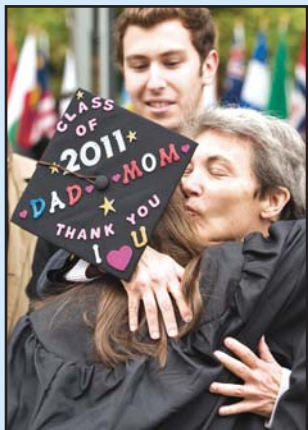




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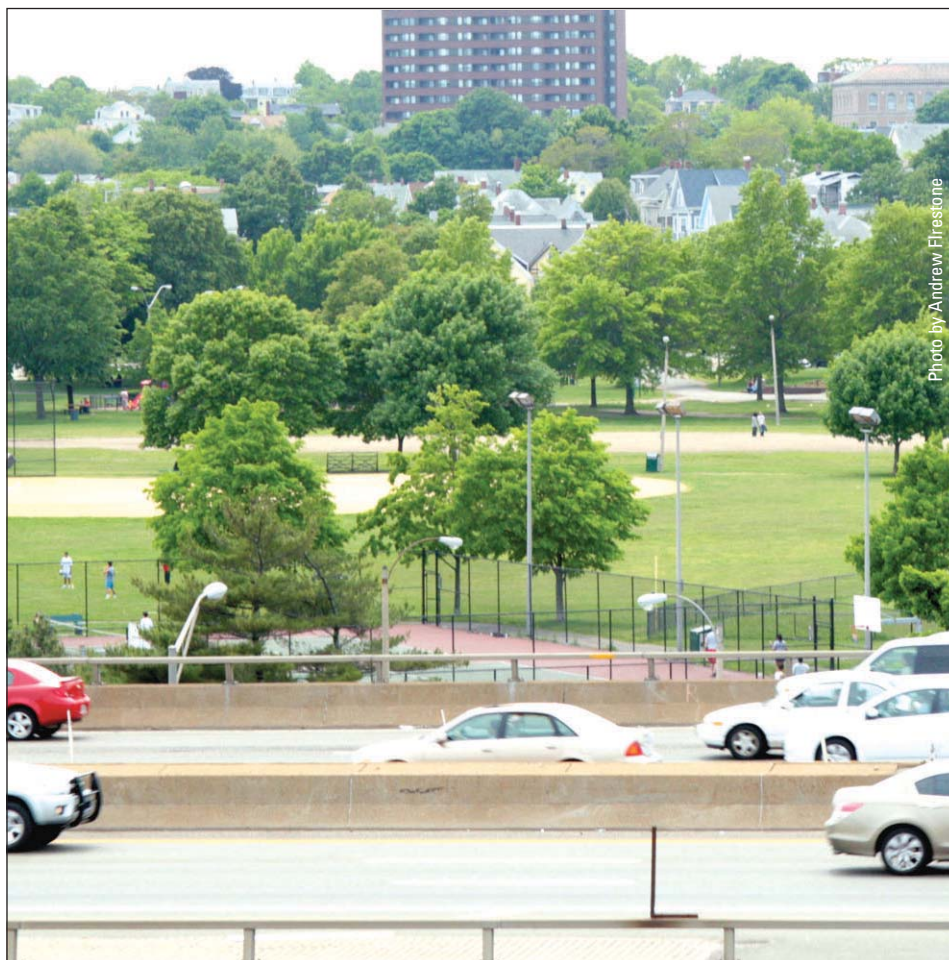


Photo by Andrew Firestone

I-93 presents a puzzle for environmental scientists to solve for Somerville.

By Andrew Firestone

This week marked a milestone in the Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health (CAFEH) study, as the researchers and scientists involved presented their findings to the public. Four years in to the five-year \$2.5 million the National Institute of Health, the project has gone from being merely an idea, to being a comprehensive data-driven study of the effects of Ultra-Fine Particulates (UFP), the dangerous gasses emitted by vehicle exhaust, on human health and its role in causing cardiovascular disease.

In short, the study is attempting to directly link severe health problems and early death with exposure to highway pollution.

Chaired by Somerville's Ellin Riesner, of community group STEP, and Tufts Dr. Doug Brugge, Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine, the team has, for the last year, been collecting data and surveying residents regarding their experience living within a fourth of a mile of I-93 in East Somerville. Combined with the surveying and clinical tests of residents, the group has also famously been taking data from the air using several

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## Mayor, SCAT fight Verizon at Statehouse

By Andrew Firestone

Mayor Joseph Curtatone appeared before a Joint Committee in the Statehouse last Wednesday, May 18, to voice his disapproval for the "Verizon bill" which he claimed would curtail local authority in negotiating with cable companies, and work to create an unfair advantage to Verizon.

"This bill would allow Verizon to disregard community and government access television and as the home of the nation's first independent non-profit, community access television corporation, SCAT, Somerville finds this completely unacceptable, as well as you should," Curtatone said to the Committee of Telecommunication, Utilities, and Energy. The Mayor was joined by other City leaders, and supported by Senator John Keenan (D-Quincy), who chaired on the committee.

The bill, also known as Senate bill 1687, was pushed back into the legislature two years after a similar bill was defeated. It proposes a 90-day time limit in negotiations between cities and towns and cable companies

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Mayor Joseph Curtatone gives Testimony against the "Verizon Bill".

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# NEWTALK

The Annual Memorial Day Parade is this Sunday. Kickoff time at 1p.m. as usual. It runs all the way up Highland Avenue, through Davis and Teele Squares, ending at Clarendon Hill. This year Frank Sensi of Veterans Services has done another great job for the city. He has worked very hard putting this together.

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Condolences to the Capobianco and Curtatone families for the loss of Mama Elena Capobianco. She took an unfortunate fall last week in her driveway. She was taken to Mass General where she passed away on Monday. She was a wonderful woman and matriarch of one of Somerville's leading families. She will be missed by all who knew her. Funeral services will be at Cota Funeral Home, on Washington Street, this Thursday.

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Another local person has been in a motorcycle accident. Well known local Steve Dalrymple of Steve and Sons Home Repair was on a charity bike ride this past weekend and was seriously hurt. He will be in the hospital while he is on the mend and we certainly hope he gets better fast. He is presently at the Worcester Memorial Hospital in Worcester at the University campus. Meanwhile, our friend Bill Chambers, who was in an accident this past month, has been moved.

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Congratulations to Somerville High School senior student Enxhi Popa on her accomplishments over the past year or so. She was the recipient of this year's 27th Annual Gene Brune Scholarship Award of \$1,000, which was presented to her this past Sunday at his breakfast in Malden. The breakfast was packed with several hundred persons attending.

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

### Response to *Why we like bikes*

Armando says:

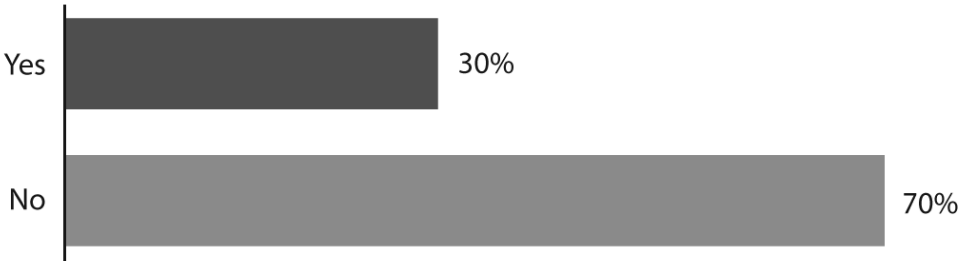
The west coast is very different than Somerville. Most places don't have the density that makes biking attractive.

Log onto [TheSomervilleNews.com](http://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 a new ordinance that has been drafted to help combat Somerville's rodent problems that would hold residents and homeowners responsible to stop the infestation. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

**Do you support a new ordinance that has been drafted to help combat Somerville's rodent problems that would hold residents and homeowners responsible to stop the infestation?**



## Memorial Day Parade ceremonies set for May 29

Parade steps off from City Hall Concourse at 1:00 p.m.



The annual Memorial Day Ceremonies, concluding with the largest Memorial Day Parade in the region, are set for Sunday, May 29, beginning at 8 a.m. Sponsored by the Somerville Veterans Services Department, the Somerville Allied Veterans' Council, and the City of Somerville, the ceremonies will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the American Legion Post #19, 124 Highland Ave., with a short procession down Highland Ave. to the Central Library, placing wreaths on monuments along Central Hill Park. The parade will step off from the City Hall/Somerville High School concourse at 1:00 p.m., and will continue the 2.3 miles down Highland Ave. to the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Teele Square.

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## Mayor blasts Boston Globe over schools article

By Andrew Firestone

The Boston Globe came under fire last week when Mayor Joseph Curtatone blasted a recent article, which he said levied unwarranted criticism to the Somerville Education System. "This was a prejudicial article," he said at a School Committee meeting on May 16. "There were undertones to this article that would be offensive to anyone who has any decent set of values."

The article, entitled "Stay or Go?" was written by longtime Somerville correspondent Danielle Dreilinger, and released on May 5 in the Globe North, and told the story of three prospective families who had to contend with the Somerville school system and its negative perception when deciding on schools for their youth. The article included a family that moved to Belmont, and faced increased property taxes and a lack of community that Somerville provides, all due to their refusal to submit their children to the Somerville education system. Reasons included poor test MCAS scores and a high dropout rate.

"Somerville and Belmont, no offense to Belmont, they can't hold a torch to us," said Curtatone, saying that the comparison between suburb and city painted an incomplete picture of the situation. "We take on the challenges put before us, and we do a damn good job of it."

"It is comparing apples to oranges if you're trying to compare Somerville to Belmont," said Vice-Chair Paul Bockelman.

Prompted by citizen outcry, Somerville officials, including Curtatone, Rebekah Gewirtz, President of the Board of Aldermen, Tony Pierantozzi, Superintendent, and Adam Sweeting, Chairman of the School Committee, sent a letter to the Globe in response, which was published May 15, outlining their protest to the story, and voicing disappointment in the perceived small scope of the article.

"Somerville does not have an easily categorized school system," they wrote, calling the Globe article "an elitist stance" and criticizing it for not mentioning recent awards the system had won, such as Somerville High being named "Most Innovative School of the Year," by Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation.

"That's what has destroyed a lot of what has gone on in the school department over the years: those naysayers who have never set foot in the school department have led to what has gone on in that article," said

Teresa Cardoso, Ward 2 member. Others in the committee shared her view.

Gewirtz said that when she read the original article, "my heart sank. People believe that about the Somerville schools. They haven't seen what we have to offer, a lot of people haven't."

Curtatone fumed about the perspective presented in the Globe, and declared that he would not take it lying down. "I refuse to deal with any member of the media who is going to put that type of trash in there, run away, and then say 'we stand by our story,'" he said.

"Well I stand by our community. And we're going to make sure that the truth gets disseminated the way it should be on a fair and equitable basis."

Curtatone's protests culminated in a meeting with a delegation from the Globe, including Dreilinger and Globe North Assistant Editor Marcia Dick on Thursday, May 19 at City Hall.

"We appreciated the chance to meet with Mayor Curtatone and Somerville school officials and we look forward to continuing to cover the city and its school system," said Bob Powers, VP of Communication and Public Relations.

City spokesman Michael Meehan said that the City stood united behind their feelings of dissatisfaction over the article which he said had "superficial" reporting. "What the Globe would have found had it looked deeper are schools with a serious academic focus and excellent teachers, a rich social and cultural experience for all of the students in the system, and one of the best educational values in this entire region."

"In short, the Globe missed the story. Parents, educators and City officials have been rightly upset at the Globe's facile exploration of what constitutes a good school system. The message sent during the meeting was Somerville expects and deserves far better in the future."

The School Committee praised Curtatone's powerful language and called for a greater effort to push for future perspectives on the education system as a whole, that it would be more effective and positive. "We're going to take action and we're going to take deliberative action to make sure that everybody knows what the great things are that the Somerville schools have to offer," said Gewirtz.

"Don't leave because you hear these rumors that aren't true about the Somerville schools," she related telling her friends. "I want to send my kids to schools here."

## 2011 Brune Annual Scholarship Breakfast

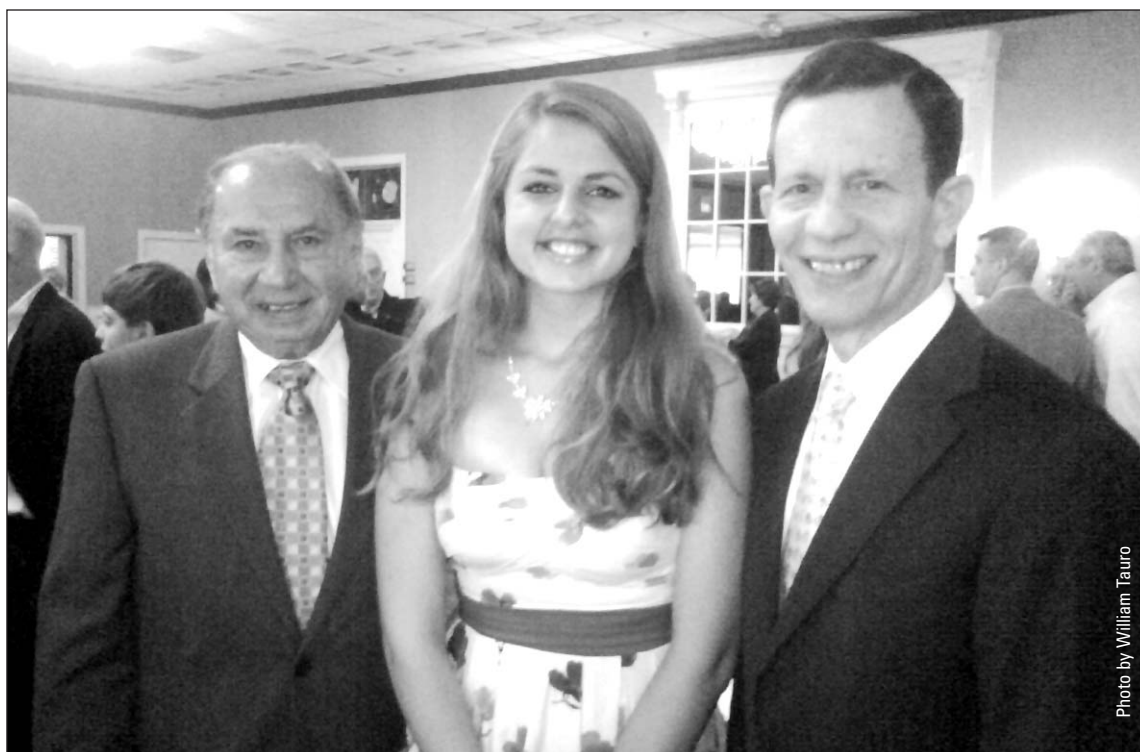


Photo by William Tauro

A standing room only crowd packed Anthony's Function Hall in Malden Sunday morning for Middlesex Register of Deeds Gene Brune's 27th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Many local and state elected officials, supporters, family and friends were in attendance including Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin and Massachusetts State Treasurer Steve Grossman who were the guest Speakers at the former Somerville mayor's event.

Somerville High School senior student Enxhi Popa was the recipient of this year's 2011 scholarship, a \$1000 check was awarded. Enxhi will be attending Tufts University in the fall.

Pictured L to R: Middlesex Register of Deeds Gene Brune, scholarship recipient Enxhi Popa and Massachusetts State Treasurer Steve Grossman.

- William Tauro

## Kiwanis breakfast honors District Governor



Photo by William Tauro

Several officers of the Kiwanis Club of Somerville recently attended a brunch held at the Montvale Plaza in honor of New England District Governor Ron Sanville. President Frank Wright, President-Elect Patricia Ng, Vice President Isaac Machado and Immediate Past President Bob Costello represented the Somerville club. Other clubs represented at the event were Chelsea, East Boston, Everett, Malden, Medford, and Stoneham.

Governor Ron inspired the large group to continue the wonderful work of Kiwanis including members' volunteer efforts in each Club's community, especially in regard to children. He cited the Kiwanis International's motto "Young Children Priority One."

The Somerville officers left this motivational event planning upcoming Somerville Kiwanis community projects including Bike Safety Day, June 11, 2011 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the playground behind the Winter Hill Community School - open to all. They're also promoting Historical Perspectives performances in the elementary schools of Somerville, sponsored by Somerville Kiwanis, whereby actors portray famous historical figures such as Helen Keller or Abraham Lincoln. President Frank Wright invites anyone interested in learning more about the Kiwanis Club of Somerville to join them for lunch - they meet every Thursday at 12:15 at the Mt. Vernon on lower Broadway. [www.somervillekiwanis.org](http://www.somervillekiwanis.org)

Pictured L to R: Kiwanis President Frank Wright, Vice President Isaac Machado. Front L to R: Kiwanis President-Elect Patricia Ng, Immediate Past President Bob Costello

- William Tauro

# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Assault suspect takes it out on police

While working an assignment on Elm Street last Saturday evening, a uniformed Somerville Police officer was summoned by concerned citizen and directed to a man who was lying on the ground in front of Starbucks.

The man said that he had been attacked and pointed out a group of men who were gathered in front of Chipotle restaurant.

The officer said that when he began to approach the group of men they began running up Elm Street. The officer reported that he caught up with one of the men, but as he tried to question him about the incident the individual began swearing and punched the cop on the side of the head.

The officer said he then radioed for backup and wrestled the man to the ground, holding him there until a transporting unit arrived.

Robert McFadden, 24, of Lexington, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, assault and battery, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest.

## Drug investigation yields break-in arrest

A man who was detained on Derby Street by Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit officers last Thursday was later identified as the prime suspect in a residential break-in and theft, according to police reports.

While being questioned by officers, Matthew McComiskey, 31, allegedly dropped a cigarette package to the ground. Police said that the package contained a hypodermic syringe, as well as eight gold rings and a gold ankle bracelet.

Another Somerville Police officer who was investigating a break-in and theft involving missing items that matched those found at the scene was radioed and he joined the other officers in questioning McComiskey.

The victims of the theft had named McComiskey as a likely suspect, according to police, as he had at one time resided with them, while several incidents involving missing property was noted by the residents.

McComiskey was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property.

## Metal theft foiled

Somerville Police units responded to a report that thieves were making off with scrap metal at East Somerville Community School last Friday, at approximately 2:26 a.m.

The school is currently under construction and is fenced off to the public and has posted no trespassing signs in plain view, said police.

Arriving officers reported seeing Francis Palazzi, 47, placing a large metal beam onto the roof of his vehicle.

When questioned about this, Palazzi allegedly stated that he was unemployed and needed to make some money to pay his lawyer because he had a court appearance the next day.

A passenger in Palazzi's vehicle, Tracy Dattilio, 32, of North Reading, was reportedly seen dropping work gloves to the floor of the vehicle.

In all, 8 large rusty metal beams were located on the vehicle's roof, and two smaller beams were found in the back seat, according to police.

Palazzi was placed under arrest for larceny over \$250 and trespassing.

Dattilio will be summoned to court for larceny over \$250 and trespassing.

## Pill pusher sting

The Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit, as part of a narcotic investigation, engaged in a series of phone conversations with a Malden man last Thursday, setting in motion steps which would later lead to his arrest on various drug violations, police said.

During the initial telephone conversation the suspect, Richard Maher, 44, of Malden, indicated that he had a quantity of pills for sale.

According to police, the man originally agreed to meet on Taylor Street, at which time the drug transaction would be conducted, but he later changed the location to one near the Healey Elementary School.

Officers confronted the man at the agreed to location and allegedly found 105 green colored pills believed to be a Class "C" substance, Clonazepam, also known as Klonopin.

Maher was taken into custody and charged with drug possession to distribute, drug violation near a school or park, and a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Yolanda Rosa**, 45, of 124 Walnut St., May 17, 12:55 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Kimberly Harris**, 31, of 804 E. 5th St., Boston, May 17, 1:41 a.m., arrested at Prospect St. on a charge of operating under the influence.

**Rhiannon Riley**, 33, of 20 Gilman Terr., May 17, 2:36 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery and various warrant charges.

**Matthew Isaacs**, 24, of 8 Lindberg Dr., Gloucester, May 18, 12:29 a.m., arrested at Puritan Rd. on a charge of operating under the influence.

**Edgar Salazar**, 24, of 104 Pearl St., May 18, 11:07 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

**Patrick Faherty**, 26, of 50 Webster St., Weymouth, May 18, 10:31 p.m., arrested at 1 Davis Sq. on a various warrant charges.

**Alejandro Martinez**, 51, of 156 High St., Watertown, May 19, 8:49 a.m., arrested at 99 Summer St. on a warrant charge of failure to appear for jury duty.

**Mack Devin**, 26, May 19, 9:57 a.m., arrested on various warrant charges.

**Levi Dias**, 33, of 186 Broadway, May 19, 11:17 a.m., arrested at 107 Jaques St. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a warrant charge of the same offense.

**Matthew McComiskey**, 31, of 46 Richdale Ave., May 19, 1:18 p.m., arrested at Derby St. on a charge of receiving stolen property.

**Pierre Tavares**, 56, of 28 Glen St., May 19, 1:34 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery, assault and battery on a police officer, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest, and indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older.

**Dennis O'Connell**, 35, of 36 Summer St., Medford, May 19, 5:26 p.m., arrested at 33 Ward St. on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

**Richard Maher**, 44, of 166 Mountain Ave., Malden, May 19, 5:44 p.m., arrested at Edgar Ave. on charges of drug possession to distribute, drug violation near a school or park, and a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

**Shawn St. Laurent**, 32, of 56 Broadway, May 19, 9:41 p.m., arrested at 12 Autumn St. on charges disorderly conduct, carrying a dangerous weapon, and attempt to commit a crime.

**Francis Palazzi**, 47, of 9 Taylor, May 20, 2:15 a.m., arrested at 115 Pearl St. on charges of trespassing and larceny over \$250.

**Jensin Lozano**, 54, of 66 Slade St., Belomint, May 20, 12:04 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on various warrant charges.

**Cheryl Gillette**, 49, of 21 Kelly Ln., Lynn, May 20, 1:55 p.m., arrested at 133 Middlesex Ave. on charges of shoplifting by asportation and number plate violation.

**Antony Tejada**, 24, of 1588 President St., Brooklyn, NY, May 20, 3:28 p.m., arrested at 22 Dartmouth St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, and drug violation near a school or park.

**Luis Vargas**, 21, of 69 Fern St., Lawrence, May 20, 3:28 p.m., arrested at 22 Dartmouth St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, and drug violation near a school or park.

**Roseanne Falcone**, 42, of 72 Edward St., Medford, May 20, 5:22 p.m., arrested at 275 Broadway on charges of distribution of a class B drug, and drug violation near a school or park.

**Robert McFadden**, 24, of 9 Pine Knoll Rd., Lexington, May 22, 1:40 a.m., arrested at 256 Elm St. on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest.

**Incidents:**

**Theft:**

May 17, 11:48 a.m., police reported a theft at Burnside Ave.

May 17, 1:31 p.m., police reported a theft at 232 Elm St.

May 17, 4:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

May 18, 12:37 p.m., police reported a theft at Grant St.

May 19, 11:19 a.m., police reported a theft at 571 McGrath Hwy.

May 19, 1:18 p.m., police reported a

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# Papercut Zine Library launches fundraiser

By Jess Bean

All good things in this world are wild and free, but occasionally must hold fundraisers to keep themselves that way. Somerville's Papercut Zine library has just launched a campaign to raise funds to keep their Pearl Street library open and running for the next year.

"Our goal is to raise \$5000," said Kimberly, a PZL librarian. "It's a hefty goal for one month, but we're pretty motivated, and people have been really supportive."

That sum would sustain the library for a year or more. As of May 18, Papercut has raised about \$1,000.

PZL moved to an artists' building in Somerville in March 2010. Compared with the library's previous location, a space "more like a closet" in the Democracy Center, its new home is as much a meeting place as a library.

"Local zinesters need a space to share their work and let the local zine community know about it," Kimberly said. "It's nice to have a physical space for that. As valuable as blogs are, the face-to-face aspect is so important."

The move meant more room for its collection of nearly 13,000 independent publications and lots of exposed brick wall space to showcase the work of local artists, but it also meant larger bills. PZL holds events such as the Cupcakes vs. Muffins Vegan Bake

Off, zine readings and concerts to raise money.

"The main reason to have this month-long push is we are feeling burnt out from the daily fundraising," Kimberly said. "Every month we need to book a benefit or dig out other funds. We've been scraping by. If we can get it all at once we can focus on other events, workshops and things we want to do in the Somerville community."

To encourage donations, PZL is giving away prizes. This is a zine library, so the schwag donors receive is better than almost anything from a PBS fundraiser.

Somerville comic artist Liz Prince has lent her local star power to the drive. Prince donated a one of a kind print to be entered in a drawing for donors who gave money from May 15-17. Prince will also be donating a bundle of her own hand-made zines, and those who donate over the weekend will be entered in a drawing to win it. Zine artist, activist and illustrator Cristy Roads, creator of Green Zine, will be donating several prints, which will be framed as donor incentives.

Pins, patches and stickers for sale.

Those who donate \$5 can get a house-made Papercut patch, button and sticker. Those who contribute \$30 or more will receive a zine, hand made by the librarians, that features pictures of the library and events held there.



Papercut Zine librarian Kimberly doing "librarian things" at PZL HQ.

Those without funds can support Papercut in other ways.

"We always are excited to have volunteers, whether they're drop-in volunteers who

want to help for a day, or someone who wants to become a librarian," Kimberly said. "We can always use markers, cleaning supplies, trash bags, ran-

dom library stuff. And if you want to curate a show or a gallery, we're always open to that. Anything to get people in and enjoying the space."

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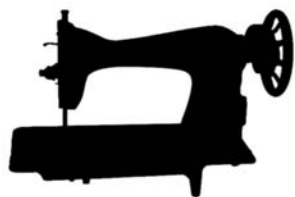


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# Tufts celebrates the Class of 2011

Tufts University's Class of 2011 commencement ceremonies took place this past Sunday, where proud parents, educators, and students enjoyed the day thoroughly.

Charles Vest, president of the National Academy of Engineering and president emeritus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, received an honorary doctorate of science and delivered Tufts commencement address.

"Your challenges are greater because they are huge; they are complex; and they are global," said Vest. "As the planet's population moves toward 9 billion people, we face immense challenges if we are to have clean wa-

ter, sustainable energy, a stable climate, a vibrant economy, and health and security for all peoples of the world."

Vest also emphasized the need for a human touch while functioning in an increasingly complex technologically oriented future. "All the technologies and networks we can create will not solve our world problems if we do not establish a base of human and cultural understanding; ethical and moral underpinnings; and sensible rules of law for the 21st century."

Other honorary degree recipients include Geoffrey Canada, Thomas Frieden, Jamaica Kincaid, Pamela Omidyar, Pierre Omidyar, and Robert Solow.



Photo by Kelvin Ma/Tufts University

Commencement speaker and MIT President Emeritus Charles M. Vest speaks to the Class of 2011 during Tufts University's 155th Commencement on May 22, 2011.



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A graduating senior hugs family members after the Tufts Commencement ceremony on Sunday.

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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Cyclists should be safe and enjoy freedom of movement - but so should our motorists.

The View From Prospect Hill



Villens are generally quite friendly people. Sure, there's a grouch or two in any crowd, but all in all we measure up well in the friendliness department. Friendly to one another. Kind to kids. Charitable to Chinese checkers enthusiasts. And we're just crazy about bicycles. Aren't we?

There's a comforting *something* in the imagery of health conscious, nature loving individuals

shunning their oversized, gas guzzling automobiles and SUVs in favor of pedaling their way to their jobs, schools, and marketplaces in the soft, pastoral glow of self-satisfaction at somehow "making a difference."

One real difference, though, is that Somerville is far from being pastoral. Within its roughly four square miles dwells a population of 70,000 or so, with the

majority of us choosing to operate our motor vehicles, mostly out of sheer necessity.

As one of the most densely populated areas in the country, we may not enjoy the same options that other cities have at hand. Adding in additional bike paths and lanes may be highly desirable to a certain minority of our population, but putting it into practice can be problematic,

to say the least.

The costs alone are daunting. And what becomes of a bike lane in the winter when it has been plowed over with snow? Does anyone actually ride their bike in winter anyway? We're talking about a lot of expense and hassle for a part-time activity practiced by a relative few.

Ultimately, how many of us would benefit from expanded bi-

cycle access? Who among us will be tossing their car keys in the dresser drawer to be forgotten until the end of time? Most importantly, how would this affect the average citizen?

These are questions which must be weighed, debated, and resolved. Friendliness, after all, must be tempered by a certain modicum of restraint and caution. We're like that, too.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

**With 100 years of service here in the community, St. Benedicts Parish is celebrating their centennial this year servicing East Somerville and parts of Charlestown. Cardinal Sean O'Malley himself was there and personally gave Mass this past Sunday. St. Benedicts was home to former Cardinal Cushing. Not many knew that the famous Cardinal here in Boston started out at St. Benedicts and often, over the years as Cardinal, returned to his first parish to say Mass many times. Many well known Somervilliens came out of St. Benedicts as well and especially from the Little Flower School, which was closed down a few years back. Congratulations to all the Parishioners now and in the past and hopefully for a long time to come in the future for 100 years of a great church.**

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An update on Council on Aging situation: It appears that Lady J, who by the way is on a stress leave (we hear with pay) for about 12 weeks, seems to be getting better quickly. We hear she's been spotted down at one of the elderly cen-

ters this past week. Maybe she's going to try to save the city money and get back to work fast. We noticed that Demo Man, who filed Chapter 7 Bankruptcy recently, was seen driving a brand new Cadillac Escalade. It looks beautiful, a very nice color blue. We know that's about 50K to buy but maybe he is leasing it, or maybe just borrowing it to get around - or does Chapter 7 allow you to have such and expensive car? Can you imagine the cost of gas? Maybe he has a new demo project? So many questions!

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**Happy Birthday to John Sullivan who turns 94 next week. John has served for many years here in the community, most notably as a Lions member. He is a solid guy and great supporter of all the events. We wish him Happy Birthday.**

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Congratulations to Nella Nunes, who broke her foot this past winter, for finally getting free of the cast and moving around like a trooper. Though no longer putting her foot in storage, she does work at Murphy Storage on Mystic Av-

enue. She and her hubby Bruce Rollins will be at the Masonic Breakfast this coming Sunday morning, 8 to 11 a.m. (125 Highland Avenue), along with her brother in law Victor Vieira, who recently was elected Vice President of the Board of Directors of HMTA.

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**Get well to former Somerville Police Officer Bernie Doherty who is now home recovering from recent surgery. Already he's been seen out and about the 'Ville. Bernie is a great guy, a long time Somerville resident, and friend to many as well as his family from Winter Hill.**

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This Sunday before the Parade, 8 to 11a.m. at 125 Highland Avenue (rear building) only \$5.00 pancake breakfast put on by the local Mason's Building Association. All are welcome to join in and afterwards enjoy the parade out front.

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**Another local recently graduated from Salem State College this past Friday! We wish our good friend Michael**

**Chesson the best from his friends here at the Somerville News.**

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Congratulations to all the student athletes and cheerleaders that were honored at this past Friday evening's Saint Clements's Junior / Senior High-School Annual Sports Awards Banquet. The event honored the accomplishments of their student athletes with a dinner and an awards ceremony. The school also bid farewell and thanks to their Athletic Director Shawn Thornton, who will be leaving Saint Clements after eight great years. He will be heading over to Everett to a new position at Pope John School. We all wish Shawn all the best in his future.

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**Former candidate for Mayor Rick Scirocco is, we understand from rumors, the guardian of Mr. McCarthy at 10 Howe Street, who is both in court by the city ISD department for work done on his property without a permit and, we also understand, his house is in foreclosure. Rumor has it that he has to**

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# COMMENTARY

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## Cramming them in



**By William C. Shelton**

A development group wants to build thirty-one housing units on a little over half an acre on the edge of Davis Square. Neighbors uniformly oppose the project, which would instantly double the number of housing units on the long block that runs between Cutter Avenue and Willow Street.

The city of Somerville proposes to accommodate the developer through a zoning sleight-of-hand. The project is the latest in a pattern that has become common over the seven years of the Curtatone administration.

Developers burden neighbors by cramming as many housing units as possible onto small lots. City government bends or sets aside zoning requirements. Some neighbors organize to resist the developments. Most give up. With a few exceptions, the developers prevail.

This, despite the fact that in New England's densest city, only 3% of our land is open space. This includes cemeteries and paved schoolyards.

The current case involves two adjacent properties at the end of Summer Street. One belongs to

Dakota Partners, a corporation cofounded by Marc Daigle and Roberto Arista. Strategic Capital Group, owned by Mr. Arista, is the project's developer. In various role configurations, they have built five Somerville condo developments.

In 2002, the MBTA sold Dakota Partners the property at 343 Summer Street, site of the only Red Line emergency exit between Harvard Square and Alewife. Dakota proposed to build 14 housing units on this 0.39-acre parcel that has since been zoned for a maximum of 7 units. Neighbors raised a hue and cry.

The developer ran into permitting difficulties. The most infamous was that the size of the building left insufficient room for a fire lane, unless an historic tree was removed. They sued the city to compel the removal, but Land Court said they had not demonstrated sufficient hardship. Neighbors sued in response to a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) extension of a conditional permit. The Superior Court case is scheduled for this October.

Meanwhile, the developer now proposes to build 31 units. St. James Avenue resident Sue Hill remarks that, "The more neighbors object, the bigger the building gets."

The new scheme requires what opponents call a sham land-ownership structure. And it requires a curious and questionable interpretation of

the zoning code. Neighbor Robert Butt believes that planning staff "made clear where city hall stood on the project: very pro-development at all costs, no regard and no sensitivity for neighborhood concerns."

The deal involves the Dilboy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 529, which owns the rear portion of the Winter Hill Bank building and the parking lot behind it. They are zoned for Central Business District (CBD) use. This property is adjacent to the former T property now owned by Dakota Partners and zoned for residential use.

Dakota Partners would deed the residential property to the Dilboy Post. In turn, the Post would lease a portion of the combined parcel to the developer for 100 years, with an option to renew for another 100 years, at a rent of \$1.00 per century. By sharing a border with the parking lot, the former MBTA site would be transformed into CBD use.

With this "creative" ownership structure, the developer would build a new VFW Post with a function hall that would accommodate 375 attendees. Through the magic of a zoning loophole, the developers would then only need the ZBA to consecrate the deal by approving a special permit with site plan review, so that they can build 31 housing units and an 8,400 square-foot club and function hall on the resulting 0.93

acres. City staff has recommended conditional approval.

Staff's rationale is that combining the two uses would amount to mixed-use development. But in mixed-use projects, the different uses form a synergy in which each improves the effectiveness of the other.

Neighbors have asked city staff for examples of similar precedents. Staff has been unable to present a parallel in which (1) multi-family housing combined with a private club is considered to be mixed use; or (2) where separate parties used such ownership structure to merge lots with two different buildings and two different uses into one combined development, avoiding zoning requirements that would otherwise apply.

Summer Street resident Tom Bok says, "Perhaps I'm naive, but I expected a more rational process, where the city encourages development but sets appropriate boundaries. Instead, boundaries appear to be fuzzy, and interpreted at the city's convenience."

Another troubling aspect is that after moving into the five Somerville projects previously built by these developers, condo owners have discovered such serious construction flaws as chronically leaking roofs, faulty insulation, an HVAC system that was never hooked up, exterior lighting that doesn't work, nonfunctioning windows, and crossed gas lines.

Owners report that when they

complain, the developer sends out the same repairers, who "tinker around." They leave, and the problems remain.

Two of the condo associations have sued the developers. A third would like to, but can't afford the legal costs. Dakota Partners, in turn, countersued one condo association's trustees, alleging that they waited too long to investigate the construction defects.

Remarkably, Somerville Inspectional Services Division approved each of these projects for occupancy, despite such glaring defects as a roof drain that was set an inch above the surface. And the city's planning staff says that developers' past track record should not affect consideration of their current project.

Most neighbors agree that the veterans deserve their respect, gratitude, and a new post. I agree as well. But one has to wonder how good a deal they are getting.

According to the draft land-swap agreement filed with the Licensing Commission, when the deal is consummated, the developer will own the portion of the bank building that now belongs to the Dilboy Post. If they sell it within two years, the Post will only receive sale proceeds that are greater than \$1.1 million. If they sell after two years, the vets will receive nothing.

One hundred and thirty neighbors have signed a petition opposing the project. Nancy Iappini and

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## On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

### Memorial Day



Every Memorial Day is special. This one is extra special because the world was rid of madman Osama Bin Laden. While we are enjoying parades (the largest one ever!) and cookouts and family gatherings this coming weekend, we will also remember all of the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. A friend of mine came up to my office at work and personally delivered a touching story to me. He is a Viet Nam vet and very active in the city's veterans affairs. The story is sad, but it reminds us how war devastates families. As we are spending time with our friends and loved ones this weekend, and watching the parade

with all our patriotism on display, let's say a prayer. Let's ask whoever our higher power is to someday put an end to war. All we are saying is give peace a chance. But until then, men and women will bravely pick up arms and leave their loved ones and their homes to defend our freedom as Americans. God bless all the United States Veterans all over the world, both living, and those who have passed on. Thank you for fighting for our beloved United States of America. I don't know who wrote the following, but it is a very powerful and heartfelt story.

#### Things You Didn't Do

*Remember the day I borrowed your brand new car and I dented it?  
I thought you'd kill me, but you didn't.*

*And remember the time I dragged you to the beach and you said it would rain and it did?  
I thought you'd say, "I told you so," but you didn't.*

*Do you remember the time I flirted with all the guys to make you jealous, and you were?  
I thought you'd leave me, but you didn't.*

*Do you remember the time I spilled strawberry pie all over your car rug?  
I thought you would freak out, but you didn't.*

*And remember the time I forgot to tell you that the dance was formal and you showed up in jeans?*

*I thought you'd drop me, but you didn't. Yes, there were lots of things you didn't do, but you put up with me, and you loved me, and you protected me.*

*There were lots of things I wanted to make*

*up to you when you came back from the war. But you didn't.*

Thank you to all the members of the many Veterans' groups in Somerville. To them, every day is Memorial Day. They keep the spirit of those who fought for this country alive on a daily basis. As a proud American, I always say that you can't have enough American flags on your car, house, golf cart, RV, jackets, or hats. Just look at the powerful and sacred symbol the flag is.

Our Veterans groups keep the memories of their fallen comrades alive every day of the year. Have a safe Memorial Day.

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

# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local senators on three roll calls from the week of May 16-20. There were no roll calls in the House 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.

## CHANGES IN TRIAL COURT AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT (S 1907)

Senate 39-0 approved a bill that would overhaul the management of the trial court and the hiring process for the Probation Department.

The measure divides up the tasks currently performed by the Chief Justice for Administration and Management between a newly created “civilian” Office of Court Management and a Chief Justice of the Trial Court. The new civilian administrator would handle business functions including finances, contracts and the hiring of non-judicial employees. Meanwhile, the Chief Justice would tackle all the judicial management responsibilities including assigning judges.

Changes in the Probation Department include requiring the Commissioner of Probation to be hired by the court administrator and Chief Justice; removal of the unilateral hiring power from the Probation Commissioner; an entrance exam for the hiring and promotion of all probation and court officers; an extensive interview and background review process; requiring that recommendations offered on behalf of any applicant be made in writing and requiring applicants for jobs in the executive, legislative and judicial branches to disclose the names of all immediate family members who are state employees.

Republican senators were successful in getting approval of seven amendments to the plan including requiring the newly created advisory committee on personnel standards to use merit-based standards when hiring court employees; requiring applicants for any trial court position to meet the merit-based standards for employment before any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of the applicant can be taken into consideration and requiring the court administrator to study the feasibility of allowing trial court fees and fines to be paid with credit cards.

These changes are a reaction to the blockbuster report by Independent Counsel Paul Ware on wrongdoing in the state’s Probation Department. Ware concluded that corruption in the hiring and promotion process is rampant throughout the system. The report notes legislators would “sponsor” candidates for Probation Department jobs and that the interview and selection process was often rigged in favor of hiring candidates with political or other personal connections instead of better qualified, non-connected applicants.

Supporters said these long-overdue changes would improve efficiency in the state’s court system while bringing transparency to the hiring and promotion system at the embattled Department of Probation.

The House has already approved a different version of the proposal. A conference committee will likely work out the differences and report a new version of the measure back to the House and Senate for consideration. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## POST MERIT-BASED STANDARDS ON WEBSITE (S 1907)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment that would require the court administrator to use merit-based standards for hiring court personnel and to post these standards on the trial court’s website.

Amendment supporters said this would ensure employees are hired on their merits and not their political connections. They noted it also creates transparency and equal opportunity by guaranteeing that any potential employee knows the standards and rules. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment requiring the court administrator to use merit-based standards for hiring and to post these standards on the trial court’s website.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## LIMIT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (S 1907)

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment that would require an applicant for a trial court position to be certified as meeting the merit-based qualifications for employment before any of his or her letters of recommendation can be considered.

Amendment supporters said this would ensure that someone who is not qualified for the job does not even have the opportunity to present letters of recommendation to influence the process. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment limiting letters of recommendation.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**INCREASE MINIMUM PENSION FOR RETIRED STATE WORKERS AND TEACHERS (S 1289)** - The Public Service Committee has approved a measure increasing from \$10,000 to \$15,000 the minimum pension for retired state workers and teachers in the state teachers’ retirement system with at least 25 years on the job. The proposal also allows local communities to adopt a minimum pension requirement of up to \$15,000 for local workers with 25 years of service.

Supporters say the bill would cost some \$30 million and would provide increased pensions for an estimated 2,000 struggling former state workers and teachers whose average age is 80. They pointed to the case of a teacher who worked for 34 years but receives an inadequate annual pension of less than \$13,000 because she taught in the 1940s and 1950s when teachers were paid a lot less than today.

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Opponents say the state simply cannot afford the hike at this time.

**DIVEST PENSION FUNDS FROM ALL TERRORIST NATIONS (S 1309)** - The Public Service Committee held a hearing on legislation that would require the multi-billion dollar state pension fund to divest itself of any corporation that does business with a government designated by the U.S. State Department as a sponsor of terrorism including Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria. The proposal does permit investments in these corporations if a majority of the treasurer’s investment advisory council votes to allow it.

Supporters say these countries sponsor terrorism and provide safe havens, resources and guidance to terrorist organizations. They argue it is simply unconscionable to use Massachusetts’ money to fund foreign terrorism.

Opponents say no research has been done to determine how much money this new ban would cost the pension fund.

**REQUIRE BIODEGRADABLE BAGS** - The Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture heard testimony on proposals that would require all plastic shopping bags for customers at some retail stores to be made of biodegradable and compostable material.

Supporters said these bags are better for the environment because they degrade over a much shorter period of time than standard plastic bags. They noted expensive oil is used to manufacture the standard bags, which cause the buildup of toxic chemicals in land fill sites, contaminate water sources, clog sewer systems and kill marine life.

Three different versions of the bill gave two different definitions of a “retail establishment” that would be required to comply with the new law. Two define it as any retail store 4,000 square feet or over (S 353 and H 1190). Another defines it as a supermarket that grosses in excess of \$1 million per year or is a retail pharmacy with at least five locations under the same ownership within the state.

**POSTING GAS PRICES (S 1674)** - The Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy held a hearing on legislation that would require the price on the marquee at gas stations to state the per-gallon price if paying with a credit card. Supporters say consumers are often lured into a gas station with a misleading large sign that states a lower cash price for gas only to find that the credit card price is higher.

**POLICE AND AUTISM AND MENTAL ILLNESS** - The Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security’s agenda at its hearing included implementation of a curriculum for the training of regional and municipal police and corrections departments in interacting with persons with autism (S 1197) or mental illness (S 1199).

**QUOTABLE QUOTES** - *Special Sal DiMasi Corruption Trial Edition*

*Former House Speaker Sal DiMasi is being tried on federal charges that he received \$65,000 in payments from Cognos, a Canadian software company he helped land nearly \$20 million in state contracts. DiMasi’s associates and co-defendants in the alleged scheme are financial adviser Richard Vitale and lobbyist Richard McDonough.*

*Joseph Lally, former salesman and vice president of Cognos, has pleaded guilty and turned witness for the prosecution in a deal in which prosecutors will recommend he serve no more than three years in prison rather than the 10 years he originally faced.*

*“The truth is, I entered into a conspiracy with these three defendants to commit a crime.” - Lally, admitting his guilt and accusing DiMasi, Vitale and McDonough of conspiring with him.*

*“I’m only going to be speaker for so long, so it’s important we make as much hay as possible.” - Lally allegedly quoting DiMasi at a Father’s Day golf outing in 2006.*

*“If one of us breaks, we all fall.” - Lally allegedly quoting DiMasi in 2008 as word got out that investigators were*

*looking into the Cognos deal.*

*“I want you to frisk me and then he (McDonough) said I want to frisk you.” - Lally allegedly quoting McDonough, who wanted to ensure neither was wearing a wire at a meeting in McDonough’s basement.*

**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 16-20, the House met for a total of 41 minutes while the Senate met for a total of eight hours and 1 minute.

Mon. May 16	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 3:51 p.m.
Tues. May 17	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 18	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. May 19	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. Senate 1:16 p.m. to 4:26 p.m.
Fri. May 20	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at [bob@beaconhillrollcall.com](mailto:bob@beaconhillrollcall.com)

Somerville Police Crime Log

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theft at Derby St. & Temple Ave. May 19, 1:30 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave. May 19, 9:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Autumn St. May 20, 8:46 a.m., police reported a theft at Elm St. May 20, 1:55 p.m., police reported a theft at 133 Middlesex Ave.	May 21, 2:44 p.m., police reported a theft at 257 Elm St. May 21, 4:28 p.m., police reported a theft at Prospect St. May 21, 5:11 p.m., police reported a theft at Cherry St. May 21, 7:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway & Corinthian Rd.	May 17, 5:43 p.m., police reported a breaking and entering at Elm St. May 18, 6:37 p.m., police reported a breaking and entering at Douglas Ave. May 21, 12:48 p.m., police reported a breaking and entering at Elm St.	ported a vehicle theft at Wallace St. <b>Assault:</b> May 17, 12:55 a.m., police reported an assault at Walnut St. May 17, 2:36 a.m., police reported an assault at Gilman Terr. May 18, 10:02 a.m., police reported an assault at 257 Elm St. May 19, 1:34 p.m., police reported an assault at Glen St.
<b>Breaking and Entering:</b>		<b>Vehicle Theft:</b> May 19, 1:29 p.m., police reported a breaking and entering at Elm St.	<b>Drug Violation:</b> May 19, 5:44 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Edgar Ave. & Edgar Terr. May 20, 3:28 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Dartmouth St. May 20, 5:22 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

City of Somerville Inspectional Services Department

Stop Work Orders

As of Tuesday May 24th 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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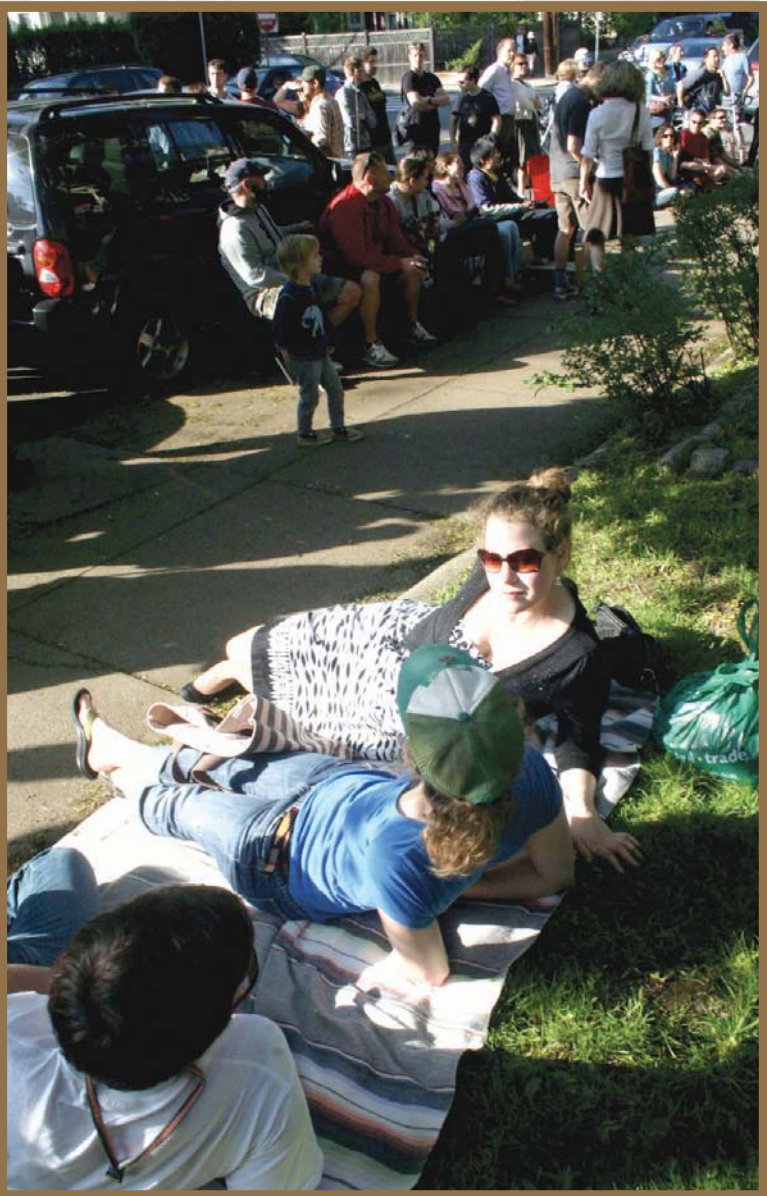
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# Porchfest opens neighborhood to culture, music, fun

By Andrew Firestone

It was a time for all ages this last Sunday, May 22, when dozens of houses hosted hundreds of visitors for Porchfest, 2011. Sponsored by the Somerville Arts Council, fun for old and

young continued throughout the day. The crowd, spread throughout the city, consisted of 'Villens, Bostonians and tourists from all over, who came for a cold beer, and a good song. Take a closer look at the glorious festivities here.



Basking in the sun of a dying day on College Ave, listing to 'Tail, feelin' the flow.



David Johnston rocks out the slide guitar with his band at Bill Shelton's house on Boston Ave.



Young people enjoy a sunny time at the Edibles, performing at 56 School St.



First Church and Friends plays the strings to an adoring public at the UCC Church on College Ave.



The Rapture Day Ramblers live to see another one



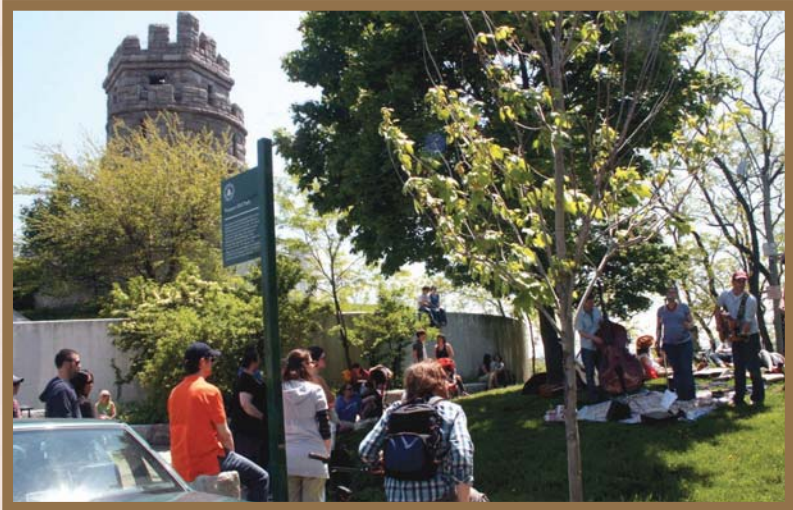
Planet 3 Productions plays in the backyard to a crowd on 11 Pearson Rd.



Lenny Bradford of Little Rose and the Boston All-Stars grooves on the bass cello at 21 Summit Ave.



Tail brings it old-school for rock-out on College Ave.



The Pennies entertain the crowd at Prospect Hill Park, overlooking Cambridge and Boston.



on 51 Curtis St playing bluegrass through the apocalypse.



'Villens dancing in the Streets to the Rapture Day Ramblers.

Photos by Andrew Firestone

# SOMERVILLE SPORTS

## Saint Clements Annual Sports Banquet

By William Tauro

Last Friday evening, May 20, Saint Clements Junior/ Senior High-School hosted its Annual Sports Banquet to honor the accomplishments of their student athletes with a dinner and an awards ceremony.

The packed banquet hall was set up in the school's gymnasium for the event with over two hundred attendees complete with a full buffet, table seating, and a stage platform.

Pete Roby, Northeastern University athletic director was the guest speaker for the evening. Roby praised and gave words of encouragement to the students for their achievements.

Saint Clement's athletic director Shawn M. Thornton, along with other Saint Clement coach-

es, thanked the athletes for their commitment to the school over the years as they were presented the awards.

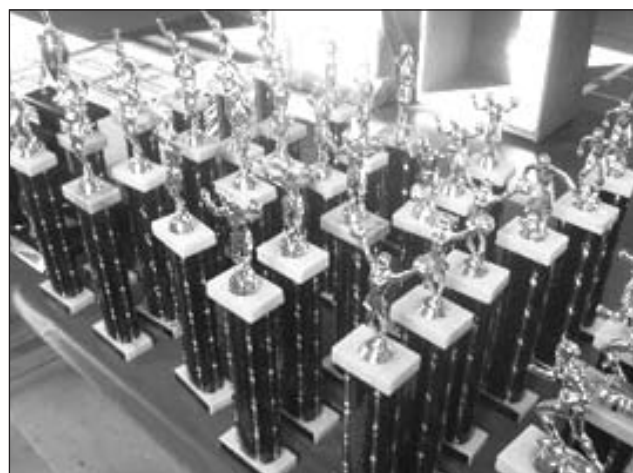
Over eighty sports athletes including cheerleaders were honored with trophies and school citation presentations, as well as thirteen four-year awards for students that played sports all four years while at Saint Clements.

Saint Clements principle Bob Chevrier presented athletic director Shawn Thornton an award for his dedication to the school throughout the years.

Thornton will be leaving Saint Clements School at the end of this school year after serving eight years as their athletic director for a position at Everett's Pope John High School.



Saint Clements Junior/Senior High-School's athletes, along with long-time Coach Shawn Thornton, were honored at its Annual Sports Banquet last Friday.



## Somerville resident meets NFL players

The area's finest professional athletes and celebrities stepped up to the tee to raise money for cancer patients and their families at the third annual Joe Andruzzi and Friends Golf Tournament on Monday, May 23, at TPC Boston in Norton, MA.

Joe and Jen Andruzzi; New England Patriots Sebastian Vollmer, Jermaine Cunningham, Tully Banta Cain, Rob Gronkowski, Rob Ninkovich, Logan Mankins, and Dan Koppen; Former Patriots Harold Shaw, Matt Chatham, Christian Fauria, Pete Brock, Jim Bow-

man, Jermaine Wiggins, and Jon Williams; former Bruins star Bob Sweeney; WAAF-FM "Hill-Man Morning Show" host Greg Hill; WZLX "Karlson and McKenzie" host Pete McKenzie; Mix 104.1 "Karson & Kennedy" host Karson Tagger and Patriots strength and conditioning coach Harold Nash.

All proceeds benefitted the Joe Andruzzi Foundation, which tackles cancer's impact by providing financial assistance for patients and their families while funding pediatric brain cancer research.



Kipp Kross spoke with former Patriots lineman Joe Andruzzi and his wife Jen during the dinner after the Joe Andruzzi and Friends Golf Tournament.

## Mayor's Bike Ride



In celebration of National Bike Month and the Mayor's Fitness Challenge, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone led a bike ride through Somerville, Friday, May 20. One of the goals of Bike Month is to demonstrate the health and convenience benefits of using a bicycle as a primary means of transportation.

## SOMERVILLE SPORTS

# Tufts lacrosse team members enjoy early graduation honors again this year

For the second straight year, the Tufts men's lacrosse team won a squeaker over Cortland State to prevail in the NCAA Division III quarterfinals. Eight seniors on the Jumbos team earned not only a trip to the semifinals in Rochester, NY, on Sunday, May 20, but also their own special Tufts graduation ceremony last Friday, May 20.

More than 3,000 undergrads, graduate and professional students received their degrees two days later at the university's May 22 commencement, but since the Jumbos would have missed that ceremony, Tufts President Larry Bacow and colleagues arranged a special commencement celebration for the eight students, their friends and families - complete

with caps, gowns, remarks by the president and congratulations from Tufts' trustees.

This is the second such early graduation ceremony that Tufts has held for its men's lacrosse team, the 2010 champs.

"The Tufts community is excited to recognize these exceptional athletes who have worked so hard and performed so well on the lacrosse field and in the classroom," says Bacow. "We're proud of everything they have accomplished, and we want to ensure that we have the chance to honor them."

Honored at the ceremony were Alec Bialosky, David Hessler, Thomas Neuhs, Ryan Molloy, Brian Donovan, Matt Witko, Josh Gudjohnsen, and Tom Bragg.



Alec Bialosky (E11) and his graduating teammates get their sticks ready for a procession at a special commencement ceremony for the men's lacrosse team on May 20, 2011. The team will be missing the main commencement to play in the NCAA Championship semifinal round.

## SHS track teams continue to gain ground

The Somerville High School boys track team followed up their 4th straight Spring GBL championship season with a solid win at the Greater Boston League Meet on Thursday, May 19, in spite of rainy conditions.

Then, on May 21, despite the chance to qualify for the post-season in their event, several athletes went into the "last chance"

meet at Notre Dame Academy/Hingham knowing it could be their last time competing for the Highlanders. The athlete friendly, yet charged atmosphere, brought out the best in everyone. There were season & personal best performances from many, including distance runners Michael Conte (4:49/mile) and Danny Haung

(4:59.79), as well as Discus thrower-Anand Singh (92'). The star of the day was Thomas Sullivan (4:58) who realized that 5 minutes in the mile was an imaginary barrier.

The girls put in good performances as well. The team showed its depth and talent by winning its 4th consecutive GBL championship meet and its 4th con-

secutive undefeated season.

Michel'le Meranda's 68.79 in the 400m hurdles was particularly impressive as it came in rainy conditions. She broke her old GBL and SHS record with that time. The team is a good mix of veteran talent and youth with only three seniors scoring individually in the meet: Iaritza Menjivar, Ashley Murphy and

Mary O'Brien.

The Last Chance Meet held at Notre Dame Academy of Hingham was an opportunity for some of the girls to improve their performances and to qualify for the state meet, if they didn't already. The 4x800 relay qualified for the states in this meet. It had not run a qualifying time this season.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Approximately, what does 5,300,000 minutes equal?
2. Where did the letters "lb" derive from to mean pound?
3. What kind of fastener did Whitcomb Judson patent in 1893?
4. What State did John Denver call his "mountain momma"?
5. What city was the original Dixie?
6. What planet did the Galileo spacecraft slam into in 2003, after orbiting it for eight years?
7. In 1943, how many computers did the chairman of IBM think the world would need?
8. What muscle in the human body moves the fastest?
9. Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
10. What inescapable interstellar object was originally known as a dark star?
11. The offspring of what bird is a cob and a pen?
12. What kind of nuts are used in making marzipan?

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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, June 8, 2011, Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell St., 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA** at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

**21 Third Ave: (Case #ZBA 2011-39)** Applicant and Owner, Inner Belt Industrial Center Realty Trust, Devens H. Hamlen Trustee, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review per SZO Section 7.11.11.12.2.b to establish a bus and taxi rental, storage and servicing use greater than 5,000 square feet in an IA zoning district. IA zone. Ward 1.

**29R Albion St: (Case #ZBA 2011-40)** Applicant, Fresh Start Contracting, & Owner Neal Kurfiss seek a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to expand a deck in the rear of an existing two-family structure. RA zone. Ward 5.

**68-70 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2011-41)** Applicant Jeanne Flanagan & Owner Albert Riskalis seek a special permit under SZO §4.5.1 to change a nonconforming use (an auto parts sales and warehouse) to another nonconforming use in order to open a studio for a personal trainer (§7.11.6.3.a). RB zone. Ward 2.

**100 Fellsway West: (Case #ZBA 2009-03-R1-5/2011)** Applicant & Owner Craig Corporation seek a revision to Special Permit ZBA 2009-03 pursuant to SZO §5.3.8 to change the grading on the site and relocate the garage ramp, garage door location, parking and landscaping. The proposal also includes seeking approval for an increased number of compact parking spaces. The original Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 was to expand a non-conforming structure within a required front yard setback and a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SZO §7.11.1.c) to convert from a factory/industrial use to a mixed commercial and residential use in order to construct a 19 unit residential building with approximately 5000sf of office space. BB zone. Ward 1.

**61 Bromfield Rd: (Case #ZBA 2011-42)** Applicant/Owner Stephen Simmerman seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to add a third story to an existing rear porch on a three-family residence. RA zone. Ward 6.


**184 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2011-43)** Applicant/Agent Agassiz Preschool, Inc. seeks a variance from SZO §8.6.5.c to have a 4 ft fence at the corner of Spring and Summer St to meet Dept of Early Education and Care requirements. RA zone. Ward 3.

**168 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2011-44)** Applicants and Owners, Drew A. and Anne S. Hyland, seek a special permit to alter a non-conforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a deck in the rear of an existing single-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 [www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning](http://www.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](mailto:dpereira@somervillema.gov).

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant  
Published in Somerville News on 5/25/11 & 6/1/11.

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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 **June 9, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell St, 3rd Floor , Community Room, Somerville, MA**.


**133 Middlesex Ave - Assembly Square Block 10: (Case #PB 2011-10)** Applicant & Owner FR Assembly Square, LLC seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of a planned unit development under the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 for Block 10. Applicant and owner also seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct an approximately 4,500 square foot, single-story building for restaurant with outdoor seating (§7.11.10.1.1.B or 7.11.10.2.2.b) and/or retail (§7.11.9) along with 29 parking spaces. ASMD, PUD-A & WOD zones. Ward 1.

**253 Washington St: (Case #PB 2011-11)** Applicant Angelina Jockovich of Casa B LLC & Owner Kepnes Bros. Managed by CWC, Henry Patterson, seeks a special permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5 to alter the façade of the building including window and door openings as well as signage. CCD 55 zone. Ward 3.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman  
To be published in the Somerville News 5/25/11 & 6/1/11.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB # 11-41rebid

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

**Partial/Complete Roof Replacement @ Public Safety Building**

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, May 25, 2011**. Sealed Proposals will be received at the above office until: **Friday, June 10, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed proposals will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.


**A Pre-Bid Site Visit will be held on Wednesday June 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM, at the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington Street, Somerville, MA 02143**

The Contract will be for a period of one (1) year from 06/15/2011 through 06/14/2012. Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required. Responsible Employer Ordinance (REO).

Please contact Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager, at [odeluca@somervillema.gov](mailto:odeluca@somervillema.gov), for information and bid packages.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB # 11-76

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

**ADA Ramp at City Hall, Demolition, Disposal & Construction of new Ramp and Rails**

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**A Pre-Bid Site Visit will be held on Thursday June 2, 2011 at 11:00 AM, located at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143**

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB # 11-75

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

**Rebuild PoolPak System at Kennedy School Pool**

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**A Pre-Bid Site Visit will be held on Friday June 3, 2011 at 10:30 AM, at the Kennedy School, 5 Cherry Street, Somerville, MA 02143**

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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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### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP 11-77

The City of Somerville, through its Purchasing Department, invites sealed proposals for:  
**Healthy Vending**

The City invites proposals for the provision and delivery of **energy-efficient vending machines with healthy food and beverages** in various municipal buildings. The successful proposer will provide food and beverages that meet or exceed the 2007 Institute of Medicine's Nutrition Standards for Foods in Schools, and will offer the most advantageous vending services and percentage of gross profits to the City of Somerville. Proposals shall include maintenance and replenishing of vending equipment for a period of one year with two one-year options to renew the contract at the sole discretion of the City.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained via e-mail or in person from the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after **Wednesday, May 25, 2011**. Separately sealed Price and Non-Price Proposals will be received at the above office until **Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.**, at which time sealed non-price proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact **Angela M. Allen, Purchasing Director, x3410, or email [amallen@somervillema.gov](mailto:amallen@somervillema.gov), for information and proposal packages.**

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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 11P2315EA**

**In the Estate of:** Ronald J. Doane Sr.

**Late of:** Somerville, MA. 02143

**Date of Death:** 04/12/2011

#### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that

Ronald J. Doane Jr. of Arlington, MA.

or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve.

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT:  
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**06/15/2011**

**WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: May 18, 2011

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

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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

PROMULGATED: April 21, 2011  
ADVERTISED: May 11, 2011  
May 18, 2011  
May 25, 2011  
EFFECTIVE: June 2, 2011

**MATTHEW DIAS, ACTING DIRECTOR**

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# 'Small Obsessions' at the Somerville Museum

By Rose Scherlis

There is a tiny alternate universe of sculpture, film, and mixed media on display at the Somerville Museum. *Small Obsessions* brings together unconventional dollhouses created by twenty artists. The opening reception was held Sunday, and the exhibit will run until June 25.

Artists Susan Huszar, Donna Rhea Marder, Sharon Shea, Jeff Sais, and Joyce Audy Zarins spoke to visitors about the inspiration, technique, and meaning of their work. The event is curated by sculptor Carolyn Wirth.

Photographer Susan Huszar is among the artists whose work was featured in *Small Obsessions*. Her pieces include *Never Alone*, a sculpture of a two-headed girl seated on a stool surrounded by mirrored tiles. Huszar says of her work, "These are all freak shows to me. I am fascinated in the beauty of discards. The things that make most people uncomfortable, I find beauty and comfort in." She says she takes most of her inspiration from outsider artists and more primitive art forms.

Huszar's sculpture *Bone Daddies* contains creatures built from found skeletons of small animals. "My brother collects bottles in the country. He finds all these dead animals and gives them to me for my birth-



Photo by Phill Apley

Susan Huszar's *Never Alone* is one of the many miniature curiosities to be appreciated at the *Small Obsessions* exhibit on display at the Somerville Museum through June 25.

day every year. I work them into my sculptures."

Sculptor Joyce Audrey Zarins built miniature wooden houses inspired by environmental sustainability for *Small Obsessions*. Her sculptures were originally intended for a two-part exhibit, half small wooden houses, and half suspended objects taken from a burnt house.

One of her houses is tilted off its base, shadowing the ground. Zarins says, "The reason for the wings is that if you like sustainability, it gives you freedom from dependence. The reason for the shadow being larger than the house itself is that sustainability enlarges your life."

Artist Donna Rhea Marder's work was featured as well. Her pieces in-

clude *Rapunzel's Tower*, a small spire made mostly of quilted art show tickets, wire, and beeswax. She says she leaves the process visible through her work. The tower was originally made for a basket show inspired by architecture.

Marder says "The stuff that inspires me is the stuff you drew in kindergarten and read in a book. Everyone sees what they would like to see in it."

Marder is excited to be part of *Small Obsessions*. She says, "It is a great, great show that has been in the works for a long time."

Museum hours for the show are: Thursday 2-7 p.m., Friday 2-5 p.m., and Saturday 12-5 p.m. The show is free and open to the public.

## Cramming them in CONT. FROM PG 9

George O'Shea live behind the project on Hawthorne Street. They object to the noise and congestion that would be created by 375 nighttime revelers.

Neighbors also believe that the project's design is outsized, ugly, and a misfit. Charles Robinson has lived on Hawthorne Street for 24 years. He says, "It is glaringly apparent that the design of the buildings is to resolve a development problem, not to fit into the neighborhood."

Neighbor Brian Jalet says that "The community is open to sound, realistic plans, and this one is not

that." He believes that "It is the responsibility of the planning department to look after the interests of the town, not the investment interests of a proposed development."

When neighbors strongly opposed a burdensome project during previous administrations, city staff would not approve variances or bend zoning requirements to approve it. During the current administration, the reverse appears to be true.

Zoning Board of Appeal members are appointed by the mayor. It is difficult to think of a case in which they have not obeyed him.

Office buildings create the highest amount of net tax income for the city. The Harvard Vanguard and Citizens Bank buildings are the city's greatest tax producers in Davis Square.

Some neighbors have pointed out that the same zoning change that is being proposed for the condo development could be used to entitle office development. Daytime office uses would support the Square's retail and restaurant uses.

The case becomes curiousest and curiousest the more one looks into it. The ZBA will be looking into it at a June 8th public hearing at city hall.

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Answers

Answers from page 15

1. Approximately one decade
2. It is actually an abbreviation of the Latin word "Libra" - which means pound
3. The zipper
4. West Virginia
5. New Orleans
6. Jupiter
7. Thomas Watson is said to have gone on record as saying, "The world maybe needed only five computers"
8. The muscle that makes you blink - on average a man will blink 10 times per minute while women will blink twice as much
9. The process of wool (felting) requires warm water and friction - the latter two are usually absent even in the heaviest rain-falls
10. The black hole
11. The swan
12. Almonds

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|May 25

**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 26

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

**Central Library**  
Somerville Reads Film Festival - Hester Street  
7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday|May 27

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

Monday|May 29

Memorial Day - Library Closed

Tuesday|May 30

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

Wednesday|May 31

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

MUSIC  
Wednesday|May 25

**Johnny D's**  
Chasing Blue|Springhill Rounders  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

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

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

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

**Precinct Bar**  
Kelly Godshall|Audrey Ryan|Coyote Kolb  
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**  
The Month of June|One Happy Island|The Motifs  
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Thursday|May 26

**Johnny D's**  
Japan Tsunami Benefit  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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

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

**PA'S Lounge**  
Soccer Mom|Get Help|Eldridge Rodriguez|See Through Band  
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**  
Black Fortrees of Opium|Brian Carpenter & the Confessions  
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**  
Citizen Komed Showcase  
381 Summer St.

**Arts at the Armory**  
An Evening of Cello Quartets: From Bach to Schickele  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday|May 27

**Johnny D's**  
Tom Pendergast|Love in Stockholm|Melodeego  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m. Lowman |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

**Precinct Bar**  
Monuments|Vary Lumar|The Courtesy Tier|Cardboard Mercenary  
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

**PA'S Lounge**  
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**  
The Locals  
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**  
28 Degrees Taurus|Phonic Riot|Autochrome|Lavinia  
381 Summer St

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

Saturday|May 28

**Johnny D's**  
Bloco Afrobrazil  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Elastic Waste Band|6 p.m. Birds of Play |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Jimmy's Down  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Precinct Bar**

Under The Influence|O T P|Dogs on Television|The Gallerist  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Paddy Saul solo  
Paddy Saul with full band  
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**  
Old Jack| Jim Healey Band| Monophonic  
381 Summer St

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
'Worried All The Time' Launch Party|7p.m.|Performance Hall  
For the Sake of the Song: A Tribute to Bruce Springsteen|7:30|Cafe  
191 Highland Ave

Sunday|May 29

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

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m. Greg Allison Acoustic Duo |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**  
Seamonsters Deput 7" Single Zero Release Show|Brothers Mccann Acoustic|Seamonsters  
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**  
Arts at the Armory's Spring Fever Market  
10 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Monday|May 30

**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**  
Adam Payne|In the Round w/Ruth Rappaport & Joe Peat  
Wetherbee|Teddy Larkin, Thea Hopkins & Ruth Rappaport Joe Wetherbee  
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

**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 31

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

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Spider John Koerner|9 p.m.  
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**  
Dan Mcdonough|Dairse Dairson|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**  
Karaoke  
381 Summer St

Wednesday|June 1

**Johnny D's**  
Rolling Roots Revue| Rolling Roots Revue  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

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

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

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

**Precinct Bar**  
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**  
Barracudas| The Barreracudes (Atlanta)| Mother's Children(Montreal| Boyfriends  
381 Summer St

**Bloc 11**  
Sam Mayer|Go-Flo Casuals  
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Wednesday|May 25

**Central Library**  
The Immigrant Story and Women's Role in the Novels of the Indian Diaspora  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Third Life Studio**  
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 26

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

Friday|May 27

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

Saturday|May 28

**Central Library**  
Zines and Rad Reproductive Health  
2 p.m. - 4p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Third Life Studio**  
Monthly Open Voice Movement  
Therapy Workshops  
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  
Zumba with Alyne Silva  
4 p.m.-5:30|33 Union Sq

Sunday|May 29

**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 30

Memorial Day - Library Closed

**Third Life Studio**  
Beginning Hawaiian Hula  
5:45 p.m.| 781-729-2252

Tuesday|May 31

**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|June 1

**Central Library**  
Mystery Book Club  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Third Life Studio**  
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

## Air pollution study groundwork completed CONT. FROM PG 1

monitors throughout the city and a van decked out with scientific gear to view UFP. Now, the work in Somerville is done, and the work in analyzing the millions of data points begins.

"There are elevated levels of ultra-fine particulates near the highway, especially on the down-wind side of the highway, extending out 300 to 400 meters from the highway," said Brugge of the UFPs, which can reach as high as 100,00 per cubic centimeter, (about the size of a sugar cube). "The exact direction that the plume of ultra-fines are going in and how far it extends and how large it is quite variable," he said.

These variables, including weather, traffic, time of day and season of the year are what necessitate the long period of scientific analysis, "but I would say that we can confidently say that we've seen higher levels of these ultra-fines near the highway as compared to the background area," said Brugge.

Brugge's work included the enlistment of Doctoral student Christine Hemphill Fuller of

Harvard, who will write her thesis on part of the research on air quality, and Allison St. Vincent, a Tufts PHD student in environmental engineering. St. Vincent was responsible for driving the van.

The study also set up a team who worked to get the surveys and clinical visits completed. The team accomplished the feat of over 200 completed surveys and over 140 clinical tests, which gleaned biometric data from blood samples and tests of residents.

The in-depth nature of the work was necessary to understand the full effects and risks on the average person over a prolonged period. Residents were chosen who were over 40 years of age and after they agreed to perform the hour-long survey. These surveys were carried out by a field team of Somervillians, including Helene Sroat a 10-year resident. "In general people were friendly and interested," said Sroat. "In most cases they responded positively and participated in the survey."

"Some people said that they

had felt concerned about it for a long time. That they'd had health concerns in their family and they didn't know where those had arisen from," she said.

One such person was longtime Somervillian Joseph Ferrazzani, who had a monitor put in his home, and had twice gone to the clinic to measure chemical levels in his blood and described the field team as "very, very kind" and "very helpful". "I think it's very important that people should know about this problem. There are too many homes built near highways, and highways cut through neighborhoods and not enough being done about it," he said.

Ferrazzani said he had been surprised when he suffered a stroke a few years ago, and while he did not know at the time that chemicals from the highway may have contributed, he said the findings made sense in concordance with health problems he and his loved ones had faced.

"Things get neglected all the time, people get hurt, they don't know about it, what's out there in the air," he said.

"I'm not a politician, but I think more people should stand up for it, and tell them not to take our property away and put up a highway."

Last year, the study was also given an additional \$749,893 to study the effects of air filters in mitigating the damages. HEPA air filters were placed in residents' homes who live near the highway, and their biometric data was monitored as well. The prevalence of minorities living near the highway necessitated the use of Portuguese, Spanish and Haitian Creole to communicate. Luz Padro, a Post-doctoral student at Tufts, assisted in the process.

"I don't think that CAFEH was framed primarily as an environmental justice study, but I think, de facto, it has that element to it," said Brugge. "Because the communities that we're working in: the community of Somerville near the highway, the community of Dorchester in South Boston near the highway, and Boston, Chinatown, are communities that have a large percentage of

lower-income people and also a substantial percentage of those are people of color. Environmental justice is really the impact of environmental hazards on low-income and minority communities."

The study has expanded from Somerville out into Dorchester and Chinatown, which must undergo similar studies before statistical analysis of Somerville pollution can be properly understood. Brugge said he was excited to be at this stage, however, as projects of such ambition and scale usually fail to hit their mark.

"We'll have this data emerge in a form that we can start working with it and do the analysis that we originally intended for it," he said. He hoped that his and his team's work would contribute to public policy when all was said and done.

Between I-93 and Routes 38 and 28, the section of Somerville being studied has around a quarter-million cars that pass through every day on average. Around 30 million Americans live near highways.

## Mayor, SCAT fight Verizon at Statehouse CONT. FROM PG 1

in negotiating business for installation and service. Opponents, including Curtatone, called the proposed bill insidious and self-serving, Curtatone saying the ramification would "deepen the divide between rich and poor," in "driving up property values for the haves while driving down properties values for the have-nots," as it would allow Verizon greater mobility in choosing where to

install wires.

"We do not as municipalities cherry-pick neighborhoods to which we send a fire truck or which neighborhoods get running water and electricity," said Curtatone. "In this Information Age, we should not cherry-pick which neighborhoods have access to high speed networks and cable competition. Now, this may be a telecommunications bill, but there are still some

rather unpleasant social policies working within it."


Curtatone was supported by Wendy Blom, Executive Director of SCAT, Somerville's community access television, who said that Verizon, which has successfully pushed legislation in other states, would effectively help destroy SCAT.

"It's misleading because they say it's for competition, and they say it's not going to hurt public

access, but when they get their statewide franchising many public access stations have closed," said Blom. "Now they haven't been successful doing that in Massachusetts, however they're trying to whittle down our current laws by limiting the amount of time that cities can negotiate and in this way, they are really keeping the cities from getting the best deal that they can. The city's deal is our deal."

Verizon has claimed that the lack of time limits has negatively effected their competition with XFINITY, and has caused cities like Somerville to miss out on high-speed FiOS internet for the last several years. "The only thing keeping Verizon out of my city, Somerville, is Verizon," said Curtatone, who added that if Verizon would reach out, "I'll do a license in less than 90 days."

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## Election Department open for this year's elections



The City of Somerville local elections are to be held this year and this past Monday, May 23, was the first day to pull nomination papers for any of the local elections post. For Mayor you will need 250 registered voters to sign your petition, Alderman at Large 150, and Ward Alderman and School Committee only 100 signatures. The time frame to pull nomination papers is from Monday May 23 to June 27. The primary election is to be held on September 13 if more than 2 certify in each ward and more than 8 certify for Alderman at large. The election department staff is prepared to answer any questions you might have. Just call 617 625-6600 or visit them on the lower floor at City Hall. So far this week, Mayor Joseph Curtatone pulled his papers on Monday, along with all the incumbent alderman at large seeking re-election with one new one, Michael D. Nionnakis, who pulled for Alderman at Large. That would be 5 so far, and 4 more would require a primary. On the local Ward races, Ward 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7 Incumbents pulled papers in Ward 4. Tony LaFaunte, former Mayoral candidate, and Christine Barber pulled for Ward 4. In Ward 7 two ladies have pulled against incumbent Bob Trane. They are, as expected, Joan Whitney Puglia, a lifelong resident, and Katjana Ballantyne. On the School Committee front Ward 1, 2, 3, 5 & 7, only the incumbents pulled. No one else so far is challenging them.

- Donald Norton

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# 'For the Sake of the Song' to honor Bruce Springsteen

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Local musicians will gather to pay tribute to The Boss when The Armory Center for the Arts hosts For the Sake of the Song: A Tribute to Bruce Springsteen this coming Saturday, May 28, at 8 p.m.

The group has been presenting their For the Sake of the Song events at various venues throughout the area, celebrating the music of music legends such as Neil Young, Leonard Cohen, and Townes Van Zandt.

Greg Loftus, Kieran Ridge, and Patrick Coman are the featured performers. They will be playing some of their Springsteen favorites as well as discussing his influence on their own songwriting and performing.

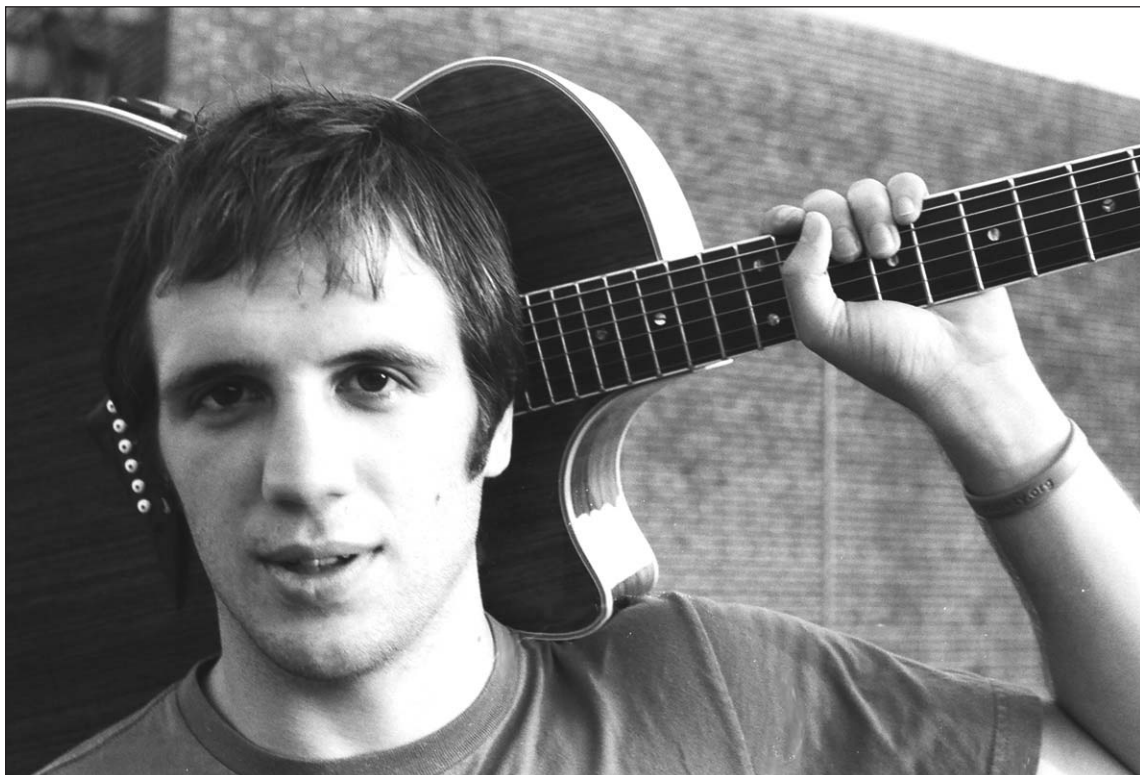
"The way he can connect with the lives of ordinary people has allowed him to stay relevant throughout his career instead of fading away like other artists who maybe lose sight of that as time goes by," said Coman. "I think it will be fun to see which songs each performer picks because Springsteen has such a diverse catalog. For instance, one of the songs I'm playing is I'm On Fire, which is not one of his folksier songs, so it will be fun to put it in that context. That,

to me, is always the most fun. To see how different performers reinterpret the material and put their own stamp on these classic songs."

According to Coman, "Springsteen obviously has a reverence for the history of folk music and you can hear it in albums like Nebraska and The Seeger Sessions. But more than that he has such an honest approach to his songwriting. His ability to describe the lives of regular people in ways that can be beautiful or heartbreaking - or both - that to me makes him folk whether he is playing a solo acoustic tune or a big rock song like Born To Run.

Coman's knowledge of Springsteen's body of work is astute and removes any doubt as to how respectful these artists are going to be towards the pop music icon. "Tributes and covers can be difficult when the original musician's treatment of the work can take a life of its own. The cover should not mimic the original too closely so as to sound like electronic playback. When it comes to a Springsteen tune, the craft from the songwriting to the sound is synonymous with the creator, so any tribute would have to be carefully arranged for tone and timing."

Coman's understanding of



Local musician Patrick Coman shows his respect for The Boss at the Armory for the Arts this weekend.

Springsteen's music is abundantly apparent. "I am really excited about this show because not only is Bruce Springsteen one of my favorite artists of all time, but we also have a great line up with Greg Loftus and Kieran Ridge on the bill. The great thing about these shows is that they also give the audience a chance to learn more about some the amazing talent we have right here in town and I think people are going to be really impressed with what these guys do

with the Springsteen material, as well as their own original songs."

More information on upcoming For the Sake of the Song events can be found on their Web site at [www.forthesake-](http://www.forthesake-)

[ofthesong.com](http://ofthesong.com). Meanwhile, the Armory is the place to be this Saturday to get a taste of how this group of talented artists can offer new perspectives on the work of a world-class legend.

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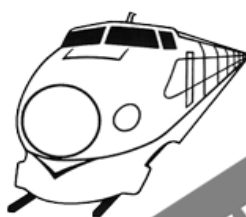
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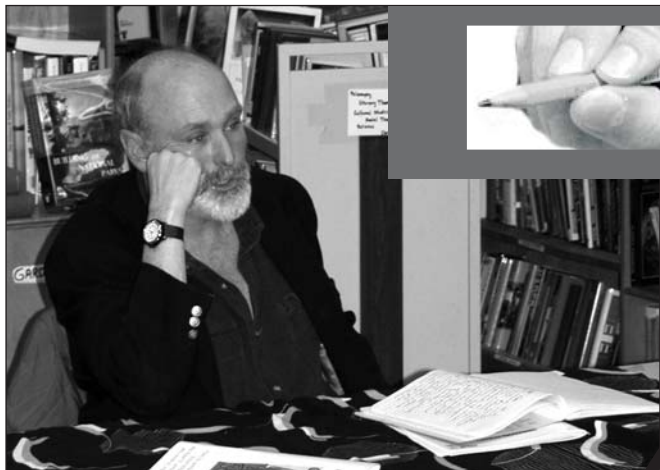
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# SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, May 25</b>		5:30pm	Ablevision	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00am	GRIT
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	2-5:00pm	Community Forums	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
7:00am	Arabic Hour	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:30pm	Physician Focus	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
9:00am	GRIT	11:00pm	Captain Solo	7:00pm	Somerville News Reading	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
10:00am	Abugida TV	<b>Friday, May 27</b>		8:00pm	Grit TV	3:00pm	Community Forums
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	Al Jazeera
12noon	Democracy Now!	6:00am	Changes in Health Care	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	7:00pm	Art @ SCATV
1:00pm	The Struggle	8:00am	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	7:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis
1:30pm	Animal Agenda	9:00am	GRIT TV	<b>Sunday, May 29</b>		8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	9:30am	Somerville News Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	10:30am	Katie Couric @ Tufts	6:00am	Rompendo em Fe	<b>Tuesday May 31</b>	
3:30pm	Tribuna Medica	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	7:00am	Vida Na TV (2)	12:00am	Free Speech TV
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	Cook w/Georgia & Dez	8:30am	The Atheist Viewpoint	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians
5:30pm	Healer in Every House	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	9:00am	Grit TV	8:00am	Democracy Now!
6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC	3:00pm	Inside Talk	10:00am	Christian Assembly	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy Gold	11:00am	International Church of God	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	4:30pm	Money On Your Mind	12noon	S'ville Housing Authority	11:00am	CommonSense
8:30pm (LIVE)	Somer-Time	5:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	12:30noon	Somerville Hospital	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
9:30pm (LIVE)	The Freemont Show	5:30pm	Your Money, Your Life	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC	2:00pm	The Road to Recovery	1:30pm	Active Aging
11:00pm	Art @ SCATV	7:00pm	Fernando's Hideaway	2:30pm	El Poder de Elegir	2:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
<b>Thursday, May 26</b>		8:00pm	Visual Radio	3:00pm	Inside Talk (2)	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Razormore	3:30pm	Shrink Rap	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
6:00am	In Season, Out of Season	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	4:00pm	Ethiopian Satelite TV	4:00pm	Programa Vida Na TV
6:30am	Eckankar	10:00pm	Sound Off	5:00pm	Abugida TV	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
7:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	11:00pm	Juprey Promotions	6:00pm	African TV Network	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
8:00am	Democracy Now!	<b>Saturday, May 28</b>		7:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC
9:00am	GRIT TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	GAIN TV	7:00pm	Art @ SCATV
9:30am	Active Aging	6:00am	Arabic Hour	9:00pm	Reclaiming Their Voice	7:30pm (LIVE)	Greater Somerville w/ Joe Lynch
11:00am	S'ville News Reading	7:00am	GAY USA	10:00pm	Changes In Health Care	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:00am	The Struggle	11:00pm		9:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Biking News
1:00pm	African TV Network	8:30pm	Animal Agenda	<b>Monday, May 30</b>		10:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	The Expert Series
3:00pm	Tele Lakay	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:00am	Heritage Park Church		
4:00pm	Live Response	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	7:00am	Reclaiming Their Voice		
5:00pm	Improv Toolkit w/Nadira	12:00pm	Reeling: The Movie review	8:00am	Democracy Now!		

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, May 25</b>		12:30am: (15)	Innovative HS Science Awards Presentation	5/10/11	12:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
9:00am: (13/16)	The Aldermen's Hour	1:40am: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter	7:00pm: (15)	12:30pm: (15)	Healey School Spring Concert
9:00am: (15)	Innovative Sciences Award Presentation	9:00am: (13/16)	Inner Belt/Brick Bottom Meeting - 5/16/11	7:30pm: (15)	1:00pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter
11:30am: (15)	Community Story Walk			8:00pm: (13/16)	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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12:30pm: (15)	SHS Spring String Fling Concert	12:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	8:30pm: (13/16)	7:35pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
1:30pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:30pm: (15)	Community Story Walk	9:10pm: (13/16)	8:00pm: (13/16)	The Aldermen's Hour
7:00pm: (13/16)	The Aldermen's Hour	1:00pm: (13/16)	Legally Speaking w/Michelle Mulvena		8:00pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter
7:00pm: (15)	2011 Special Olympics	1:00pm: (15)	SHS Spring String Fling Concert	<b>Sunday, May 29</b>		
7:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	1:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	12:00am: (13/16)	12:00am: (15)	Senior Circuit
8:00pm: (15)	Community Story Walk	2:10pm: (13/16)	Inner Belt/Brickbottom Focus Group - 5/16/11	12:30am: (15)	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff
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8:40pm: (13/16)	Patriots' Day 2011			1:00am: (15)	1:00am: (13/16)	The Aldermen's Hour
9:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting Agenda for 5/26/11	7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:30am: (13/16)	1:00am: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter
9:00pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Awards 2011	7:30pm: (15)	Community Story Walk	2:10am: (13/16)	1:30am: (13/16)	PorchFest 2011
<b>Thursday, May 26</b>		8:00pm: (13/16)	Legally Speaking w/Michelle Mulvena		9:00am: (13/16)	PorchFest 2011
12:00am: (13/16)	The Aldermen's Hour	8:00pm: (15)	SHS Spring String Fling Concert	12:00pm: (13/16)	9:00am: (15)	Healey School Spring Concert
12:00am: (15)	2011 Special Olympics	8:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	12:00pm: (15)	11:30am: (15)	SHS Spring String Fling Concert
12:30am: (13/16)	Talking Business	9:10pm: (13/16)	Inner Belt/Brickbottom Focus Group - 5/16/11	12:30pm: (15)	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
1:00am: (15)	Community Story Walk	<b>Saturday, May 28</b>		12:35pm: (13/16)	12:35pm: (13/16)	Patriots' Day 2011
1:10am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	12:00am: (13/16)	Somerville Steering Committee 5/10/11	1:00pm: (13/16)	12:50pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Basketball 2010-11
1:30am: (15)	Healey School Spring Concert	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	7:00pm: (13/16)	1:20pm: (15)	Mayor's Athletic Achievement Awards
1:40am: (13/16)	Patriots' Day 2011	12:30am: (15)	Community Story Walk	7:00pm: (15)	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
2:00am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Awards 2011	1:00am: (13/16)	Legally Speaking w/Michelle Mulvena	7:30pm: (15)	7:00pm: (15)	Kennedy School Spring Concert
9:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business			8:00pm: (13/16)	7:35pm: (13/16)	Legally Speaking w/Michelle Mulvena
9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:00am: (15)	SHS Spring String Fling Concert	8:00pm: (15)	8:00pm: (15)	Community Story Walk
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12:35pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville Steering Committee 5/10/11	<b>Monday, May 30</b>		
1:05pm: (13/16)	The Aldermen's Hour	12:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:00am: (13/16)	12:00am: (15)	Senior Circuit
1:40pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:30pm: (15)	Community Story Walk	12:00am: (15)	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff
7:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	1:00pm: (13/16)	Legally Speaking w/Michelle Mulvena	12:30am: (15)	12:35am: (13/16)	Healey School Spring Concert
7:00pm: (15)	SHS Football & Basketball Cheerleading 2010-11			12:35am: (13/16)	1:00am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
7:30pm: (15)	Innovative HS Science Awards Presentation	1:00pm: (15)	SHS Spring String Fling Concert	1:00am: (13/16)	1:00am: (15)	The Aldermen's Hour
8:40pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter	1:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	1:00am: (15)	1:00am: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter
<b>Friday, May 27</b>		2:10pm: (13/16)	Inner Belt/Brickbottom Focus Group - 5/16/11	9:00am: (13/16)	9:00am: (13/16)	Legally Speaking w/Michelle Mulvena
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12:00am: (15)	SHS Football & Basketball Cheerleading 2010-11				12:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 5/26/11



## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Holder to his readers: 'Take a walk'

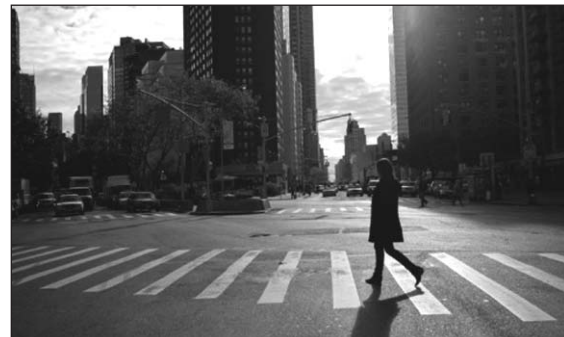
The famed poet, rock musician, and memoirist Patti Smith told a graduating class at Pace University in New York City that if she had to tell students one thing about the creative life it would be to get good dental care. She said in her day (She is 64), artists were pretty poor and they let their teeth go. She went on to say that you want to pace back and forth in your garret because you are in close contact with your muse, not because you need a root canal.

One thing I would add that is a necessity for a poet or writer is walking. I've written about it before. You know the old slogan "I'd walk a mile for a Camel." Well, I'd walk 10 miles for the hell of it. In a recent article in the American Poetry Journal poet Ed Hirsch explains very nicely why walking is the right stimulant to get the creative juices flowing:

"Poetry is a vocation. It is not a career but a vocation. I have associated that calling with my life's work, with walking. I love the leisurely pace amplitude, the spaciousness of taking a walk, of heading anywhere, somewhere on foot. You cross a threshold, and you're on your way....Poetry is written from the body and mind, and the rhythm and the pace of a walk gets you going and grounded. It's kind of a light meditation. Day dreaming is one of the key sources of poetry - a poem often starts as a daydream that finds its way into language - and walking seems to bring a different sort of alertness, an associative kind of thinking, a drifting state of mind."

If you have one book to read I would try Alfred Kazin's *A Walker in the City*. Kazin remembered the walks he took as a child, and captures his neighborhood of Brownsville, Brooklyn - the dark and dank tenements where immigrant Jews from Russia and Poland lived lives of cramped desperation in the Depression Era. His walks lead him past the mysterious Irish and Italian neighborhoods, and even the enigmatic horizon of Manhattan, a veritable Emerald City for this provincial boy. By reading this book, and walking Kazin's walk, you will learn what it takes to be a writer - a close observer. You will read streets like you are reading a text - with a discerning eye for details, and for what's behind the surface of things - a critical reader, indeed.

Walking through Boston and Somerville is like walking through different phases of my life. And



with each walk I take I am flooded with images and memories that enter my writing. Walking down Bay State Road through Boston University I can recall stumbling home to my Brownstone dorm from some keg party at Shelton Hall across the street. I was told F. Scott Fitzgerald had a room in Shelton when it was a hotel. I could imagine the great writer sleeping off yet another bender in a room that was now occupied by some kid pulling an all-nighter. Walking further down into the campus and hitting the Nickerson Field football stadium I suddenly remember the streakers who traversed the field in their birthday suits on a chilly fall day. I never had the body for that.

I might find myself walking on the streets of Chinatown, looking for the drooping, fat-sweating ducks in the window of my favorite long defunct haunt the "Ying-Ying." All those pungent smells, the chattering Cantonese of the customers, the mass produced wisdom of the fortune cookie - all those ghosts that walk by me on my walk.

And if I find myself in Somerville, and I am walking up Ibbetson Street; I might come across that orange colored Victorian that first housed my independent press *Ibbetson Street*. This was the first apartment my wife and I lived in when we were married. I remember the day we took a photograph of 30 poets sitting on our front porch, old hippies, Hip-Hoppers, graybearded leftists from the New York City East Village scene, young women with peasant skirts and long flowing hair blowing in the fragrant spring breeze. I remember the bemused gaze of the neighbors when we posed for that shot.

So if you have writer's block, grab your coat, grab your hat, leave your troubles at the doorstep, just relax your feet on the sunnyside or even the dark-side of the street, and that pensive pen will hit the blank sheet yet again.

## Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

I can feel summer's breath upon us. So I decided to use a poem by a local visiting poet Younseop Ko in this week's LYRICAL. Ko is here on sabbatical from Dongguk University in Korea where he teaches the history of Korean Buddhism and Korean Buddhist Philosophy. He is studying the History of Korean Thought through the Korea Institute at Harvard. On the side he teaches the History of Korean Thought at Munsusa in Wakefield. Ko has published four collections of his poetry in Korean and is at work on a fifth.

#### Summer Sky

A cicada perched on an oak tree  
Rubbed its whole body, wringing out its song.  
Then it dropped the last remaining skin  
After its emergence  
a sleeve of silken dress woven without entangling  
a single strand  
A book of poetry fashioned by the simmering summer sky  
I still have plenty of skin left,  
My nose always getting caught in each strand of the melody  
All summer long the cicada on the tree  
Ceaselessly embroidered stitch after stitch,  
and produced a superb song like a heavenly seamless dress  
That transcends all flaws,  
That doesn't get caught in the net of heat  
Like the west wind that goads the late summer.

- Younseop Ko  
translated by Changsoo Ko

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#### News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

appear before the judge on June 14th to give reason why the house looks the way it does. We will be watching this one closely to see how the Building Department and the courts handle this. We even have pictures of the back yard and how it looks. It's been this way for several years now. Hopefully, the city and courts can settle this issue once and for all.

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The Somerville High Scholarship Foundation held their annual drawing this past Friday night, and the first place prize of \$10,000.00 ended up being split by six ticket holders. They are: Marshall Sloane of Century Bank, Mia Pfitzer, Frank Schrage, and Frances DiFraia.

One from Group of 4 are from Healy School, Kim Connolly, Kathleen Donahue, Mary Gooch, and Joan Lynch. Second Group of 4 are, Bill Wood, Charline Harris, Stanley Czesniuk, and Maureen Liberatore. Congratulations to all the winners. We hear that, as usual, everyone had a blast and lots of door prizes were given out during the evening. Great work this group of dedicated citizens do every year for a great cause for the students at the high schools. A check for each of the six was written out for \$1,666.66. The two groups mentioned were splitting the \$1,666.66 amongst themselves.

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The City's annual Shape Up

**Somerville/Somerville Recreation Road Race, which had previously been scheduled for April 10th 2011, has been rescheduled for Sunday June 5th as part of the City's first SomerStreets event of the year. Now being held on a different racecourse, the children's "Fun Run" will kick off at 11.a.m. with a race around Foss Park. At 12 noon the adult walk/run will begin from Foss Park and continue to School Street, Highland Avenue down Central to Summer Street, then up Walnut to Gilman Street, down to Cross Street, ending at SomerStreets on East Broadway. For a map go to the city's web site [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov).**

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Remember the interview that we did two or three years ago with President George W. Bush's former Chief of Staff Andy Card? Well, the Republican who hinted around then to The Somerville News that he may be interested in becoming our next governor was in Boston on Saturday at a kick off campaign for ALS (Lou Gerick Disease) at Fenway Park for former Governor Paul Cellucci. Andy Card promised if he does run he would let The Somerville News know first. We will be watching very closely to see if he throws his hat in the ring for governor, now that Deval Patrick has said this would be his last term, which ends in three years. If he runs it's possible a Murray/Curtatone ticket could happen.

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  <b>71217124 \$329,900</b> Condo. 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 fireplace, garage parking, over 55 community.	   <b>Condominium Somerville</b>  <b>\$221,000</b> 71234735  Top floor-Penthouse One bedroom, laundry in unit, deck off master bedroom. Lots of sunshine!	   <b>71197042 \$529,000</b> Two family. 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Walking distance to Porter Sq shops and Red Line.		
Lynn	Reading	Somerville	Lynn	Arlington
  <b>71237277 \$139,000</b> Condo. 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Off street parking, walking distance to beach.	<b>Reduced!</b>   <b>71126544 \$157,800</b> Condo. 4 rooms, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Eat-in- kitchen w/ maple cabinets. Great complex w/pool.	  <b>71082973 \$754,350</b> Single family near Ball Sq. 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 fireplace. Large rooms. 2 car garage.	<b>Reduced!</b>   <b>71131241 \$100,000</b> Single family. 5 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Eat-in- kitchen, enclosed porch, yard.	  <b>71236196 \$187,500</b> Condo. 3 rooms, 1 bed- room, 1 bath. Top corner unit, low condo fee in- cludes heat and hot water.