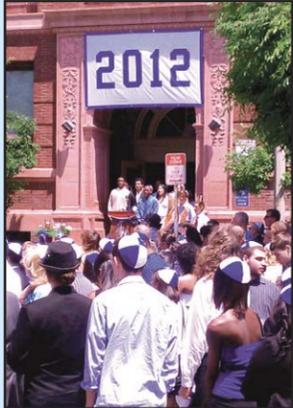




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Fix now, flatten later

Residents question state's plans for McGrath



Photo by Elizabeth Sheeran

Many residents would rather see the McGrath Highway overpass demolished than repaired.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

It's an unsightly concrete colossus that divides the city between East and West, and is despised by the locals. For Somerville residents, the Route 28 McCarthy Overpass might as well be the Berlin Wall. And it can't come down soon enough.

"Take the overpass down. Take it down yesterday," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone to thunderous applause from the standing-room-only crowd that packed the Argenziano School cafeteria last week to hear the state's plans for the McGrath Highway stretch of Route 28.

The state-owned elevated highway carries tens of thousands of Boston-bound vehicles through Somerville every weekday. But the Mayor said it does nothing for the city but hurt the quality of life, cut off neighborhoods and stifle local economic development. "We will no longer be the on- and off-ramp to Boston," said the Mayor.

The Mayor's "tear down this overpass" message was echoed throughout the evening by a succession of elected officials, community advocates and residents alike.

Union Square homeowner Julia Prange reflected the general consensus *Continued on page 11*

A tree grows in Somerville

City wins Arbor Day Foundation Award

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Trees make good neighbors. And Somerville is welcoming more of them to the community all the time.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation recently honored Somerville with an Annual Tree City USA Award for the 17th straight year. While 84 Massachusetts cities and towns earned the 2012 award, which is sponsored by the National Arbor Day foundation, Somerville was only one of a handful of urban communities on the list.

"It speaks to the fact that we're committed to actively planting trees and we're aware of the benefits," said planner Rachel Kelly, who manages 300 or more new tree plantings in Somerville every year. Kelly said that commitment has a big impact on a densely populated city bordered by major traffic arteries. "They do make the city look really pretty, but there's definitely more to it than that," said Kelly.

She said trees improve *Continued on page 11*



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Somerville has been recognized and honored for 17 straight years as a tree-loving community.

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NEWTALK

This Thursday evening, June 7, between 5-7p.m., the Somerville Chamber of Commerce monthly "Business After Hours" will be held at Orleans Restaurant, 65 Holland Street, Davis Square. Bring your business cards. It's a great way to network and meet fellow business leaders here in Somerville. The event this month is sponsored by East Cambridge Savings Bank.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having their annual bake and tag sale this Saturday. Lots of great stuff and a nice local charity to help out. Stop in and mention you saw it here.

We want to thank our good friends and avid Somerville News readers at CB Scoops Ice Cream just over the border in Medford on High Street for sending over a dozen of their delicious ice cream filled cup cakes and an ice cream pizza, which was sent to our newsroom for us to sample. Wow! If you haven't tried them yet, you don't know what you're missing. Mention you saw it here in Newstalk.

What a busy little business at the 3 Little Figs café up on Highland Avenue. Good coffee, great muffins, and a friendly staff. All worth the long wait sometimes because of the crowd out to the door.

Arts at the Armory is offering special rates to local nonprofit groups to use the café. It's a nice convenient place for small intimate gatherings. Maybe a meeting or small seminar. Mention it you saw it here.

Speaking of the Armory, join Denise Provost this Sunday, June 10, from 6 to 7 p.m., along with

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Comments of the Week

Response to SomerVision plan set for implementation in June

yuppie scum says:

I like a lot of what's being proposed but wouldn't it be easier just to get annexed by Cambridge?

No Tufts? says:

I too like some of what I've seen but there does seem to be something missing in this report. I don't see any plan on dealing with Tufts and what their plan is for the next thirty years or for the next three months. It's a large concern for this part of the city and should have been addressed.

j. connelly says:

No Tufts – Do like the citizens zoning committee did in the 80 2s. Ask Tufts to produce their Master Plan for viewing. They were not exactly forthcoming with it but we got the City Solicitor to convince them to turn the plans, slides, photos, etc. over to us to view. That one had aerial photographs, too. If Tufts had their way, West Somerville would not exist.

I dont mind the students, I do mind the administrations non- friendly attitude towards the neighborhoods. Their is no justification to their not paying in-lieu of taxes*, like Harvard & MIT (8 million annually each to Cambridge) for the municipal services, Fire/Police/EMS/DPW, Tufts receives as well as their drain on our existing [all those new bldgs/dorms] infrastucture, water, sewer lines, etc. With all of their endowments and profits they should be willing to give the city the a fair *PILOT annually.

Emmett Brown says:

Roads? Where we're going, we don't need roads.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are in favor of a measure requiring the state purchasing agent to give preference to products manufactured or produced in the US as long as there is "no sacrifice or loss in price or quality." If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Are you in favor of a measure requiring the state purchasing agent to give preference to products manufactured or produced in the US as long as there is "no sacrifice or loss in price or quality."



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Class Day's ongoing tradition

By Emmanuel Vincent

It was a memorable day for the Senior Class of 2012 this past Friday as they took part in the annual Class Day. The event is a long-standing tradition at the school. The graduating class of 1962 was in attendance as each year the 50th anniversary class is invited. Parents, friends, and family were in attendance to show their support of their loved ones who have reached a significant milestone in their life.

Applause was given and numerous photographs were snapped, capturing multiple still moments of the event. Video recording of the event took place

by members of the audience as well. Certainly, this was a pivotal moment in their loved ones' lives and they took full advantage of having every single moment archived.

The first part of the event was held in the Centennial Auditorium, where a number of scholarships were given out to students during the ceremony. In addition, it was announced what school they had been accepted to and what institution they would be attending in the fall. These schools included Clark University, Tufts University, and the University of Massachusetts. The ceremony also consisted of speeches, a class poem reading,



Class Day 2012 brought generations of SHS students past and present together in celebration of Senior class achievements.



and the singing of a class song.

Class Day also marked the end of Anthony Ciccarollo's tenure as the Headmaster of Somerville High School. Ciccarollo is highly respected within the Somerville High community. He had made a profound impact and many feel that it will be very difficult to fill the void that will be left. "Mr. Ciccarollo has been a friend of mine for several years," says John Oteri, Mr. Ciccarollo's predecessor. "I hope to continue on his success and build upon it."

The second half of the event consisted of a parade down Highland Avenue, which the senior class participated in. Additionally, there was a "planting of the ivy" as graduates usher in the graduating class of 2016

with the handing off of a shovel.

Class Day was a great way to acknowledge this year's graduating class and to remind no don't forget those who they made bonds with during their duration at Somerville High.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Sheriff's Office employees honored

Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian has announced that several Middlesex Sheriff's Office employees received statewide recognition for their outstanding achievement at the 15th Annual Correctional Officer of the Year Awards ceremony.

Sheriff Koutoujian nominated 17 Middlesex Sheriff's Office employees who received awards based on their outstanding contributions to public safety and service to others.

"I was privileged to stand alongside this outstanding group of individuals as they received such a deserving honor," said Sheriff Peter Koutoujian. "Their dedication to the communities they serve are incredible examples of selflessness and bravery."

Officers Buntha Kieng (Lowell) and Todd Courtemanche (Dracut) received the "Medal of Valor" award. Officers Kieng and Courtemanche are assigned to the Warrant Apprehension Unit in Lowell, MA. While on duty, the officers observed a man being stabbed repeatedly

in the City of Lowell. The officers interjected, pursued and apprehended the suspect, and took him into custody. Their actions undoubtedly saved the victim's life.

Sheriff Koutoujian also nominated the following officers who received the "Community Service Award" for their exceptional contributions to the "Wounded Warrior Project": Deputy Richard Vivier (Methuen), Deputy Richard Maloney (Lowell), Captain Tammy Manning (Billerica), Lieutenant Angel Rosado (Lowell), Sergeant Steven Laderoute (Lowell), Officer Ryan Abrams (Chelmsford), Officer Sean Donnelly (Peperell), Officer Christopher Foley (Hudson, NH), Officer James Gaudette (Methuen), Officer Richard Heneghan (Burlington), Officer David Lane, Jr. (Lowell), Officer Christopher Leary (Somerville), Officer Daniel Noel (Westford), Officer Timothy O'Leary (Billerica) and Officer Richard Vieira (Tewksbury).



17 Middlesex Sheriff's Office employees were recipients of awards for their contributions to public safety and service to others.

The Wounded Warrior Project is a national organization that helps to raise awareness on behalf of injured service members returning home from combat. These employees coordinated and participated in last year's "Solider Ride", a 25 and 45 mile bike ride to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. The officers raised over \$10,000

and were the strongest show of support the Wounded Warrior Project had experienced from any law enforcement agency across the country.

"The goal of ensuring the safety of our citizens is a cause we hold dear whether at home or abroad," Koutoujian said. "This group of individuals embraced the need to give back to those

who served our country with pride, courage and dignity".

These individuals went above and beyond the call of duty and demonstrated the highest standards of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office. For more information about the Wounded Warrior Project, please visit their website: www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

A juvenile, 17, May 29, 3:46 p.m., arrested at 19 Newbury St. on a warrant charge of disorderly conduct.

Matthew Marujo, 18, of 30 Linden St., May 29, 6:05 p.m., arrested at 24 Melvin St. on a charge of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Richard Baker, 40, of 119 Howe Rd., Braintree, May 30, 3:04 p.m., arrested at 1137 Broadway on warrant charges of unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, and leaving the scene of personal injury.

John McLean, 52, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, May 30, 7:16 p.m., arrested at 0 Grove St. on warrant charges of larceny from a person and assault.

Moacir Silva, 26, of 14 Kilby, May 31, 7:56 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Joel Agosto, 26, of 50 Chatham, Lynn, May 31, 2:18 p.m., arrested at 5 Cross St. on warrant charges of resisting ar-

rest, attempt to commit crime, larceny over \$250, trespassing, abuse prevention order violation, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, larceny from a person, destruction of property over \$250, and assault.

Everett Goss, 44, May 31, 8:46 p.m., arrested at 9 Davis Sq. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Marckweel Vital, 24, of 20A Memorial Rd., June 1, 9:19 a.m., arrested at 30 Washington St. on charges of disorderly conduct, assault, resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, destruction of property under \$250, and assault and battery.

Franklin Perez-Iglesias, 19, of 510 Mystic Ave., June 1, 2:17 p.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distribute and drug violation near a school or park.

Harold Barnett, 29, of 16 Crownsheild St., Peabody, June 1, 4:42 p.m., arrested at 500A Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of resisting arrest, miscellaneous municipal ordi-

nance, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and assault and battery.

Brian Botelho, 34, of 52 Wellington Ave., Everett, June 2, 11:26 a.m., arrested at 21 Nashua St. on charges of assault and battery and witness intimidation.

Britni Boninatis, 27, of 250 Haddon Ave., Collingswood, NJ, June 2, 2:18 p.m., arrested at 23 Cummings St. on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

Joseph Weisberg, 54, of 29 Justin, Lexington, June 2, 2:45 p.m., arrested at 486 Columbia St. on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and threat to commit a crime.

Michael Duffy, 28, of 70 Summer St., June 3, 2:11 a.m., arrested at 523 Broadway on charges of disorderly conduct and violation of city ordinance possession of a deadly weapon.

Steven Domings, 21, of 82 Gilman St., June 3, 2:11 a.m., arrested at 523 Broadway on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Zachary Corey, 21, of 9 Fenell St., June 3, 2:11 a.m., ar-

rested at 523 Broadway on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Incidents:

Theft:

May 29, 9:20 a.m., police reported a theft at Bartlett St.

May 29, 2:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Memorial Rd.

May 29, 6:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Marshall St.

May 29, 9:38 p.m., police reported a theft at William St.

May 29, 11:27 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

May 30, 7:16 a.m., police reported a theft at Bolton St.

May 30, 3:38 p.m., police reported a theft at 22 McGrath Hwy.

May 30, 10:30 p.m., police reported a theft at Myrtle St.

May 31, 5:52 p.m., police reported a theft at 276 Elm St.

May 31, 6:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Hinckley St.

May 31, 9:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Lexington Ave.

June 3, 3:38 p.m., police reported a theft at Dresden Cir.

Robbery:

May 29, 11:51 p.m., police re-

ported a robbery at Park St.

May 31, 2:34 p.m., police reported a robbery at Lovell St.

Breaking & Entering:

May 30, 10:44 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Lewis St.

June 1, 10:17 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Vernon St.

Vehicle Theft:

May 31, 6:11 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Highland Ave.

May 31, 9:42 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Temple St.

Assault:

June 1, 9:19 a.m., police reported an assault at 30 Washington St.

June 2, 11:26 a.m., police reported an assault at Nashua St.

June 2, 2:45 p.m., police reported an assault at Columbia St.

Drug Violation:

June 1, 2:17 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Mystic Ave.

Carnaval @ SomerStreets brightens Broadway

By Francisco White

The 3rd Annual Carnaval@SomerStreets and FossFest celebration, held on Sunday, June 3, was the first of five SomerStreets events for this year. SomerStreets takes place one Sunday each month from June through October. Programming is provided by the City of Somerville, FossFest, East Somerville Main Streets, The Somerville Arts Council, and other collaborators in the community.

According to the FossFest website, "Each month the city transforms different Somerville neighborhoods into celebrations of active living, community pride, and live entertainment." Broadway, between Temple Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, was partially closed to traffic to allow pedestrian access to the many vendors, information tents, and entertainment options.

Despite rain, wind, and a slight chill in the air, there was a steady flow of attendees to enjoy the festivities. The FossFest stage, in front of Saxon Foss Park, featured the Mike Hastings Band, The Grownup Noise, Tumbleweed Company, and The Lights Out. Children had many entertainment options as well, including participation in the Vegetable Circus' lively performance on the Louie's Stage or playing games with Somerville Recreation staff. International clown accordionist and unicyclist, Davy the Clown, could not be missed. There was even the opportunity to observe a Brazilian jiu-jitsu demonstration by the Wild Buffalo Team.

In an obvious commitment to diversity and appreciation of multiculturalism, there were



Photo by Karenga Ocean

A Vegetable Circus performer with entertains with hoops.

performances by Casa El Salvador and SOS Step Team on the Main Streets Stage, in addition to traditional Thai and Nepali musical offerings on the Temple Street Stage.

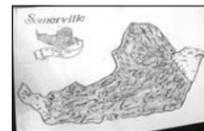
Vendors included numerous local craftsmen and artists. Mudflat Pottery School and Studio opened its doors and sold some of its best earthenware on outdoor tables. Attendees were allowed to sign their names on an actual car, with neon ink, at the Zipcar tent and could purchase local organic produce from Enterprise Farm.

With something for everyone, the event lasted from noon until 4 p.m., through the less than ideal weather conditions, high-

lighting the charm of East Somerville and Winter Hill. In a recent press release, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone said, "SomerStreets events have become some of the most anticipated regional events, drawing an average of 6,000 people each month, and Carnaval @ SomerStreets has proven one of the largest and most popular events to kick off the summer for the last several years."

The next event in the SomerStreets series will be Seize the Summer - Sunday, July 29, on Highland Avenue, from the Walnut St. to Cedar St. For more information about SomerStreets, visit www.somerville-ma.gov.

The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle Feathers #2

Eyes on Bette Davis

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Over the years, the Somerville Theatre has showcased the likes of Bruce Springsteen, U2, Frankie Fontaine, Kate Smith and Leonard Nimoy. While you may be aware that these various icons of the entertainment industry performed at the theatre (some of them more than once), you may not know that one of the biggest Hollywood legends ever to grace the silver screen actually lived just a few blocks away on College Avenue. During World War II, the great Bette Davis was the single highest-paid working female in America. She was voted the second-greatest actress of all time according to the American Film Institute. Her rank was trumped by Katherine Hepburn, whose grandfather, incidentally, started the Union Glass Company on Webster Avenue (Somerville's largest employer during the 1850's). While you probably won't find Davis' movies in your local Redbox, since they hardly qualify as "new releases," you can buy or rent many of her 100+ motion pictures online. Many of them, such as *All About Eve* and *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane*, are considered by critics and audiences alike to be the greatest films ever made. She also gave the name "Oscar" to the statuette awarded at the Academy Awards.



Davis' parents had an apartment across from Teele Square's Engine 6 on 11 Westminster Street. Her mother raised the family while her father attended Harvard Law School. At the end of her pregnancy and at the request of her grandmother, Bette's mother traveled to Lowell, MA, to give birth to the baby. After Bette's birth, they returned to Somerville where the family resided for four years. Upon graduation, Mr. Davis obtained a lucrative position at the New England Shoe Manufacturing Company, enabling the family to move from Teele Square to College Avenue. In her memoir, she wrote of her love for the new house, where she could people-watch from the large porch. Davis Square, however, is not named after Bette, but after a grain dealer in Somerville named Person Davis. While Bette Davis never stopped being a legend, she enjoyed a slight resurgence when Kim Carnes released a cover version of Jackie DeShannon's 1974 song "Bette Davis Eyes." The hit song was Billboard's number one single of 1981 and was a number one hit in 31 countries.

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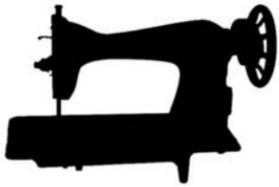


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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

The View From Prospect Hill



Another year passes and we pause at this time to congratulate and honor the hard working students who achieved their goal of successfully completing their courses of studies at their respective high schools and colleges.

It takes a lot of dedication and commitment to follow through to completion in this world, which is filled with so many challenges and distractions. It is no small feat to take one's education to the limit, and these moments represent important milestones along the path to success in life.

We should lavish these kids with praise for their accomplishments and encourage them to take it to the next level. To constantly strive to better themselves, be it moving on to college or grad school, professional or vocational schooling. Going yet another step further shows am-

bitution and a sense of belief in oneself that can propel one to success unimagined by those who fall short of the mark.

It can be said that one's life is a never-ending process of discovery and learning. That we are always in school, in fact. Still, achieving the goal of completing

a set course of study is especially satisfying and sets the stage for even bigger accomplishments.

And so we applaud the achievements of the class of 2012. May they go on to know great success in their professional and personal lives. They so clearly deserve it.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Congressman Michael Capuano, Mayor Joe Curtatone and other special guests in celebrating the State Representative's work in Somerville, kicking off her reelection campaign. Enjoy delicious food from Redbones, and an excellent assortment of homemade pastries.

Our own Bobbie Toner goes in the hospital for some testing this week, so we wish her the best of luck. Meanwhile, Patti Norton came out of heart surgery and is doing great, awaiting some more procedures. She thanks everyone for the nice cards and best wishes.

We hope Rom, Davis Square's longest serving barber had a great trip to Brasilia and that the ever popular local nice lady Elaine Czesnick has a wonderful time visiting her son in Australia.

Our condolences to the family of Bill Manning here in the Somerville, a lifelong resident who passed away this week. He was a very nice guy who had a lot of friends here. He will be missed by many of his family and friends. He was very involved in the local Somerville Lodge of Masons that used to be on

College Avenue.

Some are sad we hear that Tasty Burger is going to move to Harvard Square, which means Davis Square loses out.

Have you been to Kelly's over in Wellington? It seems lately that they should probably teach these high school kids how to cook the food to completion. Some of our Newstalkers were over there recently a few times and won't be back anytime soon.

There was a good size gathering at the hearing on the repairing or removing of the McGrath Highway. Mayor Joe Curtatone made it clear he was for removing it, as was Maryann Heuston, the Ward 2 Alderman, which represents part of the highway. It's ugly, and it's long overdue to be removed. It was built in a different time when Somerville was treated and respected far differently back in the 50's. We agree tear it down. Why waste money to fix it when it will eventually be taken down?

Some Birthdays here in the 'Ville this

week for those who are friends of The News: Kenny Ward, who works at the Police Department. Also, Rich Lochitto along with Steven Cabral and Michael Cunha.

A local nice guy who lives on Spring Hill with his wife, Ken Kotch, who is a strong advocate and is very involved in local fundraising efforts for "Broken Pancreas" is holding a charity event at the Improv Asylum in Boston. Tickets are only \$20. Go and have an afternoon (Saturday, June 9, at 4 p.m.) of laughs and support BP at the same time. For tickets and info go to www.brokenpancreas.org/events/improv/ or if you'd like to know more email Ken@brokenpancreas.org. Broken Pancreas aims to make sure that no dream goes unfulfilled because of diabetes. Broken Pancreas provides education to people of all ages about prevention and management of diabetes.

Congratulations to our good friend Casi Glejzer. She qualified for the "Zones" swim championships in Richmond, Virginia. She will be swimming against the best of the best. Way to go, Casi!

Our hearts and prayers go out to our dear friend Richard Barletta Jr. who was in a serious motorcycle accident over the weekend. Richard is a nice guy and we wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

Tuesday next week, June 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Café at the Center for the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, there will be the annual installation of officers of Somerville Rotary. It seems like yesterday that popular banker and nice all around lady Jeannie Scarpa was installed last year. She had a great year as President.

Brian Liberatore 5th year memorial fundraiser will take place this Saturday, June 9. The Brian Liberatore SHS Scholarship Fundraiser will be held at Tommy Doyle's in Harvard Square from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Suggested Donation - \$25.00. All proceeds from tickets sales go to the SHS Scholarship Fund. There will be live music, appetizers, door prizes, raffles, beverage vouchers w/donation. Stop by and support the SHS Scholarship Fund and have a night out while doing it.

COMMENTARY

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The evil empire eyes Somerville

Part 1: Death in the dark



By William C. Shelton

When I first heard about the controversy regarding Walmart's plans to set up shop in the former Circuit City space at Assembly Square, I was not greatly concerned.

It would simply be one retail use replacing another. Although Walmart would generate more traffic than Circuit City did, the space is nowhere near the size of a Home Depot or IKEA. There is almost no chance that a locally owned business could lease the space, which would be my preference. And the availability of inexpensive organic produce seems like a good thing.

But the more that I've learned about Walmart's business, labor, and political practices, the more I've come to think of it as what Ronald Reagan called an "evil empire" when he was describing the USSR.

Empire? Yes, Walmart's economy is larger than that of most nations. And its imperial con-

quests roll over communities, undermine governmental integrity, abuse workers, crush small businesses, and insulate it from consequences.

I'll get to these standard operating procedures in my next column. But first, I'd like to tell you about a hard working, beloved, and poetry-writing East Somerville guy named Romulo Santos. He came to the U.S. legally from Brazil.

One day in September 2008 he was working for a small Medford firm that was doing some landscape masonry work at the Walmart in Walpole. At the same time, Texas-based Kekoka Construction was doing a remodeling job inside the store.

Kekoka's president says that it was formed for the sole purpose of doing Walmart projects and had previously completed 50 around the country. Walmart annually recertifies its "preferred contractors" like Kekoka as competent and meeting all required regulations. A month before undertaking the Walpole project, Louisiana authorities had fined Kekoka for gross violations committed at a Walmart project.

When Romulo's crew concluded their work, a Kekoka employee asked whether they would

like to work into the evening and earn extra money by demolishing some walls. Law requires that contractors obtain a demolition permit for such projects. Kekoka had not done so. Nor did Kekoka have a Massachusetts general contractor's license or demolition license.

Walmart's own construction supervisor is responsible for approving any sequence of demolition work. Yet to minimize time and labor costs, the contractor left lighting circuits hot, in violation of electrical and building codes.

Working with an insulated reciprocating saw, a member of Romulo's unsupervised crew cut through unmarked live wires hidden within a wall, plunging the area into darkness. Workers began finding their way through the darkness to the exit. Romulo never made it out.

A construction crewmember had gone into the electrical room, which was required to be locked, and reenergized the electric lines. Romulo was standing on a lift that came in contact with the live wire. A crewmember heard him moan, and returned to find his burned, blistered, and lifeless body.

Kekoka had paid a Massachusetts-licensed construction su-

pervisor \$11,000 to pull the required permits. They then stopped paying him and flew in their own low-wage crews.

In a similar move, Kekoko's subcontractor, T&M Electric of Arkansas, hired a Massachusetts-licensed electrician solely to pull permits in Walpole. The electrician never appeared at the jobsite. Instead, T&M brought in its own crew, consisting of a journeyman electrician and three untrained workers.

State Senator Brian A. Joyce (D Milton) and his law partner Dragan Cetkovic, are representing Romulo's family. Walmart has offered them \$25,000 to go away, a sum less than the money that Walmart is spreading around Somerville to buy goodwill.

Joyce and Cetkovic tell me that after the accident, a Walmart employee asked a police investigator to take a picture of a flashlight, pliers, and a length of wire that had been neatly lined up on top of the lift. If Romulo had been using them, they would have fallen with his body. A forensic expert examined the wire and states that it was never used.

The day after the accident, Walmart's loss-prevention manager showed the investigator a

store surveillance video of an unlicensed member of the T&M crew entering the electrical room twice-before the circuit was reenergized, and after Romulo was killed. He appeared to look around to make sure that he was unobserved. Unaware of the video camera, he subsequently denied having entered the closet. When the attorneys requested this video from Walmart, they received an unreadable CD.

Walmart produced two internal reports on the accident. One described it as part of the remodeling job. The second eliminated all references to remodeling. In a sworn deposition, Walmart Official Gary Hawkins acknowledged that Walmart staff had removed or destroyed his hard drive, which contained records of the investigation.

State regulators subsequently revoked the license of the Massachusetts electrician who had pulled the permit. And the Occupational Health and Safety Administration fined T&M for a series of violations. But Walmart avoided any sanctions, fines, or responsibility.

To ensure its "Everyday low prices," Walmart doesn't just beat down its suppliers, crush local

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

For the love of us - the people of Somerville



I would like to welcome back my friend and this week's guest contributor, Somerville's own Anthony Accardi Jr.:

Each time I go out on-to Facebook, I check up on all the Somerville groups that I belong to. Groups like "The Street in Somerville you grew up on" or "You know you're from Somerville when..." or "Views of Historic Somerville Mass." I cannot begin to say how much I enjoy the memories, stories and photos that have been posted to these groups. Stories and photos of forgotten restaurants and hangouts, things we did as children, or places and things that no longer exist. Naturally, I have contributed my share of stories and some photos. What I find missing though is stories about "us," the people of Somerville. I have found very little written about the people that make up this great city. Things like our cam-

raderie, our little inner city habits and most important of all, just how nice we really all are.

My grandfather purchased our 3-family house on Heath Street in 1966 for less than 25,000. Yes, you are reading that figure correctly. At the time I was only four years old and even then I can remember the hospitality and friendliness shown from the neighbors, many of whom had already resided here for 20 plus years. As the years went by and our relationships grew with our next-door neighbors, they became more like family than friends.

Whenever we grilled outside, they too were doing the same thing. The yards were small and the houses were close together. Food was passed back and forth over the fences. After dinner, either they came over to our yard or we went over to theirs for coffee and dessert or to just sit on the piazza (that's what we called the back porch) and listen to the Red Sox

game on the radio. In the winter, whenever it snowed, we all helped each other shovel our cars out and clear each other's driveways and sidewalks. Our reward was not only a "thank you" but an invite inside for something warm to eat or drink or both. If you were having car troubles, there was always someone there to lend you a hand, give you a lift or even let you borrow their car.

Somerville in general has always been a working community, a blue-collar city if you will. Some of us are a little more well off than others, yet we all share the same pride. What we have in life, we worked hard for. Nothing was ever given to us. Some of us have accomplished very little in life and some of us have become success stories. No matter how each of us made it in life, we never forgot where we came from nor did we forget those we grew up with.

Our parents (many of whom also grew up in Somerville) taught us the difference

between right and wrong. They also taught us good manners, to respect, help, and not talk back to our elders. The same thing that they were taught by their parents. We appreciate what we have and we live by the old adage that if a person has family and good health, that person has everything and that's all that matters.

I now live in Wilmington and I am in Somerville on a weekly basis, mostly to visit my family. I know Somerville has changed over the years. One thing that amazes me that has not changed is that we all still congregate on each other's front steps (or front stoop) in the summer. You can still tell when supper is over in Somerville. The front steps are filled with parents from all over the neighborhood. They shoot the breeze while their children play. In my old neighborhood, someone would run to Dunkin' Donuts for coffee and donuts or the person, whose steps everyone had congregated on that particular night,

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on five roll calls from the week of May 28-June 1. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

ALLOW CHILD CARE WORKERS TO FORM UNIONS (H 3986)

House 115-32, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow child care providers who work out of their homes and receive voucher payments from the state to join a union. The proposal does not affect private day care workers or those who work in centers.

Supporters, noting the current payment rate is \$28 for a day, said the bill would allow these important low-wage earners to negotiate with the state for better pay and benefits.

Opponents said the bill would make child care quality and standards the subject of politically charged union negotiations and result in steady pay raises that would cost taxpayers more money. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

REQUIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GAMING COMMISSION EMPLOYEES (H 4079)

House 153-0, overrode Gov. Deval Patrick's vetoes of a requirement that all employees of the new state Gaming Commission undergo full criminal background checks. The commission is charged with creating a fair and transparent process for implementing the new law that authorizes the construction of three resort casinos and two slot parlors in the state.

Override supporters said background checks on all employees of this important commission makes perfect sense. They noted the recent case of a new employee who quit amid allegations of sexual abuse and argued he would never have been hired if a background check had been conducted.

In his veto message, Patrick said, "The highest levels of background checks and screening may not be necessary nor appropriate for every employee. Under the current law, the Gaming Commission has the discretion to make those decisions." (A "Yes" vote is for overriding Patrick's veto.)

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

STUDY AND DELAY REQUIRING VOTERS TO SHOW ID (H 4132)

House 105-43, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment that would indefinitely delay a proposal requiring all voters to show a picture identification at their polling places in order to be allowed to vote. The Registry of Motor Vehicles would be required to provide free picture IDs to voters who do not have a driver's license. The amendment prohibits the proposal from taking effect until Secretary of State William Galvin and Gov. Patrick's Department of Revenue study its potential impact on the economy of the state and local cities and towns.

Republicans said this "study" is the way Speaker Robert DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team avoid requiring Democratic members, particularly in an election year, from having to vote directly against GOP proposals that might be popular with voters. Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay a proposal is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, no other amendments can be introduced and the proposal dies without ever having a direct vote on it. Republicans say studies are a sham because they are never done.

Supporters of the study said the amendment would disenfranchise thousands of voters who do not have a current address because they are in a homeless shelter or domestic violence facility. They argued there have been no widespread reports of voter fraud in Massachusetts and pointed out that free photo IDs cost Indiana and Minnesota between \$11 million and \$84 million.

Opponents of the study said it is illogical that all voters are not required to show identification prior to voting and noted 24 other states have laws requiring IDs. They argued people cannot cash a check, rent a car, rent a DVD or even enter some government buildings without showing an ID. They argued the cost of the state providing free IDs would be minimal. (A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

LEGALIZE SPARKLERS (H 4132)

House 40-115, rejected a proposal that would legalize the sale and use of sparklers, a popular firework that burns slowly and gives off a shower of sparks.

Supporters said 46 other states allow this. They argued it is time to get out of the Dark Ages and noted Bay State residents simply buy their sparklers in New Hampshire and bring them back to Massachusetts.

Opponents said sparklers are dangerous and can cause serious injury and even death. (A "Yes" vote is for legalizing sparklers. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

WORKPLACE BULLYING (H 2310) - The House gave initial approval to a bill making workplace bullying and harassment illegal. Supporters said between 37 and 59 percent of employees in America directly experience health-endangering workplace bullying, abuse and harassment.

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METH TRAFFICKING (H 2220) - The House gave initial approval to a bill adding methamphetamines to the current state law criminalizing the trafficking of narcotics.

Supporters said it is important to update current law to help combat the trafficking of this highly addictive and dangerous drug that is becoming more popular.

STUDENTS AND EPINEPHRINE (H 3959) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill allowing students with life-threatening allergies to possess and self-administer epinephrine on school grounds. The measure would add epinephrine to the current list of medicines allowed to be carried and self-administered by students including prescription inhalers for asthma sufferers, enzyme supplements for students with cystic fibrosis and insulin for diabetics.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“He was a drive-by governor here on his way to run for

president of the United States.” – *President Obama’s chief strategist David Axelrod at a Statehouse rally referring to former Gov. Mitt Romney’s tenure as governor of Massachusetts.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?

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

a total of 11 hours and 47 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 20 minutes.

Mon. May 28	No House session No Senate session
Tues. May 29	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Wed. May 30	House 11:05 a.m. to 6:18 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. May 31	House 11:59 a.m. to 4:27 p.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.
Fri. June 1	No House session No Senate session

During the week of May 28-June 1, the House met for *Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com*

Fix now, flatten later CONT. FROM PG 1

in the room. “I walk, I bike, I take transit and I drive, and I have done all of those things in, around, on, over, under McGrath Highway. And no matter which way I’m getting around, it always sucks,” said Prange. “I just don’t think that overpass works for anyone, not even drivers. Usually it’s cars against people, but that’s not the case here. So let’s put it out of its misery and take it down.”

State Highway Administrator Frank DePaola said the state agrees the overpass should come down, and the Department of Transportation (MassDOT) launched the so-called Grounding McGrath project last year to that end. “We are as committed as the community is to removing the McCarthy overpass, and re-designing and reconstructing this corridor, so that it is part again of your community,” said DePaola.

But he also addressed the real reason nearly 200 people

showed up to the meeting: news that the state is about to kick off a two-year, \$11 million project to repair the existing structure. “We want to make sure that this overpass remains safe and serviceable for the near future, as we develop the plans for the ultimate disposition and removal of the structure and reconstruction of this corridor,” said DePaola.

MassDOT consultants showed what everybody in the room already knew: the bridge is in terrible shape. With crumbling concrete and rusted supports, it’s a potential safety hazard for anyone traveling on or under it. They said the repairs are needed to keep it in working order for the 10 to 15 years it will take to complete the Grounding McGrath project, and replace the overpass with a ground-level thoroughfare.

Tom Grondine of SPS New England, which has been awarded the contract for the overpass repairs but not yet given the no-

tice to proceed, said work is slated to begin this summer and end in 2014, with jackhammers used to demolish damaged sections of concrete. Lane shifting and weeknight detours will redirect traffic during the repair work, which along with concrete replacement involves fixing joints and shoring up steel beams.

Many attendees said the repairs are a waste of time and money for a structure that everyone agrees is destined for demolition. They said patchwork repairs won’t guarantee that a 60-year-old bridge will never collapse, and won’t do anything to resolve ongoing safety issues for pedestrians and cyclists trying to navigate around it. And they want the overpass to come down as soon as possible, even if there’s no final plan yet for the area.

“The only way to keep people from getting hurt is to take it down, pave it over, and we can make it pretty later,” said Michelle

Hewitt, who lives nearby.

MassDOT officials said the overpass can’t be taken out of service without major traffic disruption, which needs to be studied and planned for. They presented a timeline for the Grounding McGrath project, which includes up to a decade or more of planning, design work and state and federal approval processes, including environmental studies, before any construction can even begin. And that’s assuming the funds are available.

For most people at the meeting, that’s far too long. MassDOT’s 10 to 15-year project timeframe was met with “boos” from the audience. “I’ll be dead by then,” shouted one woman.

Many questioned why Grounding McGrath should take so long, when there is so much consensus in the community as to what to do about the overpass. Ellin Reisner of the advocacy group STEP suggested

the project timeline could be shortened under the federal Accelerated Bridge Program (which is funding the shorter-term repairs) by cutting out some of the environmental impact steps.

But DePaola said there was little the state could do to shorten the process. “There are regulations we have to go through,” he said. “It is a process that we have to follow.”

Still, community members left the meeting no less determined to get rid of the overpass sooner rather than later.

“I’m going to be advocating for a much faster timeline, because we’ve been waiting far too long. Our city has been divided far too long,” said Ward Two Alderman Maryann Heuston. “We know that in order to unlock the economic potential of Ward One, Ward Two and the whole Eastern half of the city, this is the lynchpin. This overpass is an enormous obstacle.”

A tree grows in Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

air quality and cut down on noise pollution. They save energy resources by sheltering homes and public buildings alike from heat in the summer and cold in the winter. Along busy streets, they provide a safety buffer between traffic and pedestrians. And they provide a natural filter for storm water run-off, which improves drainage and cuts down on city public works costs.

Parks Director Arn Franzen said studies have shown that tree-lined streets even have a calming effect on traffic. “You drive a little bit slower than

along a treeless highway that feels like a wide open space,” said Franzen.

Somerville regularly invests about \$2 per resident each year in new tree plantings along public ways, and The Tree City USA designation can help stretch that budget even further by making the city eligible for green space improvement grants.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone said his predecessors Gene Brune and Michael Capuano deserve credit for recognizing the value of expanding tree-planting efforts and turning Somerville into a recog-

nized Tree City. But he added that in recent years there’s also been a more conscious effort to match the right type of tree to the right environment, so that trees survive and thrive longer term, and cost less to maintain.

The city isn’t just looking for trees that are hearty enough to weather the New England climate, and to live alongside city streets where they’re constantly exposed to auto exhaust and salt in the winter. Some species create less debris to clog city storm drains. Stronger wood trees can cut down on damage from fallen branches. And

where maples or pear trees account for nearly half the current tree population, the city is trying to create a healthier mix of tree types, to keep diseases or pests from spreading quickly through the urban canopy.

Around 12,000 trees adorn Somerville’s public spaces today, and that number is increasing each season. Residents can request tree plantings by calling 311, or by applying on line through the City of Somerville website at www.somervillema.gov.

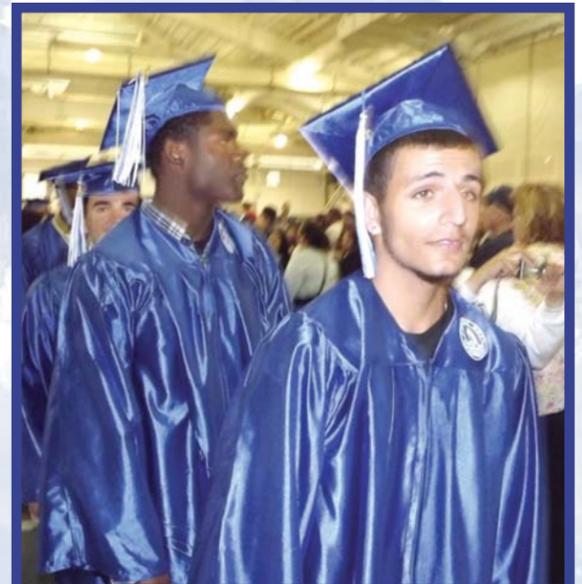
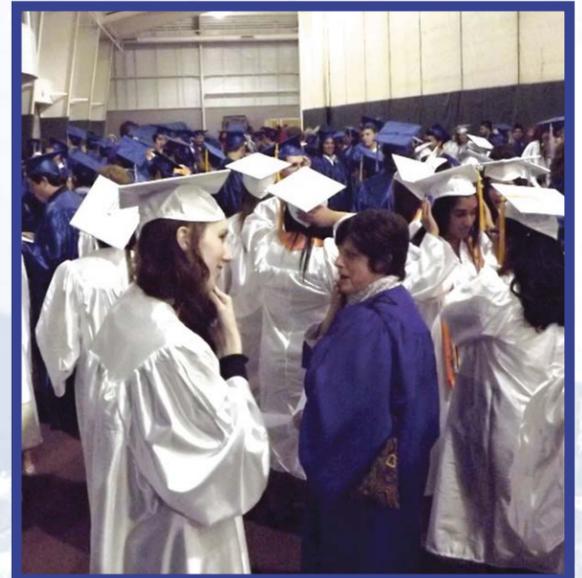
And along with all the ecological and economic benefits

of planting new trees in Somerville, the Mayor points to one more reason it pays to be a Tree City.

“Tree planting has been given added momentum in Somerville by the results of our Happiness Survey,” said Mayor Curtatone. “There’s a strong correlation between the positive feelings people have about their neighborhoods and the number of trees in those neighborhoods.”

So more trees won’t just make Somerville a greener place. They’ll make Somerville a happier place.

Somerville High School graduation 2012



A Taste of Somerville 2012



SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Alibrandis cool down after shutout victory

By Benjamin Klein

After starting the season 3-1, the Somerville Alibrandis have recently dropped two of their last three games but still remain in second place in the Ted Williams division.

The Alibrandis started the second week of the season in impressive fashion, crushing the first-place Malden Bulldogs, 8-0. Somerville would waste no time in getting the scoring going as they plated four runs in the first inning. They would add two more runs in the second inning off of solo home runs by Mike Maguire and Ted Dziuba. The Alibrandis would add in-

urance runs in the fifth and sixth innings, which was more than enough for starting pitcher Bryant Guilmette.

Guilmette pitched five innings of scoreless baseball while striking out six Malden batters, picking up his first victory of the year. Ryan Cosmopulos and Jay Wisner each provided flawless innings in relief.

Somerville should have saved some of their offense for the following night as they fell to the South Boston Saints 3-1 in extra innings. The lone Alibrandis run came in the first inning when Dziuba doubled home Maguire. South Boston would quickly tie the score in the sec-



The Alibrandis' momentum momentarily stalled in games against the South Boston Saints and the East Boston Nights last week. The team looks to improve their record at home before taking on the Stoneham Sabers this coming weekend.

ond inning and from there both teams went scoreless until the eighth inning.

Wisner, pitching for the second straight day, relieved Chris Foundas in the eighth inning after a masterful performance. South Boston would get the lead batter on and then after a sacrifice bunt, Wisner hit the next batter. The Saints would go on to hit three straight singles to propel them to victory as Somerville couldn't make a comeback in the last half of the inning.

Foundas only allowed one

run over seven innings and gave Somerville plenty of opportunities to take the lead. Unfortunately, the offense left nine men on base during the game and couldn't capitalize on anything the Saints defense gave them.

The Alibrandis would lose their next match-up a few days later against the East Boston Nights, 5-2. Somerville would again take an early lead but East Boston gave Somerville starter Sean Sullivan plenty of trouble in the fourth inning, scoring five times. Somerville couldn't get a big innings to-

gether despite scoring a run in the seventh inning.

East Boston pitcher Branden Eaton was very impressive going the full seven innings while only allowing the two runs on five hits while striking out four. Dziuba, who has been great for Somerville all season long, had his six-game hitting streak snapped in the loss.

The Alibrandis will play their next two games at home, completing a four-game home stand, before going on the road on Saturday for a match-up with the Stoneham Sabers.

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What was the name of the TV series that had Cyborg as a working title? | 7. What two animals is the mythical creature called the "Griffin" made up from? |
| 2. In what state would you find the "Zion National Park?" | 8. In what country is Timbuktu located? |
| 3. What was the name of the first book that Dr. Seuss published? | 9. In Italian <i>La Gioconda</i> is the name of what famous painting? |
| 4. What mythological figure was condemned to roll a stone up hill, only to have it roll back down each time? | 10. What are the names of the two cities in <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> ? |
| 5. The musical <i>Rent</i> is based on what opera? | 11. What is the astrological sign that follows Leo? |
| 6. Who was <i>American Gothic</i> painted by? | 12. What is Dr. Watson's first name in the Sherlock Holmes stories? |

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Union Sq. Farmers Market's dampened debut



The Union Square Farmers Market opened this past Saturday, and the rain did not stop many from stopping by. Let's hope the wet weather won't negatively impact this year's harvest. The market runs every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through November 17.

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NOTICE OF TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREUNDER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on Friday, June 22nd, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Collector's Office/Treasury, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, the following described parcels of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have **have been paid in full before that date.**
Signed: *Peter K. Forcellese, Jr.* Treasurer/Collector.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **7 CRAIGIE STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): NARDELLA, JOHN & ITALIA FOR LIFE ESTATE; REMAINDERMAN COSMO NARDELLA
ASSESSED OWNER(S): NARDELLA, JOHN & ITALIA FOR LIFE ESTATE; REMAINDERMAN COSMO NARDELLA
PARCEL ID: **038G00002000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **14487052**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 6,860 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 26801, Page: 424.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$1,103.73
INTEREST: \$38.52
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$369.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$1,511.25

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **7 MOSSLAND STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): CAROLE A. MCCUSKER
ASSESSED OWNER(S): CAROLE A. MCCUSKER
PARCEL ID: **037A00037000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **13403120**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,145 square feet and being part of the premises registered at Southern Middlesex Land Court Registry District, Document No. 591084, Certificate No.:159471, Book: 927, Page: 121.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$5,934.79
OTHER ASSESSMENTS: \$130.00
INTEREST: \$1,157.47
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$7,621.26

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **56 FAIRFAX STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): ROBERT MASTERSON, JR. & HELEN CAPASSO
ASSESSED OWNER(S): ROBERT MASTERSON, JR. & HELEN CAPASSO
PARCEL ID: **003E00004000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **07268135**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,055 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 25943, Page: 557.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$2,870.69
OTHER ASSESSMENTS: \$2,592.31
INTEREST: \$1,018.57
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$6,880.57

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **50 SPENCER AVENUE**
CURRENT OWNER(S): FRANCES E. WILLIAMS
ASSESSED OWNER(S): FRANCES E. WILLIAMS
PARCEL ID: **029E00003000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **23712113**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,850 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 12758, Page: 104 and Book: 29124, Page: 447.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$4,264.73
INTEREST: \$116.14
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$369.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$4,749.87

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **11 CARTER TERRACE**
CURRENT OWNER(S): PAUL J. LEAVITT, JR.
ASSESSED OWNER(S): PAUL J. LEAVITT, JR.
PARCEL ID: **052H00007000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **12374100**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,742 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 8155, Page: 085 and Middlesex County Probate Cases: 91P3863, 91P2582 and 85P3339A.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$5,352.18
INTEREST: \$1,138.05
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$6,889.23

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **20 FELLSWAY WEST**
CURRENT OWNER(S): LING YUN REBECCA WANG & LING YU WANG
ASSESSED OWNER(S): LING YUN REBECCA WANG & LING YU WANG
PARCEL ID: **070C00009000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **23713135**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2,279 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 45046, Page: 359.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$2,539.49
OTHER ASSESSMENTS: \$7,426.47
INTEREST: \$1,551.56
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$11,916.52

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **23 ALPINE STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): KATHLEEN BUTLER
ASSESSED OWNER(S): KATHLEEN BUTLER
PARCEL ID: **034C00006000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **02088045**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4,072 square feet and being part of the premises registered at Southern Middlesex Land Court Registry District, Document No. 01356680, Certificate No.:124138, Book: 750, Page: 188 and Document No. 445019, Certificate No.:124138, Book: 750, Page: 188.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$5,480.55
OTHER ASSESSMENTS: \$539.14
INTEREST: \$759.48
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$7,178.17

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **25 EVERETT STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): LYNNE O. CHANG
ASSESSED OWNER(S): LYNNE O. CHANG
PARCEL ID: **082H00002000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **22687060**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,092 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 27066, Page: 187.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$3,528.55
OTHER ASSESSMENTS: \$1,856.13
INTEREST: \$1,032.78
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$6,816.46

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **46 BEACON STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): GEORGE KELIHER BEACON RESIDENCES, LLC
ASSESSED OWNER(S): GEORGE KELIHER BEACON RESIDENCES, LLC
PARCEL ID: **076F00007000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **07271200**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 7,784 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 40387, Page: 118 and Book: 40912, Page: 496.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$6,090.57
INTEREST: \$6,090.57
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$7,568.89

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **28 VINAL AVE**
CURRENT OWNER(S): RONALD BONNEY JR., TRUSTEES OF "THE BONNEY FAMILY TRUST"
ASSESSED OWNER(S): RONALD BONNEY, SR. AND RONALD BONNEY JR., TRUSTEES OF "THE BONNEY FAMILY TRUST"
PARCEL ID: **062C00044000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **04186110**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 6,516 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 27069, Page: 591.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$9,031.73
OTHER ASSESSMENTS: \$749.99
INTEREST: \$2,049.45
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$12,230.17

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **58 OLIVER STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): FAIRVIEW EQUITY ENHANCEMENT, LLC.
ASSESSED OWNER(S): DOROTHEA J. VOCINO, TRUSTEE OF THE DOROTHEA J. VOCINO IRREVOCABLE TRUST
PARCEL ID: **092F00004000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **22695045**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 5,039 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 55277, Page: 431 and Book: 52278, Page: 363.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$1,675.79
INTEREST: \$296.90
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$2,371.69

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **265 BROADWAY**
CURRENT OWNER(S): JOAO V. CORREIA & MARIA N. CORREIA
ASSESSED OWNER(S): JOAO V. CORREIA & MARIA N. CORREIA
PARCEL ID: **070C00017000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **18570085**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,729 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 24578, Page: 366.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$1,724.54
INTEREST: \$275.81
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$2,399.35

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **40-42 JAUQUES STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): RUSSELL OTIS KEEFE, TRUSTEE OF KEEFE NOMINEE TRUST
ASSESSED OWNER(S): RUSSELL OTIS KEEFE, TRUSTEE OF KEEFE NOMINEE TRUST
PARCEL ID: **070A00005000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **11344123**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 9,600 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 43143, Page: 495.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$3,328.19
INTEREST: \$532.35
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$399.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$4,259.54

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **10 CYPRESS STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): EVA E. SANSEVERINO LIFE ESTATE; REMAINDERMAN PAUL A. SANSEVERINO, RITAM. ANGELESCO, MICHAEL J. SANSEVERINO, FRANK M. SANSEVERINO
ASSESSED OWNER(S): EVA E. SANSEVERINO LIFE ESTATE; REMAINDERMAN PAUL A. SANSEVERINO, RITAM. ANGELESCO, MICHAEL J. SANSEVERINO, FRANK M. SANSEVERINO
PARCEL ID: **044G00005000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **19599180**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 1,700 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 30697, Page: 238.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$3,860.03
OTHER ASSESSMENTS: \$143.81
INTEREST: \$66.62
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$369.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$4,439.36

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **16 HANSON STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): PATRICIA C. MERGEN-ADAMS & KATRINA E. MERGEN-ADAMS
ASSESSED OWNER(S): PATRICIA C. MERGEN-ADAMS & KATRINA E. MERGEN-ADAMS
PARCEL ID: **054B00010000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **01009115**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2,000 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 45073, Page: 131.
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$2,058.16
INTEREST: \$359.45
ADDITIONAL CHARGES: \$369.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$2,786.61

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **92 MARSHALL STREET**
CURRENT OWNER(S): ALBERT MARTINS & DELORES M. MARTINS
ASSESSED OWNER(S): ALBERT MARTINS & DELORES M. MARTINS
PARCEL ID: **061A00017000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **02075161**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 5,358 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 16326, Page: 512.

2011	REAL ESTATE TAXES:	\$512.78
	INTEREST:	\$5.90
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES:	\$369.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	\$887.68

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **35 KIDDER AVE**
CURRENT OWNER(S): VICKA R. COREY
ASSESSED OWNER(S): VICKA R. COREY
PARCEL ID: **020H00011000000**
ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **13479180**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:
A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4,750 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Southern Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book: 27997, Page: 556.

2011	REAL ESTATE TAXES:	\$1,939.72
	INTEREST:	\$310.42
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES:	\$399.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	\$310.42

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

PLANNING DIVISION

**LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, June 20, 2012**, Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell Street, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

57 Pitman St. (Case #ZBA 2012-17) Applicant and Owner Pitman Property Group, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish a seven unit residential use and a Variance under SZO §5.5 from the parking requirements of SZO §9.5 for relief from two required off-street parking spaces. BA zone. Ward 3.

63 Boston St. (Case #ZBA 2012-37) Applicants and Owners, David and Renee Scott, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure and a Variance under SZO §5.5 for relief from the building height requirement under SZO §8.5.F to construct a third story addition on the rear of an existing two-family dwelling. RA zone. Ward 3.

260 Elm St. (Case #ZBA 2012-42) Applicant Robert Pace, and Owner Urban Equity Development Company, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.2.a to establish a fast order food establishment (frozen yogurt parlor). CBD zone. Ward 6.

17 Vinal Ave. (Case #ZBA 2012-43) Applicant and Owner Patrycja Missiuro, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming three-family residential structure by constructing a 3-story rear deck with stairs and installing a door to provide access to the new rear deck for each of the 2nd and 3rd stories of the structure. RB zone. Ward 3.

5 Tower Ct. (Case #ZBA 2012-44) Applicant Douglas Beaudet and Owner Mary M. Fontaine, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter and enlarge an existing two-family structure and a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish a four unit residential use. RC zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
Published in Somerville News on 6/6/12 & 6/13/12.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 12-73**

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

- (2) Ford Escape AWD
- (2) Ford Super Duty F-350 SRW 4WD
- (2) Ford Super Duty F550 DRW 4WD
- (4) 2012 Ford Super Duty F-250 SRW 4WD

for the City of Somerville, Department of Public Works, Water Dept.

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, June 6, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 11:00A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period from 6/22/2012 through 6/21/2013.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email kmancini@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

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

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-02**

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

On Call Carpet Installation

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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year, from 07/01/2012 through 06/30/2013.

Prevailing Wages apply to this contract.

Please email **Orazio DeLuca, odeluca@somervillema.gov, for bid packages**

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Somerville Water Department will be conducting a Flushing Program throughout the water distribution system starting on Monday June 11 through the middle of November. The City will be flushing hydrants and operating gate valves throughout the city in an effort to maintain the distribution system. This work will take place weekly between the hours of 11:00PM Monday through 7:00AM Tuesday.

The program will begin in the area bordered by Broadway at Willow east to Medford at Vernon, and Medford to School St.

Residents may experience a short period of water discoloration during the flushing and shortly thereafter. Though the water may be discolored, it is safe to drink.

Until the water runs clear, it is advisable to avoid washing clothes, especially white fabrics. If any rust stains appear on wet laundry, the clothes should not be dried, and the homeowner should contact the Water Department or 311.

The Water Department is available to provide additional information on this program and can be reached at 617-625-6600, ext. 5850 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen on **Thursday, June 21, 2012, at 7:00 PM**, in the Aldermen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of President Thomas F. Taylor and Finance Committee Chairman Maryann M. Heuston, for public input on the proposed FY 2013 budget.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

**JOHN J. LONG
CITY CLERK**

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Time 12:00 PM
Date is June 27th, 2012

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 12-74**

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

**(1) MACK CATCH BASIN COMBINATION TRUCK
for the City of Somerville, Department of Public Works, Sewer Division**

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, June 6, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 11:30A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period from 6/22/2012 through 6/21/2013.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email kmancini@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

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

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department**

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12D1944DR

**Francoise DeMello a.k.a.
Francoise Pettion ---, Plaintiff v. Francisco J. DeMello---, Defendant**

- 1) Plaintiff who resides at 84 Jackson Circle - Cambridge - Middlesex - MA 02140 was lawfully married to the defendant who now resides at Parts Unknown
- 2) The parties were married at Somerville, MA on 01-02-2009 and last lived together at Jackson Cir. Cambridge, MA. on January, 2009
- 3) The minor or dependent child(ren) of this marriage is/are: N/A
- 4) Plaintiff certifies that no previous action for divorce, annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate support, desertion, living apart for justifiable cause, or custody of child(ren) has been brought by either party against the other except: N/A
- 5) On or about 04-04-2009 an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage under G.L.c. 208 ss 1B occurred and continues to exist.
- 6) Wherefore, plaintiff requests that the Court.
 - a) Grant a Divorce on the ground of irretrievable breakdown.
 - b) Allow plaintiff to resume former name of - Francoise Pettion

Date 5-8-2012

Francoise Pettion
84 Jackson Cir.
Cambridge, MA 02140

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LEGAL AD

In compliment to the disposition established legally by a divorce, has been published the following: That Ms. MICHELLE LARRACUENTE presented a divorce in city of Providence, Rhode Island, against Mr. JUAN LARRACUENTE, appointed by Attorney Emili Vaziri Located on 160 Plainfield Street Providence, R.I. 02909.

Date the 22nd day of May 2012 at 9:00 am has an appointment at Family Court in Providence, Rhode Island.

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Jonathan Richman tribute show to benefit SAC

By Max Sullivan

For the third time since 2006, friends Lou Bunk and Ben Morse will be putting on a tribute show to their hero, Boston local pop/rock pioneer Jonathan Richman, inspired purely by their love and fandom for the low profile rocker, as well as an opportunity to help fund an organization they truly appreciate, the Somerville Arts Council.

The idea sprung up between the two friends, both big fans of Richman. After discussing it, they decided it would be a great way to raise money for the Arts Council, on which they both held positions at the time. Morse had a relationship with PA's Lounge through a band he was playing with then. They set the gig up with the venue and emailed everyone they knew. On the night of the first tribute show, they packed the place, and a new tradition was born for the two.

The show this year will feature ten bands, including Morse and Bunk's own band, Young & Old. Each band is given 15 minutes to play. Morse and Bunk personally make sure that no band is playing too much of the same Jonathan Richman material. A few unique interpretations of the same song are acceptable, but they encourage those who participate to dig into Richman's catalogue for songs to play.

Bunk, 40, and Morse, 30, too young to have known Richman in his prime, both became huge fans of Richman long after he had reached his peak of success in the 1970's. Neither have met the man himself, but Bunk recalls an instance at a recent show at the Middle East Upstairs. With the venue being rather small, Bunk was able to get up close and catch Richman's glance as the singer happened to be wandering through the crowd when he was not performing.

"I think I happened to be moving my way through the crowd, and he happened to be standing right there in front of me, and I said, 'Oh, excuse me, Jonathan Richman.' It was for about four or five seconds, and he kind of smiled," Bunk recalled.



Jonathan Richman is the inspiration for the tribute show that will also serve as a fundraiser for the Somerville Arts Council.

Richman has never made an appearance himself at one of the tributes, although one of the former Modern Lovers, Asa Brebner, has been a regular at the tribute shows.

"Asa probably told Jonathan about the show, but I would be very surprised if he came to it," said Morse.

Morse and Bunk both described Richman's most recent live show, in which he performs by himself with a drummer, Tommy Larkin. Richman never sings a song the way it sounds on the record. He throws guitar solos into songs where they normally don't belong, as well as dancing solos. His live prowess is a big part of what makes him a hero to Morse, Bunk and so many other fans.

"He's totally captivating. He's a really a unique performer," said Morse. "There's very few who hold an audience like he does."

"He's very charming when he performs," said Bunk. "One of the things I really like about Jonathan Richman, he's a really sincere guy. A lot of underground music is steeped in irony, and that's something he's not. He's not very sarcastic or snarky at all. He's the most sincere musician that I have ever heard perform."

Richman is known for keeping a low profile. There is no official webpage. His publicist is not easily accessed. He's made it clear that he doesn't desire "rock star" publicity.

"He doesn't need it, doesn't want it," said Morse. Morse cited one of

Richman's newer songs, which goes "You can have a cellphone, That's Ok, but not me," as pointing the lifestyle of solitude and self-preservation Richman has always sought after.

"Yeah, that's the impression that I get too. I get the impression that he's a private guy," said Bunk. "He does play fairly large venues and makes a living at it and is an icon as a sort of 1970's punk rock sort of thing... it doesn't bother me that he doesn't want to talk to the press too much."

Bunk and Morse both think it might be a bit strange to have Richman in the house during one of these tribute shows, however much they would appreciate him being there.

"I can't imagine him wanting to be in a room where he's not on stage and there's people shouting 'Jonathan! Jonathan!'" said Morse.

This year, the financial focus is again to help fund the Somerville Arts Council. In years past, the show has raised nearly \$900, according to Bunk.

"The Somerville Arts Council is really a terrific organization," said Bunk. "If they can get some money out of us having fun, that's just icing on the cake."

See the tribute to Jonathan Richman at PA's Lounge in Somerville on June 16. Doors open at 8 p.m. Music starts at 8:30. Jonathan Richman will most likely not be present, but many who love his music will.

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| 1. <i>The Six Million Dollar Man</i> | 5. La bohème | 9. <i>The Mona Lisa</i> |
| 2. Utah | 6. Grant Wood | 10. London and Paris |
| 3. <i>And To Think I Saw It On Mulberry Street</i> | 7. Eagle and Lion | 11. Virgo |
| 4. Sisyphus | 8. Mali | 12. John |

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|June 6

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

Central Library

Half Day Wednesday Movie: Hugo
1 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m. | 570 Somerville Ave

Thursday|June 7

Central Library

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

Friday|June 8

Central Library

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

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m. | 570 Somerville Ave

Monday|June 11

Central Library

Preschool: Sing Along with Alastair Mook
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|June 13

East Branch Library

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

Veteran's Memorial Rink

Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m. | 570 Somerville Ave

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Wednesday|June 6

Johnny D's

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65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

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70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

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Dave Wells & Friends
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Free Pool | Game Night
381 Summer St

Arts At The Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

Thursday|June 7

Johnny D's

Alan Doyle | Dustin Bentall

17 Holland St. | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders grassy
Thursdays | 6 p.m.
Greg Hall & Dogs of War, Leon Rich Band, John Sage Band | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

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

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Sam Chase | Chrissy Vaccaro | Man Alive | The Rockin' Prophets
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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Precinct Bar

www.Freethegirls.com
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

PJ Ryan's

Live Music
239 Holland St | 617-625-8200

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. | 617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Lowman
381 Summer St.

Somerville Theatre

Awkward Compliment's Thursday
Night Comedy Night
8 p.m. | 55 Davis Square

Friday|June 8

Johnny D's

Kinky Friedman | Otis Clay w Tre Williams & The Revelations
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Radioactive Rustlers | 6 p.m.
Stan Martin Band | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

Helena
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ
10 p.m. | 65 Holland St

Precinct Bar

School Of Robots | Left Hand Does | Strange Changes | Ryan Jackson Troika
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge

Old English | Daniel Ouellette and the Shobijin | Orange Nichole | One Happy Island
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

Bull McCabe's

Jess Tardy Band
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. | 617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

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

Rosebud Bar

Dave Sammarco Band | Ten Gold Dollars
381 Summer St

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway | 617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory

Six One Seven Dance Collective
8 p.m. | Performance Hall | 191 Highland Ave

Saturday|June 9

Johnny D's

Bernie Worrell Orchestra
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band | 6 p.m.
The Beauty Way, Loose Change
\$5 cover | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

Spittin Vinnies
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

Precinct Bar

Hear Now Live Presents: Mojo Kick | The Brinks | Today Junior | Paperback | Keith Kenny
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge

Antisect (UK) | Morne | Bloodkrow Butcher | Cleansing Wave
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub

TBA
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. | 617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Great Big Circles | Happy Little Clouds | Sarah Walk | Trama Queens
381 Summer St

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday
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Arts At The Armory

Herbstalk 2012
11 a.m. | Performance Hall
Six One Seven Dance Collective
8 p.m. | Performance Hall | 191 Highland Ave

Sunday|June 10

Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase | 5 p.m.
Darktown Tumblers! | 8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

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

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

Precinct Bar

Township | Shelterbelt
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave | 617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar

Karaoke
381 Summer St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night
65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

Arts At The Armory

/k_nekt/ live in the Cafe
7:30 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

Monday|June 11

Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

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

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

Precinct Bar

Trusty Sidekick 8pm no cover
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump Team Trivia
8 p.m. | 366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Arts At The Armory

The Artist's Way at the Armory with Kim Childs
7 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|June 12

Johnny D's

JQTRIO | Electric Heaters
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Panda Bar: Ethan Robberts & Cold Chocolate, Summer of Aden, Odessa Rose
| 8 p.m. | 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

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

On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

PA'S Lounge

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

Precinct Bar

Unregular Radio Presents
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub

TBA
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar

Karaoke
381 Summer St

Wednesday|June 13

Johnny D's

Msafiri Zawose
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
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PA'S Lounge

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381 Summer St

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|June 6

Central Library

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

Third Life Studio

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

Thursday|June 7

West Branch Library

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

Third Life Studio

Roots and Rhythm
33 Union Sq | drumzatlilbana@gmail.com

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Our Swinging Singing Seniors have been renamed "The Moonlighters." They will be performing at the VNA on Lowell Street on June 6. Interested in joining the group? Come Mondays at 10:30 to Holland Street. New members always welcome!

East Somerville Community School Spring Concert on June 14 - Join us for an inspiring program of music and dance, featuring student work from all different classes and artwork. 9:00 - 11:00 am. Limited transportation available.

"Hugo" the movie - come join us on June 20 for a showing of the award winning movie "Hugo".

June 19 we will be on a visit to the JFK Museum. RSVP required. Limited space.

June 21 is the day of our next Cultural Celebration. In collaboration with MAPS - Mass Alliance of Portuguese Speakers - we will be celebrating the rich cultural of Portugal through music and art. RSVP required. \$3.00 for lunch.

June 28 & June 29 - John Jope is an accomplished photographer whose work has been shown internationally. Jope's photography will be on exhibit at Holland Center from 9:30 - 3:00 Thursday and Friday and it is for sale. He will join us for a talk on his artistic process and inspiration Thursday, June 28 at 10:30 am.

June 28 is the beginning of our Farmer's Market. Affordable and just right portions! Holland Street Center from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10 a.m. every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

Do you crochet or would you like to learn? Thursdays at 10:45 am. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

Trip Corner:

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Line Dancing - Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00 Holland Street \$5 All levels welcome.

Zumba Gold - Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 Holland Street \$5

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

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers

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

Indoor Exercises/Walking Club - all three centers

Walking Club has begun again! Check at each center for the schedule!

June 6

Moonlighters performing Lowell St. VNA 1:15

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

SHINE (medical insurance advice) By appt. only|10 a.m.

Law Day|10:30 a.m.

Women's Group|10:30 a.m.

QiGong|1:15 p.m.

Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Center Closed

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Games|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

June 7

Holland Street Center

Walking Club is back!|9:15 a.m.

Current Events Group - new members welcome! Come join us as we discuss what's going on in Somerville, the United States and World events.|10 a.m.

Indoor Exercises|11 a.m.

Indoor BBQ|11:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercises/Walking Club|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Strengthening Exercises|9 a.m.

Cards and games|10 a.m.

Crochet |10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

June 8

Castle Island

Holland Street Center

Indoor Exercises|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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Cross Street Center

Closed on Fridays for the summer

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Center Closed

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

June 11

Monthly breakfast

Holland Street Center

Gardening|9 a.m.

Singing - Moonlighters - new members welcome|10:30 a.m.

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga|4:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Games|10 a.m.

Walking/Indoor|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

June 12

Essex River

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.

Low Vision Group Trip:9:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga|10:15 a.m.

SHINEmedical insurance advice|1 p.m.

Knitting|1:30 p.m.

Line Dancing|3 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

June 13

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

Shine - by appt only|10 a.m.

Women's Group|10:30 p.m.

QiGong|1:15 p.m.

Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Center Closed

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards and Games|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:30 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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competitors, and bribe regulators. It consistently and knowingly hires contractors who deliver work at the lowest possible cost by flaunting legal obligations. The result is a history of worker injuries and deaths, and of Walmart blocking efforts by their survivors to seek justice.

An electrical explosion at an Indiana Walmart set three electrical workers on fire. State authorities sanctioned the contractor, but could take no ac-

tion against Walmart. Similar incidents involving disreputable contractors have been documented in Texas, Louisiana, and Nebraska. Kekoka was fined for gross violations in Louisiana a month before beginning the Walpole project.

Walmart spokesman Greg Rossiter says, "We require the contractors we hire to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. That is their responsibility." And

Walmart's responsibility is to maximize profit by any available means, however unethical or illegal.

The story of Romulo Santos's grisly death and Walmart's cover up captures essential elements of how the company routinely does business. Our city's political leaders represent themselves as friends of labor and allies to local businesses. If they are, they will oppose the Assembly Square Walmart.

For the love of us - the people of Somerville

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would continually provide coffee, snacks or other refreshments. Walking to the store for something simple could take hours because as you passed each house, you were captured into each conversation. Sometimes you had to stop at 10 houses before getting to the store and you still had to pass by the same to return home.

I certainly miss Somerville and its wonderful people. What is nice, though, is that my new adopted hometown is about 40% former Somervillians. It is like old home week all the time. Every five years I have my high

school reunion. The people that I have known since I was five (and some I have not seen in 35 years) still remember my parent's first names or illnesses someone in my family may have had 30 years ago. They ask how they are now or if they are OK. They remember the smallest favors they did for me or I did for them from 30 years ago. We thank each other again - 30 years later.

You see, we are a very caring bunch of hard working people that look out for one another. For some reason we have earned a bad reputation and get many bad raps, but we don't

care. Say what you want about us. We know who we are and what we're all about and we aren't going to change for anyone. When you think of us Somervillians, think of Bruce Springsteen's new song *We Take Care Of Our Own*. Only take it up another notch. "We'll take care of everyone."

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

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COA goes green



The Council on Aging is building raised garden beds behind the Ralph & Jenny Center at 9 New Washington Street. The boxes were built by Green City Growers and are being prepared for planting by volunteers from our Gardening Club. The vegetables and herbs will be used by our older adults in the community. Pictured here are Green City Growers owner Jessie Banhazl, Victory Allah, master garden bed installer, and Nancy O'Connor of the COA staff.

True life stories



Over the past eight weeks, a group of older adults have been carefully crafting stories from their lives under the guidance of professional writers Kerrie Kemperman and Carrie Normand. They had the opportunity to hear them read excerpts at our monthly breakfast this past Monday, June 4th. They are Josephine Carbonaro, Allayne Clement, Bernice LaRocche, Juanita Meranda, Theresa Murphy and Joseph Tromfimow. This was done with support by a grant from the Somerville Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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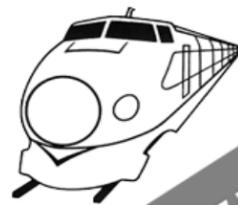
THE Somerville News Person of the Week



Meet Peggy Zullo, a lifelong resident and sort of a local celebrity. Peggy is a nice lady, and very active here in Somerville. She was married to her best friend for 36 years, Frank, who passed away several years back. Frank Zullo and her ran a small local real estate office on Highland Avenue. She keeps busy by being involved in St. Catherine's Church for many years now, as well as being a regular at the Somerville elderly events here in the city. We enjoy talking with Peggy and getting caught up on her latest adventures. She is a very colorful and wonderful lady. Peggy has been around and has seen many changes over the years. She'll talk fondly of her husband and the good days they were together. We think that she is one person who has been behind the scenes in many things going on over the years and who deserves some recognition. When you see her say "Hi."

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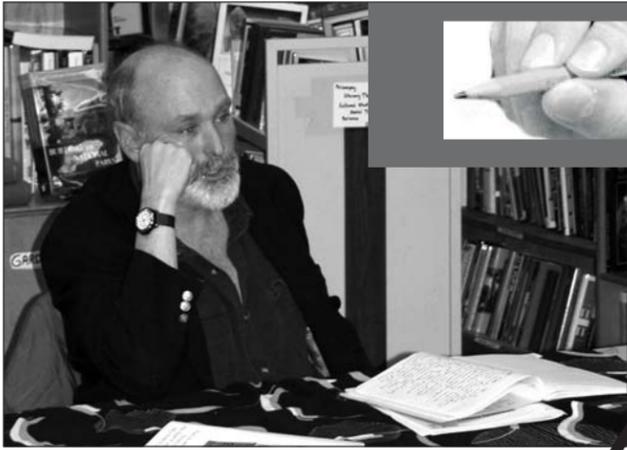
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SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

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

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, June 6		12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	7:35pm: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	9:00am: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12
9:00am: (13/16)	Memorial Day Parade 2012	12:30am: (15)	ESCS Topping Off Ceremony	8:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Public Hearing 5.23.12	11:30am: (15)	Somerville Students Rock!
9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:05am: (15)	SHS Class Day 2012	8:15pm: (15)	SHS Class Day 2012	12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Public Hearing 5.23.12
11:30am: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	1:30am: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Public Meeting - 6.6.12	9:00pm: (13/16)	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	1:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update
12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Public Hearing	9:00am: (13/16)	Porchfest 2012	Sunday, June 10		1:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business: B2Green
12:15pm: (15)	An Evening of Song	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (13/16)	SomerStreets: East Somerville	1:35pm: (15)	City-Wide Track Meet
1:00pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: East Somerville	12:00am: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	7:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
1:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business: B2Green	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	12:30am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	7:00pm: (15)	City Wide Track Meet
1:30pm: (15)	All-City Spring Concert	12:30pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:35am: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	9:00pm: (15)	Memorial Day Concert
7:00pm: (13/16)	Porchfest 2012	12:35pm: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	1:00am: (13/16)	School Committee Public Hearing 5.23.12	9:45pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
7:00pm: (15)	ESCS Topping Off Ceremony	1:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Public Hearing 5.23.12	1:15am: (15)	SHS Class Day 2012	Tuesday, June 12	
7:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:15pm: (15)	SHS Class Day 2012	2:00am: (13/16)	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	12:00am: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Public Meeting - 6.6.12
8:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	2:00pm: (13/16)	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:00am: (15)	City Wide Track Meet
8:00pm: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	7:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: East Somerville	12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	2:00am: (15)	Memorial Day Concert
8:30pm: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Public Meeting - FY 2013	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	12:30pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout II	2:45am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
8:45pm: (15)	An Evening of Song	7:30pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:30pm: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation	9:00am: (13/16)	Assembly Square Groundbreaking
Thursday, June 7		7:35pm: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	1:00pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	9:00am: (15)	Spring String Fling at SHS
12:00am: (13/16)	Porchfest 2012	8:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Public Hearing 5.23.12	1:30pm: (13/16)	Porchfest 2012	11:30am: (15)	City-Wide Track Meet
12:00am: (15)	ESCS Topping Off Ceremony	8:15pm: (15)	SHS Class Day 2012	2:00pm: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Public Meeting - 6.6.12	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
12:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00pm: (13/16)	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	2:00pm: (15)	Somerville Students Rock!	12:30pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout II
1:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	Saturday, June 9		7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	1:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update
1:00am: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	12:00am: (13/16)	SomerStreets: East Somerville	7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
1:30am: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Public Meeting - FY 2013	12:00am: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	7:30pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout II	1:30pm: (13/16)	Homeless Coalition Benefit
1:45am: (15)	An Evening of Song	12:30am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	7:30pm: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation	2:00pm: (15)	Healey School Talent Show
9:00am: (13/16)	Medication Tips for Seniors	12:35am: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	8:00pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
9:00am: (15)	An Evening of Song	1:00am: (13/16)	School Committee Public Hearing 5.23.12	8:30pm: (13/16)	Porchfest 2012	7:00pm: (15)	Spring Concert at Argenziano School
11:30am: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	1:15am: (15)	School Committee Public Hearing 5.23.12	9:00pm: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Public Meeting - 6.6.12	7:30pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout II
12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	2:00am: (13/16)	SHS Class Day 2012	Monday, June 11		7:45pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
12:05pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter	12:00pm: (13/16)	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	12:00am: (13/16)	Somerville Students Rock!	8:00pm: (13/16)	Historic Preservation Awards
12:30pm: (13/16)	Medication Tips for Seniors	12:00pm: (15)	SomerStreets: East Somerville	12:00am: (15)	Senior Circuit	8:15pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Awards 2012
1:00pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit: Overall Workout II	12:30pm: (13/16)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:15pm: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation
1:30pm: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Public Meeting - 6.5.12	12:30pm: (15)	Congressional Update	12:30am: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout II	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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8:30pm: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Public Meeting - 6.6.12	7:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: East Somerville	2:00am: (15)	Somerville Students Rock!	1:15am: (15)	Vocational Ed. Awards 2012
Friday, June 8		7:00pm: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	9:00am: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	2:15am: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation
12:00am: (13/16)	Memorial Day Parade 2012	7:30pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update				



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville's Gil Barbosa: From Towing Cars to Towing Books

Gil Barbosa doesn't look like a stereotypical bookseller. He is a burly man, with a plethora of tattoos on both of his muscled arms. His hands look like they have clashed with metal rather than a rarefied page in a brittle tome. Yet this former head of a towing business handles his new charges with great delicacy. Since June, 2011 he has been the proprietor of the Book Shop at Ball Square. And although he is not getting rich, he is getting by, not a small accomplishment in the indie book biz.



Barbosa told me:

"I have lived in Somerville all my life. Currently I live in the Spring Hill section of the city. The residents and the shop owners of Ball Square have been very supportive of the store. Somerville is a great place to do business."

For 25 years Barbosa was in the towing business, and decided not to bring his enterprise to the next level. It required a huge investment of time and money and Barbosa was tiring of doing this for over two decades. After being laid off from a state job at the Charles River Dam, he helped his aunt out at her bookstore: Annie's Book Stop in Belmont, Mass. When his aunt gave her store up he inherited her inventory. He snagged a great deal on a lease in Ball Square, and the rest, as they say, is history. Barbosa reflected:

"The people in the neighborhood are very appreciative that we are here. One person was surprised that places like my store even exist anymore. He thought they were extinct..."

Barbosa feels stores like his creates nostalgia for a past when people had more time to browse much less read. Barbosa is a reader as well as confirmed bibliophile. Currently he is reading "Ten Hills Farm" by C.S. Manegold. The book deals with Ten Hills Farm (which in the 1600's occupied land that is now Somerville) that once held a large

population of slaves. Who would of thought of it? The slaves of Somerville. Barbosa is also a big fan of the True Crime genre, and reads about everything from gangs, thugs, to serial killers.

Although in his aunt's shop in Belmont Romance novels were big selling items, here in the highbrow 'hood of Somerville, the big ticket items tend to be Science Fiction, Classics, Fantasy, Novels, etc... This is not to say Barbosa does not have Romance on hand—you always have to something about lust and love—right? Barbosa also has a poetry section, and sells used CDs and posters.

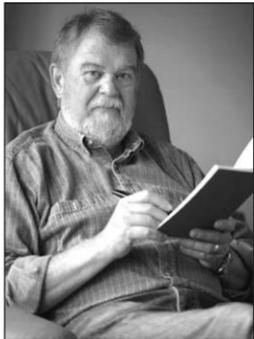
Barbosa is a champion of local authors. Writers like Peter David Shapiro "Ghosts on the Red Line," and Bobby Martini "Citizen Somerville" have read at the store. And Barbosa has even ushered in local poets at a recent reading. Barbosa told me that he encourages Somerville's active small press community to bring in their books, etc... to sell. And publishers—they have a very generous consignment policy!

Barbosa feels there is a future for the "book" and the "bookstore." He feels independents have created their own niche market and provide personal services that big chains don't. Barbosa is optimistic about his prospects and hopes to be on the scene for years to come.

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GOSHEN STONE

With the last tap, tap of the hammer's wooden handle on the corner of the capstone, the mason steps back, runs his eyes along the line, then up and down the wall. He winds the string back onto the broken foot of ruler, retrieves hammer, chisel, trowel, slides them into their places in the tool box built long ago, stretches his spine so far back he sees only treetops, then sky as blue as his baby's eyes. He slaps his thighs, dust puffs the air. Toolbox in one hand, the other balancing a four foot level on the shoulder, he walks to the old Ford, loads it, and heads to the bar before home. When he thought his son was old enough, he drove to this house, though out of the way of any errand, slowed, stopped, and said, "That wall is still level, solid. Those steps, thick slabs of Goshen Stone laid atop mortared brick, sixty feet from street to door at forty degree incline. These old bones remember every job." Once the son drove by that house with his own son in the front seat, ice cream beginning to drip from the cone in the boy's hand. He stopped and said, "See that stone wall and those stone steps? Your grandfather built them long ago and they still look good, solid."

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