event. Some say that many years ago Boston's Mayor James Michael Curley assigned an aide to find an "important" historical American event that occurred on St. Patrick's Day and the aide came up with Evacuation Day.

The roll call vote was on a motion to retain the two holidays. A "Yes" vote is for retaining the two holidays. A "No" vote is against retaining them and favors abolishing them altogether.)

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

CUT \$13.1 MILION FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS (H 3500)

House 36-120, rejected an amendment reducing funding for the compensation of public defenders for indigent defendants by \$13.1 million from \$45.3 million to 32.2 million.

Amendment supporters said this will save money and help balance the state budget. They noted additional money should go to district attorneys who prosecute the crimes and not to the criminals who commit them.

Amendment opponents said the \$13.1 million cut will hamper the administration of these services and noted the constitution requires that even poor criminals have a right to an adequate defense. (A "Yes" vote is for the \$13.1 million cut. A "No" vote is against the \$13.1 million cut.)

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

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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

APRIL TAX REVENUES CLIMB - The Patrick Administration announced April tax revenues climbed a staggering \$587 million above the amount predicted. Behind the scenes debate on what should be done with the money began on Beacon Hill. The alternatives include increasing local aid, restoring money to programs that were cut and placing the windfall in the state’s Rainy Day Fund.

REGULATE ROBO CALLS (H 870) - The Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee heard testimony on a bill to restrict robo calls, automated phone calls that use a computerized autodialer and deliver a computer-generated pre-recorded message to the person called. The law would allow consumers to sign up for a “no robo calls” list and fine companies, groups or individuals up to \$5,000 if they call someone on the list. Robo calls are most often used by candidates running for public office.

The measure is modeled after the 2002 law that bans telemarketers from calling consumers who sign up for the Do Not Call Registry. Other provisions restrict robo calls to between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and allow an individual on the list to sue for up to \$5,000 any person or company that violates the list by calling an individual more than once a year.

The measure exempts from the ban any messages from school districts and cities or towns to residents, employers advising employees of work schedules and correctional facilities advising victims. It also exempts calls to individuals with whom the caller has had a business relationship within the last two years.

Supporters said this long overdue bill would allow people to put a stop to these annoying invasions of privacy and will restore some peace and tranquility to homes, especially during the dinner hour. Some noted the bill was originally filed in 2010 in response to the millions of robo calls made during the special election to succeed the late Sen. Edward Kennedy.

“FUEL STAMPS” (H 1864) - The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities held a hearing on legislation that would establish a gasoline assistance program that issues “fuel stamps” for free gas for senior citizens and handicapped persons who have owned a small business for six years or longer in which the use of their automobile is essential.

CASINOS REVISITED - The Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies held a six-hour hearing on several proposals that would bring casino gambling to the Bay State. Debate was intense but no new ground was broken.

The Legislature last year approved a bill that would authorize three resort casinos and two slot parlors in the state. The slots would be at two of the state’s racetracks

following a limited bidding process under which only the tracks would be allowed to bid. Gov. Deval Patrick would only agree to one casino. He amended the bill and sent it back to the Legislature which never acted upon it.

TAX INCREASE PROPOSAL (S 1416) - The Revenue Committee heard testimony on both sides of the controversial measure that would raise the state’s income tax rate from 5.3 percent to 5.95 percent and increase the long-term capital gains tax from 5.3 percent to 8.95 percent. The measure also offers a tax cut by increasing the personal tax exemption from \$4,400 to \$7,900.

Supporters said the package would raise an estimated \$1.37 billion and help prevent many more drastic budget cuts that would hurt seniors and children.

Opponents said any tax hike is outrageous during this troubled economy when taxpayers are being hit with skyrocketing gas prices and food prices.

TAX CUT PROPOSALS - The Revenue Committee’s hearing also included bills that would create several new deductions, including allowing parents to deduct from their taxable income the amount of fees paid to a city or town for their children’s transportation or participation in sports, academic or other student activities (S 1412); single-family homeowners to deduct municipal fees for water, sewer and refuse collection (S 1517); drivers to deduct automobile insurance premiums that exceed the average statewide auto insurance premium (H 1708); self-employed taxpayers to deduct the cost of health insurance (H 3195) and condo owners to deduct condo fees (H 3000).

REWARD FOR MONEY-SAVING SUGGESTIONS (H 2601) - The Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight held a hearing on a bill to amend and broaden a current law that allows the state’s Suggestion Awards Board to award cash prizes to state employees who submit suggestions for reducing the cost of state government or increasing the efficiency of state services. The bill would expand the program and allow all residents, not just state workers, to submit ideas and be eligible for the awards.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“We have gaming. It’s all around us. The debate about whether we should have it or not was 25 years ago.” - *Chelsea City Manager Jay Ash testifying in support of legalizing casino gambling.*

“This week I agree with the Speaker.” - *Robert Haynes, President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, expressing his support for House Speaker Robert DeLeo’s efforts to legalize casino gambling. Last week Haynes was highly critical of DeLeo’s proposal that would strip municipal employees of most of their rights to collectively bargain over health care*

benefits, including co-payments and deductibles.

“I’m opposed to our state government partnering with an industry that causes human misery.” - *Former Sen. Susan Tucker of Andover, testifying against casino gambling.*

“Apparently it is OK to flush tax dollars down the toilet at UMass Dartmouth though.” - *From a press release by the Massachusetts Republican Party criticizing the hiring of defeated candidate for Bristol County Sheriff former Rep. John Quinn as the school’s new Director of Graduate Public Service.*

“Many voters were receiving 10 or more calls per day, often beginning early in the morning and continuing well past 9:00 PM. These recorded calls came from the campaigns of all candidates and constituted an annoyance and an invasion of people’s privacy.” - *Rep. Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) on his bill allowing consumers to sign up for a “no robo calls” list that would prevent them from receiving automated telephone calls, including those from political campaigns. Kulik was referring to the millions of robo calls made during the special election in which Sen. Scott Brown succeeded the late Sen. Edward Kennedy.*

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

During the week of May 2-6 the House met for a total of 34 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 51 minutes.

Mon. May 2	House 11:06 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.
Tues. May 3	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 4	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. May 5	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:28 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.
Fri. May 6	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Somerville Police Crime Log CONT. FROM PG 4

Ellenmarie McCann , 24, of 75 Jaques St., May 8, 1:19 p.m., arrested at 77 Jaques St. on a charge of assault and battery.	May 5, 4:45 p.m., police reported a theft at 4 College Ave.	Winter Hill.	ported an assault at Central St. & Medford.	wood St.
	May 5, 9:18 p.m., police reported a theft at Morrison Ave.	May 7, 11:19 p.m., police reported a theft at River Rd.	May 8, 2:26 p.m., police reported an assault at Jaques St.	May 5, 4:11 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Medford St.
Incidents:	May 7, 3:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Pearl St.	Assault:	Robbery:	Drug violation:
Theft:	May 7, 7:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Greenville Terr.	May 4, 7:54 p.m., police reported an assault at River Rd.	May 7, 2:40 p.m., police reported a robbery at Walnut St.	May 5, 9:04 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Flint St.
May 4, 2:25 p.m., police reported a theft at Austin St.	May 7, 8:08 p.m., police reported a theft at Rite Aid &	May 5, 3:45 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.	Stolen cars:	May 5, 2:28 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 30 Washington St.
May 5, 3:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.		May 6, 2:15 p.m., police reported an assault at Wallace St.	May 4, 7:41 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Elm-	
		May 8, 2:12 p.m., police re-		

M.O.M 5k celebrates Mother's Day, Mary O'Brien

By Andrew Firestone

The Ninth Annual Mary O'Brien Memorial (M.O.M.) 5k roared through Davis Square, Sunday, May 8, 2011. The turnout of 350 brought an intense yield, but ended in a victory by 39-year-old Sean McClain, with a time of 17:10.

"It's great, not much wind, not too warm," said McClain.

The brainchild of O'Brien's son, Gordon Pilotte of Winchester, the race brought out many of the Mothers' Day crowd, and proved to be a festive time for all. The day included diversions for young and old alike, and more than a few moms and dads pushed carriages along the Somerville course. Retiring to the Dilboy VFW post, the racers were met with a party and a delicious meal, including many members of the Somerville Road Runners.

Aside from glorious prizes there was an open buffet serving Redbones pork, chicken and beef sandwiches and free beer supplied by Harpoon. All proceeds are sent to the Dana Farber Institute

for Cancer research.

"It's a case where there's people like myself who don't have moms to visit on mothers day, and this is kind of like a family event for us, as well as the moms who come and spend the day with us," said Pilotte. Pilotte did not run the race, but continues to run marathons in honor of his mom, including the Boston marathon this year, and the Ottawa, Chicago and New York marathons in the coming months.

Helping out with the food was Pilotte's daughter Cara, who said that she thought the event gave fitting tribute to her "awesome" grandmother. "She was a great role model for sure and very involved in my upbringing, through my Dad, which was cool."

Pilotte's niece, Micho, of Londerry, NH, agreed: "through and through even when she was sick, she was a vibrant, lively person and I think that this race really does a great job of encompassing who she is as a person."

The event concluded with a raffle that included many prizes, including Red Sox-Yankees tickets and Dragon Naturally Speaking software.



Gordon Pilotte passes out flowers.



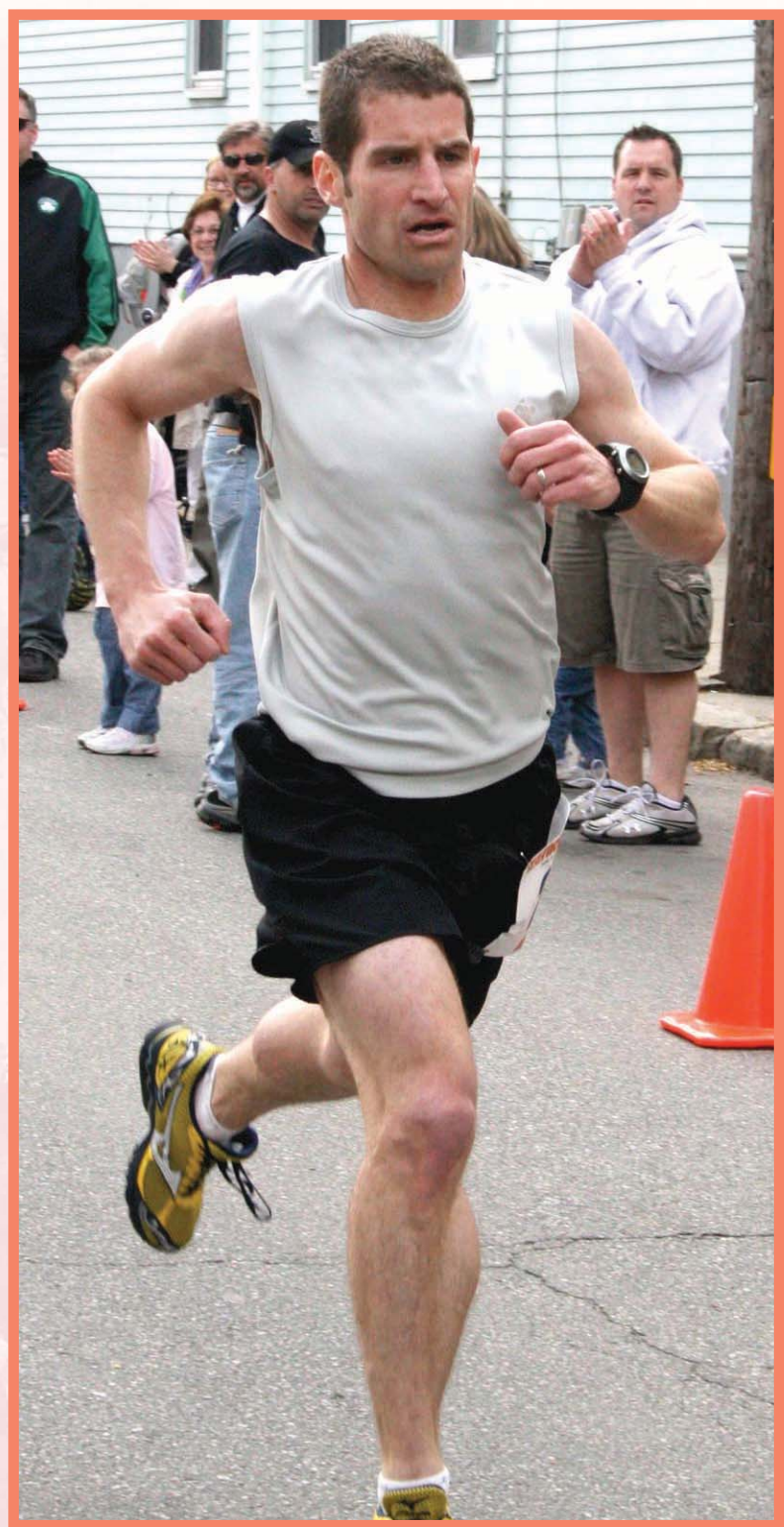
Photos by Andrew Firestone



E.J. Hyrnowski of Arlington places third.



Shane Mancragli of Boston races Stephan Rubin in the stretch.



Sean McClain wins the M.O.M. 5k.



Courtney and Teri Campbell celebrate Mother's Day the old fashioned way: with a 5k race and a pint of beer.



Erin Hardy of Cambridge races with daughter, Ellie, 2.

Wheels keep spinnin’ at Bike Expo

By Andrew Firestone

This weekend at the Armory, the New England Bike Expo came home to the birthplace of bike innovation May 7 and 8.

With legendary frame makers Merlin, Fat City Cycles, Independent Fabrications, and Firefly Cycles coming up from the 'Ville, it's no surprise that the exposition hits the same week Somerville was awarded the title of "Bicycle Friendly Community" from the League of American Bicyclists.

"I think it'll be interesting in the next couple years," said Robinson Hill, the Expo's founder. "Like this year alone they're adding 12 miles of bike

lanes." Somerville is projected to have 30 miles of bike lanes by the end of next year, adding infrastructure to Mayor Joseph Curtatone's overall hope of lowering air pollution and congestion in the City. "I think the trend is going to go way up," said Hill.

Aside from displays by Arc-En-Ciel and Folk Engineered with their cutting edge frames, there was also a presentation of Danielle Baskin, and her hand-painted helmets. "It's sorta like furnishing your apartment. If you're on a bike, you can create your own environment, you can be a character. It's something else to customize. It's like putting on an outfit," said Baskin.



Robinson Hill, organizer of the New England Bike Expo.



Danielle Baskin and her groovy hand-painted helmets.



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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

SHS boys track prevails in GBL dual meet

Overcoming rainy weather and a 12-point early deficit, the Somerville High School boys track squad surged back to earn 71 to 65 victory over longtime rival Cambridge last Wednesday at Dilboy Stadium, finishing the season 4-0.

It was the last Greater Boston League dual meet of the season, and the previously undefeated Cambridge team came prepared. "Cambridge always has a strong team and Wednesday was no different," reported Coach Dave Dickerson. "Our guys showed their resiliency by coming back strong in key events before seal-

ing the victory in the final event, the 4 x 400 meter relay."

"Having the meet come down to the final event is always exciting," Dickerson enthused, "especially versus such a quality team. Adding the Greater Boston League Championship to the equation made it that much more special to our guys. It was an exciting finish to the season."

The GBL all-league meet is coming up on Thursday 5/19, and there will be weekend meets before the MIAA Eastern MA Championship at the end of the month.



Andre Rolim edged out the competition with a winning time of 2:03.9 in the 800m

SOMERVILLE YMCA DAY CAMP

The Somerville YMCA is now accepting applications for the Summer Day Care Program. Summer camp starts July 5, 2011 and ends August 26, 2011. This program is a structured coed program that meets Monday through Friday. The schedule consists of eight (8) one-week sessions. It is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 13 (must be age 6 by 9/1/2011). Each day, beginning at 8:00 a.m., the children are engaged in a carefully planned and diligently supervised program until 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$120.00 per week. Extended care is available for an additional \$25.00 per week. Register your child(ren) early.

Camp is expected to fill up fast. For additional information, please call the YMCA at 617-625-5050.



SHS girls track continues to grow

The MSTCA Freshman-Sophomore Large School Meet held this past Saturday at North Attleboro High School saw the SHS girls team struggling to score.

Despite the lack of scoring, the girls' overall performance was steady and showed continued improvement. Gelynn Berger placed 2nd in the 200m with a time of 27.83. Melissa Baptista recorded her fastest time this year, clocking in at 76.71 in the 400m hurdles, while Rachel Berry's 29'2" in the Triple Jump marked her best jump of the season.

More personal best performances were given by Kellie Hagerty with a time of 2:46.87 and by Laxmi Spearing finishing at 2:51.88, both in the 800m.

Kellie Hagerty also gave her best throw of the season in the shot put with an impressive 26'5".

The 4x100m relay team placed 7th, missing scoring by just 1/100th of a second.

This coming Saturday several members of the boys and girls teams will be competing at the State Coaches Meet at Durfee High School.

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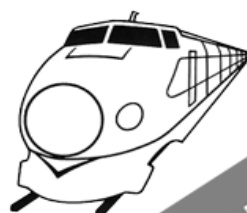
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

**LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, May 18, 2011**, 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:

14-15 Bleachery Court and 10 Garden Court (adjacent to 570 Somerville Avenue): (Case #ZBA 2011-37) The City of Somerville, as Applicant and Owner, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review per SZO Section 7.11.6.1.b to establish a recreational use greater than 10,000 square feet and modify the existing site by constructing an enclosed structure over the existing street hockey rink at Conway Park. IA Zone. Ward 2.

1 Howe St: (Case #ZBA 2011-34) Applicant and Owner, Joanna Koustomiris, seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a deck over an existing one story structure in the rear of an existing two-family residence. RB zone. Ward 4.

52 Irving St: (Case #ZBA 2011-35) Applicant/Owner Michael Kaplan and Kristin Robbins seek a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a dormer on an existing single-family residence. RA zone. Ward 6.

363 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2011-36) Applicant, J. Calnan & Associates, Inc., and Owner, Spy Pond Associates, Inc., seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to install windows on the northwest side of an existing single-story commercial building. CBD zone. Ward 6.

23 Porter Street: (Case #ZBA 2011-05) Applicant and Owner Lalo Development, LLC seeks an appeal (pursuant to SZO §3.1.9) from a decision of the Superintendent of Inspectional Services to issue a certificate of occupancy for a three-family dwelling at 23 Porter Street. RB zone. Ward 3.



23 Porter Street: (Case #ZBA 2011-09) Applicant and Owner Lalo Development, LLC seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a 2 ½ story addition in the rear of an existing residence. RB zone. Ward 3.

27 Porter Street: (Case # ZBA 2011-33) Applicant Frank Marinello and Owner Luigi and Rose Marie Marinello seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct an approx 3,000 sf addition to an existing two-family residence. RB zone. Ward 3.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
Published in Somerville News on 5/4/11 & 5/11/11.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE, MAYOR

LEGAL NOTICE - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **May 19, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

9 Sanborn Ct/255 Washington St: (Case #PB 2011-09) Applicant Summer & Hancock LLC and Owner Kepnes Brothers Realty Trust, seek a special permit to expand an existing Eating and Drinking use in the building approximately 1,300 net square feet under SZO §7.13.Use Cluster D. CCD 55 zone. Ward 3.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFQ # 11-64

The City of Somerville, Somerville Promise Alliance (SomerPromise), through the Purchasing Department invites sealed statements of qualifications for the following programs:

SomerPromise Youth & Family Services Coordination Grant

Applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations willing to coordinate with other nonprofit organizations and public agencies to provide specified public services to a designated group of low- and moderate- income residents of the City of Somerville in the Mystic Housing Development.

The application document for this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, May 11, 2011**. Sealed qualifications will be received at the above office until: **Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 11:00 AM**, at which time sealed qualification statements will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all submissions if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in a **pre-RFQ conference call on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 10:30 AM**. The dial-in number for this call is (209) 647-1000 and the access code is 743331#.

Please contact Angela M. Allen, Purchasing Director, x3400, or email amallen@somervillema.gov, for information and RFQ package.

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

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

MIDDLESEX Division **Docket No. MI P1459EA**

In the Estate of: Jose Moreira Raposo

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02143

Date of Death: 10/10/2009

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that

Maria L. Raposo of Somerville, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT; **Cambridge** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON: **05/24/2011**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

**WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court
Date: April 26, 2011**

**Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate**

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX, ss DIVISION DOCKET NO. 89P4051**

NOTICE

To all persons interested in the estate of MARY PAWLAK OF SOMERVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

A Petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying for further authority **to reinstate to treat with antipsychotic medication(s) in accordance with the treatment plan.**

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY TRIAL COURT, 208 CAMBRIDGE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 a.m.) on **MAY 18, 2011**.

WITNESS, PETER C.DIGANGI, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, Massachusetts, the twentieth day of APRIL in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and ELEVEN.

**Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate**

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1995	OLDSMOBILE	ACHIEVA	1G3NL55M1SM334541
1998	TOYOTA	CAMRY	4T1BG22K1WU230528
1994	TOYOTA	COROLLA	2T1AE04B4RC029649
1995	TOYOTA	CAMRY	4T1GK13E0S4106090


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LEGAL NOTICE

In compliments to the disposition established legally by a divorce, has been published the Following: That Mr. PETER WILLIAMS presented a divorce in city of Providence, Rhode Island, against Ms. XIUMEI WANG, appointed by Attorney Emili Vaziri Located on 160 Plainfield Street Providence, RI 02909.

Date the 16TH day of June 2011 at 9:00 am has an appointment at Family Court in Providence, Rhode Island.

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THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION WITH THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

2011-10 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the following addition: 19 Simpson Av, 137 Summer St

2011-11 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: 2 Hour Parking Except by Permit 8am to 2:30am (will revert back to Permit Parking only 2:30am to 8am) Temple St from Broadway to Mystic Av

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LEGAL NOTICES

A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday May 16, 2011** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Federal Wine and Spirits Belmont Inc. dba Journeyman Restaurant for alterations to the premises at 9 Sanborn Court, and to add Dennis Clark as a Stockholder.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. In the Library of Congress, what is the largest book? | 7. Who was said to be the explorer that "discovered the Orient" in the 1200's? |
| 2. In the poem <i>Casey at the Bat</i> , how many men were on bases and what was the score? | 8. In Rome, what is the name of the famous "ruin" that is inhabited by hundreds of cats? |
| 3. What baseball slugger had a ball hit him on the head and bounce over the outfield wall for a home run in 1993? | 9. What Indian words is "Sing Sing" derived from? |
| 4. What building is on the back of the twenty-dollar bill? | 10. What U.S. president was sometimes referred to as "King John"? |
| 5. What was the original name of Everett, MA? | 11. What four U.S. State Capitals have the word "city" in their name? |
| 6. What type of collector would be interested in overprints and definitives? | 12. What time of day is recommended for buying a new pair of shoes? |

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Health insurance budget bill divides labor unions, City officials, State legislators

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students and the future of the Somerville schools and are willing to do our part, but we want a seat at the table and we want to make sure that there are protections in place for our most vulnerable, retirees and those who are sick."

The sentiment of working to protect retirees was echoed by the State Representatives, including Representatives Tim Toomey (D-Cambridge, Somerville), Carl Sciortino (D-Somerville/Medford) and Denise Provost, (D-Somerville), who explained she voted against the amendment because, "it would have precluded bargaining to retirees who are on fixed income and would be greatly affected by the cost of health insurance."

"The big problem here is the high and rising costs of healthcare. It's not that municipal employees have health insurance, it's that healthcare costs are ruinous for all of us, not just for municipalities and I have not yet seen evidence that our state is serious about controlling healthcare costs," said Provost

"I understand the Mayor's situation and I understand the Mayor's position but I have a broader duty to the Commonwealth and to everyone in it and I think that the way to discharge that duty properly is to deal with rising healthcare costs," she said.

"It's that balancing of the needs of the city with the needs of the employees who need to access healthcare that makes me believe that unions need to be a part of negotiations, need to be at the bargaining table and undermining the rights of unions to bargain over the healthcare savings in the name of financial solvency of the City is wrong," said Sciortino.

"I feel that the unions have a place at the table with discussion especially pertaining to bargaining rights that they have achieved over the years," said Toomey. "I think it's very important that they continue to have that voice at the table. Very simple."

In contrast, the City's position was supported by the Somerville School

Committee in their resolution on April 26, which said they "strongly support proposed legislation that would give cities and towns the authority to manage soaring health care costs by either joining the State [GIC] or providing communities with the flexibility to institute their own health insurance plans that provide equivalent savings."

"There're no good answers here," said Superintendent Anthony Pierantozzi. "Every year the amount of money that the Mayor and the Board of Alderman, myself in the school committee, have to spend on all the services we give: instead of it getting bigger, it actually gets smaller," he said, regarding the ballooning costs of health insurance for the City, which is projected around \$39 million this year combined with the dramatic fall of State Aid in recent years.

Pierantozzi asked, "can we continue to keep carving back on personnel, materials supplies, technologies to pay for the medical insurance growth, or does something systemic have to happen?"

Paul Bockleman, Vice-Chair of the School Committee, continues, "Healthcare is crushing the City's budget, and while it is an obligation of the City to provide healthcare to its workers, the City has to have the tools to manage those expenses. This provides one tool that will help the city for one year manage these expenses."

Sciortino rejected the pro-amendment rhetoric saying the budget amendment would only take limited actions counter to union wishes and would open the Commonwealth to larger economic consequences.

"In this financial crisis, it was only healthcare. In the next financial crisis, it's something else. As a democrat and as a supporter of middle class and working families, I don't believe in undermining collective bargaining."

Provost was also disappointed with the decision of her partition's 111-42 loss in the House and hoped that the safeguards she wished for would be placed in the new Senate

budget. She said she hoped for a provision which would allow for third-party mediation in the case of disagreements between public unions and cities and towns, "and then take disputing parties beyond a deadlock into a fair resolution of their differences than the senate might have something which doesn't gut collective bargain rights."

"And if they can do that, bravo," she said.

The budget debate on the Senate floor May 18 will be a new test for state Senator Sal DiDomenico who said that education was one of his top priorities. "There's a lot of tough decisions that have to be made and we obviously have to do the best we can with whatever resources we have," he said, adding, "I'm a big proponent of making sure that labor has a seat at table."

Labor Unions were reportedly enraged at the passage of the new bill through the house on April 27. While the new amendment would strip unions of the right to collectively bargain, it did allow for unions to put forward their own plans if the savings were equal to those of the GIC.

"Last month, several public employee unions joined together...and proposed a plan that would save cities and towns \$100 million in health care costs, the same amount as the House plan, while preserving collective bargaining," said Lawrence. "The mayor makes these blanket statements that we stand in the way, but the reality is that we have been meeting with him for months and he has yet to offer a proposal to us. Our door is open and we are willing to work together to achieve cost savings."

Sciortino added that he felt the situation echoed the crisis of Wisconsin and that unions "are being systematically attacked across the country by the people that would like to eliminate the role of unions in public employment as they have already done significantly in private employment."

"I don't think that's the road we want to go down," he said.

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City of Somerville Inspectional Services Department Stop Work Orders

**As of Tuesday
April 26th 2011**

Stop work orders are posted on properties by city officials to indicate that all work on a property stop immediately.

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24-26 Ossipee Road
37 Charnwood Road
47 Whitman Street
36 Fountain Avenue

Address:

45 Marshall Street
8 Pinckney Place
509 Medford Street
379 Highland Avenue
8 Kenwood Street
29 Craigie Street

Address:

257 Highland Avenue
328 Somerville Avenue
420 Medford Street
10 Cleveland Street
38 Robinson Street

Address:

53 Harding Street
45 Main Street
36 Ames Street
84 Concord Avenue
17 Gilman Terrace

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|May 11

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

West Branch Library
Babygarten
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library
Wild Tales Goes to the Farm!
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|May 12

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

Friday|May 13

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

Tuesday|May 17

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

Wednesday|May 18

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

West Branch Library
Babygarten
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library
Wild Tales Goes to the Farm!
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC
Wednesday|May 11

Johnny D's
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PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10
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Sports Trivia
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Precinct Bar
Alice Austin|Audrey Ryan|Danielle Miraglia
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Four Dollar Burgers!
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Night Games
Name your tune Wednesdays|Karaoke
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
Carrie Cheron| Olinde|Crazy Exes From Hell
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Thursday|May 12

Johnny D's
Nation Beat
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Greg Klyma|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge
Zbornak|Kaia Wilson|Jennifer O'Connor|Sister Spaceman
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar

School Tree
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Bloc 11
Open mic with Kristen Ford
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

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

Joshua Tree
Country Music Thursday
9:30 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Night Games
Throwback Thursdays|80's Dance
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St.

Friday|May 13

Johnny D's
Tom Pendergast|Manolo Mairena
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Jimmy Ryan|Frank Drake Band|6 p.m.
Team Shred presents Radio Control, Action Park, Sunshine Riot|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Karma
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
The Vivs|Mars|My Own Worst Enemy|Tsunami of Sound
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge
INTHESHIT|Nightbitch|Nachzehr|Bl essed Offal|Dead Languages
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

Michael's Bar
Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Joshua Tree
DJ
10 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Night Games
Fabulous Fridays|R&B
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
Brendan Boogie EP Release #4|Lauren Flaherty|Big East|Golden Bloom
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Arts at the Armory
Alto Army
8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 14

Johnny D's
Persian Blue|Krucial Reggae
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Band |5:30 p.m.
Asa & The Freakin Tools |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Georgia Overdrive|Airport|Gilded Splinters|The Marshtones|Dan Tedesco
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke|on demand DJ
9p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Mitten|Yes, Sir|One Happy Island|Jenny & the Holzers
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Paddy Saul Solo
Bryan Pero & The Tired Horses
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
DJ
10 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Michael's Bar
Come Dance to the Oldies; 50's-80's music|Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Night Games
Sexy Saturdays|new old school
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Songwriter Sessions
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|May 15

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m.
Slowpokin Turtle|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Sunday Night Music Series
8 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
RockBand every other Sundays
9 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

Michael's Bar
Karaoke|Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Highland Kitchen
Live Bluegrass Brunch |noon-2:30p.m.
Live Music|10 p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Night Games
Sports Blitz Sundays
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Vintage is My VICE
12 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|May 16

Johnny D's
Trivia and \$1 hot dogs
8 p.m.|17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Bur-Run@ 6:30 p.m.|Set Dancing @ 8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Bill Brockmeyer and the Brock & Roll Revival Band
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
Larry Flint|Susan Cattaneo|Outrageous Fortune|Thea Hopkins & The Roots Attached Revue Band

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

Tuesday|May 17

Johnny D's
Klezwoods Underscore Orkestra
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Kevin Byrne Acoustic
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Open Mic w/Hugh McGowan
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
Roni Pillscher|Anna Rae|Seven Shades of Grey
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Four Dollar Burgers!
David Johnston Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night first Tuesday of the month
9:30 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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

Wednesday|May 18

Johnny D's
Erin Harpe Band
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Girlfriends|Gold-bears|Reports
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Eric Salt|Andrew Greene|Audrey Ryan|Highly Personal Trash
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Four Dollar Burgers!
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Night Games
Name your tune Wednesdays|Karaoke
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

Samba Bar & Grille

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
Carrie Cheron| Olinde
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|May 11

Porter Square Books
Discussion of The Namesake led by Joan Sindell
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|25 White St, Cambridge

Third Life Studio
GroovyBabyMusic Classes
9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m.|
http://www.groovybabymusic.com/vlt1693.htm
Belly Dance Fundamentals with Nadira Jamal
6:30-8:00 Level 2|8 p.m.-9 p.m. Level 1

33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday|May 12

Central Library
Preview: Friends of the Somerville Public Library Book Sale
5 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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|617-388-3247|www.libana.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).
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Friday|May 13

Central Library
Friends of the Somerville Public Library Book Sale
1 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga
6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|nbrooks323@gmail.com

Saturday|May 14

Tour of the Arthur M. Sackler Museum
10 a.m.-11 a.m.|Arthur M. Sackler Museum|485 Broadway

Central Library
Friends of the Somerville Public Library Book Sale
10 a.m. - 4p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
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11:30 -2:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq| 978-952-2798
Yoga Flow
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|33 Union Sq|maria.taesil@gmail.com

Sunday|May 15

Central Library
Friends of the Somerville Public Library Book Sale
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
Belly Dance Fundamentals with Nadira Jamal
Noon- 1 p.m.|
Creative Modern Dance
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq| 617-388-3247

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|May 16

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
5:45 p.m.| 781-729-2252

Tuesday|May 17

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

Third Life Studio
The Art of Group Singing for Woman w/Susan Robbins
7-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916

Wednesday|May 18

Sherman Café
Discussion of The Namesake led by Kevin O'Kelly
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|257 Washington St

Central Library
Somerville Reads Film Festival
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
GroovyBabyMusic Classes
9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m.|
http://www.groovybabymusic.com/vlt1693.htm
Belly Dance Fundamentals with Nadira Jamal
6:30-8:00 Level 2|8 p.m.-9 p.m. Level 1
33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Teen activists meet elected officials over jobs, budget concerns CONT. FROM PG 1

could only appropriate half of the requested funds.

“Funding for youth jobs is one of my priorities,” said DiDomenico, “so I know how important youth jobs are, my first job was a youth job. It’s important for us support the cities and towns that do good work in youth jobs.”

“I don’t know what will happen in the Senate budget,” said Jehlen. “It’s very difficult for me to commit to almost anything at this point,” she added, noting the severe budget drops in funding for public safety and higher education.

ble,” said Cullen Cicero a youth activist at TE.

“They find alternatives in the streets, whether it’s like drugs or gangs or robbing people for money, whatever they need to make it so they can feel better about themselves, look good, have food to eat,” added Terrence Bordenave, also of TE.

“It’s good policy. It’s good social policy; it’s good economic policy”

“Your first job is really what teaches you that you have to work for everything you have, every single cent,” said Bordenave. “If people don’t get that reality check, they go through life with the wrong mindset, and they probably won’t make it through high school or college.”

Curtatone, who pledged \$100,000 for youth jobs over the summer, supported the sentiment. “It’s good policy. It’s good social policy; it’s good economic policy. We all talk about how we want to give our people the best



Terrence Bordenave and Cullen Cicero speak with state Senator Pat Jehlen.

opportunities, we don’t want them just hanging out in the street, causing mischief.” Curtatone also explained his point-of-view that it was increasingly important to provide services to encourage youth, even against a failing budget.

To Toomey, who was candid with the young people, it was a no-brainer. “It’s always been a priority of mine when I meet with my colleagues on the Ways and Means Committee to advocate, to drive home the point of how [job-

lessness] impacts young people’s lives, and how they are going to be the future, well-paid and contributing to our tax base, if they’re trained for their job,” he said.

The discussion was heartening for the young activists, who were impressed at the pragmatic and engaging candor of the state legislators. “Even though we’re all different age ranges, we all have similar ideas,” said Cicero.

Perry Gerald of East Somerville was especially surprised at the tenor of the discus-

sion. “I did not know that they care they much,” he said. “We need to care as much for them as they will for us, otherwise we won’t go nowhere.”

The Senate’s budget concerns were alleviated on Tuesday, May 10, when Governor Deval Patrick pledged the full amount of 4.4 million for the Youth-Works line item, as well as an additional 2 million in federal grants for youth jobs across the state. The money will fund approximately 3,000 jobs or more statewide this summer.

An improbable Assembly Square triumph

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perceived identity, discouraging high-value development. And as the rest of Assembly Square were developed, it would be important that the Foley Street entrance not be an unused “dead zone,” discouraging pedestrian activity. And it was important that the parties rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Mystic View assembled a highly respected group of local architects and urban designers. They walked the site and spent hours discussing design challenges and brainstorming solutions.

The best west-side entrance to Assembly Square would be a straight-line extension of Foley Street to McGrath Highway. In July, SSG’s engineers, Somerville’s Planning Director George Proakis, Economic Development Director Rob May, and a half-dozen Mystic View members examined the confluence of Foley Street, I-93, and Routes 28 and 38.

They learned that the straight-line configuration was not economically feasible; it would require reconstruction of the I-93 off ramp. The next best alternative would curve Foley Street

through the expressway’s supporting pillars.

SSG had planned two buildings for its site. Instead, it offered to build one and give the remaining land to the city for future construction of the Foley Street extension. Moreover, until then SSG would build and maintain a landscaped plaza on the property.

The parties solved the dead-zone problem by incorporating a café, community room, and bike storage into the building, fronting on the plaza.

Storage facilities were not allowed by Assembly Square’s zoning. With Mystic-View input, city staff prepared a zoning amendment that allowed such facilities if they met strict design guidelines, contributed to the Square’s character, and were in near-highway locations that were undesirable for other uses. The Board of Alderman approved the amendment in November.

SSG’s Chief Operating Officer David Fulton, and its architect David Grissino worked for months with Mystic View members led by Lynn McWhood and David Dahlbacka on the build-

ing’s exterior appearance. The result was a bold design involving metal cladding with varying textures, a lighted tower visible from all surrounding viewpoints, and illuminated windows that could accommodate art displays. Suggestions from the city’s Design Review Committee refined the design.

FRIT staff were called in for consultation, and they opposed the design’s modernist appearance, concerned that it would not harmonize with the visual branding of their own extensive future developments. City staff concurred.

The resulting compromise adds a more traditional brick base and an all-brick area that will provide what Mr. Proakis describes as a “blank canvas” for graphics. It brings to mind the adage that a camel is a horse designed by a committee. But on balance, it will be a uniquely attractive storage facility and a net plus for Assembly Square.

Easy approval is expected from the Planning Board. One of its conditions will be that the parties continue to work together.

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Answers

1. <i>Birds of America</i> by John James Audubon - it is 39.37 inches high and contains life-size illustrations of birds	6. A Stamp collector
2. There was a man on second base and one on third and the score was four to two	7. Marco Polo
3. Jose Canseco	8. The Colosseum
4. The White House	9. It means “Stony Place”
5. It was called South Malden	10. John Quincy Adams
	11. 1) Jefferson City Missouri; 2) Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 3) Carson City Nevada; 4) Salt Lake City, Utah
	12. Late afternoon

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Still singing after all these years

By Maria S. Judge

When Paul Coakley joined the Somerville Community Chorus in 1986 he could not have imagined that he would still be anchoring the tenor section two decades later. But this Saturday when the Chorus presents its spring concert, *A Celebration of Music*, he will not only be *Singing in the Rain*, but also will be celebrating more than 25 years as the longest running member of the group.

When he first joined, just six months after it was founded, members came almost entirely from within the Somerville School department. The Chorus was started by James Crowther, the choral Director at Somerville High School, and other music teachers throughout the city joined and recruited others. As part of the Community Schools program, they were able to rehearse in the school buildings, first at the East Somerville Community School, and later at the Powderhouse School where they had an in with the Principal, none other than Paul Coakley himself.

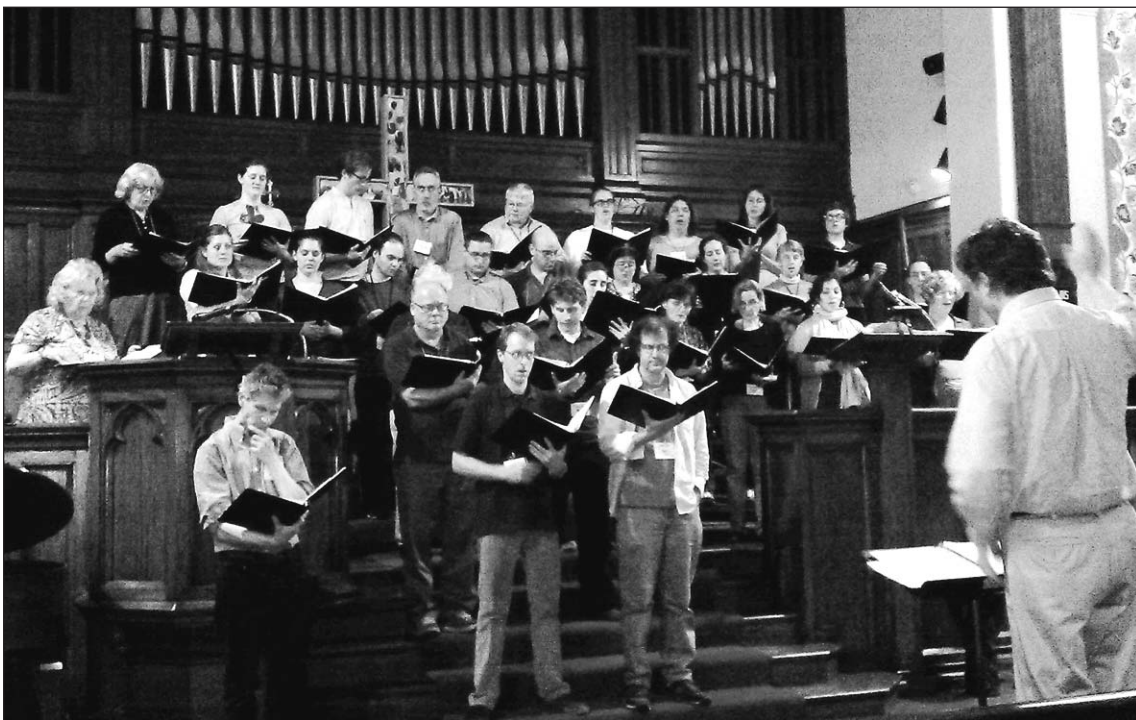
The early repertoire consisted mostly of show tunes and lighter material, but Jim began to introduce chamber, classical and

choral music, and created a small group of chamber singers who sang more challenging material. In addition to two annual concerts, the Chorus has performed around the City at tree lightings, mayoral inaugurations, nursing homes, in subway stations, and even on a Red Line train.

The Music Director and the board together decide on the theme for each season's concert and select the music. An extensive music library of music has been compiled over the years and performances include a mix of old and new. The popular Christmas Oratorio has been performed several times with various Somerville dignitaries featured as narrators.

This spring's concert was inspired by Saint Cecelia, the patron saint of musicians and Church music. Many composers have written Hymns, Odes, and Masses to honor her birthday and feast day (November 22), and the program features several of these, including Palestrina's *Dum auro* finem daret and Handel's Ode on St. Cecilia's Day.

The tenor section features another member of the Coakley family, his cousin Joanne Burns, who joined in 1987 after retiring from a long career in



Somerville Community Chorus rehearses for their spring concert, 2011.

banking. These days she's the only female tenor though there have been others over the years. Her secret to what keeps her singing could be summed up by another of the songs from this Sunday's performance, *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

Roseanne Bent is also happy to raise her voice to *Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place*. A fifteen-year veteran, she likes the mix of long-timers and newcomers in the group. She was drawn to the Chorus when she saw a performance broadcast on Somerville Community Access

Television and recognized several of the singers.

David Giessow took over as Music Director in 1994 and has expanded the repertoire to include more classical offerings and an occasional originally commissioned work, such as *Here's to the Music* composed for last year's 25th Anniversary Concert. Together with Joshua Lawton who has been the accompanist for the last five years, he coaxes wonderful sounds out of the 50 members of the choir.

The Somerville Community

Chorus Spring 2011 Concert, *A Celebration of Music*, will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 5:00 PM at First Church Somerville UCC, 89 College Ave. (corner of Francesca) in Somerville, MA. Tickets are available at the door. Suggested contributions are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for seniors, and \$6 for children under 18 with parent.

More information about the Somerville Community Chorus, including schedule of performances, or how to join the chorus, is available at www.somerville-chorus.com.

'Not everything in life has to be perfect'

By Carrie Stanziola

Such are the words of Charles Daniels, one local artist who is featured in The Nave Gallery's *Plastic + Film: An Exhibition of Toy Camera Photography* exhibit. Daniels, whose work encapsulates his life and includes such subjects as female nudes, musicians and Somerville's own Rosebud Diner, is one of the 22 artists featured in *Plastic + Film*. His work, along with artists from such diverse locales as England, Hong Kong, California, and Oregon, as well as local artists including Somerville High School students, will be on display until May 21. Especially noteworthy are local artist Mary Kocol's Green House with Pink Dogwood and Rain House, which capture the unique look of Somerville homes.

Although many artists have gone digital in recent years, "film will always be an attraction" for

Daniels, who still believes in the medium and that not everything in life has to be perfect and exact. As he puts it, "Whenever everyone buys the same Nikon or the same Canon...photos look the same." Not so with toy cameras, in which the artist always produces something different and unique with each shot. There is a sense of what the result is, Daniels adds, but there is "still a mystery", and the process of using a toy camera makes the artist think a bit about what he or she is doing. Daniels, for instance, only takes about two shots per day.

He points out two remarkably similar shots, taken, respectively on the bustling streets of Hong Kong and London. Everything one artist does has already been done by another, Daniels remarks; Jimi Hendrix and Beethoven played the same notes.

Daniels, who was born in Al-



The work of Charles Daniels will be featured at The Nave Gallery's *Plastic + Film: An Exhibition of Toy Camera Photography* exhibit running through May 21.

abama at a time when "it wasn't cool to be black," has lived in Somerville for the past 20 years and has seen the growth and changes in the city firsthand, noting that the popularity of the city increased with the addition of the Davis T-Stop. Though he has only a seventh-grade education and is a self-taught photographer,

Daniels has created art locally as well as internationally in Germany and the Czech Republic.

To see Daniels' and other photographer's work, visit the Nave gallery on 155 Powderhouse Blvd. from now until May 21. Residents are encouraged to visit on May 15. On that day, the gallery will be open from 1-5

pm, and visitors can have their picture taken with a toy camera by Charles Daniels for only 10 dollars. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Japanese Mashiko Potters Fund, which was destroyed in the earthquake. From 3-5 pm, visitors can also enjoy light refreshments and meet exhibiting artists.

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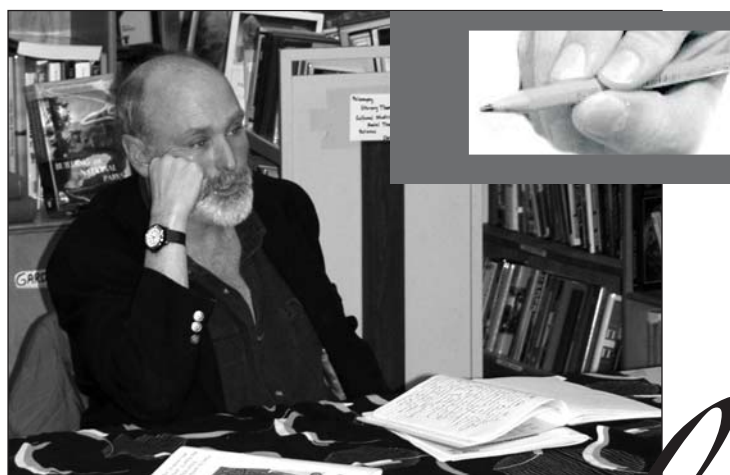


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12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	10:00am	Somerville News Reading
6:00am	Flipside	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	2:00pm	Crisis in Health Care	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
6:30am	The Struggle	7:30pm	Money On Your Mind	3:00pm	Somerville News Reading	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
7:00am	Arabic Hour	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:30pm	Physician Focus	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
9:00am	GRIT	11:00pm	Captain Solo	7:00pm	Katie Couric @ Tufts	3:00pm	Changes in Health Care
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4:00pm	Life Matters	1:00pm	The Expert Series	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	6:00am	Heritage Park Baptist Church
5:00pm	CommonSense	1:30pm	Cooking W/ Georgia & Dez	9:00am	The Atheist Viewpoint	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians
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6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC	3:00pm	Inside Talk	11:00am	Christian Assembly	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy Gold	12noon	International Church of God	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	4:30pm	Money On Your Mind	12:30noon	S'ville Housing Authority	11:00am	CommonSense
8:30pm (LIVE)	Somer-Time	5:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	1:00pm	Somerville Hospital	11:30noon	Democracy Now!
9:30pm (LIVE)	The Freemont Show	5:30pm	Your Money, Your Life	2:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC	2:30pm	The Road to Recovery	1:30pm	Active Aging
11:00pm	Art @ SCATV	7:00pm	Fernando's Hideaway	3:00pm	El Poder de Elegir	2:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
Thursday, May 12		8:00pm	Visual Radio	3:30pm	Inside Talk	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Joe Constantine Presents	4:00pm	Shrink Rap	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
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7:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	11:00pm	Juprey Promotions	7:00pm	Abugida TV	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
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10:30am	S'ville News Reading	7:00am	GAY USA	11:00pm	Reclaiming Their Voice	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
11:30am	Democracy Now!	8:00am	The Struggle	Monday, May 16		9:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Biking News
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4:00pm	Live Response	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	8:00am	Democracy Now!		
5:00pm	Improv Toolkit w/ Nadira Jamal	12:00pm	Reeling: The Movie review				

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, May 11		12:35pm: (15)	Noble Laureate in Chemistry at SHS	9:15pm: (13/16)	Our Schools, Our City	1:30pm: (15)	SHS Football/Basketball Cheerleading 2010-11
9:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business	7:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	Sunday, May 15		7:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
9:00am: (15)	SHS National Honor Society Induction 2011	7:00pm: (15)	Noble Laureate in Chemistry at SHS	12:00am: (13/16)	Best Retail Practices Seminar	7:00pm: (15)	Innovative Science Awards Presentation
11:30am: (15)	2011 Special Olympics	8:00pm: (15)	Mayor's Athletic Achievement Awards	12:00am: (15)	SHS Scholarship Awards Night	8:00pm: (15)	Noble Laureate in Chemistry at SHS
12:00pm: (13/16)	Kidney Donor Awareness Awards	8:50pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Softball vs Cambridge	2:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business	9:05pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
12:40pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	Friday, May 13		2:15am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:35pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball 2010-11
1:00pm: (13/16)	Education, Programs & Instruction Subcommittee 4/28/11	12:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	Tuesday, May 17	
1:10pm: (15)	SHS Football/Basketball Cheerleaders 2010-11	12:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Softball vs Cambridge	12:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:00am: (13/16)	Greek Independence Day Celebration
7:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	1:00am: (13/16)	Mayor's Annual Business Town Meeting	12:35pm: (13/16)	Spring Clean-Up Highlights	12:00am: (15)	Innovative Science Awards Presentation
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Thursday, May 12		7:00pm: (13/16)	Best Retail Practices Seminar	7:50pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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9:00am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show	2:15am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:50pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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12:15pm: (13/16)	Mayor's Annual Business Meeting	2:15pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00am: (15)	Raising Families	1:00am: (15)	Youth Peace Conference 2011
		7:00pm: (13/16)	Best Retail Practices Seminar	9:15am: (13/16)	Spring Clean-Up Highlights		
		7:00pm: (15)	SHS Scholarship Awards Night	11:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Softball vs Cambridge		
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Yolandi Elvira Cruz: A talk with a young poet who thrives in Somerville's 'Books of Hope' Project

"Books of Hope" is a program located in the Mystic River Housing Project in Somerville that introduces young people to the world of publishing, marketing, poetry and creative writing. I interviewed one of the young poets who participates in the project: Yolandi Elvira Cruz. I asked her to send her bio. She wrote *The News*:

"Yolandi Elvira Cruz Guerrero was born and raised in the Dominican Republic and wrote her first book when she was in third grade. It was made up of only eight pages and filled with illustrations she created herself with color pencils and water paint. Yolandi is now a seventeen-year-old High School Junior trying to pass her classes and working with kids at the local library. She has been writing since she came out her mother's womb and has had the luck of encountering amazing teachers and friends who have encouraged her to share her stories both in Spanish and English. She met her first love, Spoken Word, as a freshman and has been working to make her marriage stronger and have a couple kids ever since. Right now she participates in Books of Hope in the community of Somerville. She writes for peace and refuses to create art that doesn't work towards positively changing the world."

Doug Holder: What has poetry given you that other forms of expression have not?

Yolandi Elvira Cruz: Poetry has given me confidence and it has empowered me by reassuring me that words do have a strong impact on the entire world.

DH: We live in Somerville, certainly not known for its "natural beauty" It is a city. What for you is beautiful about Somerville - where do you find beauty?

YEC: Although I am not from Somerville, (I am actually from Boston), but I would say that I find the beauty of Somerville in its youth because they are very artistic and have important messages to deliver.



Emerging young talent thrives, with the help of seasoned mentors such as Yolandi Elvira Cruz, at Books of Hope.

DH: I know there are a lot of poets in our area. It is very competitive. Even more so if you are a teenager, and not connected in the "adult" poetry world. Has Books of Hope helped you to connect?

YEC: Books of Hope has helped me more so to become a stronger writer; we haven't necessarily had strong connections into the "adult" poetry world yet. However, we did have Lauren Whitehead give us a writing workshop which was amazing. Soon we will be doing a Mystic Ink Tour where we will most likely be exposed to this world "adult" poetry world you speak of.

DH: Has writing poetry been helpful to you in any other aspect of your life?

YEC: Yes, writing has helped me release and understand many things I couldn't comprehend on my own. It has also helped me with my ability to speak in public and own my work as an artist.

DH: Any teachers who have inspired you?

YEC: All of my teachers have inspired me. All of them, starting from my mother and ending with my 8-year-old sister.

DH: What for you makes a great poem?

YEC: A great poem to me is a poem that sounds like a melody even if it doesn't make any sense. Poetry is Music. Music is Poetry. And a great poem is simply based on how our hearts not our "intellectual egos" perceives it.

I am pleased to say that I will be participating in two events at the Mass. Poetry Festival this weekend, at Salem, MA, Sat. May 14. I will be reading with Somerville's "Bagel Bards", and I will be on the "Writers Life" panel. I hope you can come and attend all the great events! For full details see below and also go to <http://masspoetry.org>



A Poetic Feast with the Bagel Bards

May 14 12:00PM

Every Saturday from 9-noon for six years, The Bagel Bards, a wide-open and ever-expanding group of writers—including several award-winning poets—have met for coffee, tea, bagels, muffins, socializing, literary gossip, and networking at Cambridge and Somerville cafes. (Their current home is Au Bon Pain in Davis Square, and any writer is welcome.) This group of six poets is a representative sample of the Bagel Bards' diversity. Come have a free bagel and at the same time enjoy a feast for your ears!

The Life of a Poet

May 14 4:30PM

Poetry is the music of the soul, and, above all, of great and feeling souls, said Voltaire. But what is the life of a poet? Buddha said – Your work is to discover your work and then with all your heart give yourself to it. So that's one answer. But there are as many answers to this question as there are poets in the world. And every story is potent in its way. In this panel discussion, Festival headliner poet Aimee Nezhukumatathil, festival featured poets Susan Rich and Regie Gibson, along with poet/publisher/Renaissance-man Doug Holder will share intimate details about how they came to this often difficult vocation, what sustains them, and how they negotiate their writing life with their non-writing life.

Panelist presentations will be followed by a Q & A facilitated by poet Jennifer Jean.

I am so impressed with the poetry of "Books of Hope" writer Yolandi Cruz that I decided to use yet another poem of hers. I hope you will "Linger" with this gem.

Linger

Lover, you have always been like sunsets
I've loved watching from a distance.

But for how much longer will
we linger on our tippy toes?
ice cubes in a freezer,
the green peas that fall right under them.

Our eyes are the gas to the flames
that are flickering inside of bodies.
We stand toe to toe.
Frozen: an ice rink under our feet.
We do not move.
Our fingertips are krumping.
We are nervous.
Fear has corned our courage like
3rd graders corner kindergarteners at recess.

Tonight is the night.
You said this 20 times before leaving your house.
You'll pick the perfect spot by the Charles River.
Right on top of the bridge, the view is beautiful
She will love the sunset.
The colors in the sky will mix like a palette
right before a masterpiece is created.

Tonight is the night.
I said this to myself 30 times.
I poured my mother's latest fragrance on my wrist
and in the back of my ear lobes.
He'll probably do it when we wait for the bus
Or maybe he'll catch me off guard.

Lover, you have always been like sunsets
I've loved watching from a distance.
But for how much longer will we linger on our tippy toes?
Frozen like glaciers.
Making up excuses of why we cannot hold hands.
Lover,
I can't keep you at a distance any longer,
lingering on what if's.
Keeping you away is like buying a chocolate cake
and telling a kid not to eat it.

We can hear our hearts playing the drums.
I slowly take my hand out my pocket.
It's freezing out here,
but your hand is right next to mine.
It's not that cold after all.
This winter has been brutal
And I can feel the summer coming.

- Yolandi Cruz

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 <p>71217124 \$329,900 Condo. 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 fireplace. garage parking, over 55 community.</p>	  <p>Two Family Somerville \$529,900 71197042</p> <p>Two units with separate electrical, and gas heating systems. Excellent location, within walking distance to Porter square and Red line T.</p>	  <p>71171692 \$196,000 Condo. Two levels of living area. 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. W/D in unit, off street parking.</p>	 <p>Reduced! 71171692 \$196,000 Condo. Two levels of living area. 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. W/D in unit, off street parking.</p>	
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 <p>Reduced! 71180323 \$64,900 Single Family, 5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 fire- place. Three season porch. Great Potential!</p>	 <p>Reduced! 71126544 \$157,800 Condo. 4 rooms, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Eat-in- kitchen w/ maple cabinets. Great complex w/pool.</p>	 <p>71082973 \$754,350 Single family near Ball Sq. 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 fireplace. Large rooms. 2 car garage.</p>	 <p>Reduced! 71098700 \$449,500 Spring Hill Condo. Two levels of living area. 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Central A/C.</p>	 <p>71217070 \$345,000 Condo. 5 rooms, 3 bed- rooms, 2 baths. Washer/ Dryer, Central A/C, 2 deeded parking spaces.</p>