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'Historic Vote' for Assembly Square passes in Somerville



Photo by Andrew Firestone

City officials at last came to a final decision on the ambitious, if controversial, development project.

By Ashley Taylor and Andrew Firestone

In what one alderman called a "historic vote," the Board of Aldermen voted at a special meeting on Monday, May 2, to post \$25,750,000 in bonds for the Assembly Row District Improvement Financing (DIF) project, allowing the City to proceed with infrastructure improvements in Assembly Square. This development will be crowned by the Assembly Square Orange Line stop, provided by State and private funds, which depended directly on the City's approval of the DIF project.

Many pieces of the mayor's plans for Assembly Square fell into place on Monday. The vote, in addition to providing funds for extension of Assembly Square Drive, installation of a storm water outfall conduit, and construction of a new network of roads at Assembly Square, also fulfills the City's role in the Tri-Party Agreement, unlocking funds for the Assembly Square Orange Line stop provided in part by the developer, FRIT, now contributing \$15 million for the stop. Additionally, on Monday, FRIT and the City executed an agreement for promoting jobs for Somerville workers in

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Mother of Harvard shooting victim relieved at life sentence

By Andrew Firestone

It has been two years since Denise Cosby heard the devastating news about her son Justin's death. Found shot and bleeding to death, May 18, 2009, Justin died a few days later, the victim of a marijuana trade gone bad. At the April 22 sentencing, Denise Cosby stood up and delivered a speech of indignation and grief towards her son's murderer, Jabrai Copney of New York City.

"I hope you think about what you did to Justin each and every day for the rest of your life, as I do," said Cosby. "May the rest of your life be a continuous hell on earth."

"He had a disgusted look on his face, as though he wasn't really wanting to show any expression," she said to the Somerville News. "I'm sure he heard me whether he would have listened to what I was saying, I don't know and I don't really care."

Copney was sentenced

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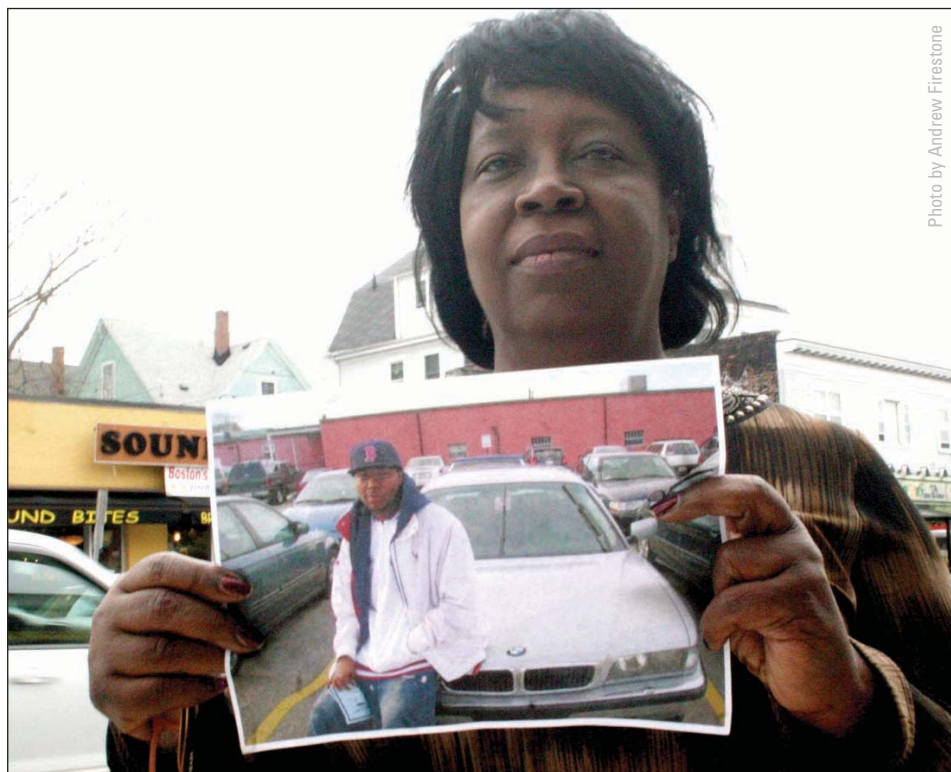


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A greiving mother comes one step nearer to closure following the sentencing of her son's murderer.

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NEWTALK

It looks like the Edgerly School that's located on Bonair Street in East Somerville is the place to be on Wednesday nights at 6p.m. for its ever popular "Zumba Classes"! We hear that Somerville's own Michelle Bowler, Donna Amenta, and, believe it or not, Jim Halloran are among the top ten "Zumbas Champs" here in the Ville, with their fancy footwork and funky moves. Head down and check it out for yourself!

First Thursday of the month is The Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours get together. B2Green Expo promises to be full of free appetizers, excellent networking, green invocations, and talk about what's going on in the city and elsewhere, local economic development news. Running from 4 to 7p.m. this Thursday the 5th at the Holiday Inn. Contact the local chamber office for more information and for RSVP to smackey@somervillechamber.org. The 3rd annual B2Green Expo will be sponsored by Mayor Joe Curtatone and the Somerville Chamber of Commerce.

Alderman Ward 5 Sean O'Donovan is having a fundraiser / get together tonight, Wednesday, May 4th, at the Olde Magoun Saloon from 6 to 9p.m. This has been a yearly event and Sean has managed to pack them in every year. We plan on being there and hopefully you will as well to support a good alderman for his Ward 5 contingents and the city. A politician who says he's a friend and knows the meaning of friendship and loyalty.

Former Villen resident and political activist Diane Mahoney, originally from Ball Square, was recently spotted back in the Ville. Diane moved to Orlando FLA

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *At least we should get some jobs*

Armando says:

I understand the sentiment that Somerville should be given priority for jobs since Somerville residents are footing the bill. The problem is that Somerville is in NEED of more businesses operating in Somerville. We need to grow our tax base. The reason Somerville residents are footing so much of the bill is because of the small commercial tax base. So we should be thinking of ways to provide incentives for companies to locate in Somerville, but forcing hiring restrictions does the exact opposite. It drives companies away. Somerville commercial tax rate is already much higher than neighboring towns/cities, and Boston & Cambridge have other aspects that make them more attractive to companies. We need to do as much as we can to offset that and make Somerville more attractive. So what do Somerville residents get out of subsidizing the development? If things go well and we grow our commercial tax base, we get a bit of relief... smaller percentage of city services coming out of our pockets. It's a risk, but well worth it.

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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 support a proposal that would strip municipal employees of most of their rights to collectively bargain over health care benefits including co-payments and deductibles. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you support a proposal that would strip municipal employees of most of their rights to collectively bargain over health care benefits including co-payments and deductibles?



Comedy Play to Benefit Respond House

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

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Multicultural Somerville

By Carrie Stanzola

On April 30, the Somerville East Branch Library launched its second annual Somerville Reads Celebration. This year, the library chose *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri, which chronicles one family's journey from India to the United States. In the words of East Branch Librarian Marilyn Eastwood, "This time we thought it would be wonderful to get a book which would be expressive of the immigrant experience, what it's like to come to this country and leave roots behind and grow roots here." The library also welcomes immigrants with free, volunteer-led ESL classes held at all three branches of the Somerville library. As part of the festivities, visitors were encouraged to take part in and "immigration quilt" to show their own family's roots and the city's diversity.

Especially popular was Mumbai-born henna artist Manishi Trevedi, who has lived in the United States for twelve years and practiced henna art for the same amount of time. Although henna is traditionally applied for special occasions such as weddings for good luck and religious

celebrations including Diwali, henna has now become fashionable, with Trevedi in demand for birthday parties and Bat Mitzvahs. She has applied these temporary tattoos to children as young as four months old.

The celebration attracted participants of all ages and backgrounds, including Lena Escobar, who enjoyed a performance by the Somerville High School Nepali Dance Troupe with her baby daughter Ashley. The dance, called Lhosar, has been performed at "many cultural events" in Somerville and is a traditional Buddhist dance.

The library also showcased an impressive display of fiction and non-fiction showcasing the immigrant experience. One such book, *Denied, Detained, Deported*, highlights the hostility immigrants have sometimes faced, such as the racist Chinese Exclusion Act and the politically motivated deportations of anarchists Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman.

Delicious food and beverages, including pakoras, samosas, fruit, drinks and cookies were generously donated by Diva, India Palace, Stop and Shop and RAC.



The many faces and customs of our multicultural community are celebrated as the Somerville Reads Celebration unfolds at East Branch Library.

Librarian Meghan Forsell was particularly pleased with the turn-out, saying it was a great opportunity for people to recognize the existence of the library, as people have told her they've been going past the building for years without realizing it is a library.

If you missed Saturday's event, there are still ample opportunities to participate in Somerville Reads. In addition to the Saturday fete, the library will hold a number of events, including a May exhibition of high school students' art inspired by *The Namesake*, with a

reception taking place on May 5th at 3:00 pm at the Central Library. On May 4 at 7:00 p.m., Tufts University professor Neil Miller will lead a discussion of the novel at the Central Library. On May 11 at 7:00, Joan Sindell will also lead a discussion at Porter Square Books on 25 White Street, Cambridge. On May 14 at 10:00 a.m., there will be a tour of Harvard's Arthur M. Sackler Museum focusing on the Indian Arts and Culture collection. For required pre-registration, contact Karen Kramer at 617-623-5000 x2975. On May

18th, Somerville librarian Kevin O'Kelly will lead a discussion of the novel at Sherman Café on 257 Washington Street. On May 25 at 7:00 p.m., Brandeis professor Harleen Sing will give a lecture on the immigrant story and women's role in the novels of the Indian Diaspora at Somerville's Central Library. Somerville Reads will culminate in a film festival at Central Library, with *The Namesake* on May 5th at 6:30, *In America* on May 18 at 7:00 p.m. and *Hester Street* on May 26 at 7:00 p.m.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

'Grieving' woman goes on a rampage

A police officer was summoned into On The Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway, Saturday night when a customer reported that a fight was underway inside.

Upon entering the officer found that the altercation had been broken up, but a number of

female patrons singled out a woman, Colleen Beattie, 27, of Medford, stating that she had smashed another woman in the mouth with a bottle. The alleged victim complained of a chipped tooth, and a broken bottle was found on the floor where the at-

tack was said to have taken place.

While being escorted outside Beattie began flailing her arms and behaving erratically, police said. The officer on the scene attempted to calm the woman down but she reportedly kept grabbing at him,

sobbing and lamenting the passing of her father.

After calming the woman down, the officer questioned witnesses and heard from one woman that she had been bitten by Beattie during attempts to restrain her after the initial inci-

dent took place. The officer noted that there was a visible bite mark on the woman's arm.

Beattie was eventually transported to Somerville Police station where she was charged with aggravated assault and simple assault.

Suspected crack dealers detained

Based on information provided by a concerned citizen, Somerville Police Department and Somerville Housing Authority officers responded to reports of sus-

pected drug trafficking activity in the Sturtevant St./New Rd. area.

A vehicle matching the informant's description was stopped and its passengers

were searched and questioned by police. In spite of what investigating officers described as furtive attempts at hiding something, small, individually wrapped amounts of what ap-

peared to be crack cocaine were found, along with what seemed to be a crack pipe, police said.

Both the driver, Christopher Audette, 32, of Dal-

ton, NH, and passenger, Joseph J. Beaucage, 28, of Littleton, NH, were arrested and charged with possession to distribute a class B drug.

Man attacks vehicle, cop

Somerville police responded to witness reports that a man was jumping up and down on a car, causing it damage, at the corner of School and Montrose Streets last Thursday. Police said that he had managed to smash the vehicle's windshield and broke a side view mirror.

Julio Dejesus, 31, was detained and handcuffed by officers on the scene. While seated on the ground, police said that he threw a lighter at an approaching officer and then attempted to escape. The officer gave chase and, while attempting to subdue the man, took a punch to the

mouth by him, as reported by the officer on the scene.

Dejesus was eventually taken to the ground by the officer and later transported to the police station for booking on charges of destruction of property over \$250 and assault and battery on a police officer.

BB gun holdup

A reported robbery by an armed and masked man at the Quick Stop store at 219 Highland Avenue last Wednesday brought Somerville police to the scene. One officer spotted an individual matching witness descriptions running up Porter Street so he pursued and ultimately apprehended him.

The suspect, a juvenile, was

searched and was found to have in his possession a camouflage ski mask as well as a Desert Eagle BB gun, police said.

Clerks from the store reported that some cash and cigarettes were taken. The clerks identified the individual as the alleged holdup man before he was taken into custody and charged with armed and masked robbery.

CRIME TIP HOTLINE: 617-776-7210

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Deborah Winter, 52, of 43 Bow St., April 25, 7:08 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Joseph Keohane, 53, of 23 Blanchard Rd., Cambridge, April 25, 7:08 a.m., arrested at 43 Bow St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Jorge Miguel, 44, of 41 Franklin St., April 25, 7:53 a.m., arrested at 41B Franklin St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Terrilee Duncan, 27, of 30 Fredrick Ave., Medford, April 25, 10:23 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

A **juvenile**, of Somerville, April 25, 3:18 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Lisa Valera, 40, of 49 Marshall St., April 25, 5:09 p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy on a charge of shoplifting by as-

portation.

Joseph Beaucage, 28, of 42 Union St., Littleton, NH, April 26, 9:14 p.m., arrested at Sturtevant St. on a charge of drug possession for distribution and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

Christopher Audette, 32, of 567 Dalton Rd., Dalton, NH, April 26, 9:14 p.m., arrested at Sturtevant St. on a charge of drug possession for distribution and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

Arthur Willis, 19, April 26, 10:17 p.m., arrested on a warrant charge of armed robbery.

Saul Diaz, 40, of 81 Selden St., Dorchester, April 26, 10:23 p.m., arrested on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Laura Oliver, 39, of 79 Derby St., April 27, 11:14 a.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

A **juvenile**, of Somerville, April 27, 1:28 p.m., arrested at 219 Highland Ave. on a charge of armed and masked robbery.

A **juvenile**, of Somerville, April 27, 4:54 p.m., arrested at 150 Glen St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Julio Dejesus, 31, April 28, 11:16 p.m., arrested at Montrose St. on a charge of destruction of property over \$250 and assault and battery on a police officer.

Tara Cappel, 22, of 1940 Jackson St., San Francisco, CA, April 30, 4:20 p.m., arrested at Latin Way on a charge of assault and battery on a police officer.

Nicholas Strutt, 24, of 14 Crusade Rd., Westford, April 30, 7:09 p.m., arrested at 1061 Broadway on a charge of VCO open container.

Colleen Beattie, 27, of 5 Josephine Rd., Medford, April 30, 11:58 p.m., arrested at 499 Broadway on a charge assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

April 25, 11:02 a.m., police re-

ported a theft at 100 School St.

April 25, 5:09 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

April 25, 7:26 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

April 27, 11:14 a.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

April 27, 3:00 p.m., police reported a theft at 716 Broadway.

April 27, 5:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Morton St.

April 27, 7:34 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

April 28, 2:20 p.m., police reported a theft at 630 Somerville Ave.

Assault:

April 25, 3:18 p.m., police reported an assault at Gilman St.

April 26, 6:51 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

April 26, 8:20 p.m., police reported an assault at Stickney Ave. Floor 2.

April 28, 11:16 p.m., police reported an assault at Montrose St. & School St.

Robbery:

April 25, 9:45 a.m., police reported a robbery at Elm St.

April 27, 2:28 p.m., police reported a robbery at 219 Highland Ave.

April 27, 10:31 p.m., police reported a robbery at Garfield Ave.

Stolen cars:

April 26, 3:55 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at George St.

April 26, 8:17 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at River Rd.

April 27, 2:17 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Sycamore St.

Breaking & entering:

April 26, 11:23 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at River Rd.

April 30, 6:32 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Mossland St.

Drug violation:

April 26, 11:14 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Sturtevant St.

City to push for more beer and wine licenses

By Andrew Firestone

The Somerville BOA committee on legislative matters has approved a new resolution in a push for economic development, and is currently developing a strategic plan to introduce more Beer and Wine licenses to the city.

The debate was struck when the Chamber of Commerce visited the committee meeting and asked the aldermen to raise the limit from the 16 licenses that are currently available. There are also 10 more designated for the future Assembly Square district.

"If we were to say we had X number of people who travel into Union Square or Davis Square on any given weekend, and there are vendors there that are losing business because they don't have it, would that be an argument for applying for more?" said Alderman Bruce Desmond.

"Now maybe what we can do, if the administration is onboard, working with the Chamber of Commerce, you might come up with some factual details about the goal the City has as part of our drive for economic development," said Alderman White.

"Throughout our squares, it's

to make Somerville a dining destination. The adverse effect of the limited numbers we have given the number of restaurants and the demand that's coming in, and put together a package that will accompany a formal petition to give arguments as to why Somerville should be treated a little bit differently. That would probably be the way to do it," he resolved.

Beer and Wine licenses differ from liquor licenses in that other forms of alcohol are prohibited. They are typically seen in restaurants. The process for applying for them is overseen by the Board of Licensing, and is

equal opportunity for all bids.

Alderman John Connelly said that it would be good to package the proposed study as closely oriented towards strategic placement as possible. He said the study should be oriented towards "emerging enterprises that have been seeking the opportunity to come to Somerville because of the interest that we have, the Green Line, so long as it's part of a strategy or a plan." He added it should be consistent with the new zoning plans the alderman are working on.

Alderman Tom Taylor of Ward 3 said that White's

statement should be made a resolution.

Stephen Mackey of the Chamber of Commerce explained the importance of adding the licenses, saying a changing culture necessitated new strategies for enticing growth. "For a restaurant to be taken seriously by a reviewer, they have to be able to offer a glass of beer or a glass of wine," he said.

"If we want to encourage small boutique enterprises and help these new businesses, it should be the City's own determination as to how many to issue. It should be a local issue."

Cambridge Jail Sgt. arraigned on drug charges

A Sergeant with the Middlesex Sheriff's Department has been arraigned on drug charges after allegedly receiving cocaine and money from an undercover state trooper, Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone informed the public today.

Michael Dell'Isola, 51, of Somerville, was arraigned today in Woburn District Court on the charge of trafficking cocaine. Woburn District Court Judge Paul Yee ordered the defendant held on \$1,000 cash bail with the condition that he stays away from the Sheriff's Department.

His next court date is June 8 for a probable cause hearing.

According to authorities, in April, Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office received information regarding the defendant's illegal actions. Based on this information, the State Police began an investigation which concluded yesterday with an undercover state trooper delivering cocaine and \$500 to the defendant in Woburn. The defendant is alleged to have accepted the ille-

gal narcotics and money and was arrested on the scene. He was transported to the Medford State Police Barracks for booking.

The prosecutor assigned to the case is Assistant District Attorney John Verner, Chief of the office's PACT Unit. This case is being investigated by Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and investigators from the Middlesex Sheriff's Department.

The Middlesex District Attorney's PACT Unit, established when District Attorney Leone took office, is dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of cases of public protection (including narcotics and organized crime), anti-terrorism, corruption, and technology. The Unit has investigated and prosecuted multiple cases of alleged public corruption and organized crime, including:

- Commonwealth vs. Peter Limone, et al, in which more than 140 indictments were brought against 20 men in connection with their involvement in organized crime activities.

- Commonwealth vs. John Buonomo, in which the defendant, the former Register of Probate, pled guilty to the theft of thousands of dollars of public monies.

- Commonwealth vs. Richard Stewart and Joseph Falzone, in which the defendants pled guilty

to the theft of more than 2000 feet of cast-iron coping from the Longfellow Bridge and selling it to a scrap yard.

- Commonwealth vs. Paul Camilli, the former Superintendent of Public Works in the town of Maynard, found guilty

of soliciting cash payments from a private developer

- Commonwealth vs. Michael Harrington, the Westford Animal Control Officer charged with the theft of several guns and equipment from the Town of Westford.

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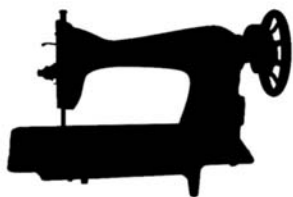


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'The Painter' defies criticism, wins SHRC approval

By Andrew Firestone

While the controversy surrounding Somerville resident John Shea's new play *The Painter* appeared to reach fever pitch, those who sat and watched the performance came away with a very different attitude. Members of the Somerville Human Rights Commission attended a recent performance of the one-act, starring Jered Wright and Michael Nurse, and came away without complaint.

"I thought it was very interesting in terms of talking about subject matter that, frankly, we don't really talk in terms of race relations," said Raffi Freedman-Gurspan, LGBT liaison for the City, who is of Dominican descent. "I don't think it was problematic; I think it was very 'in-your-face' in a way, and that sometimes makes people uncomfortable, but for me it wasn't as much."

The play, surrounding the murder of a black professor by an immigrant worker, generated protests over its subject matter, partly due to a scene in which the unnamed painter (Wright) fantasizes about

whipping the homeowner as a slave, portrayed by Nurse.

"Originally when I read it, I didn't like it either. I was a little against it. I wanted it toned down and trimmed down," said Nurse. "And then I got used to it because it shows the absurdity that comes with doing theater and it's the coin flip of what [the painter] experiences on the other side."

He said he enjoyed the role for its complexity and range, and also was greatly impressed with Shea's writing, which he said, "threw him a curveball."

"For you it's a right, for black people it's a privilege that very few ever get to exercise," Nurse recalled the line, saying that Shea could only have come to understand this through deep discussion with members of the African-American community.

Much of the Shea's writing plays off a bit like Tarentino, without the smash cuts, gunshots, or explosions used as spectacle, but carrying a sharp edge to its thematic dialogue. Both characters move through the play exploring their relationship on many social levels, both before and after the murder. While the homeowner ap-



Although controversial, John Shea's *The Painter* has passed inspection by the Somerville Human Rights Commission and many others.

pears to pontificate a bit in his "ghost form" there appears to be no racist overtone, nor hateful feeling which emanates from the stage. There is only a feeling of regret, and sadness regarding the terrible anger which exists in both downtrodden, flawed individuals.

Robert Lublin, director of UMASS Boston program for performing arts, and director of the play, said he appreciated the depth associated with Shea's

writing, and saw Nurse's character as "someone who has had to fight the fights that define the current moment," for his whole life, and grown embittered by it.

"All the opportunity that is embodied in the fact we currently have a black president is a consequence of some very fierce fighting that has occurred over the years," that led to a better racial environment, said Lublin. "The people who had to fight to achieve the pres-

ent are very, very angry about the fights that they shouldn't ever have had to fight," he said.

"As a person of color myself, but having white parents, it's something that honestly I realize I don't even talk about with my parents, about our race relations," said Freedman-Gurspan. "The fact [is] that sometimes they're subjects that make everyone uncomfortable but sometimes have to be talked about."

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Hard working volunteers “clean up” at the Fifth Annual SomerGreen Festival and Barbecue at Blessing of the Bay Boat House.

The View From Prospect Hill



It's been said that what's good for the body is also good for the soul. This concept is debatable, of course, but we couldn't agree more in the case of the annual Somerville Spring Clean-Up, which took place this past weekend throughout our city.

People of all ages and backgrounds came together to participate in an annual tradition that unites them in the common goal of making the town a cleaner and less cluttered place to live. As trash and random debris was gathered and disposed of, volunteer workers

cheerfully created a holiday-like atmosphere as they labored unselfishly for the good of the community. After the Cleanup, the community BBQ held at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse on Shore Drive helped to cement the feel-good quality of

the event, as the participants relaxed with some well-deserved food, refreshments, and fine fellowship. We salute the hard working volunteers who lent their time and energy to help clean up this, the “body” of our township, as they additionally forti-

fied the “soul” of the community with their generous expression of civic responsibility and good will. There's no question about it. Giving of oneself is as good for one's soul as anything can be. A lot of fine Somerville citizens just proved it.

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working for Jet Blue, was up here for a sort visit and looks great. She was very active in Ward 5 and the city politics for many years. She looks great and it appears that her sense of humor hasn't been lost. We wish her well. She tells us she keeps in touch by The Somerville News website.

Our local Somerville Lions are having their annual Charity Breakfast coming up on May 15th at the Lions clubhouse located at 9 New Washington Street (behind Holiday Inn) from 830 a.m to 11a.m. Tickets are \$8.00 per person or two for a great price of \$15.00. Call our ever popular current President Billy Tauro at 617 293-2016 for more information.

Speaking of Lions, but this time in Medford, congratulations to Steve Dalrymple of famed local Steve's and Son's who was installed as King Lion over at Medford Lions club this past Monday night. Steve is seen all over the place, a busy guy and he still finds time to donate his time for local organizations like this.

Hats off to our friend Patricia McGovern, President of the Medford Kiwanis. This past week Patricia hosted “Kiwanis annual Charity Fight Night” at Anthony's in Malden. The house was packed to the rim with close to 500 local boxing fans in attendance, not to mention ring side seats for some of our News staff. This was a great event and for a great cause.

The debate of which city is more interesting, Somerville or Cambridge, is taking a small twist. A new internal city-wide debate all through has just arisen and the race is on to find out which city department has the best “candy treats” on the counter. A lot of the departments have candy bowls for the public. So far we can tell you that the Election Department is winning hands down over all the rest that we have sampled so far. They are offering real milk chocolate candies in a bowl on the counter. If there is a better one out there let us know and we will be only too glad to go to sample and check it out then report on our sweet findings.

and great guy Ray Snow Sr. of the city on his upcoming back surgery this Friday. Ray is a great guy and we wish him all the best for a speedy recovery from all his friends here at the News.

Last Friday, lifelong resident and just nice guy Bill Chambers of Spring Hill was in a serious Motorcycle Accident on Mystic and Shore Drive. He was rushed to Mass General where he underwent surgery for broken leg in several places. Those that know Bill will tell you there isn't a nicer guy in the city. He's so well liked and many of his friends are giving him many prayers for a speedy recovery.

So what's going on with some of the places here in the city? We would have thought that when you hire people to handle food for the public you might want to teach them, or require them, to at least wear hair nets. We heard someone remark that a Local BK franchise here in the Ville recently was serving up breakfast sandwiches with the addition of hair strands.

recently passed away. Local historian and city artist Fred Lund, who also worked 57 years as a City of Somerville employee, recently passed away. Fred was responsible for designing the local city crest, amongst other things. He was very involved in all city historical events for many years, and he will certainly be missed. Maybe the city might do something to keep his memory alive for what he has done over the years.

Congratulations to Jimmy Del Ponte Jr. was recently named to the honor roll at West Somerville Neighborhood School. Jimmy is the drummer for the rock band STAINLESS, along with his brother Joey and Lance Mahon.

Condolences go out to the family of Helena Boliver who sadly passed away this past weekend. Helena was a wonderful woman born and raised in East Cambridge, then moved to Somerville's cobble hill apartments. Helena was also one of The Somerville News' biggest fans. She always waited for the paper to come out every Wednesday to make sure that we got it right with no mistakes and she enjoyed very much

Good luck and get well local Attorney

Another piece of history here in the city

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A big day for Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

On Monday night, this city did something big. When the Board of Aldermen voted for the \$25.75 million bond to fund infrastructure improvements in Assembly Square, it culminated almost two decades of work. All it took was the efforts of everyone who has served on the Board during that time, three past mayors,

our Congressman Michael Capuano (who was also one of those past mayors), Senator John Kerry, the late Senator Ted Kennedy, all of our state representatives during that time, all of the Somerville residents who have spoken up about Assembly Square over the years, Governor Deval Patrick and a list too long to mention from his administration, the people at Federal Realty Investment Trust, all of the city business leaders who have been staunch supporters of redeveloping Assembly Square, federal officials who approved key funding for portions of the project, and the tireless efforts of the staff here at City Hall (past and present). Government often gets criticized for not being able to do the big things. Well, I think we just proved it can do the big things.

All it takes is an armada of people willing to work something through to the end. I long ago lost count of all the twists and turns we took in getting here. We've been through two major recessions. Consultants and potential developers have come and gone. We've seen multiple changes in Governors and Presidents since we first looked to redevelop Assembly Square. Yet Somerville stayed on task no matter how what kind of obstacle got thrown in the way. I suspect we did that because we knew how much this mattered. I don't care who you are, you can't look at the No Man's Land that is Assembly Square at this moment and not think something needs to be done. Ultimately our choice was to build something in line with the values that guide us in all of our other

endeavors. We will see 2,100 new housing units built in Assembly Square, making it a true neighborhood. We will see thousands of new jobs, giving many in Somerville the opportunity to work closer to home. We will see waterfront parkland, bike lanes, broad sidewalks, a cinema, and new shops and restaurants, giving the people of Somerville new places to play. And whether you live in Assembly Square, close to Assembly Square or anywhere else in the city, the \$17 million a year in new tax revenues will be a major boost for our schools, public safety, affordable housing programs, public works and recreational department, helping to make Somerville a better place to raise a family. For most of my life we have

been talking about transforming the industrial areas of this city into something new and vibrant. It is a gigantic undertaking. Yet we have crossed the dividing line between talking about transforming Assembly Square and actually transforming Assembly Square. Everything is now in place to make this happen. So when someone tells you the Green Line extension will never happen or that the Inner Belt cannot possibly be redeveloped or that Somerville will never have a school system that is the envy of the rest of this state, I encourage you to look at what we've accomplished in Assembly Square. We can do the big things and we will do even bigger things in the future. And along the way, Somerville will become known as the city that gets the big things right.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Mother's Day



Sunday is Mother's Day. The stores are full of gifts and cards. Flower sellers are on street corners. It is a day to honor mom, whether she is still with us or not. For me it's a day to remember the woman who gave me life, and at times, threatened to take that life away! She was the person who believed in me enough to push me into going to college. She was the one who saved money and came up with a down payment to buy a cottage down the Cape. She was a strong woman. I felt her strength when she had to give a few "love taps" when I ticked her off. At times, Dad knew enough to just stand back and let her do her thing. She is the one who

took three small children on a crowded bus and train to see the Enchanted Village in Boston every Christmas. She dragged me to Zayre's and Filenes to buy me new winter coats and itchy pants. I remember once she caved, and let me get this hideous yellow suit jacket when I was just starting to play guitar in a band. And did I mention she paid for my piano lessons? It was a good deal. She sent me to lessons and I would play piano for her and her dinner guests. She loved having people over for lunch or dinner. Her favorite song she always asked me to play was *Angel of the Morning*. She has been an angel since 1986. It took me a long time to finally be able to listen to that song on the radio. Maybe someday I will try to play it again on the piano.

I would like to pay tribute to those very special moms who have to do double duty. The moms who have had to take over the job of dad for one reason or another. I happen to know a few of these remarkable ladies. They have abruptly and unfairly become a one parent family. My heart aches for these families, although they are not missing a beat. Mom does everything for the kids, making sure they never go without, miss a sporting event, or need to be somewhere. They are both mom and dad. They carry the spirit of the family on because it is the right thing to do, although it is difficult. It's for the kids. It's for the family. Let's not forget those dad's who for one situation or another are now holding down two parenting jobs. They are both mom and dad. They do the family thing

with 100% of the heart and soul needed to pull it off. I know several of these families who have lost a mom or a dad. The family pitches in of course but it is the surviving parent who is there providing the hugs, and drying the tears. They are also making the lunches, picking the kids up after school, and trying to keep the family strong. To my dad friends who are now the only parent, God bless you. To my lady friends who are now an only parent, I am in awe of you and I pray for you and your families. It breaks my heart, but heart is why you are able to carry on. We who don't know how devastating it is to have lost one half of the parenting team, can only wish you all the best. You are heroes. This Mothers' day is especially for you. For one particular

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reading Newstalk every week. She will be sadly missed by all here and all her own fans throughout the two cities.

Hurry, time is running out and ticket sales are going fast for The Somerville Lions Club's "Lions Night at the Boston Pops" June 3rd from 8pm. Tickets are \$45.pp. call Billy - king lion - Tauro at 617 293-2016 fast.

The annual Somerville High School Scholarship drawing is coming fast.

Only 250 tickets will be sold and first prize is \$10,000.00. Send \$100.00 for your ticket c/o SHS Raffle c/o Eugene C. Brune, PO Box 440275, Somerville 02144. Upon receipt of your \$100.00 a ticket will be sent out to you. It's a great event and a great local charity helping local High School kids with scholarships.

Speaking of Eugene C. Brune who, by the way, never tires of just giving back to his community, the 27th Annual Gene Brune Breakfast is fast ap-

proaching on Sunday May 22nd at Anthony's function hall in Malden on Canal Street. This is a yearly event that attracts new and old friends. Everyone enjoys themselves and it's for a great cause, not to mention it's Gene's personal charity and he deserves a lot of support from us here in the Ville.

The Elizabeth Peabody House Benefit Auction @ Celebration will be held on May 19th at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, from 6 to

10pm. RSVP call Paul Kuhne at 617 623-5510. Cost is \$65.00. Cocktails reception and Dinner, along with Silent and Live Auction plus Awards Ceremony and live entertainment.

Happy Birthday this week to some of our fans here in Somerville: Leo Saltman, Anthony Fraser, Diane MacLeod Lima, Aida Sousa-Braga, and Mike Mocca - just some of our fans celebrating their birthdays this week. If you see them around the city wish them a Happy Birthday.

Beacon Hill Roll Call



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on eight roll calls from the week of April 25-29. There were no important 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.

APPROVE \$30.5 BILLION FISCAL 2012 STATE BUDGET (H 3400)

House 157-1, after four days and nights, approved and sent to the Senate an estimated \$30.5 billion state budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. 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 \$70 million but the spending plan is still estimated to be \$25 million to \$30 million below Gov. Patrick's version filed in January.

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.

The lone opponent 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

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (H 3500)

House 113-42, approved a controversial amendment that would strip municipal employees of most of their rights to collectively bargain over health care benefits including co-payments and deductibles. The proposal, backed by House Speaker Robert DeLeo, is strongly opposed by unions across the state.

The measure does not mandate the changes but rather gives every community in the state the option to draft a

new health care plan for its employees and present it to union members. The unions then have 30 days to negotiate a better deal. If the negotiation fails, the city or town has the power to unilaterally impose the original plan. In that case, local communities would have to give the unions 20 percent of the plan's cost savings for one year as compensation. Another provision requires all eligible retirees to enroll in a Medicare health plan. Under the proposal, unions would still have the power to negotiate the share of the health care premiums paid by members. Communities would not have the unilateral power to establish that percentage.

Amendment supporters noted this long overdue local option will save \$100 million for struggling communities and allow them to continue to provide important education, public safety and other services to residents. They noted municipal workers will still have better health plans and fewer out-of-pocket expenses than most private sector workers.

Opponents said the plan is anti-union and would hurt working families across the state. They noted they were shocked that the usually pro-union Democratic-dominated House is leading the charge to kill collective bargaining. They said that many of the Democrats who voted for the bill have turned their backs on labor unions that provided them with financial support and volunteers during their election campaigns. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment stripping the unions of some collective bargaining rights. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

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

\$300 TAX CREDIT ON SALES TAX PAYMENTS (H 3400)

House 31-124, rejected an amendment that would provide taxpayers an annual tax credit of up to \$150 in 2011 on the sales taxes they pay to the state. The credit would increase to \$300 in 2012 and subsequent years.

Amendment supporters said this would provide some tax relief to consumers and pump some money back into the economy.

Amendment opponents said the state cannot afford the loss of millions of dollars in revenue. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax cut. A "No" vote is against the tax cut.)

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

PAY SALES TAX ON SALE PRICE (H 3400)

House 31-125, rejected an amendment that would prohibit the state from collecting from a retailer the sales tax on the full price of a discounted cellular phone and calling plan commonly known as a bundled package. The customer currently pays the sales tax on the actual sale price while the retailer is being billed by the Department of Revenue (DOR) for the sales tax on the amount that was discounted.

Supporters said it is unfair for the state to tax a dollar amount that was not even part of the transaction. They argued the amendment would save \$100 million annually.

Some opponents said the DOR is currently working on changing this system and will solicit public input.

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Others said a bill that accomplishes the same thing is scheduled for a public hearing on May 12. They urged House members to wait until that time. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment prohibiting the state from collecting from a retailer the sales tax on the full price of a discounted cellular phone and calling plan. A “No” vote is against the amendment and favors allowing the state to charge the sales tax on the full price.

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

REDUCE INCOME TAX RATE TO 5 PERCENT (H 3400)

House 34-121, rejected an amendment reducing the income tax rate from 5.3 percent to 5 percent over three years beginning in 2013. Voters in 2000 approved a gradual reduction of that year’s 5.85 percent tax to five percent by January 2003. The Legislature in July 2002 froze the rate at 5.3 percent.

Amendment supporters said it is time for the Legislature to respect and honor voters’ opinions and restore this tax relief. They argued that the billions of dollars saved by taxpayers will be pumped back into the economy.

Some amendment opponents said the state simply cannot afford to lose billions of dollars in revenue. Others urged the House to wait until the completion of a study by the Revenue Committee on the reform of the entire tax structure. (A “Yes” vote is for reducing the income tax rate from 5.3 percent to 5 percent. A “No” vote is against the reduction.)

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

ALLOW DRUG COMPANIES TO GIVE GIFTS TO MASSACHUSETTS DOCTORS (H 3400)

House 131-23, approved an amendment that would repeal the 2009 law that prohibits drug firms from giving gifts and meals to doctors and other health care professionals.

Supporters of repealing the ban said it has been a dismal failure that has hurt businesses hoping to expand here and prevented medical and pharmaceutical conventions from coming to the state. They said restaurants near hospitals have lost up to 25 percent of their business as a result of the ban, which also affects the income of restaurant staff. They noted that border states do not have similar laws and many companies are simply holding the dinners out of state.

Opponents said the ban is beginning to show signs of having the desired result of reducing health care costs. They argued it was designed to stop drug companies from wining and dining doctors with billions of dollars in order to influence their decisions when prescribing medication for their patients. They noted repeal of the law would be a step backwards in reforming the health care system and trying to contain costs. (A “Yes” vote is for repeal of the ban and favors allowing the giving of meals and gifts. A “No” vote is against the repeal and favors the ban on meals and gifts.)

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

MAKE MASSHEALTH MANAGED CARE (H 3400)

House 32-124, rejected an amendment that would move MassHealth, the state’s Medicaid program, from a “pay as you go” system to a managed care one.

Amendment supporters said a managed care system is more comprehensive and cost-effective, pointing to a study that says it would save Massachusetts between \$690 million and \$1 billion over five years. They noted 17 other states use managed care and argued that the state could use the savings to fund important programs that have been victims of budget cuts.

Amendment opponents urged the House not to implement what they call a quick fix, but to wait until comprehensive hearings on health care cost containment and delivery take place in May. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment changing MassHealth to a managed care system. A “No” vote is against the change.)

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

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN PRISON (H 3500)

House 73-84, rejected an amendment that would require the state to join the federal Secure Communities Program by October 1, 2011.

Under the program, the fingerprints of all individuals in Massachusetts jails would be checked with FBI and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) databases for the criminal’s immigration status and prior criminal record. The Obama Administration had mandated that all states join the program by 2013.

Amendment supporters said the program is a fair one that would ensure illegal aliens who commit serious crimes will be deported. They noted that under the program, ICE has so far deported some 81,000 illegal immigrants who have been convicted of crimes. They noted that “colorblind” fingerprints would be taken from all prisoners and disputed opponents’ charges that the program would lead to racial profiling.

Some amendment opponents said the program would lead to racial profiling. They noted that 27 percent of those deported had only a misdemeanor offense and 54 percent had no criminal conviction at all. They said the program would result in women in domestic abuse situations afraid to call the police. Others said the House should not act until after the Legislature’s Post Audit and Oversight’s public hearing to consider the consequences of the state’s participation in the program. (A “Yes” vote is for requiring the state to join the Secure Communities Program by October 1 2011. A “No” vote is against the requirement.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MANDATORY SEAT BELTS (H 3097) - The Transportation Committee will hold a May 10 hearing on a primary enforcement bill that would allow police officers to stop and issue \$25 tickets to drivers under 18 solely for not wearing seat belts. Current law is a “secondary enforcement” one that prohibits drivers from being stopped solely for not wearing a seat belt and allows an officer to issue a ticket only if the driver is stopped for another motor vehicle violation or some other offense.

Supporters say secondary enforcement is not working well and noted Massachusetts ranks low in seat belt usage among the 50 states. They argued primary

enforcement is reasonable for junior operators and would increase seat belt usage, save lives, prevent serious injuries and save million of dollars in medical and other costs.

Opponents say the bill is government intrusion into citizens’ private lives and cars, and argued drivers should have the freedom to decide whether they want to wear seat belts. They note limiting primary enforcement to drivers under 18 is a slippery slope that will eventually apply to all drivers. They argue this new power is tantamount to establishing roadblocks and would lead to random stops and unfair racial profiling.

TRAFFIC TICKETS, DRIVER’S ED AND HANDICAPPED PARKING - Also on the Transportation Committee’s agenda are bills that would require police officers to mail a copy of any warning or citation to the parents or guardian of under 18 drivers (H 900); impose a 5 percent surcharge on all traffic tickets with the revenue going to a fund to help maintain driver education courses in public schools (H 927) and allow cities and towns to issue temporary 90-day handicapped placards for drivers who need them for a short period of time following surgery (H 899).

ELDERLY GAYS AND LESBIANS (H 1099) - The Committee on Elder Affairs will hold a hearing on May 10 to consider a measure that would require the Department of Elder Affairs to work to improve access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders and caregivers. It requires all caregivers who receive funding from the department, or whose services are certified by the department, to be trained in the field of providing services to these groups.

FREE TUITION - The Higher Education Committee will hold a May 10 hearing on proposals that would provide free tuition at state colleges to teachers (H 1246); free tuition and room and board to students whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of the state when he or she served as a member of the U.S. armed forces and died in the line of military service (S 571); and in-state tuition rates to all veterans (H 2103).

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“No, no, no, no. I am not interested in serving in the United States Senate.” - Gov. Patrick during his monthly appearance on WTKK radio when asked if he would run against U.S. Senator Scott Brown in 2012.

“When I read about what’s going on in other parts of this country in terms of partisanship and bickering and inability to get a budget on time because of petty difference, I think this week is just a fine example of why the Massachusetts House of Representatives is just a very, very special place.” - House Speaker Robert DeLeo following passage of a \$30.5 billion state budget.

“Treasurer and Receiver General of the United States.” - Gov. Patrick inadvertently introducing State Treasurer Steven Grossman as the U.S. Treasurer.

“It’s clearly union busting. It looks just like Wisconsin to me. It looks just like Ohio to me. It looks just like Indiana to me. I am profoundly disappointed in every Democrat who voted to do away with collective bargaining here in Massachusetts.” - Robert Haynes, President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO reacting to House passage of an amendment that would strip municipal employees of most of their rights to collectively bargain over health care benefits, including co-payments and deductibles.

Open house for Open Studios

Take a look inside the Museum of Modern Renaissance on College Ave. The private home of Russian ex-pats Nicholas Shaplyko and his wife Ekaterina Sorokina, the museum opened to the public for Somerville Open Studios.





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Thornton moves across town to Everett

After 7 years, 8 months and 24 days, Mr. Shawn Thornton will not be sitting in the athletic office on 579 Boston Avenue in Medford when September rolls around. Thornton accepted a job across town in Everett with a Catholic Central League rival in Pope John, which is in the small along with Saint Clement.

Each team competes against each other in almost every sport. But the sport everyone will wait and buy tickets early to see is when Coach Thornton takes his Lady Tigers to Medford to face the Lady Anchors.

Thornton has built a strong resume in all athletics but especially in girls basketball. Since he took over the job as head varsity coach, the team accomplished many goals such as make the State Tournament 6 years

straight and eventually winning the league last season finishing 16-4 overall and 11-1 in the league. He also saw most of his graduates continue to play college basketball, such as 1,000-point scorer from Medford Jen Sauer who graduated in 2008.

This season he will watch his stud athlete Christy Novembre, who also scored 1,000 points, take her talents to Southern New Hampshire in the fall. Christy was very happy for Coach Thornton and Pope John stating this: "I've had Coach Shawn Thornton as my high school basketball coach and he is by far the best coach I ever had. During my four years, he has pushed me beyond my limit and that's why I am the player I am today. He also pushed the Saint Clement girls basketball team



Coach Thornton takes his leave after over 7 years of top-notch service to Saint Clement athletics.

beyond their limit. Being the youngest team and having the odds against us. We won our league 11-1 and finished 4th in division 4 North with an overall record of 16-4, and breaking our own school record at a 14-game winning streak. He knows the game very well. He always gives 150% every time whether it's practice or games. The Pope John girls basketball team is getting an amazing, passionate, and outgoing coach and an excellent athletic director. Pope John is very lucky to get him. I wish Coach Shawn Thornton the best of luck and also to the Pope John girls basketball team."

Thornton has many accomplishments throughout his career at Saint Clement. In 2005, he added boys ice hockey in which the team qualified for the State Tournament 3 out of the 5 years of existence. He added a girl's soccer team in 2006, which plays at the new state of the art Dilboy Stadium along with the football team. Thornton developed a great relationship with Tufts University hosting their Basketball State Tournament

Games since 2004, and their annual turkey day football game at the Oval. In 2009, he received the Ted Danko Award, which is a very special award given by the MIAA that distinguishes a service to the student body, high athletics, and the overall mission of developing younger students for life long skills. Thornton remained consistent in league affairs by adding the school when he first arrived there into the Catholic Central. The school didn't have a home and only played an independent schedule. In 2007-08 Thornton became Vice President of the largest league in Massachusetts and currently holds its Presidency.

This basketball season, his girls basketball team won the Division 4 Sportsmanship Award, which was presented to the entire team during the finals at the TD Bank Garden.

"Thornton's greatest asset to our school and athletics program is how he handles the parents and students," quotes a parent. He has the ability to handle situations and keep all

the parents updated in all areas. The major one is the overall well-being of the student. Thornton is not only a teacher and athletic director, but also more like a father to the majority of these kids. They look up to him and take his advice respectfully. He is a psychologist and is always willing to help our students out on a daily basis. "He always makes the parents aware of what is taking place in the school and athletically on the court or field," states another parent. "It is a big loss for our school community but whoever takes his position will be left with more than enough material to follow his footsteps."

"Shawn Thornton is the best coach I have ever had. I know Saint Clement, especially girl's basketball, will miss him greatly. He has helped me improve and become a much better basketball player. It's going to be tough playing against him and not having him on the sidelines, but Pope John is extremely lucky to have him," quotes sophomore from Medford, Allison Caloggero.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What are the seven numbers from 0 to 100 that look the same when written upside down?
2. What is it called when a bill is presented to a President and he fails to sign it in ten days?
3. How many of the 32 teeth in an adult's mouth are molars?
4. What type of fuels are natural gas, coal, and oil?
5. What Texas city got its name from the Spanish word for yellow?
6. What city was called home for Sigmund Freud?
7. Who played the coach in the original *The Bad News Bears*?
8. What number is represented in the Morse code by five dashes?
9. What do the French call the English Channel?
10. Why was *The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll banned in China?
11. What was Italo Marchiony granted a patent for in 1903?
12. What was the Bridge of San Luis Rey made of?

Answers on page 21



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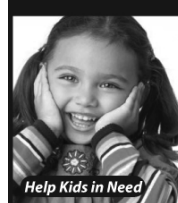
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'Historic Vote' for Assembly Square passes in Somerville

CONT. FROM PG 1



John Connolly, Alderman-At-Large
Vote: Yes

"We are making an investment for our future, an investment that will realize thousands of jobs both in the constructions jobs and permanent jobs afterwards."



Dennis Sullivan, Alderman-At-Large
Vote: Yes

"If we don't take this step, and do the infrastructure, the T-stop, the roadway, the sewer system, we can't unlock the site and finally have it pay dividends for future generations."



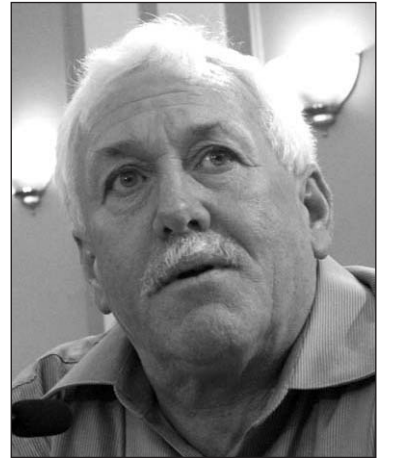
Bruce Desmond, Alderman-At-Large
Vote: Yes

"I think that this is a very historic vote that we're making. I think it's one which will prove very valuable in a positive way to the City of Somerville for generations to come."



William White, Alderman-at-Large
Vote: Yes

"I've been here 14 years and I'm hoping for Assembly Square and nothing really has happened. I don't think the City can afford another 14 years."



William Roche, Ward 1
Vote: Yes

"...there will be nothing done in this city for an awful long time if we don't jump on the opportunity right now."

Assembly Square.

The Tri-Party Agreement between the city, the state, and the developer also unlocks \$50 million from the State for construction of an Orange Line station at Assembly Square. According to the agreement, the city needed to provide \$25 million for infrastructure improvements through DIF by this Wednesday, or the agreement would have been broken, and the state money for the Orange Line would have been withdrawn.

The vote to post bonds for the DIF was nine to one at the full Board of Aldermen vote. Ward 7 Alderman Robert Trane was absent. Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz was the only dissenter.

Gewirtz explained that she planned to vote against the proposal because she felt there were not enough safeguards for the city in case of economic disaster. "We do not have enough assurances to go forward. The zoning was supposed to unlock Assembly Square, and what we got was a strip mall."

In particular, she was frustrated that the developer had refused to add a commitment to R&D and a guarantee to have 50 residential units on the market to the requirements it must meet to avoid paying the City the \$15 million surety in case FRIT fails

to act. "We have not received assurances, through the documents that we have received to date, that we will get research and development, which is badly needed and is what might make this gamble worth it."

In the Finance Committee meeting earlier that evening, city planner Monica Lamboy reported that FRIT had already made a commitment to R&D during the permitting process. As for guaranteeing 50 residential units within three years of starting construction, Don Briggs, of FRIT, said that Avalon Bay, its residential partner, will be responsible for building those units, and would does not want to take on the risk of a penalty for their partner's performance.

Overall, the aldermen who voted to post the bonds felt convinced that the DIF project was an "investment" and an "opportunity" (Ward 1 Alderman William Roche) rather than seeing it as a gamble. As Alderman Tom Taylor said, "I look upon this really as an investment. An investment inherently has a risk factor and that risk factor is that perhaps because of the economics, things don't happen the way that we anticipate it to happen. However in this particular vote I feel that we have some safeguards."

Alderman William White concluded that the DIF bond

was not an "unreasonable risk on our taxpayers."

Alderman Roche emphasized the Orange Line stop as an incentive to appropriate the DIF bonds: "If we don't do this this evening, there will be no Orange Line stop; if there's not Orange Line stop, there's no development."

Alderman-at-large Bruce Desmond and Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston acknowledged that times have changed and their opinion that DIF is necessary. Desmond, referring to Gewirtz' persistent claims that FRIT is violating its covenant with the city, said "it's unfair to characterize Federal Realty as having broken previous agreements and covenants because I don't think they have. I think circumstances have changed considerably since that covenant."

Heuston continued in that vein: "If things hadn't changed, we wouldn't be discussing this. The fact of life is this: things do change. The thing that separates the men from the boys is when things do change, that you have the ability to pick yourself up and figure out how to keep moving forward rather than retreating in the dark."

Along with the economic risks of posting the bonds, the aldermen grappled with trying to assure that the jobs the DIF

would create would go to Somerville residents-without requiring businesses to hire local workers, a practice that City solicitor said is illegal.

According to Anne Thomas, Special Counsel to the BOA, the agreement executed between FRIT and the City has three provisions. FRIT agrees to put \$100,000 into a job training fund for Somerville workers, encourage retail and office tenants to hire Somerville workers and advertise in Somerville newspapers first and provide retailers with a list of Somerville contractors in hope of providing Somerville construction jobs.

The agreement falls short of requiring businesses to hire a percentage of Somerville workers or face a penalty, something a group of 60 residents, led by Fred Berman, had proposed the city do. The residents signed a proposal to require businesses in Assembly Square to make one third of their employees Somerville residents or pay a penalty that would go into a job training fund.

Though the BOA noted the proposal, the City Solicitor Frank Wright said that it would "function as a tax and is therefore illegal." Thomas elaborated, "cities and towns do not have the authority to create trust funds and impose fees on people that

fund [them]. That has to be done through state legislature."

Furthermore, Curtatone said that even if the city tried to create such a trust fund through what's called a home-rule petition, he would veto it: "If this passes, I am vetoing it. I will not support any such home-rule that disadvantages, giving us a disadvantage in the competition for companies like Vertex." "Before we think about over-regulating and prescribing and conditioning who and how people do business here, think about this: flat for 20 years. 0.44 jobs per resident when you want a 1:1 ratio."

After the meeting, Briggs was pleased with the outcome. "This has been a long road. I think the Board of Aldermen did a great job considering all the facts. I think they landed on a good decision. We've got a great partnership and I look forward finishing this project."

Alderman O'Donovan was likewise elated: "I feel relieved and encouraged, but also like we spent over ten years on this. It's nice that something's finally going to start happening down there."

With the approval of the DIF bonds, FRIT can go forward with its development plans, breaking ground on the DIF's three development blocks this summer.



Maryann Heuston, Ward 2
Vote: Yes

"The thing that separates the men from the boys is when things do change, that you have the ability to pick yourself up and figure out how to keep moving forward rather than retreating in the dark."



Thomas Taylor, Ward 3, Vice President
Vote: Yes

"If we don't build these buildings, nothing happens anyway. If these buildings are built, then it unlocks the rest of the area there to more development which actually increases the tax revenue to the community."



Walter Pero, Ward 4
Vote: Yes

"What I've seen over the last several years is the strength of the Federal Realty Investment Trust...I've seen them invest in Assembly Square."



Sean T. O'Donovan, Ward 5
Vote: Yes

"I've had a lot of discussions with people both on the telephone and over e-mail about the jobs piece. People want to be able to enforce that at that site. We can't do it."



Rebekah Gewirtz, Ward 6, President
Vote: No

"I think we are getting into a situation here that could be trouble for us, for the taxpayers."

LEGAL NOTICES

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

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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Mother's Day CONT. FROM PG 9

woman close to my heart who lost her mother when she was only 9, you can rest assured of one thing. Your mother has been looking down at you for the past 19 years, smiling at the awesome person you have become. Your grandpa took over a lot of the mothering when your mom passed. Happy Mother's

Day to you also, Grandpa.

Let's not forget the grown children who are now their mother's caretakers. They have become the mother and are now returning the care and love their moms gave to them.

Happy Mother's Day to the moms who are fighting in various parts of the world defending democracy.

This year may be the year I can finally attempt to sit at the piano and plunk out *Angel of the Morning* for my mother, my sister, grandpa, and all the mothers in heaven. Happy Mother's Day.

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HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of April 25-29, the House met for a total of 37 hours and 3 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and 59 minutes.

Mon. April 25	House 12:02 p.m. to 7:05 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 12:51 p.m.
Tues. April 26	House 10:03 a.m. to 11:11 p.m. No Senate session
Wed. April 27	House 11:37 a.m. to 10:09 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. April 28	House 11:30 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. Senate 1:04 p.m. to 5:14 p.m.
Fri. April 29	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Beacon Hill Roll Call - Special Report:

House approves stripping unions of some collective bargaining rights on health care costs

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, APRIL 27, 2011 - The Massachusetts House, on a 113-42 vote at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday night, approved a controversial budget amendment that would strip municipal employees of most of their rights to collectively bargain over health care benefits including co-payments and deductibles. The proposal, backed by House Speaker Robert DeLeo, is strongly opposed by unions across the state.

The measure does not mandate the changes but rather gives every community in the state the option to draft a new health care plan for its employees and present it to union members. The unions then have 30 days to negotiate a better deal. If the negotiation fails, the city or town has the power to unilaterally impose the original plan. In that case, local communities would have to give the unions 20 percent of the plan's cost savings for one year as compensation. Another provision requires all eligible retirees to enroll in a Medicare health plan. Under the proposal, unions would still have the power to negotiate over the share of the health care premiums paid by members. Communities would not have the unilateral power to establish that percentage.

DeLeo, in a written statement following the vote, hailed the changes stating, "By spending less on the health care costs of municipal employees, our cities and towns will be able to retain jobs and allot more funding to necessary services like education and public safety."

House Ways and Means Chairman Brian Dempsey (D-Haverhill) applauded the plan noting it would save cities and towns \$100 million and reduce the growing percentage of local aid re-

ceived by cities and town that now goes to health care costs for municipal workers.

Dempsey said, "We're not blaming anyone for the rise in health insurance (costs). But, it's a fact. The cost of health insurance is going up, and the money we commit (to it) every year, it's unfortunately not going to textbooks. It's not going to classroom size."

Rep. Martin Walsh (D-Dorchester), a strong union supporter, led the opposition to the measure on the House floor. Walsh criticized the plan as anti-union and said, "Financial companies got slapped on the wrist for all their wrongdoing, while public employees are losing their benefits."

Robert Haynes, president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO commented, "It's clearly union busting. It looks just like Wisconsin to me. It looks just like Ohio to me. It looks just like Indiana to me. I am profoundly disappointed in every Democrat who voted to do away with collective bargaining here in Massachusetts."

The plan would still have to be approved by the Senate and signed by Gov. Deval Patrick in order to become law.

Here's how local representatives voted on the proposal: (A "Yes" vote is for is for the amendment stripping the unions of some collective bargaining rights. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

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

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April 26th 2011

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47 Whitman Street
36 Fountain Avenue

Address:
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509 Medford Street
379 Highland Avenue
8 Kenwood Street
29 Craigie Street

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

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

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|May 4

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

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

Thursday|May 5

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

Central Library
Opening Reception for Exhibit of
Somerville High School Students'
Artwork
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Somerville Reads Film Festival - The
Namesake
6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday|May 6

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

Tuesday|May 10

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

Wednesday|May 11

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

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

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

MUSIC
Wednesday|May 4

Johnny D's
Yani Batteau|Brook Batteau
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
Dennis Brennan|Susan Cattaneo (cd
release party)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
Shelby Francis|Ian McFeron
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Thursday|May 5

Johnny D's
Red Hot Pokers
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Kevin Byrne 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

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
TIR NA NOG reunion party, with the
Johnny Come Latelies
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

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

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St.

Friday|May 6

Johnny D's
Tom Pendergast|Los Sugar
Kings|O'Neal Armstrong
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Julie Dougherty's Roots Revue|6 p.m.
Stan Martin & the Honkytonk
Heroes|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
Soul Rebel Project|Danny Pease &
The Regulators|Get Weird|The
Raft|Mo Ambesa
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Major Stars|Bill Nace / Greg Kelley
duo|Vile Bodies
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe's
Dave Wells & Friends
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
Prism Project Boston
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.|Performance
Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|May 7

Johnny D's
Timbila|Funky White Honkies
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
The Fred & Asa Show |7 p.m.
One Thin Dime |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Dave Foley
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Marsman presents (boston garage
rock)|The Few|Sourpuss|Port Charles
Quintet|Lyres|Satin Kittenswith the
best 1960s garage & psych
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

PA'S Lounge
Final Show Tristan da Cunha
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Paddy Saul Solo
Ervin Dhimo Trio
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
New England Bicycle Expo
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave

Sunday|May 8

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m.
Boston Jazz Week: The Paul Ahlstrand
Quartet|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Singer Songwriter Series
8 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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381 Somerville Ave

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Monday|May 9

Johnny D's
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mike|7 p.m.

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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the month
9:30 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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381 Summer St

Wednesday|May 11

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Wednesday|May 4

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9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m.|
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Sunday|May 8

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Monday|May 9

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Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.)
115 Broadway

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Tuesday|May 3

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

Wednesday|May 11

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

Third Life Studio
GroovyBabyMusic Classes
9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m.|
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Belly Dance Fundamentals with
Nadira Jamal
6:30-8:00 Level 2|8 p.m.-9 p.m.
Level 1
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B2Green Expo & Networking Thursday

Mayor Joe Curtatone and the Somerville Chamber of Commerce have announced that the third annual B2Green Expo and Networking event will be held Thursday, May 5, at the Holiday Inn at 30 Washington Street.

Running from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M., the Expo will occur simultaneously with the Chamber's popular Business After Hours event featuring free appetizers, excellent networking, business card drawing, and cash bar. The Expo will feature presentations by local green businesses and organizations, as well as tips for businesses about utilizing more sustainable and energy-efficient practices.

"We are excited to produce

the third B2Green, bringing together businesses that provide services with those that can benefit from them" said Rebecca Schrumm, chair of the Chamber of Commerce's Green Committee. "This year will feature new businesses and non-profits providing unique information on our green economy."

"The City of Somerville is proud to once again partner with the Chamber of Commerce for this event," said David Lutes, director of the city's Office of Sustainability and the Environment. "This is not only a way for our small business community to introduce energy-saving best practices to their colleagues, but a great opportunity for entrepreneurs, small business own-

ers, and even residents to learn about money- and energy-saving measures."

Arrowstreet Inc., a local architecture firm that designed the first LEED Platinum building in Greater Boston will have a display. Business partners MetroPedal Power, Green City Growers & Groundwork Somerville will highlight the growth and impact of Somerville's green economy at its best. In-Charge Energy is providing Renewable Energy Credits for the event.

The Expo is sponsored by Bunker Hill Community College. Business After Hours networking sponsored by Century Bank. For more information, visit www.somervillechamber.org



Six Somerville Police Officers receive Awards

Six Somerville Police Officers were recognized at the Irish American Police Officer's Association, Twelfth Annual Awards Dinner, which was held Saturday evening, April 23rd, in Newton. The follow-

ing officers received awards: Lieutenant Gerald Reardon, Medal of Valor; Sergeant Joseph McCain, Medal of Valor; Detective Ernest Nadile, Medal of Valor; Detective Mario Oliveira, Medal

of Valor; Officer Dante DeFronzo, Medal of Valor; Officer Albert Gee, Life Saving. The awards were presented for acts of bravery and courage or life saving during the year 2010.

Jimmy to the rescue



At the Somerville Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 30th, Jimmy Del Ponte cleans up Powder House Park singlehandedly.

Heart and soul walkers



Somerville resident and student at the West Somerville Neighborhood School Brooke Metivier is shown here with The Matty in the Morning Crew, from Kiss 108 at the annual Walk for Hunger on Sunday May 1st. Pictured left to right: Lisa Matty, Bill Costa, Brooke Metivier and her cousin Michael Metivier. Brooke won the Heart and Soul Walkers title because she collected over \$500.00 for Project Bread.

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Thursday 5/12:

Greg Klyma 9 p.m.

Friday 5/13:

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Saturday 5/14:

Tom Hagerty Band 5:30 p.m.
Asa & the Freakin' Toads 9 p.m.

Sunday 5/15:

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Somerville resident wins the Duncan Hines 1 MILLION Cupcake Challenge

By Cathleen Twardzik

Dena Haibi of Somerville and her co-workers at Commonwealth Financial Network were recently named champions, as part of the Duncan Hines 1 MILLION Cupcake Challenge, which is a national baking and fundraising movement, the goal of which is to help to end childhood hunger in America, according to a press release.

Haibi and her co-workers hosted a Great American Bake Sale to benefit Share Our Strength and raised \$2,635, which will be matched by Duncan Hines.

"This is the first year Duncan Hines is the presenting sponsor of Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale," said Greg Greene, Director of Marketing of Duncan Hines.

The company believes that, "Baking and giving back go together like cupcakes and frosting," said Greene. Importantly, "We're inspired by passionate bakers, everywhere, and are committed to raising up to an additional \$100,000 for Share Our Strength, through the Duncan Hines Double Donations Program."

Share Our Strength is a national nonprofit that enables children to be able to obtain the nutritious food, which is needed to lead a healthy and active life.

The organization's No Kid Hungry campaign is a national effort to end childhood hunger in America by 2015.

Individuals who are interested in participating may visit, strength.org.

Beginning the week of April 11, Duncan Hines is matching the funds, which are received from the top fundraising Great American Bake Sale team each week - up to \$5,500 per week, through the week of July 18.

Duncan Hines is awarding prizes to participants, which include weekly double donations and five grand prize trips for two to Los Angeles - complete with seats on the red carpet of the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards. They are the official dessert sponsor of the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards Governors' Ball.

The highest individual or team fundraiser each week also will receive a Duncan Hines gift pack, as well as a 6-Piece Commercial II Non-Stick Essential Bakeware Set and Bake Sale Winged Pan from Chicago Metallic, which is an exclusive bakeware sponsor of the Great American Bake Sale.



Photo by Cathleen Twardzik

Dena Haibi and friends organized the prize winning Great American Bake Sale to benefit Share Our Strength's efforts to help end childhood hunger in America.

Regarding the individuals, all of whom are participating in this year's sale, "The Duncan Hines 1 MILLION Cupcake Challenge adds an element of fun and friendly competition for avid

and weekend bakers," said Amy Crowell, Director of Great American Bake Sale.

"Each cupcake, sold at \$1, will help [to] connect a hungry child to 10 healthy meals," she said.

Consumers may join the Duncan Hines 1 MILLION Cupcake Challenge by going to www.duncanhines.com/cupcakechallenge. The official rules and complete details are avail-

able via that link.

Sign up to host a Great American Bake Sale, or join the Duncan Hines team at, http://gabs.strength.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GABS_homepage. Also, bake with Duncan Hines, and enter for a chance to win the Duncan Hines 1 MILLION Cupcake Challenge Sweepstakes.

Mother of Harvard shooting victim relieved at life sentence CONT. FROM PG 1

to natural life imprisonment for his role as the gunman in Justin's death, which allegedly involved four other people. The story has generated national headlines over the former Harvard student involved in the conspiracy, Brittany Smith, Copney's girlfriend, who is suspected to have aided in the crime, and lost her chance at graduation.

Cosby, who works at a Somerville real estate office, said that she only grieves for her murdered son and cannot see why such people would risk so much for so little. "[Smith] wasted her whole life. She wasted her whole entire time, everything she had worked for towards getting into Harvard. She was there on scholarship, so she blew all of that two weeks before graduation," she said.

"You would think that if these people were educated, they would have thought this through," she said. "You would think that, between the five of them, one of them would have at least said, 'hey, this isn't a good idea.'"

Cosby said that, while she did not condone her son's activities in selling marijuana, she did not believe that something so trivial should have cost him his life.

"Justin was my youngest child," she said. "He was very, very close to me. He was the type of person that no one would think this would ever happen to. He stayed away from bad neighborhoods, questionable neighborhoods," adding that he would occasionally joke about needing her protection if he were going to pick up tires for his car in Roxbury.

She also insists the boy was not violent, and avoided confrontation. "He was the peacemaker," among his friends she said, recalling a night when he received a call from his friends regarding a possible fight.

"The next thing I knew, he flew out the house, and he comes back with friends behind him. He's telling them 'you're crazy man. Don't call me about anymore about no fights. I want to hang out with the girls, not be messing around with you guys.'"

Justin, she said, was a young man who enjoyed nothing more than tinkering around with his '95 BMW, and was a scholarship student who had recently withdrew from UMASS Salem, but planned to return and complete a major in computer science. She says that the murder,

over a supposed \$5,000 dollars worth of marijuana has "been like a bomb that came through my family."

Cosby said that her Cambridge neighborhood has been very supportive, but that she and her loved ones continue to struggle in coming to grips with the senseless crime. She said some of the younger members

of her family are in therapy now, trying to understand how their beloved young uncle was "killed by the bad guys."

However, Cosby can take solace that the killer is now in jail, with no chance of parole. "I felt relieved, I felt thankful," she said of her feelings at the hearing. "It was a little nerve-racking just waiting for them to say 'guilty.'"



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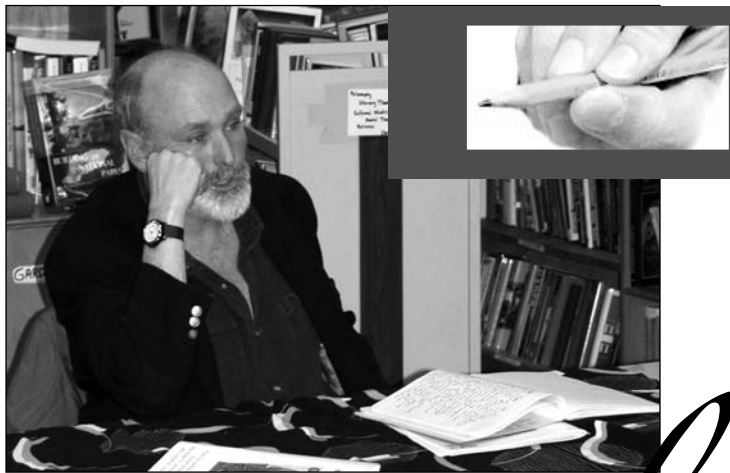
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3. There are 12 molars (6 on each side)	8. The number 10
4. They are called fossil fuels	9. La Manche
5. Amarillo	10. It portrayed animals and humans as equals
	11. Ice cream cones
	12. It was made of rope

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

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

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, May 4		7:00pm: (13/16)	Kidney Donor Awareness Awards	2:00am: (13/16)	Honoring Fred Lund "The Fred Lund Art Exhibit"	9:00am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show
9:00am: (13/16)	Mayor's Annual Business Town Meeting	7:00pm: (15)	Noble Laureate in Chemistry at SHS			9:00am: (15)	Raising Families
9:00am: (15)	SHS National Honor Society Induction 2011	8:00pm: (13/16)	Mayor's Annual Business Town Meeting	12:00pm: (13/16)	Special Board of Aldermen Meeting 5/2/11	11:30am: (15)	SHS Spring Concert
11:30am: (15)	Emergency Preparedness for Disabled Children	8:00pm: (15)	Mayor's Athletic Achievement Awards	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Spring Concert	12:00pm: (13/16)	Honoring Fred Lund "The Fred Lund Art Exhibit"
12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 5/2/11	8:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - Kennedy	1:45pm: (15)	Mayor's Athletic Achievement Awards	12:30pm: (13/16)	Special BOA Meeting 5/2/11
12:45pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	8:50pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	2:00pm: (15)	Kidney Donor Awareness Awards	1:15pm: (15)	SHS Hockey Highlights 2010-11
1:15pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Basketball Highlights 2010-11	9:20pm: (13/16)	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	2:00pm: (13/16)	Honoring Fred Lund "The Fred Lund Art Exhibit"	7:00pm: (13/16)	Greek Independence Day Celebration
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8:15pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Highlights 2010-11	12:30am: (15)	Noble Laureate in Chemistry at SHS	9:00pm: (15)	Kidney Donor Awareness Awards	8:50pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Awards 2011
8:25pm: (13/16)	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	1:00am: (13/16)	Mayor's Annual Business Town Meeting	9:00pm: (13/16)	Honoring Fred Lund "The Fred Lund Art Exhibit"	Tuesday, May 10	
8:40pm: (13/16)	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	1:00am: (15)	Mayor's Athletic Achievement Awards	Sunday, May 8		12:00am: (13/16)	Greek Independence Day Celebration
8:50pm: (13/16)	SomerVision Steering Committee 4/12/11	1:30am: (15)	Superintendent Awards - Kennedy	12:00am: (13/16)	Special Board of Aldermen Meeting 5/2/11	12:00am: (15)	SHS National Honor Society Induction 2011
8:55pm: (15)	College Admissions Forum at SHS	1:50am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (15)	SHS Spring Concert	1:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update
Thursday, May 5		2:20am: (13/16)	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	1:45am: (15)	Mayor's Athletic Achievement Awards	1:30am: (13/16)	Special BOA Meeting 5/2/11
12:00am: (13/16)	Greek Independence Day Celebration	2:20am: (15)	SHS Football/Basketball Cheerleaders 2010-11	2:00am: (15)	Kidney Donor Awareness Awards	1:50am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Awards 2011
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1:15am: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Highlights 2010-11	9:00am: (15)	SHS Football/Basketball Cheerleaders 2010-11	12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	11:30am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Awards 2011
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1:50am: (13/16)	SomerVision Steering Committee 4/12/11	1:45pm: (15)	Mayor's Athletic Achievement Awards	12:45pm: (13/16)	Education, Programs & Instruction Subcommittee	1:15pm: (15)	Innovative Science Awards at WSNS
1:55am: (15)	College Admissions Forum at SHS	2:00pm: (15)	Kidney Donor Awareness Awards	2:15pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Highlights 2010-11	1:35pm: (13/16)	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff
9:00am: (13/16)	Honoring Fred Lund "The Fred Lund Art Exhibit"	2:00pm: (13/16)	Honoring Fred Lund "The Fred Lund Art Exhibit"	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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11:30am: (15)	All-City Elementary Spring Concert	7:30pm: (15)	SHS Spring Concert	7:15pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	7:15pm: (13/16)	Kidney Donor Awareness Awards
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12:30pm: (15)	Raising Families	9:15pm: (15)	Kidney Donor Awareness Awards	7:45pm: (13/16)	Education, Programs & Instruction Subcommittee	8:15pm: (13/16)	Education, Programs & Instruction Subcommittee
1:00pm: (15)	Noble Laureate in Chemistry at SHS	Monday, May 9		9:15pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Highlights 2010-11	9:05pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Basketball Highlights 2010-11
3:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City - LIVE	12:00am: (13/16)	Honoring Fred Lund "The Fred Lund Art Exhibit"	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
3:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - Kennedy	12:00am: (15)		12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (15)	Innovative Science Awards at WSNS
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		2:15am: (15)		2:15am: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Highlights 2010-11	2:05am: (15)	SHS Boys' Basketball Highlights 2010-11



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Poet Ruth Kramer Baden: A writer from 'East of the Moon'

Ruth Kramer Baden is well into her 70's, but is an emerging poet with her first poetry collection *East of the Moon* (Ibbetson Street Press). This book which was recently selected as a "Must Read" by the Massachusetts Book Award, is according to reviewer Barbara Bialick "a mythic narrative, storytelling, and busting with flavor beads...she takes the reader through life cycles of a mature woman-with the span of her first collection, it is obvious that her writing of this work was in the back of her mind for some time." I talked with Baden on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*.



Doug Holder: So Ruth what took you so long?
Ruth Kramer Baden: Well I guess I succumbed to the myth that was thrown around when I was a young person. That was once you get married-you have children and you stay at home. I know Sylvia Plath was writing at 2 A.M. with two little children-but then she put her head in the oven. I felt like I had to devote myself to my husband and children. It wasn't until the Feminist Revolution that I got the message that there is room for family but other things too. Yes there was love for the family but you had to fulfill your promise in the world as well. I started writing because of a teacher who inspired me in high school. I decided that I wanted to be a world famous writer, if not that, somewhere near that. So I went to college, and did what women of my generation did - I got married and had children. I turned away completely from poetry and all the things I was thinking about in college. My husband didn't want me to do anything that would interfere with my duties as a wife. I think I accepted that. That was your job - you didn't think about your own needs.

DH: As Lois Ames, a confidante of both Sexton and Plath, told me you were a revolutionary if you were a woman, and doing something outside the kitchen.

RB: I guess then I was a revolutionary. I took a writing seminar at the Radcliffe Institute, which was for "older women." So there were some of us in our 30's. (Laugh) I just got hooked, all I wanted to do was write, write, write. So I started writing poetry. And my dream was to publish. But somehow I didn't think I was good enough. I didn't know how to go about it. It was not like today when you can go on the Internet and find all these publishers. I was very lucky to go to a reading at Porter Square Books to hear Kathleen Spivack read. She became my mentor and later I got my book published with her invaluable help.

DH: You were a lawyer-does this experience figure with your work?

RB: Yes I was a lawyer and I decided to retire at 70. The law did not inspire my work, but my teaching does. I teach at Brandeis University in a program for adult learners. It has been the greatest experience working with these people. They are seniors with a lot of life experience.

DH: What do you consider the traits of a good poetry teacher?

RB: In my own case I'm told that I communicate my passion for poetry. You really have to like and enjoy people. You should be able to explain in a very down-to-earth way about what you are talking about.

As far as Kathleen Spivack goes she had been a

teacher many years ago when I was in my 30's. When I saw she was reading in Porter Square (Cambridge, Mass.), I also found out she helped her poetry students get published. I hooked up again with her. She was very encouraging. She made feel like I could become a published poet.

DH: Your poems seem to have a strong Jewish bent to them. Do you consider yourself a Jewish poet or a poet who is Jewish?

RB: I guess a poet who is Jewish. I didn't realize that I have a decidedly Jewish slant. But now I realize it is true, many of my poems are imbued with Jewish Humanism. That is that they have a feel for the culture, the history, and what happened to the Jews during the Holocaust. Writing poetry is a way to find out who you are - where you came from.

Under The East River

What would you give to ride again
to Flatbush Avenue in the front subway car
wondering about the rails, why they meet
in the distance of the dark tunnel?
to climb the stairs up to the ozone-scented morning
holding your schoolbooks tight against your blue-sweated chest
and stride under the arch of Erasmus Hall High School
where Desiderius, the bronzed Dutch scholar stands
with his tome eternally open to the same two pages
to throw a Lincoln penny into his book for luck
in passing all your tests, and you do
to have your luck follow you out into the copper afternoon
and to never doubt it will be with you forever?
What will you do when your luck slips clinking onto the rails
somewhere between Times Square and Coney Island
and you ride to and fro under the East River
while your reflection watches you from the soot-smearred window?
you know now you will never get off at the right stop
you will fail all your tests year after year
the rails will never meet.
What would you give to ride to Herald Square and see luck
get on
wearing a faded Dodgers cap and his back-pack of tricks?
when he moves to the strap-hanger next to yours
when he sways with you
will you dare look straight into his cobalt eyes
and invite him to come home in the lowering afternoon
to lie with you, to love each other's bones
until they meet in the tunnel of light?

- Ruth Kramer Baden

There are many talented young poets in Somerville's "Books of Hope Project." And as any poet knows: "Know thyself." Well, Books of Hope poet Yolandi Cruz knows herself...intimately! I decided to include the work of this talented bard in this week's *Lyrical*.

The Marshall's Fitting Room

Sorry I'm late
I just came back from the most wonderful date with myself
It was love at first sight
In a Marshall's fitting room with dancing chandeliers,
flying monkeys and a pair of frozen cactus
For the first time in my life
I had butterflies in my stomach
like we were meant to be

I stood there
Naked
Admiring the most beautiful landscape,
I had seen in my entire life
I had never seen me before

I'm not an architect but her body
was full of diverse composition
Every line falling perfectly
with the subway of the city

Her breast lying loosely from her chest
like
wet spaghetti waiting to be dried
Her eyelashes, spring-wet grass being
pushed by the wind
Eyes yelling out Help Me!
Help me crawl out of fire I've started
My body is aching from the
infinite, constant, darkness I've been living in

Even her insecurities made me fall for her
I was in love

Me: had the most royal name
I am a queen

Me: had the most beautiful smile
I am beauty

Me: had the most soft lips
I am tenderness

She was perfect.

She traced the stretch marks around her
body like a map

Contemplating the useless times, she
stressed over them
They have become more visible then
they should be

She has been through bumpy roads
These yellow street lines symbolize
People physically and mentally abusing her

But she is her worst enemy
No one has hurt her more than herself

I had never met anyone like me
She was beautifully scary
Her reflection a fountain of jewels
erupting from a volcano
Her smile a rain shower of treasures
leaping from hidden chambers

The four walls in my room have trapped
me from seeing her
The Pac Sun skinny jeans that will never fit me
The Seventeen Magazine girls with no blemish
The various corsets my family has bought me

I stood in that fitting room for an hour
Forgave me for cancelling our dates in the past
For telling her I would call but never finding
the courage to dial her number
For ignoring her

After our date
I promised me that would be here,
there,
later,
now,
forever
I promised me to let go of people that mistreating her
I would always remind me
that I am not beautiful
But that I am beauty itself
After all you don't meet your soul mate everyday

- Yolandi Cruz

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