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Somerville does its spring cleaning



The annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up brought out local masses in a grand effort to spruce up and beautify the city's image. Turn to pages 12-13 for more pictures.

Photo by Bobbie Toner

Gypsy cabs target of crackdown

By Harry Kane

The Somerville Police Department has recently issued several \$300 fines to gypsy cabs. These so called gypsy cabs, as well as licensed cabs from other cities, are masquerading as Somerville taxis on the Internet, says Sergeant James Rooney, who issues taxicab drivers' licenses in the city of Somerville.

Complaints from residents worried Sergeant Rooney, so in response, Rooney assembled a sting operation to catch some of the wannabe Somerville taxis.

A few of the companies that advertise on the internet, as being Somerville taxis, unknowingly picked up a plain clothed police officer, only to find out that Sergeant Rooney was going to dish out a fine.

These gypsy cabs do not have a medallion. "Some of them are just some guy in a minivan," said Sergeant Rooney.

"I had one guy, it was just some guy in a minivan and he had a collie in the back, like lassie."

While gypsy cabs are the biggest concern, the non-Somerville taxis posing as local cabs appear to be the most pressing issue.

Currently, the law

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Peace Conference a platform for honest, creative teen voices

By Alexandra Botti

The high school auditorium was buzzing. This was no mandatory school assembly, and it was not a room full of disinterested teenagers who were somewhere they'd prefer not to be on a sunny Saturday. Instead, hoots and cheers went up as each new performer came to the stage, microphone in hand.

The young girl named Lisa told the audience of her struggles with body image through a self-composed monologue, and gave out words of comfort: "You are not alone," she told the crowd. "You're beautiful in your own way." Shouts of "I love you, Lisa!" and other exclamations of support filled the room as the lights went down on her, and up on the next set of performers.

This is the Somerville Youth Peace Conference, a day of original performances by Somerville teens based on their own experiences and ideas for community

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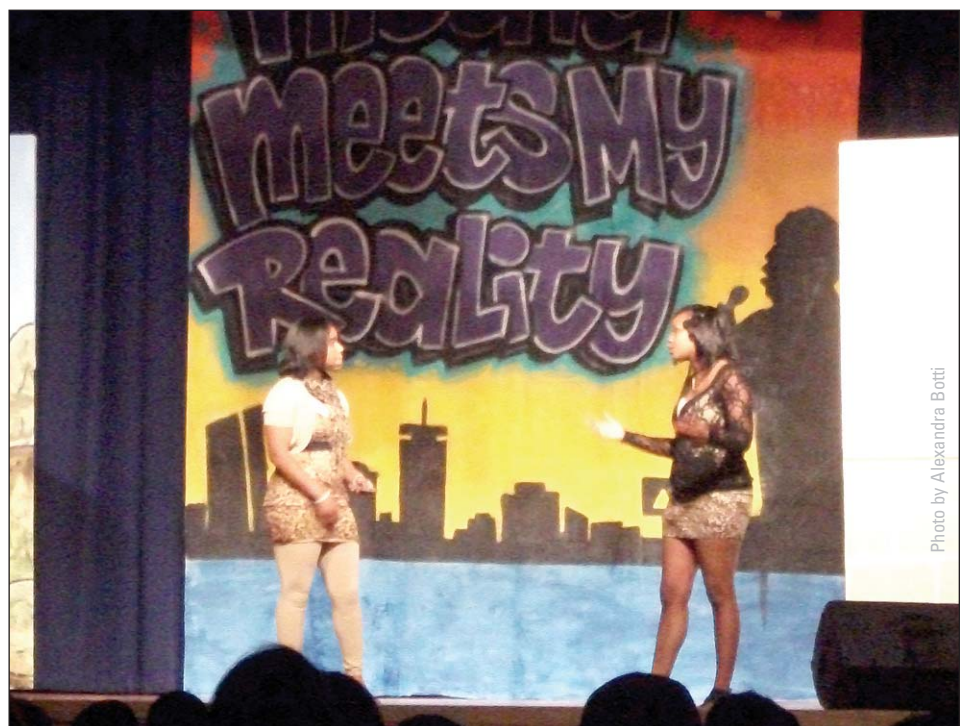


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The Center for Teen Empowerment's Somerville Youth Peace Conference provided an outlet for young people to express their hopes, fears, and ideas to the community and to one another.

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NEWTALK

This month's Somerville Chamber of Commerce, Business After Hours at the B2Green Expo & Networking event, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 3, at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington Street. Free appetizers, excellent networking, free business card drawing, cash bar amid a cool, mini-expo of local green innovators. Treat yourself and your select staff, customers, and clients. B2Green is sponsored by Bunker Hill Community College. After Hours sponsored by Century Bank. B2Green is produced by the Chamber's Green Committee and City of Somerville's Office of Sustainability & Environment. RSVP with name(s) and affiliation(s) to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

This Sunday, May 6, in Malden, the ever popular former mayor and soon to retire Registrar of Deeds Gene Brune will be hosting this his last annual scholarship breakfast at Anthony's in Malden. Gene has done a lot for the city and is so active in many organizations helping them to raise funds to help those in need. Join Gene and hundreds of his friends for this last breakfast as Registrar and say "Hi" to the many Somerville and beyond residents and friends. From 9 to 11 a.m. at Anthony's Function Hall on Canal Street in Malden.

This Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m., at the intersection of Teele Avenue and Curtis Street the city will dedicate in honor of service from PFC James F. Donovan who served in the Korean conflict with the US Army. The second one is at 2 p.m. at the intersection of McGrath and Linwood Streets in honor of Sgt. Pasquale "Patrick" Tauro who served in the US Army during WWII with the 67 Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion in the European conflict. We here at The News salute both these fine heros for their service to our country. Both the Donovan family and the Tauro Family invite you to attend this ceremony with Mayor Joe Curtatone and various city officials.

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *What to do about the national debt*

JAR says:

My suggestion is to first get rid of the Federal Reserve Bank. Just abolish it. Repudiate the debt, since it was largely created by the Federal Reserve's creating money out of thin air (with Congress' tacit approval) and allowing for fractional reserve banking. THEN return to a sound gold and silver-backed currency (as we had prior to August, 1971) and let the Dollar deflate on its own to where it should be. That will wash the toxic debt out of the system. Let the "too big to fail" banks and institutions fail. There simply is no other way.

Hillson says:

I am not a business expert, but I don't think we will ever get out of debt. Our debt is way out of control and the powers in Washington D.C.(Democrats and Republicans) are too busy blaming each other for the country's problems.

We would be better served if they all got together, identified our problems(which are obvious), and WORKED TOGETHER to solve them. But this will not happen. We are on our way to becoming a third rate nation.

I hope I am wrong, but all the signs are there to indicate a looming downfall for this great nation. I hope I am proved wrong. I have no hope and very little "change."

Harry says:

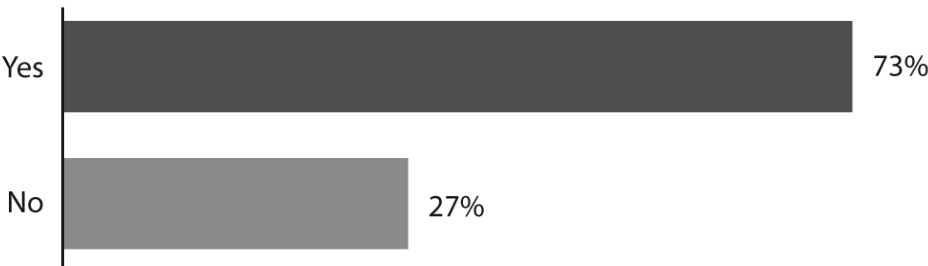
Maybe we can get Liz Warren to kick in some money from her native american ancestors... oh wait.

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are in favor with the new bike corrals being installed in meter spots in busy business areas. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Are you in favor of the new bike corrals being installed in meter spots in busy business areas?



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Gilman Street Bridge project at 25 percent design level

By Harry Kane

The Gilman Street Bridge will undergo construction next year, but some people are concerned that the reconstruction process will be detrimental to the flow of traffic and the parking for residents in the vicinity.

The Gilman Street Bridge is the three span bridge bringing Route 28 above Gilman Street. According to the MassDot proposal, the existing three span McGrath highway bridge will be replaced with a one span bridge.

Tentative dates for the initial work to begin according to MassDot would be in January of 2013. The project, under its current plan, would be constructed in up to 18 months, from that initial starting date. The preliminary estimate for construction is \$6,700,000.

Ward 1 Alderman Roche was concerned about the traffic man-

agement and parking for residents in the four-block construction zone, stretching from Auburn St. to Delaware St.

"In no means do I want to delay the project; it's long overdue," said Roche.

In terms of construction during that time frame, "There's an awful lot going on," said Roche. "Cut that down to two lanes, it's going to be gridlock."

Roche's concern about the gridlock resonated with constituents and residents of Ward 1.

The Gilman Street Bridge was built in 1908. Now, just over 100 years later, the bridge will undergo a 3-stage construction process, said John J. Maidrand, senior associate at Green International Affiliates, Inc., a civil and structural engineer company.

According to the proposed plan, one lane will be closed in each direction during each

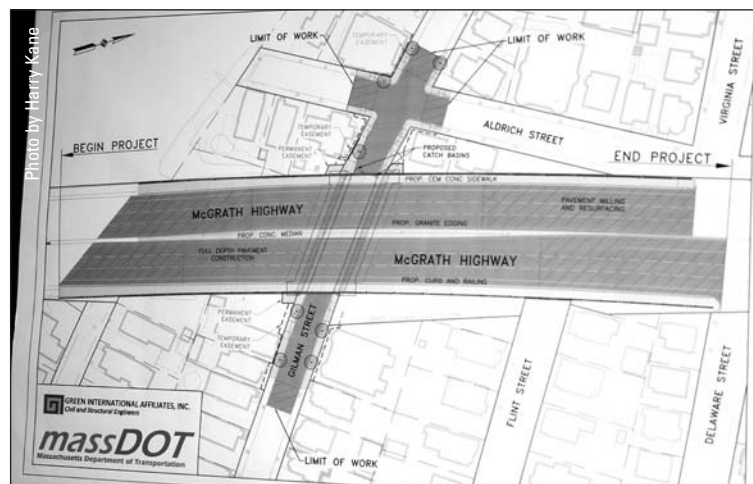
stage of the construction; two lanes will remain open on each side.

Attempts for mitigating traffic will include: "signal timing adjustments, traffic diversions to alternate routes, traffic monitoring and refining, coordination with adjacent construction projects and variable message signs," according to the MassDot proposal.

Due to the construction that will be happening on Broadway during the same time, as well as the raising of the Cross Street Bridge, which will closed down for one year, residents were concerned with the timing of the project.

Project Manager at MassDot, Steve McLaughlin, said, "staged construction may delay Gilman until Cross St. is done."

Residents were upset after hearing about restricted parking rules associated with the 18-month project. Abigail Coyle, a



The Gilman Street Bridge project was discussed at a public hearing on April 25.

nearby resident, said, "Parking is a giant concern."

Ward 1 Community Police Officer Stiles recommended that parking be allowed on both sides of the street.

"Where are these people going to park their cars?" said Stiles. "You gotta give these people some reprieve down there. You're talking about a great disadvantage to the people living there."

The project is currently at a 25 percent design level, according to the MassDot proposal. The design public hearing was held on April 25 and community input is allowed for up to 10 days from the hearing date. Contact Tracy Osimboni at Tracy.Osimboni@State.ma.us if you would like your comments included in the official hearing transcript.

Gypsy cabs target of crackdown

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allows out of town taxi cabs to service residents in Somerville, however, the law prohibits out of town taxis from masquerading as Somerville taxis: this is the main issue at hand.

Some of these suspect cab drivers are notoriously bad drivers and have long rap sheets, according to Rooney.

Rooney's job is to check the taxi drivers' criminal record and driving record to make sure everything is a-okay, and that the taxicab is a proper vehicle that's been inspected.

Historically, you call Green and Yellow Cab, said Rooney, but now that people utilize the Internet, they are fooled into believing that there are many Somerville cab companies.

This is due to the fact that outside taxi companies and gypsy cabs have fake websites advertising themselves as Somerville cabs.

General Manager of Green and Yellow Cabs, William Horan, shared his concern for the wellbeing of Somerville residents.

"Our perspective is that the customer has no idea what type of vehicle they are getting into when they get into a gypsy cab," said Horan. "Is the vehicle registered, fully insured, has it been properly maintained...who is behind the wheel of the car?"

When you take a ride with a gypsy cab, said Horan, "it is a roll of the dice."

Heuston, we have lift off!



Friends came together to celebrate Maryann Heuston's campaign for Middlesex South Register of Deeds at the Dante Club Tuesday night. The rain was not enough to stop the "Friend Raiser" from having a great turnout and give Maryann a great base to build her campaign on.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Alleged crack distribution ring busted

Members of the Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit took action last week against a suspected crack cocaine distribution ring. Investigators reportedly learned of the operation from information offered by a confidential source. The source reportedly named Denwich Bastien, 26, as the primary operator of the drug ring.

Surveillance teams were subsequently put into place at appropriate locations and on Friday afternoon, April 27, investigators reportedly observed Bastien, along with an alleged

accomplice, making contact with several individuals while driving in and around the cities of Somerville and Cambridge. The investigators reportedly believed that the activities observed were consistent with drug transactions in progress.

Bastien and his alleged accomplice, Antonio Cardoso, 33, were reportedly observed driving to various locations, stopping briefly while Cardoso exited the vehicle and made contact with individuals on the street, allegedly to make crack cocaine sales.

After several such apparent

transactions were observed, police confronted Cardoso while he was on the street, having just exited Bastien's car. Cardoso reportedly denied taking part in any suspicious activities, but finally when asked by officers if he had anything in his possession that would be of concern to them he admitted to having on his person two plastic bags with cocaine in them, police said.

Cardoso was then searched and the bags of what appeared to be crack cocaine were reportedly retrieved. Cardoso was then placed under arrest and charged

with drug possession to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Meanwhile, Bastien had reportedly met with another individual, Rafael Perez-Bautista, 18, at a different location and as investigators attempted to stop him for questioning he reportedly tried to flee in his vehicle, but accidentally crashed into one of the investigators' undercover car, according to reports.

Both Bastien and Bautista were placed under arrest and their persons and the vehicle were searched for evidence. Investigators believed that a trans-

action involving a quantity of marijuana and a small amount of money had been agreed on between the two men to be exchanged for some crack cocaine.

Bastien has been charged with drug violation near a school or park, possession of an open alcohol container in a motor vehicle, conspiracy to violate drug law, resisting arrest, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and drug possession to distribute.

Bautista has been charged with drug possession to distribute, possession of a class B drug, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Dunkin's patron threatened with knife

Police responded to a reported assault with a deadly weapon at the Dunkin' Donuts at 220 Broadway last Saturday morning.

The alleged victim told officers that he had been threatened with a knife by one of two men who were together in the eatery.

After getting descriptions of the men in question, police

soon located them on the street and made inquiries as to their side of the story.

The two brothers claimed that they had gone into Dunkin's in order to use the bathroom, but denied having any sort of confrontation with the alleged victim.

Police then went back to Dunkin's to get more details from the alleged victim. The

man said that he was sitting inside Dunkin' Donuts drinking coffee and that the two men entered the establishment and started harassing several patrons.

The alleged victim stated that one of the men said that he represented 18th Street (Calle 18 in Spanish). The alleged victim stated that both males used different hand signs that appeared

to be gang related. The alleged victim stated he was not familiar with gangs.

The alleged victim said that one of the men then took out a black folding knife and held it to the alleged victim's stomach and threatened him in Spanish. After someone inside Dunkin' Donuts called 911, the two men left the restaurant.

Police took the alleged victim for a "show-up" in order to identify the accused assailant. The alleged victim identified one of the men as the one who had threatened him with a knife.

William Fuentes, 20, was placed under arrest and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and threat to commit a crime.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Anthony Huguley, 23, of 37 Sydney St., April 23, 2:48 p.m., arrested at 222 Pearl St. on a warrant charge of destruction of property over \$250.

Jose Orellana, 34, of 112 Broadway, April 24, 6:52 a.m., arrested at 126 College Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Marcos Alves, 49, of 84 Flint St., April 26, 7:43 a.m., arrested at 230 Highland Ave. on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Denwich Bastien, 26, of 9 Flint Ave., April 27, 4:52 p.m., arrested at 35 Mt. Vernon St. on charges of drug violation near a school or park, possession of an open alcohol container in a motor vehicle, conspiracy to violate drug law, resisting arrest, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and drug

possession to distribute.

Antonio Cardoso, 33, of 137 Pearl St., April 27, 4:52 p.m., arrested at 35 Mt. Vernon St. on charges of drug possession to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Rafael Perez-Bautista, 18, of 35 Mt. Vernon St., April 27, 4:52 p.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distribute, possession of a class B drug, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Denis Cruz, 25, of 30 Aldrich St., April 27, 8:00 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a charge of assault and battery on a child.

William Fuentes, 20, of 16 Charles E Ryan Rd., April 28, 8:44 a.m., arrested at 220 Broadway on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and threat to commit a crime.

Leonardo Colon, 48, of 14 Wesley St., April 28, 10:20 p.m., arrested at home on a

charge of assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

April 24, 8:47 a.m., police reported a theft at Boston St.

April 24, 8:56 a.m., police reported a theft at Alewife Brook Pky.

April 24, 10:07 a.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.

April 24, 2:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Belmont St.

April 24, 8:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Springfield St.

April 24, 8:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Beech St.

April 25, 2:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Properzi Way.

April 26, 10:29 a.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

April 26, 10:37 a.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

April 27, 8:37 a.m., police reported a theft at Mt. Pleasant St.

April 27, 8:53 a.m., police reported a theft at Tufts St.

April 27, 11:02 a.m., police reported a theft at Elm St.

April 27, 3:28 p.m., police reported a theft at Otis St.

April 27, 7:40 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

April 28, 1:25 p.m., police reported a theft at Bolton St.

April 28, 9:02 p.m., police reported a theft at West Adams St.

April 29, 10:29 a.m., police reported a theft at Waterhouse St.

April 29, 6:50 p.m., police reported a theft at 5 Middlesex Ave.

Robbery:

April 26, 11:21 p.m., police reported a robbery at 45 Day St.

Breaking & Entering:

April 24, 3:18 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Somerville Ave.

April 27, 7:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at

Marion St.

Vehicle Theft:

April 29, 1:59 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Pearl St.

Assault:

April 25, 2:42 p.m., police reported an assault at 22 McGrath Hwy.

April 25, 4:58 p.m., police reported an assault at 31 Washington St.

April 26, 7:43 a.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.

April 26, 2:55 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

April 27, 10:44 a.m., police reported an assault at Wheatland St.

April 27, 8:00 a.m., police reported an assault at 220 Washington St.

April 28, 10:20 p.m., police reported an assault at Wesley St.

April 29, 11:04 a.m., police reported an assault at Kent St.

Marijuana risks addressed, youths still uninformed

By Max Sullivan

Last Tuesday, Somerville's Office of Prevention held a forum which addressed the risks of marijuana use, particularly in response to recent studies suggesting that youths in Massachusetts see pot as a safer alternative to alcohol and hard drugs.

Held in the third floor library of the Arthur D. Healey Middle School on Meacham St. by Cory Mashburn, head of the Office of Prevention in Somerville, and workers from Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP), a division of the Office of Prevention, the forum featured a presentation about the risks of marijuana use and some common misunderstandings about the drug, as well as a presentation on the legality of pot in Massachusetts. People of all ages were encouraged to attend, the purpose to ultimately address the fact that there has been a 30% increase in high school and middle school marijuana use since its decriminalization in 2008.

Ellie Crutcher, an intern with SCAP from Tufts University who gave one of the presentations that night, said she works with middle school kids in Massachusetts through volunteer work. She's heard from the kids themselves how marijuana isn't taken seriously as a threat among youths today.

"All of the students I talk to try to challenge that there really are any consequences," said Crutcher. "They see it as very safe and almost as something that is legal, even though it's not."

What plays into this misunderstanding, according to Crutcher, is that for starters kids think there are little, if any, health risks. While many users have claimed that pot smoking has virtually no

risks of lung cancer, Crutcher said this isn't the case.

"There actually are a lot of carcinogens [which cause cancer] in marijuana," said Crutcher, "50-70% more than in cigarettes."

Crutcher covered several other risks that are little known among young kids, including that many car accidents involve people who have marijuana in their system and that, despite what some kids might think, smoking marijuana tends to lower academic achievement.

On top of the health risks, say Crutcher and Mashburn, is that kids don't realize the fact that marijuana is completely illegal. Hearing the words "misdemeanor" and "\$100 fine" often give people, not just high schoolers, the impression that smoking pot is like speeding. It's "sort of" against the law, but there's nothing "wrong" about it. What many kids don't realize is that getting caught smoking will always result in mandatory classes on drug use and safety. If they fail to take these courses, they and their families could be slammed with up to \$1,000 dollars in fines.

Mashburn finished the evening, further explaining the legality of marijuana use and touching upon the situation with medicinal marijuana use in California. Mashburn showed an excerpt from a TV show from G4 Network, which gave a tour of several marijuana dispensaries in California. The dispensaries on TV appeared to be nothing more than smoke shops, fun to hang out in and smoke with other users. Most of these dispensaries were recently shut down by the Federal government, but Mashburn gets concerned when he sees how the media has portrayed these "smoke shops". With many peo-



As proponents and detractors debate making medical marijuana available in Massachusetts, educators are concerned that youths are not getting the right message and factual information regarding the risks involved in cannabis use.

ple pushing hard on both sides of the medicinal marijuana issue, Mashburn encourages people to think about what it might be like if medicinal marijuana made its way to Somerville. He pointed at the screen, saying they might see smoke shops like the ones in the G4 show.

"I know that California [introduced medicinal marijuana] back in 1996, but it hasn't happened on the east coast yet. I think Rhode Island has it, but there's not a lot of it around here so people don't know."

SCAP is continuing to research the health risks of marijuana and the rise of its use in Somerville teens. Only three people came to the meeting that night, but Mashburn intends to keep plugging away at making these risks better known to the community.

"[Bringing it] back to the education, all we can do is state the facts," said Mashburn, "and what marijuana does do to the body, and what it can affect."

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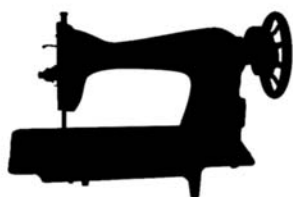


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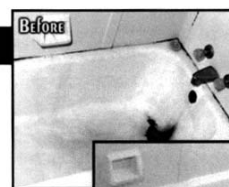
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Assembly Square groundbreaking

Monday morning a formal groundbreaking ceremony took place for the new Orange Line T-Stop and construction on Phase I, the first three mixed use residential commercial blocks of Assembly Square.



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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

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Thank you, Somerville, for yet another great spring clean-up.

The View From Prospect Hill



Community volunteerism is an uplifting thing to observe and, especially, to participate in. When the efforts involved result in making the community a bit cleaner and a more comfortable place to live then it is all to the better. So it was with the annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up last

Saturday as many residents turned up to pitch in, pick up, and sweep out the old, unwanted refuse and generally celebrate our mutual appreciation of the city we live and work in. Not only did locals lend their time and elbow grease in doing the actual work involved, but

many individuals and business concerns also donated tools and cleaning supplies to help out with the cleanup. A community BBQ was held at the Blessing of the Bay Boat House on Shore Drive after the cleanup, and the generous volunteers were rewarded with fine

food, drink, and fellowship. The warm glow of satisfaction with a very worthwhile job well done was prevalent, and everyone present had a well-deserved good time. It is comforting to see that in these times when so many with a cynical view of modern day soci-

ety feel that most people are too selfish or lazy to contribute to the common good, such ideas can be very wrong. There are still a lot of folks around who are more than willing to give of themselves in order to make the community a better place for all. We thank you and salute you.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our fans here in the 'Ville. Former Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay is celebrating her birthday this week and we wish her many more. A Big Happy 40th to Mike Moccia from the Ball Square Café. Best wishes to Leo Saltman, who works for the city, this week. Also to Chris Cianci, who grew up here and is seen down in East Somerville. To Linda Norton Beebe, who is a fan of The News. Other notables here in the 'Ville: Connie McCallum, who is the wife of Former Ward 4 Alderman Jimmy. Others are Jeff Snow, who also happens recently to be engaged to be married in 2013. To these and all our Birthday 'Villens, we wish them the best.

We slipped up and he reminded me that Tony and Donna Alibrandi of Tony's Barber Shop (on Holland Street) recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week. The best from The News and all his fans out in the 'Ville and they have a very popular fan base throughout the city. Make sure you stop in to get a haircut from anyone in the shop and congratulate Tony and Donna. They make a nice couple, don't they?

A shout out and thank you to NSTAR and their quick response here in the 'Ville at the Masonic Building last week. It seemed that the wiring underground was rotten and they were on it very quickly. They located the problem and immediately took care of the entire situation and had a full crew out to take care of the matter. It took two days to fix but the church group and the masons were very pleased with the response. With all the bad things said about utilities, in this instance they were great. No complaints and everyone thanked them for a job well done.

Congratulations to Olivia Brown who is a 10 year old Junior Girl Scout with Troop #1318 right here in Somerville. Olivia sold over 535 boxes of cookies which raised enough money for her to take a trip to Washington DC with her troop for the 100th Birthday celebration of the Girls Scouts. Her troop is planning this trip for June. Olivia is very proud to be a Girl Scout and looks forward to becoming a Cadet in a few years. Job well done Olivia, from your friends here at The Somerville News. When she gets there, we will have

Olivia get us some pictures of her troop at the celebration.

Once again and were not surprised, but the very popular Ward 1 Alderman Bill Roche is very happy to have the largest turnout city wide of volunteers down in East Somerville for the Annual Somerville Spring Clean-up. Over seventy volunteers were visible on over 80% of the Ward 1 streets. In addition to the dozens of Ward 1 residents, Carrie Dancy organized many volunteers through the East Somerville Main Streets organization including members from the Somerville Runners Club. The Somerville Boxing club showed their support as well, participating with many teenagers eager to show their Somerville Pride. This marks, at least for the past dozen years, that Ward 1 has led the way in participation in this yearly event. Alderman Bill Roche attributes this turnout down in East Somerville to the pride that is felt throughout the neighborhood that a lot of residents have.

Big time Happy 100th birthday to Saint Clements Parish. Cardinal O'Malley was present this past Sunday at Mass. It is an exciting thing for a

church to celebrate, and one with both an elementary and a high school. We salute St. Clements and wish them other 100 years.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Helen Williams who recently passed away, she was a life long resident of Somerville and well known by many here, she will be missed by a lot of people. Helen is also mother to our good friend Somerville Parking Control Officer Mary Williams Killoren. We are saddened here at The News of her passing.

We're advertising for a few good people here in the 'Ville. The Somerville News is looking for ad people, whether it's housewives, retirees, students - full or part time - make your own hours. Huge commissions for those who are self-starters. The News is also looking for more writers. Local writers to write stories on anything or anyone in Somerville. The News is the only local community paper whose staff, owners, and writers now live and work here.

Our good friend and Somerville News Publisher Emeritus, Continued on page 15

COMMENTARY

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Big day at Assembly Square



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Everyone agreed that the beautifully restored Edsels added a lot to the sense of occasion - and of history.

There they were, gleaming in the April sunshine. Those Edsels had been built at Ford's Assembly Square plant between 1958 and 1960, when American cars were long, wide, high-finned and even more highly chromed. As an affordable luxury model, the Edsel was considered a dud in its day. But from the vantage point of 2012, those handsome old cars - with their push-button automatic transmissions, "rolling dome" speedometers, self-adjusting

brakes, standard seat belts (unusual for the time), and child-proof locks - can be seen for what they are: regal and magnificent road machines that offer a glowing, solid reminder of the skill, ingenuity and hard work of the people of our city.

Back in the day, thousands and thousands of beautiful cars and light trucks rolled off the Ford lines at Assembly Square.

But yesterday, after nearly two decades of planning, debate and discussion, we saw the rollout of Assembly Square's next great product: our city's future.

As we gathered to celebrate the beginning of Phase 1 construction on the new Assembly Row - over 450 units of housing (the number will eventually grow to over 2000) and 300 thousand square feet of rental and commercial space - several of the speakers (including me), mentioned that this kind of progress can only happen when you take the long view.

For nearly two decades, we've been discussing, debating, litigating, planning, negotiating, partnering and working to find funding for the new As-

sembly Square. Finally, it's starting to happen: the new T station, the mixed use neighborhood, the waterfront park: all of it is happening.

As I said at Monday's groundbreaking ceremony, Assembly Square has a lot of moving parts and a lot of crucial participants, and every one of them deserves credit. Congressman Capuano, Senator John Kerry and the late, great Ted Kennedy all delivered in terms of securing and maintaining support for the use of federal transit funds. When our national economy plummeted into recession in 2008, the Deval Patrick Administration saw that Assembly Square deserved, and would make good use of, federal stimulus dollars and funding from the state's Infrastructure Investment Incentive (or I-Cubed) program.

Our Board of Aldermen did an amazing job of keeping the program moving forward over the past ten years with changes to our zoning regulations and with a crucial injection of \$25 million District Improvement Financ-

ing (DIF) bonds that will be repaid directly from the tax revenues generated by Assembly Square.

Our state legislative delegation backed us repeatedly on Beacon Hill, and they deserve their share of the credit, too.

Of course, Assembly Square wouldn't have happened without a superb development partner with the experience, patience and vision to deliver on a project of this magnitude. Since 2005, Federal Realty Investment Trust has been an honorable, reliable and creative collaborator - everything we could hope for in a partner, and more.

We also owe a true debt of gratitude to the activists who fought for - and sometimes with - the City to ensure that the project embodied the best transit-oriented, mixed use, smart growth principles of urban redevelopment. Many of the activists - from Wig Zamore of the Mystic View Task Force to Ellin Reisner of the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership - attended the groundbreaking on Monday. They deserved to be

there; this project is better for their efforts.

But, in the end, this was a celebration for every member of the Somerville community - past, present and future. \$130 million in public investment has leveraged \$1.6 billion in private investment. When fully built out, Assembly Square will spin off thousands of permanent jobs and tens of millions in annual tax revenues. And it will do these things because the people of our city have never given up on their hopes and dreams - and on their shared determination to build a new neighborhood on the banks of the Mystic River that embodies the best characteristics of our entire city: diverse, dynamic, vital and engaging.

Assembly Square is on its way: We should all take a moment to celebrate and ponder this extraordinary achievement.

And then we can get right back to work - because hard work is what got us to this great day and hard work is what will allow us to make the most of it.

Congratulations, everybody.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Magoun Square memories



They recently removed the "Lil Vinny's" sign on the closed business and underneath you could see the outline of the old "Danny's" sign.

It is a reminder of the years gone by and all the changes that have occurred in Magoun Square. Since I wrote about Ball Square a few weeks back, I figured we would give Magoun Square equal time. Many of my friends have chimed in are and these are some of their memories. Please note that people have tried to remember names and places and we have all done our best to dig deep in our minds.

When I think of Magoun Square I think of that little shop on Medford Street that sold musical instruments. There was a friendly looking old man inside and it was there for years. Then one day I noticed it was gone. A friend remembers 3D's Sub shop being in Magoun Square along with and Kerner's pharmacy where he enjoyed a cold root beer float. Bobby and Richie sold subs in 3D's for 25 cents! And the memories just keep on coming.

Friends recalled Smalls Variety, Sunnyhurst, LaTony's Pizza, Canty's Café, Odea's (maybe OD's?) Janar's Pharmacy (formerly Austin Drug), Maria's Ravioli, Sordillos Pharmacy, Roses Hardware and Frank's Cleaners. There was a meat market near Sunnyhurst but we couldn't remember the name (maybe it was Mitchell's as noted further on). Some think it was Sam's (like on *The Brady Bunch*).

Someone tells us, "My Dad had a little fish and chips place in Magoun and my uncle Frank had a barber shop at the other end of the square."

My friends Ed and Mike recall shining shoes in Magoun Square on weekends at every bar, then eating at Frenchy's Restaurant.

Who doesn't remember Frenchy's Breakfast? A friend notes, "The best thing about Magoun Sq. was Frenchy's restaurant. Frenchy was a legend in the square. She was open every day of the year except for Christmas and New Year's Day. What a character she was! For \$1.25 you got two eggs, two strips of bacon, two slices of toast, and a glass of OJ and all the coffee you could drink.

Frenchy's boyfriend was called Baldie and Twiggy was her daughter." We remember Peter Piro being in there and sometimes buying coffee for everyone. Cara Donna bakery was next door. Can you still taste the great éclairs you got there?

There were two jewelry stores in the square, one on the corner of Lowell and Medford Streets, and one across from Sunnyhurst. The one near Lowell St. had a cat clock in the window for years.

On the Hill Tavern was formerly Mahoney's, Sam Maguire's, and China Moon.

Someone passed this tid-bit along: "We used to play street hockey in the parking lot of Sunnyhurst Farms. I remember walking into a "bakery" one time, but it really wasn't one, and there was a bunch of suits at a small table playing cards. They didn't like it that I walked in on them!"

Another friend tells us: "There was a great breakfast place called Christies' owned by the Treskas. There was a pub called Sherlock Holmes where lots of Somerville people hung out. Mitchells Meat Market was a great store too." How about these memories from my friend's

82 year old dad: "Shawmut and Rose Hardware, Zeidel's Shoes, Sloane's Furniture, Somerville Kosher Market, Nash auto dealership, Harold Wells Jeweler, M Winer before it was Elm Farm."

On September 18, 1970, just after 2 a.m., the block of stores at 506-508 Medford Street were engulfed in a fire. An explosion and resulting fire heavily damaged the block. It started in the Renaldo Rene Hair Salon and spread to Sav-Mor Furniture, and 3D Sub shop. Thanks go out to Charlie Breen from Engine Seven.

I appreciate everyone who shared their thoughts and memories about Magoun Square. Not all the Magoun Square memories are pleasant and we will never forget the special people from there who are no longer with us.

Jimmy is available to host your event, play music, or just spice up any party or function. Call 617-623-0554 or jimmydel@rcn.com

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on ten roll calls from the week of April 23-27. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

Three of the House roll call votes involve successful attempts by Speaker Robert DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team to prevent Democratic members, in an election year, from having to vote directly against several Republican proposals to reduce taxes. The Democrats, with a 125 to 33 membership advantage, control the House.

Here's an example of how it works: The Republicans offer a proposal to reduce the sales tax from 6.25 percent back to 5 percent. If the Democratic leadership does nothing, there would be a roll call vote directly on the tax reduction. Most Democrats would vote against it and then would be open to charges of being anti-taxpayer in the election campaign.

To avoid that, a Democratic member offers a "delaying" amendment that would prohibit the tax reduction from taking effect until the Patrick administration studies the impact of the cuts and a new bill to reduce the tax is filed and approved.

Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay the tax cut is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, no other amendments can be introduced and the original proposal that would simply cut the tax is dead without ever having a direct vote on it. Republicans say that the studies are a sham because they are never done.

This is all pre-planned by the Democratic leadership. The Speaker at the podium calls upon a representative who is loyal to him and that member proposes the delay and study. Even if a Republican member is waving his or her hands and shouting to be recognized, he or she will not be called upon because it is assumed he or she would not propose the delay and study.

GOP members have always been wary of this ploy, but this year many spoke out strongly against it. They urged the Democratic leadership to stop purposely trying to confuse the voters and instead allow a vote directly on the tax reductions themselves. They said the Democratic leadership hopes voters see that their representative voted "yes" but do not realize the "yes" vote is not in favor of the tax cut but rather in favor of the study and delay. Some GOP members said voters are smarter than Democrats think and will see through this charade.

The Democrats fall into four categories. Some Democrats favor the tax cut and vote with the Republicans against the study. Others say they are truly open to the tax reduction but vote for the study because they want to find out the cost first. A third group opposes the pro-

posal but also opposes the study because they feel there should be a direct vote on the proposal. Most vote for the study and acknowledge that the study system is designed to protect incumbent Democrats and prevent them from being required to vote directly against tax cuts.

Beacon Hill Roll Call urges you to read the roll calls carefully and be aware that in most cases a "Yes" vote is for the study and essentially is against the tax cut. Conversely, a "No" vote is against the study and generally favors the tax cut.

APPROVE \$32.4 BILLION FISCAL 2013 BUDGET (H 4100)

House 152-4, approved and sent to the Senate an estimated \$32.4 billion state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. The Senate will soon draft and approve its own version. A House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be approved by the House and Senate and then sent to Gov. Deval Patrick.

The House on the floor added an estimated \$110 million over a three-day period. Several controversial amendments were debated on the House floor but most of the work was done behind the scenes. Individual representatives filed dozens of amendments on the same general subject matters, including local aid, social services and public safety. They were then invited to "subject meetings" at which they pitched their amendments to Democratic leaders who drafted "consolidated amendments" that were brought to the House floor for consideration. All of these consolidated amendments were easily approved with most of the opposition coming from Republicans who argued that the amendments were too costly and unaffordable during this recession.

Supporters said the budget is a fiscally responsible and balanced one that does not raise taxes and funds important programs to the best of the state's ability during this difficult economy.

Opponents did not offer any arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is against the budget.)

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

STUDY SALES TAX CUT FROM 6.25 PERCENT TO 5 PERCENT (H 4100)

House 119-37, voting mostly along party lines, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment requiring the state to conduct a study of a proposal to reduce the sales tax from 6.25 percent back to the 2009 level of 5 percent over a three-year period. The study amendment would replace a proposal to simply reduce the tax to 5 percent over three years. All Democrats except four supported the study while every GOP member opposed it and instead favored the cut itself.

Some supporters of the study said the state cannot afford the loss of revenue and predicted that this tax cut would result in reductions to local aid, education, health care and human service programs. Others argued they were open to a tax cut but not without first studying its impact.

Opponents of the study said it is a tried-and-true strategy for avoiding a direct vote on the proposal itself. They noted this increased sales tax is hurting consumers and

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retail operations, especially those on the state’s borders. They argued that you can’t tax your way out of a recession and urged the state to live within its means. (The roll call vote is on the amendment to study the tax cut. A “Yes” vote is for studying the tax cut. A “No” vote is against the study and in most cases favors the tax cut.)

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

STUDY GAS TAX EXEMPTION FOR CITIES AND TOWNS (H 4600)

House 117-38, voting mostly along party lines, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment requiring the state to conduct a study of a proposal exempting cities’ and towns’ vehicles fuel purchases from the 21 cents-per-gallon gas tax. The study amendment would replace a proposal to simply exempt the fuel purchases. All Democrats except five supported the study while every GOP member opposed it and instead favored the exemption itself.

Supporters of the study said the proposal is attractive but noted the actual cost is unknown and is probably a lot higher than the up to \$15 million that proponents of the exemption are indicating. They argued the study will simply allow accurate estimates of the costs.

Opponents of the study said none of these alleged studies are actually done and are simply tactics to kill the proposal without having a direct vote on it. They noted the exemption would save cities and towns between \$10 million and \$15 million that they could use to make up for local aid cuts. (The roll call vote is on the amendment to study the tax exemption. A “Yes” vote is for studying the exemption. A “No” vote is against the study and in most cases favors the exemption.)

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

STUDY PAYING SALES TAX ON ACTUAL SALE PRICE OF CELL PHONE (H 4100)

Under a current regulation by the Department of Revenue, the sales tax on the purchase of a bundled package - a cellular phone discounted because it is sold along with the customer’s one-,two- or three-year commitment to the seller’s calling plan - is based on the price charged to the customer or the price the store paid for it, whichever is higher.

For example, a phone has a suggested retail price of \$500, but the store purchased it wholesale for \$100 and then sold it at a discount for \$50 because it came with a service agreement. Under current regulations, the state’s 6.25 percent sales tax would be based on the \$100, not on the \$50 the customer actually paid. In that case, the retailer may choose to pay the additional sales tax, share it with the consumer or pass it entirely on to the consumer.

The House last week was considering a proposal that would eliminate the current regulation and simply calculate the sales tax based on only the price the customer pays -- the same way the tax is calculated on just about everything else a consumer buys.

Supporters of the new proposal said it is ridiculous that a customer and/or a retailer is currently often forced to pay a sales tax on an amount that was more than the actual transaction. They argued it is time to change this antiquated and unfair regulation and save retailers and consumers millions of dollars.

Opponents of the proposal said they are open to or agree

with it but urged the House to wait until the House soon considers comprehensive tax reform. They argued a piecemeal approach is not the right way to reform taxes.

There was no roll call vote on the proposal itself. The roll call was on replacing the proposal with a Democratic leadership-sponsored study. The House 93-64, approved the study which replaced the proposal. (The roll call vote is on the amendment to study the proposal that the state calculate the sales tax based on only the price the customer pays. A “Yes” vote is for the study. A “No” vote is against the study and in most cases favors the state calculating the sales tax based on only the price the customer pays.)

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

MEALS TAX HOLIDAY (H 4100)

House 36-117, rejected a Republican amendment that would exempt diners from paying the state’s 6.25 percent meals tax between October 7, 2012 and October 12, 2012. All Democrats except four opposed the holiday while nearly every GOP member supported it.

Supporters said rising food costs, high fuel prices, high unemployment and a poor economy have hurt the restaurant industry and resulted in fewer customers. They argued the state’s meals tax revenue loss would be offset by increased gas tax and retail sales tax revenue paid by diners on those two days.

Opponents said a study has shown that a meals tax holiday is a revenue-neutral gimmick that results in diners choosing to dine out during the tax holiday instead of during the prior or following week. Others said the way to help restaurants is to ensure adequate funding of regional tourism councils which have a proven track record of success or generating hotels and restaurants. (A “Yes” vote is for the meals tax holiday. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

STATE HELP WITH REFINANCING HOME MORTGAGES (H 4100)

House 30-126, rejected an amendment that would use \$100 million from the state’s Rainy Day Fund to help homeowners who have not been able to take advantage of historically low interest rates because they don’t have sufficient equity in their home. Borrowers would be required to have a minimum 680 credit score and not be in default of their loan or have a history of default or bankruptcy.

Amendment supporters said there are thousands of homeowners whose homes are underwater or close to it. They argued this would help lower their payments and free up more money for consumer spending, which will help boost the economy.

Some opponents said the state should not take \$100 million from the Rainy Day Fund during these volatile economic times. Others said the amendment is a good idea but urged the House to wait for a report from a commission that is studying this and other housing matters. (A “Yes” vote is for the \$100 million for refinancing mortgages. A “No” vote is against the \$100 million.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REGULATE AUTO GLASS REPAIR COMPANIES (S 2216) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill regulating auto glass repair companies and requiring them to register with the state’s Division of Standards. Other provisions require the companies to have a physical address in Massachusetts and to keep a record of each vehicle on which they work.

WALL CLIMBING REGULATIONS (S 1217) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill establishing regulations for companies operating wall climbing facilities. The measure requires any fabricated or inflatable rock climbing wall over 10 feet tall to be equipped with an inflatable protective base and guardrail surrounding the base of the wall, provide all climbers with a safety harness and require them to wear a helmet. The measure also empowers the state’s public safety commissioner to establish additional regulations.

BUY USA GOODS (S 2198) - The State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee held a hearing on legislation that would add a provision to the current law requiring the state to give preference to Massachusetts businesses when purchasing goods and services. The bill requires the state, after giving preference to Massachusetts companies, to give preference to companies in the United States.

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

During the week of April 23-27, the House met for a total of 36 hours and 59 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 28 minutes.

Mon. April 23	House 10:03 a.m. to 8:54 p.m.
	Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.
Tues. April 24	House 11:07 a.m. to 11:18 p.m.
	No Senate session
Wed. April 25	House 10:06 a.m. to 12:03 a.m. (Thurs.)
	No Senate session
Thurs. April 26	No House session
	Senate 1:00 p.m. to 3:13 p.m.
Fri. April 27	No House session
	No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

The Annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up

Generous Somerville residents turned out for the annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up last Saturday.

The citywide cleanup effort brought many together to enjoy a day of selfless community service and, later, a celebration/BBQ at the Blessing of the Bay Boat House on Shore Drive.

The annual event is a favorite among many residents and is widely regarded as a highlight of the spring season.





Photos by Bobbie Toner

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Franklin Salvador Heading to Europe

Former Somerville High School boys' basketball star Franklin Salvador has been named to the D3hoops.com All-Star Team and will head to Europe from May 21-31 and is scheduled to visit and play against opponents in Paris, Amsterdam, and Den Bosch, Netherlands.

Salvador finished the 2011-12 season second on the team and fourth in the North Atlantic Conference with 17.2 points per game and led the Terriers shooting 37.4 percent from behind the arc. Salvador picked up both NAC honors and Maine Men's Basketball

Coaches and Writers Association All-State honors, being named Second Team All-Conference and Second Team All-State.

Salvador will join a team of nine other NCAA Division III standouts that will be coached by Dee Vick of Hampden-Sydney. The team was chosen by Sport Tours International from D3hoops.com All-Region nominees and other 2011-12 Division III men's basketball standouts.

Salvador graduated from SHS in 2010, he scored 1000+ points with Somerville High boy's basketball team.



Franklin Salvador is heading to Europe as part of the D3hoops.com All-Star Team.

The D3hoops.com All-Star Team roster:

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	School	PPG	RPG	Asst/Blk.
Matt Carr	6-7	Sr.	C	WPI	16.4	8.1	1.7*
Matt Devine	6-4	Jr.	G	New Paltz State	21.5	8.4	1.6
Sam Johnson	6-6	Sr.	C	Bridgewater State	13.5	7.8	1.9
Khobi Williamson	6-7	So.	C	Hampden-Sydney	10.8	6.3	1.5*
Griffin Lentsch	6-4	Jr.	G	Grinnell	26.2	1.3	1.1
Terron Victoria	5-11	Sr.	G	Skidmore	11.6	4.3	2.3
Harrison George	6-5	Jr.	F	Hampden-Sydney	16.7	6.1	2.6
Trevor Woodland	6-5	Sr.	F	La Verne	17.3	3.9	1.0
Franklin Salvador	5-9	So.	G	Thomas	17.2	3.2	2.6
Matt Addison	5-8	Sr.	G	Hardin-Simmons	28.6	3.9	4.7

* blocks per game
Head Coach: Dee Vick (Hampden-Sydney)

SHS at Franklin relays results

Results of the division 1 relays held on Saturday, April 28, at Franklin High School are as follows: The 4x100 placed second with a time of 49.77. Running on the relay was Alison Kaba, Gelynn Berger, Michelle Meranda and Nicole Genard. This time broke the previous SHS record of 49.89 set in 2011 by Gelynn Berger, Ashley Murphy, Michelle Meranda and Nicole Genard.

"This was the first time that these girls had run together this year in the 4x100. They have the ability to break 49.0 and be one of the fastest 4x100 relays in the state. Breaking the school record in their first race this season is impressive to me," said Coach Charles O'Roarke.



The 4x200 relay also placed second with a time of 1:49.75, with the same four girls running. The javelin relay placed third. Throwing for SHS was Nicole Genard, Lorenza Etienne and Kellie Haggerty. The team placed ninth overall with a total of 22 points.

Non-scoring relays:
The long jump relay, featuring Gelynn Berger, Alison Kaba

and Saragrace Magre, just missed placing seventh.

The triple jump relay, with Lorenza Etienne, Melissa Baptista and Michelle Meranda, also just missed placing seventh.

The 4x100-B team: Saragrace Magre, Taylor Machado, Melissa Baptista and Kaylee Lima.

The 4x200-B-team: Saragrace Magre, Taylor Machado, Lorenza Etienne and Melissa Baptista.

Thye 4x800 relay: Melina Garro-Duplisea, Maggie Langwig, Kellie Hagerty, Pristine Mei.

The sprint medley relay: Kaylee Lima, Cindy Mei, Leslie Duarte and Tianna Sebastian.

The shot put relay: Natalie David, Kim Joseph, and Kellie Hagerty.

The discus relay: Natalie David, Kim Joseph, and Leslie Duarte.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Where was the first Memorial Day observed in the U.S.?

2. What very popular watch sold in 1933 for \$3.00 and its value today is \$300 to \$400 in mint condition?

3. What words were uttered by the dying Captain Lawrence, of U.S.S. Chesapeake, while losing a battle with a British frigate during war of 1812, that is now the motto of the U.S. Navy?

4. In 1982, who directed E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial?

5. What role did Harrison Ford play in E.T.?

6. What animal, was the first to be cloned, in 1996, and what did they name it?

7. Where did the first All Star Baseball Game take place, the place where

Babe Ruth made his first All Star homerun?

8. What was the name of the 11 year old girl who told presidential candidate Abe Lincoln that he would get more votes if he grew a beard?

9. What year was Mount Rushmore National Memorial finally completed, after 14 years of work, and how tall did they make the Presidents' heads?

10. Although John Loud patented a "ball-point pen" in 1888, 57 years later the first one sold in America at what department store?

11. What rapid transit subway became the first underground and underwater rail system in the world?

12. Black pepper is what Asian country's gift to the world?

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Reconnecting children to nature

By Harry Kane

A community garden called the Growing Center is a destination for young children to discover the beauty of nature. One of the educators who stresses the importance of nature in a child's development is Paula Jordan.

Jordan, 46, is a Somerville native who spent much of her early years outdoors.

"Everyday [as a child] we were outdoors. We played in the street, we played in the backyard, we played in vacant lots in the neighborhood; and my mother always took us for a walk to the Powderhouse Park," said Jordan.

Jordan found green open spaces to be restorative and relaxing.

After working at the Massachusetts Audubon Society and Groundwork Somerville, Jordan was offered a position at the

Growing Center.

She is the Coordinator for the Children and Nature Initiative, which is a program that engages children at an early age to become more aware of their natural surroundings.

In recent history Jordan acknowledges that children spend less time outdoors and more time in front of a computer or on their cell phone. Her goal is to reintroduce the importance of outdoor play by exposing children to nature.

"She seems very committed to finding different opportunities to bring awareness of the outdoors to people who live in the urban environment," said Fred Hicks, a Somerville parent of three who brings his children to the Growing Center.

The hope, said Jordan, is to instill a love of nature at a young age that grows with them over time.



The Growing Center provides children with opportunities for connecting with nature.

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News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

Bob Publicover, is back up and about. He recently underwent surgery again, but within days he was up and out the door. The Somerville Patch did a nice story on him this month, if you get a chance read it. We think Bob has 99 lives not 9 like a cat. He is a very nice guy as well. He's been working hard on his and his partner David LeBahn's upcoming wedding to be held on June 17. Bob asked to note the anniversary of the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation which he tells us he helped founded in 1990 with then SHS Headmaster, Tony Fedele and other community members including (among others) Gene Brune, Elaine Czeskiuk and the late Paul Duhamel.

The Annual Somerville High Scholarship Foundation is fast approaching and tickets are still available for sale. \$100 per ticket with a chance to win \$10K as well as 24 other prizes to be

given away. The event will be held on May 18 at the Highlander Café at the high school. If you want to buy a ticket send your check for \$100 to SHS Raffle, c/o Eugene C. Brune at P.O. Box 440275, Somerville 02145.

We heard that Central Bank here in Somerville is being bought out by Rockland Trust. That should be interesting. It will mean the only two local banks still around here in the city are Middlesex and Winter Hill Bank. Slowly, the big banks get bigger and small banks get edged out.

Visit nearly 400 artists in over 100 venues who will open their homes and studios for the 14th Annual Somerville Open Studios Event on Friday, May 4, from 6 - 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, from noon to 6 p.m. During this free showcase for the arts, mid-career and emerging artists work-

ing across a broad spectrum of fine art styles and craft media will exhibit and sell their work to the public.

The Somerville Traffic & Parking Department invites all interested residents to attend a community Open House tonight, Wednesday, May 2 at 6 p.m. to discuss an innovative new program pilot, entitled "Head-Out Angled Parking." The meeting will be held at Properzi Manor, located at 13 Warren Avenue in Union Square. The new parking program, set for a section of Bow Street this spring, will increase the total number of parking spaces for visitors by 90% while also enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety. The program will be discussed in more detail at the open house, however a brochure can be found on the City's website at [http://www.somervillema.gov/Re-](http://www.somervillema.gov/Re-verseAngleParking)


verseAngleParking. If you have additional questions, visit www.parksomerville.com, email traffic@somervillema.gov, or call 311.

We see that Alderman Tony Lafuente wasn't too pleased with the placing of the bike corrals. As of this week the corral was moved away from the front of Mama Lisa's and up the street between Citizens Bank and PC Mobile store. A far better location and we bet the stores are happier this week.

Did anyone notice that at Traffic and Parking Dept. the fees went up? Yup, they did. One of our staff people was there to renew permit parking. The waiting wasn't that bad, about 35 minutes. When told that the fees went up and permit passes went up as well, we replied "really" - that's all?

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, May 16, 2012**, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

11-15 Holland St. (Case #ZBA 2012-12) Applicant & Owner JTD Realty Trust seek a special permit to establish a fast order food establishment under SZO §7.11.2.1.a to open an approx 600 sf café, a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under §4.4.1 to add and alter windows on the front and rear façade, and a special permit under §9.13.a to waive the requirement for 2 additional parking spaces. CBD zone. Ward 6.

8 Mt. Vernon St. (Case #ZBA 2012-30) Applicants and Owners, Fermin and Barbara Castro, seek a Variance under SZO §5.5 and §10.7.1 to construct an 8.5 foot wall along the rear lot line. RB zone. Ward 1.

210 Highland Ave. (Case #ZBA 2012-31) Applicant and Owner Linda Kanouse, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a for relief from one (1) additional off-street parking space to convert a two-family dwelling to a three-family dwelling. RC zone. Ward 3.

187 Willow Ave. (Case #ZBA 2012-32) Applicants and Owners, Daniel and Molly Doble, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure to remove a staircase and construct an addition at the rear of the structure. RA zone. Ward 6.

12 Dickinson St. (Case #ZBA 2012-33) Applicants and Owners, Helene Rodar and Pamela Ryan, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to enlarge an existing bathroom on the right side of the structure. RB zone. Ward 2.

92-100 Properzi Way. (Case #ZBA 2012-34) Applicant Safdie Architects and Owners Moshe Safdie and Michal Ronnen Safdie, seek a Variance under SZO §5.5 for relief from the minimum side yard setback under SZO §8.5.H and relief from the minimum rear yard setback under SZO §8.5.I for the land at 92 Properzi Way. The Applicant and Owners are also seeking Special Permits under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a two story rear addition to add an additional dwelling unit and under SZO §9.13.a for relief from three additional off-street parking spaces. The applicant seeks to establish a three-family residence at 92 Properzi Way and use a portion of the structure for activity accessory to the use at 100 Properzi Way per Section 7.4 of the SZO. 92 Properzi is in the RB zone and 100 Properzi Way is in the NB zone. Ward 2.



81 Cedar St. (Case #ZBA 2012-35) Applicant Frederick Festa and Owner Elke Perloff, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a covered front porch on the first floor of an existing two-family residence. RA zone. Ward 5.

16 Butler Dr/100 Temple St. (Case #ZBA 2007-03-R5-4/2012) Applicant, Somerville Community Corporation & Owner, St. Polycarp Redevelopment, LLC, seek a revision to Special Permit ZBA 2007-03 (SZO§5.3.8). The revision is to modify the site plan and building design (elevations) for Phase 3 of the development project consisting of 31 residential units. NB zone. Ward 4.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
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LEGAL NOTICE

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, Inc. (SCES), 61 Medford Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, 02143, invites proposals from organizations wishing to contract for Home Care Services, beginning 01 October, 2012.

Proposals for Alzheimer's Day Programs, Adult Day Health (Basic, Complex, and Health Promotion and Prevention Levels of Care), Supportive Day Programs, Habilitation Therapy, Wandering Locator Service, Chore, Companion, Transportation, Laundry, Grocery Shopping and Delivery, Emergency Shelter, Home Delivered Meals, Nutrition Assessment, Personal Emergency Response System (PERS), Enhanced PERS, Medication Dispensing Systems, Home Health Services (Home Health Aides, Skilled Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy), Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, Adaptive Equipment, Translation/Interpreting Services, Legal Services, Competency Evaluations, Financial Consultation Services, Bill Payer Services, Representative Payee Services, Homemaker and Personal Care Services (Homemaker, Personal Care, and Supportive Home Care Aides), Transitional Assistance, Vision Rehabilitation, and Behavioral Health Services will be considered.

Any organization wishing to contract must file a request for proposal form with the Contracts Manager, SCES, on/or before 4:00 P.M., Friday, 15 June 2012. The letter must specify the service(s) for which the applicant wishes to be considered. A proposal package, including instructions and service standards, will be sent to each organization requesting such forms. Completed proposals must be received by SCES on/or before 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, 15 August 2012.


Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of SCES needs, provider's past performance record, Financial and technical resources, cost, quality of proposed service and ability to meet service needs in the Somerville-Cambridge region. We reserve the right to negotiate with the applicant any item(s) contained in the proposal(s). Successful bidders must forward a certificate of insurance naming Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services as an additional insured as respects all liability insurance programs upon notification by SCES of contract award.

All bids will be received and will be subject to review by the SCES Board of Directors and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The contract shall be effective for a thirty-six (36) month period commencing **01 October 2012**. Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Minority business enterprises, minority non-profit organizations and small business concerns are encouraged to apply.

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- Seventeen (17) commercial grade, minimum 7 cu ft., energy star rated, coin operated Electric dryers with four settings; Speed queen SDELCRG or equal
- Ten (10) commercial grade, minimum 7 cu ft., energy star rated, coin operated gas dryers with four settings speed queen SDGLCRG or equal

The duration of this contract is five (5) years.

Bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., May 16, 2012 and publicly opened, forthwith.

Mailed Bids should be sent to the Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and received no later than the date and time specified above.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at Somerville Housing Authority Administration Office ,30 Memorial Road, MA 02145 after 10:00 a.m., on May 3, 2012.

A walk through is scheduled for May 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. on. Please contact Anthony Crespo at 617/625-1152 Extension 336 if you plan on attending.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ENCOURAGE URBAN AGRICULTURE IN SOMERVILLE ADDING DEFINITIONS, AND AMENDING THE TABLE OF USES AND THE FOOTNOTES TO THE TABLE OF USES TO ALLOW FARMS AS ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL USES, AND TO ALLOW COMMUNITY GARDENS, COMMUNITY FARMS AND FARMING ON MUNICIPAL LAND.


The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **May 17, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

1 Benton Rd. (PB 2009-17) Per the order of Land Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on a decision dated April 18, 2012 (Land Court Case 10MISC 440141 and 11 MISC 446982), the Planning Board shall hold a hearing on the 2009 case submitted by applicant/owner, MLM Realty Trust. The applicant/owner is seeking Site Plan Approval under SZO §5.4 and §8.8 in order to subdivide an existing land parcel into two separate parcels of 12,296± sf and 9,622± sf. The Land Court has annulled the original decision on this case and remanded it to the Planning Board to determine "what reasonable conditions, if any, may be imposed . . . incident to site plan review." 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. 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 Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Partner's Healthcare System Inc. for a Garage License at 21 Third Avenue, not open to the public, for mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, and storing vehicles, all for 76 vehicles inside and 93 vehicles outside, Monday-Friday 4AM-Midnight, and Saturday 8AM-7PM.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: April 19, 2012

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

By its Attorneys,

Barsh and Cohen, P.C.

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Attorney for the Mortgagee
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Somerville budget hits prime time TV



When actress Amy Poehler briefly flashed a budget during an episode of NBC's hit show *Parks & Recreation* this week, the city's eagle-eyed Director of Planning, George Proakis, recognized it. After stopping the recording and zooming in, Proakis confirmed his hunch. Yes, it was the Somerville FY2011 Budget in all its municipal glory - open to page 18. Proakis snapped a few photos, others confirmed the evidence, the city posted it to Facebook and it went viral. To date, more than 33,000 individuals have looked at the city's main Facebook page www.facebook.com/SomervilleCity this month for a total of more than 250,000 hits.

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Peace Conference a platform for honest, creative teen voices

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change. The day also included accompanying workshops, a jobs and services fair, and an open-mic Hope and Healing ceremony where youth could make dedications to those loved or lost.

Presented by the Center for Teen Empowerment, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Somerville Public Schools and the City of Somerville, the conference - whose theme this year was Media Meets My Reality - explored issues from bullying and teen violence to immigration and cross-cultural understanding. Students shared intimate stories on topics such as substance abuse, domestic violence, and the ways teens can overcome major obstacles in their personal lives. These stories took the form of original song, speech, dance, and theater. Weaving all these together was one overarching narrative, also dreamed up by the youth.

The inspiration for the Somerville Youth Peace Conference goes back to 1993, when the Center for Teen Empowerment held its first annual Boston Youth Peace Conference, which gathered Boston teens together to help solve grave issues of gang violence in the city. A resounding success, the conference produced a lasting truce among five rival gangs, and set the stage for significant community improvement.

The Somerville event aims to use the arts to convey ideas for community change, and to give voice to the youth often overlooked in problem solving and brainstorming for the future of their community, explained Stephanie Berkowitz, Direct of External Re-

lations for The Center for Teen Empowerment. "It's an amazing display of youth leadership."

Teen Empowerment hires the teen participants in the conference, interviewing between 85 and 90 youth for the paid role. Ultimately, 12 are offered the position. Closer to the conference, an additional 20 youth associates are brought on to help. Along with a few volunteers, most of the teens performing on stage are technically working. But you'd never know it.

A pretty young woman with long hair and a singing voice that could easily belong to someone twice her age, Lipasha Pradham performed a number of times throughout the day. "I've always been the type of person who helps in the community," she said. "At TE [Teen Empowerment] they always give you a chance. They care more about your future than your past."

Perhaps as a result of troubled pasts, many of the participating teens delved into difficult and deeply private topics with their original work. "Maybe if my father was around, I'd be better able to navigate this world," pondered one young woman on stage. Thoughtful reflections of this kind abounded over the course of the afternoon.

Humor was still sprinkled liberally throughout, however. As the afternoon's framing narrative progressed, a young man played out an amusing scene in which he struggled with whether to share a racy text message photo from his girlfriend with his pressuring friends (garnering fits of laughter from the audience). Fully engaged in the scenario, the teens

yelled out from their seats "Don't do it!" and "You'll regret it!" Fittingly, all around the auditorium iPhones were lifted up into the air to digitally capture the text message drama unfolding on stage.

"Media meets my reality" is an apt name for this year's conference, with the youth exploring a number of ways in which media affects their view of the world, as well as how they are viewed by others. One performance reminded us, bluntly: "What TV and Facebook tell us is not realistic."

More than 500 youth attended Saturday's conference, many of whom bought tickets being sold at the high school. "It was better than I expected," said Billy Wen, a teen who learned of the event during school. "I heard it was boring in the past. You can't say until you experience it for yourself. I like the performances, the singing, and I can't wait to see the dance. It's...influencing."

At one point that afternoon, a young woman stood in a soft spotlight singing into the darkened hall. Asserting that she would overcome her troubled past and "make it to the top" no matter what, she looked out over the audience and sang: "I'll do it even if I'm alone." But based on the crowd of whooping youth, eager to praise and hold up their fellow teens in their honest confessions and profoundly personal performances, it's difficult to imagine that she'll be alone at all.

For more information about Teen Empowerment Somerville, visit <http://www.teenempowerment.org/somerville.html>.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|May 2

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

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

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

Thursday|May 3

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

Friday|May 4

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

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

Saturday|May 5

Central Library
Scary but Funny Movie: Gremlins
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|May 7

Central Library
Preschool: Sing Along with Alastair Moock
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|May 9

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

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

MUSIC
Wednesday|May 2

Johnny D's
Will Hoge|Tad Overbaugh & The Late Arrivals
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
Fiddlehead & Special Guests
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

381 Summer St
Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|May 3

Johnny D's
Magos Band
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Ryan Taylor Band |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge
Rayanne|The 7CS
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Merrimack Delta Dub Set|Tiger Speak|DJ St. Julian
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Strange Avenues
381 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Playtime with Knucklebones
10 a.m.|Performance Hall
WAAF's Baystate Rock Bistro Busk
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|May 4

Johnny D's
Khaira Arby|Alex Alvear & Mango Blue
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Kevin Connelly Band |6 p.m.
Saint Anyway \$5 cover | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
Deep Heaven Now 5
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Deep Heaven Now 5|Ghost Box Orchestra|Lead Stones|Sharp Darts USA|Sun Sister|The Milling Gowns
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Grace Morrison & RSO|Olde English|Red Devil Resistance|Rich People Food

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

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Singer Songwriter Series
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 5

Johnny D's
Chick Singer Night 4 p.m.|Booty Vortex|10 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Family Jewels |6 p.m.
Lauren Bateman CD Release with Miller English & Porch Party Mamas
\$8 cover |9 p.m.
The Low Sparks|10:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Deep Heaven Now 5
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

PA'S Lounge
Deep Heaven Now 5 |The Vandelles|Soccer Mom|Nights|Night Fruit|Sky Picnic|Fedavees|Bundles of Joy
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Hands and Knees|Radio Control|Thick Shakes
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Open Studios
12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Performance Hall
Eliza Rickman CD Release Party!
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|May 6

Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.| Bees Deluxe|9 p.m
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
John Lincoln Wright Memorial Concert| all day o many bands o donations help put JLW music in print
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge
Dog Track Gravy|Nick Zaino|Andy Pratt
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
Rumors of a Strange Universe|Township
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Open Studios
12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Performance Hall

Monday|May 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday|May 8

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

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

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
Chamber of Commerce Education Series: Business Killers: Avoid the Six Mistakes that Can Kill Your Business
4:30 p.m.|Café
Ian McFeron with Alisa Milner and Olinde
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|May 9

Johnny D's
Country Joe McDonald
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
Sam Mulligan|Crashing Cars|The Anatomy of Frank |The Omaha Folk
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
Kong - King of Funk
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Kelli Eagan
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|May 2

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

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

Thursday|May 3

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

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

Saturday|May 5

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

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

Sunday|May 6

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 7

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

Central Library
Chess Night
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|May 8

Central Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.- 7 p.m.|115 Broadway

Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884

The Art of Singing Group
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|May 9

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

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Person of the Week



Meet our pick for Person of the Week here in Somerville, Bob "Monty" Doherty, a retired Somerville Fire Fighter. He was assigned to the Fire Prevention Department as an Inspector, where he would go into many homes over the years and ask questions about the houses and the people who occupied them and learn the history of everywhere he went. Monty has been working since retirement with the Somerville Historical Society. If you want to know what was where and who lived there, who built that and what group owned that, he's your guy. He is like the Isabel Channey of the 21st century. She was a history teacher here in Somerville and was the one to go to, to find out what was what. Monty is such a nice guy, a pleasant guy to talk to and when you meet him you can't help but get drawn into his long conversations about Somerville. Monty knows more than most and loves to learn new and old things about the city. He can answer most of your questions. We are going to feature Monty in a column coming up in the near future here at The News. You ask the question and he gives the answer. We wish Monty would learn how to use the Internet. In particular, on Facebook there is a large following in various Somerville pages which he would thoroughly enjoy. We here at The News will work on him, and don't be surprised if you see him someday on Facebook. In the meantime, when you see Monty say "Hi" and ask him questions, then watch him light up and give a big smile, because he probably knows the answer.

St. Clement's Parish celebrates 100th anniversary

Hundreds of parishioners attended the 100th anniversary of St. Clement Parish, Warner St., Medford/Somerville. The 100th anniversary was celebrated at a special Mass on Sunday April 29 with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, and many of the former priests of St. Clement church. St. Clement's has had four pastors in 100 years. The first Mass was celebrated by Father Thomas McCarthy

in April 1912, in a tent at the same location on Warner Street. Father McCarthy was the founder of St. Clement Parish. He built a stucco church, on the same site. Monsignor Robert Barry dedicated the present church, on Warner Street, in 1942. He was replaced by Monsignor Peter Hart who was replaced in 1984 by Father Dennis Dever, the current Pastor of St. Clement Parish.



Pictured here are Father Dennis Dever, Pastor of St. Clement's with Mrs. Ida Azzolino and her daughter, Mrs. Diane Blouin. Ida Azzolino was chosen to present the gifts during a special Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. Ida Azzolino, who will be 100 years old in September, represented all 100 years of St. Clement's, as she knew all four Pastors who presided over the parish for the past 100 years.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

May 3 is our Ice Cream Social with the Mayor! 12:30 at Holland Street. Celebrate "Older Americans" Month as the Mayor gives out his proclamation to each of the Centers.

May 7 - TV Series vs. Charles Dickens Literature

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

May 2

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

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

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

May 3

Mayor's Ice Cream Social at 12:30!

Holland Street Center
Memoir Writing Class|9 a.m.

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

Cross Street Center
Closed for Ice Cream Social
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
Closed for Ice Cream Social
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 4

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

Cross Street Center
Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

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

May 7

Lunch & Learn at Tufts - 11:45
Holland Street Center
Singing Seniors|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|10:30 a.m.
Movie: The Artist|12:30 p.m.
Chair Yoga|4:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Walking Club with Didi|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 8

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

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

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

May 9

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

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

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

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

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'The Local Comics Scene: Where Muppets, Line Art, and Central American Politics Meet'

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

Last Wednesday, the Somerville Arts Council held the latest event in its Salon Series at the Armory Cafe on Highland Avenue. This month, local artists gathered for a discussion on comics, labeling the event as *The Local Comics Scene: Where Muppets, Line Art, and Central American Politics Meet*. The night focused on two presentations, one from comic artist Joel Christian Gill, and another by a two-person comic art team, Shelli Paroline and Braden D. Lamb.

Since January, the Somerville Arts Council has hosted monthly events in the Salon Series, all at the new Armory Cafe, inviting the public to experience the latest happenings in the local art scene.

While Joel C. Gill acts as the Foundations Chairperson at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, guiding young students toward the most applicable concentrations, much of the excitement in his life is derived from his work as a comic artist.

His career has been on a very unique track, as he started as a painter and eventually realized his love for comic drawing. His first comics, titled *Strange Fruit One*, focused on a variety of social and political topics. This edition featured one of his first characters, Henry Box Brown, who nailed himself into a box to escape southern oppression and reach Pennsylvania.

As he gained more visibility through his racially driven comics, things took a strange

turn. Around the same time that the first edition was published, political operatives in Belize came up with the idea to create a new campaign in hopes of defeating the existing Prime Minister, Dean Barrow, in the upcoming elections.

"*Strange Fruit One* ended up in London, and one of the people in London got a hold of it and said 'this might be the guy,'" Gill explained to the audience. "So I got this email, and it seemed like one of those Nigerian scam emails, saying 'we've been admiring your work for a long time and want to know if you would be interested in working with us on this campaign.'"

This commissioned job led him to the wild and wonderful world of Belizean politics. Though many Somervillians might picture Belize as a paradise in the Caribbean, the nation is perpetually poor with high rates of crime, while the ruling members are thought to be corrupt and indifferent toward the struggles of the common man. Gill created the characters based on the Prime Minister, as well as other high-ranking officials who happen to be mostly family and friends of Prime Minister Barrow, and sent them to his contact in London.

From there, the campaign got under way, as others working for the London-based PR firm created massive billboards, rap videos in the Belizean dialect, cartoons and comic books alongside the talented Mr. Gill. Unfortunately, the efforts did not

pull through, as Prime Minister Dean Barrow defeated the opposition by two votes.

Interested parties can find a lot more from this artist through his website: www.joelchristiangill.com.

Working comic artists Shelli Paroline and Braden D. Lamb followed Gill with a presentation on their latest productions. While Gill's career is overtly unique, Lamb and Paroline are just as rare in the comic industry as they are exclusively comic artists who make the entirety of their living off their art.

Creating comic books and more with licensed characters, such as those from Disney and Pixar, as well as adult swim cartoons, the duo supplement popular animated films and television shows with hard copy productions. Lamb explained this work as being quite unique, as he and his partner are tasked with translating live-action characters into static drawings and scenarios, which is often the reverse of a more traditional process.

The two got their break while doing rapid sketchings at a comic book expo, where the right people saw the duo turning out brilliant sketches and strips from scratch in a very short period of time. Additionally, the two's ability to complete long comic books with almost impossible deadlines for most artists, such as a twenty-two page comic book form of the popular *Ice Age* that had to be completed in two weeks.



Paroline and Gill are currently working hard on comics for *Adventure Time*, a popular cartoon on the Cartoon Network, and have even designed two new characters. Some of their original cartoons have been published in the Boston Comics Roundtable's Inbound Series, including the fourth edition, which acted as a comic book history of Boston.

This only scratches the surface of the talented duo, and much more is available on their respective websites, www.bradenlamb.com and

www.shelliparoline.com.

The hosts of the event also offered an open invitation to any artists, comic-lovers or the like to attend the Boston Comics Roundtable's weekly meetings held in Harvard Square. Information on these events and much more are available on the organization's website, www.bostoncomic-roundtable.com, while schedules for more events sponsored by the Somerville Arts Council can be found on its site, www.somervilleartscouncil.org.

Culinary Cruisers pedals into food fest

By Cathleen Twardzik

If you want a unique popsicle or a delicious hot dog from a bike cart then you should attend the Greenway Mobile Food Fest on May 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The fest will take place at Dewey Square Park and at Fort Point Channel Park. Admission is free, and a rain date of May 12 is set.

Culinary Cruisers, a business based in Somerville, will debut their Ocean Ave. Pops at the Greenway Mobile Food Fest.

"We really couldn't think of a better place to debut our popsicles than on the Greenway," said Josh Danoff of Culinary Cruisers.

The reason why Culinary Cruisers chose to make their debut at the fest this year was because, "This was the first opportunity we had. There's go-

ing to be a whole lot of really good food, from popsicles to hot dogs," Danoff said.

On April 28, Culinary Cruiser's participated in the Somerville Market between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The business utilizes cargo bikes, which may be found at parks and farmers markets, and they enable individuals to experience gourmet food and drink in a unique and environmentally safe fashion, in "pedal-powered" food carts.

Culinary Cruisers is comprised of siblings Josh and Leah Danoff, and Jennifer Johnsrud, a friend of the Danoffs.

They are all extremely passionate about food and the current mobile food revolution intrigues them.

The Danoffs' parents owned a natural health food store, so that ignited the siblings' inter-

est in that area.

Ocean Ave. Pops were inspired by "paletas," which are Mexican popsicles. Small batches use local and seasonal produce, whenever available. The pops, which cost \$3 apiece do not use high-fructose corn syrup, dye or preservatives. Among the popsicle flavors from which you may choose are Creamy Coconut, Roasted Banana, and Blackberry Lemonade Basil.

Kombucha is an energizing "live" drink, which contains a wide array of probiotics, such as acidophilus, as well as digestive enzymes, such as antioxidants.

Due to the production of probiotics, B-vitamins, as well as a variety of other compounds, drinking Kombucha tea on a regular basis benefits the human body. It assists to balance the



Culinary Cruisers will debut their Ocean Ave. Pops at the Greenway Mobile Food Fest using their new Popsicle Cruisers.

metabolism, to cleanse the blood and regulate pH levels and to improve digestive function.

To top it off, Culinary Cruisers serves Spindrift, which is based in Charlestown. The drink is the first soda made with freshly squeezed ingredients, and it contains no syrup, juice concentrate, additives or preservatives.

Even more goodies will be up for grabs at the fest because over 20 other mobile food vendors will attend. Performances by local bands and children's activities will provide additional enjoyment.

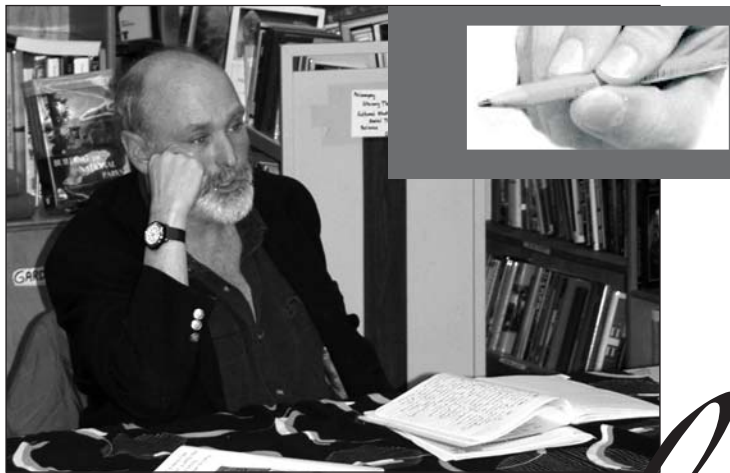
"It [the May 5 event] will just be a nice day to go out with your friends or your family or your kids and enjoy some food," said Danoff.

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, May 2		5:30pm	Cooking w/ Georgia & Dez	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00pm	Democracy Now!
12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	1:00pm	Ablevision
6:00am	Flip Side	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	2:00pm	SCATV Special	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
6:30am	The Struggle	7:30pm	The Nicole Show	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville	2:00pm	Somerville Rocks
7:00am	Drug Awareness	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents...	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Cultural Club	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
9:00am	Somerville News Reading	10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	4:30pm	Back In The Day	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
10:00am	Abugida TV	10:30pm	Hot To Travel The World For Free	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	5:00pm	Culture Club
12:00pm	Democracy Now!	11:00pm		6:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	Somerville Back In The Day
2:00pm	Back in The Day	Friday, May 4		8:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
2:30pm	Life Matters	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	7:00pm	Discover The Law
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	6:00am	Live Response	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
3:30pm	Inside Talk	7:00am	Culture Club	11:00pm	GAY TV	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
4:00pm	Thom Hartman show	7:30am	Talk About Somerville	Sunday, May 6		8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	8:00am	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
5:00pm	Active Aging	9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00am	Show de Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:30pm	Somerville Housing	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	Vida Na TV	11:00pm	Visual Radio
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	12:00pm	Democracy Now!	8:00am	Eckankar	Tuesday, May 8	
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	1:00pm	Never 2 Late 2 Play	8:30am	Healer in Every Home	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Somerville Housing	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
8:30pm (LIVE)	Grasping Nature	2:30pm	Neighborhood Cookin W/ Candy	10:00am	International Church of God	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	3:00pm	Brunch w/ Senator Sanders	11:00am	The Commonwealth Report	7:30am	The Struggle
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	11:30am	Somerville Housing Auth.	8:00am	Democracy Now!
10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	4:30pm	Art@SCATV	12noon	The Entertainer's Show	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
10:30pm	The Smoki Dick Show	5:00pm	SCATV Promo's	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
11:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	11:00am	SCTV Promos
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Garage	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:30pm	Somerville Housing
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	6:00pm	Abugida TV	3:00pm	Groundwork Somerville
7:00am	Discovering Justice	10:00pm	Jeff TV	7:00pm	African TV Network	3:30pm	Active Aging
7:30am	Perils For Pedestrians	11:00pm	Visual Radio	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
8:00am	Democracy Now!	Saturday, May 5		9:00pm	Watch This	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
9:00am	Jeff Jam	12:00mid	Bongoman	9:30pm	Grill Dog	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
10:00am	Active Aging	1:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	SCATV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera
10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:00am	Arabic Hour	11:00pm	Undercover TV	7:00pm	Art @ SCAT
12:20pm	Democracy Now!	7:00am	SCATV Promos	Monday, May 7		7:30pm (LIVE)	Greater Somerville W/Joe Lynch
1:00pm	African TV Network	8:00am	The Struggle	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
2:00pm	Baby Boomers: The Sandwich Generation	8:30am	Animal Agenda	6:00am	SCATV Promos	9:00pm	Somerville Biking News
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Perils For Pedestrians
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5:00pm	Ablevision	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	10:30am	Nosse Gente e Costumes	11:00pm	JuPrey Productions

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, May 2		8:00pm: (13/16)	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	1:05pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	9:00am: (13/16)	Homeless Coalition Benefit
9:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business	8:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Basketball 2011-12	1:35pm: (13/16)	Council on Aging Event	9:00am: (15)	Raising Families
9:00am: (15)	Educational Forum at Argenziano	8:30pm: (13/16)	Council on Aging: Aging & Hearing	2:05pm: (13/16)	Council on Aging: Aging & Hearing	11:30am: (15)	Youth Peace Conference
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3:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - Argenziano	2:05am: (13/16)	Council on Aging: Aging & Hearing	12:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff
7:00pm: (13/16)	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	3:40am: (15)	SHS Hockey 2011-12	1:00am: (13/16)	Assembly Row Groundbreaking	12:30am: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout
7:00pm: (15)	Raising Families	12:00pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	1:00am: (15)	All-City Spring Concert	12:30am: (15)	Gaeta Exchange Students Farewell
7:30pm: (15)	Gaeta Exchange Students Farewell	12:00pm: (15)	Youth Peace Conference 2012	1:45am: (13/16)	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	1:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business
7:45pm: (13/16)	2012 Spring Clean Up	12:35pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	2:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball 2011-12	1:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
						1:30am: (15)	SHS Spring Concert



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Poet Martha Collins brings us the 'White Papers'

Martha Collins is well known to Somerville poets. She taught at UMass Boston for many years and started their undergraduate Creative Writing Program. I had the privilege to have her as a featured reader in the Somerville News Writers Festival, and I interviewed her on my Somerville Community Access TV show "Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer." Well Bagel Bard Irene Koronas got her hot little hands on her latest collection "White Papers" and wrote a review/ just for you.

WHITE PAPERS
Martha Collins
University of Pittsburgh Press
ISBN 13: 978-0-8229-6184-0
2012 \$15.95

Martha Collin's poetry mixes metaphor with concrete images. Sometimes the breakdown and repetitiveness of phrases and words, helps the reader to ascertain their own reality, identity, their own rag tag submission to our own skin, thin enough to see through:

"black keys letters learn
to play read write dress
shoes purse suit grown
up clothes hat tie night
out morning coffee not
yet sin will find you out
dirt sheep eye and blue
mark so it seemed wrong
that in the meant good
book word confused with
Middle English blac pale
(see bleach) oh no never"

When the reader reads the poems aloud, one can hear the word clicking rhythm that could be, if we continue to recite with an accent on what is being written, an accent that is familiar and then clicks into another pentameter, like jazz bends a note:

"...a dark sky the coming
in of the kept out
in the wind waves
of whites only within

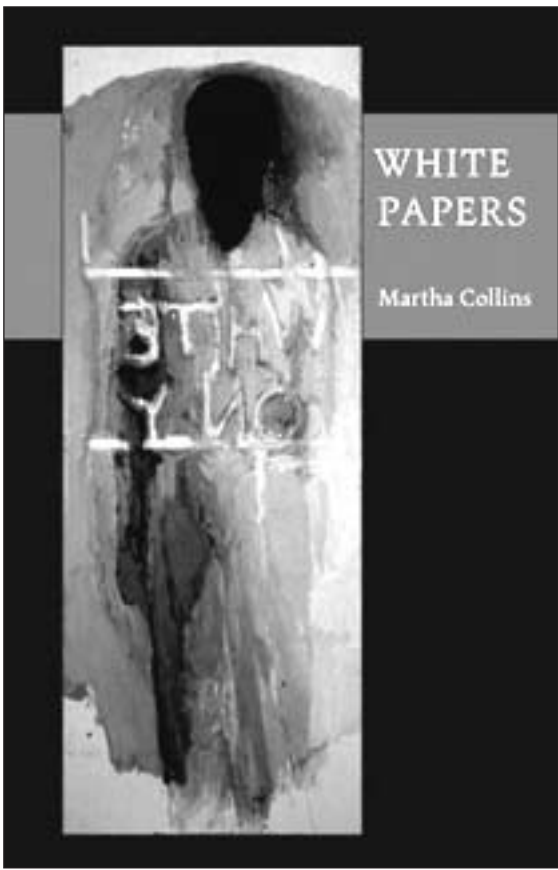
city limits after dark
whites only under
the stones no skin
covering"

And there is history, and color clarification, and experimental writing. And there is the History in the text books or not, ethics or not; this is a principled reality and not the History taught. Collin's music is in the revolutionary in the same way hip hop and rap lyric the 'revolution.'

Each verse, each awareness addresses the reader. The song so long ignored by some, we are naked in front of this verse:

"could get a credit card loan car
come and go without a never had
to think about a school work job
to open doors to buy a rent a nice
place yard park beside a walk
in any store without a never had
to dress to buy a dress shoes under-
wear to understate or -play myself
to make myself heard to get across..."

Collins plunges into herself, her image and all



the foibles we all believe, but are afraid to reveal and research, and with book in hand, fingers ink stained, "playing in the dark." we are participants:

"although my father although
my mother although we rarely
although we whispered

although the silence although
the absence although even now
some TV books not to mention

radio websites new militias hate
groups raging against our socialist-
communist-fascist although but still..."

This book brings me to the great poet Susan Howe and her intense study of her subjects in the same way Martha Collins has studied her subject, even on the personal level. I also think of Cornell West, his book, "Race Matters" in the same way Collins denotes colors.

Color matters in this book of white papers with black ink. I counted color words because color matters and because I enjoy what color represents and their many representations. There are variations on color so my count is approximate. These are the colors in this book:

white 101, black 43, green 3, pink 5, browns 13,
red 8, blue 1, gold 3,
yellow 7, gray 1:

"...and although I've gone back
and filled in some blanks
I'm still learning this un-

learning untying
the knot of Yes but re-
writing this Yes Yes"

The poems are masterfully rendered, using space and time in newer forms and classical form. This is another must read, another thoughtful book by Martha Collins.

Irene Koronas
Poetry Editor: Wilderness House Literary Review
Reviewer: Ibbetson Street Press

The Poetry

The poetry in you is in me,
The poetry...
In me the poetry is in you
In you, the poetry...
Forgiveness is in forsaking for what she came...
Poetry... there is a sky of you in poetry
Words, painting sonnets painting words
Sculpt me, carve me, shape me, fire me
Bronze me...
Stand me in the prophet of your laughter...
See me... my years fertilize your garden
Spin me... my words sparkle on the flipside
Write me, as I write you
I flower – touch me
I am warmly receiving the poetry in you...
The poetry.

– Jennifer Matthews

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Ms. Cam's

Answers from page 14

Olio

Answers

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|---|--|
| 1. It was observed at Arlington National Cemetery | 6. A sheep – they named it Dolly, after Dolly Parton |
| 2. The Mickey Mouse watch | 7. It took place at Comiskey Park, Chicago |
| 3. His words were "Don't give up the ship" | 8. Grace Bedell |
| 4. Steven Spielberg | 9. 1941 – the Presidents' heads are 6 ft. tall |
| 5. He played the school principal, but his scene was cut because they thought his presence would be too distracting | 10. Gimbel's |
| | 11. The New York transit |
| | 12. India |

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