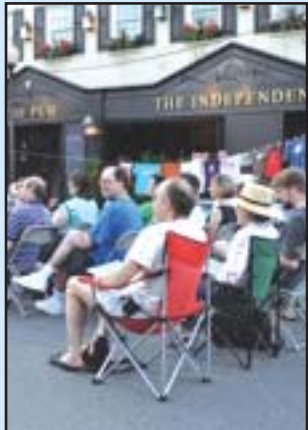




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Access to the Inner Belt through the "tubes" can be an issue at times, but how long until the problem is solved?

Photo by Andrew Firestone

By Andrew Firestone

With a few of the Mayor's major developments on their way, City and State officials have begun considering the further development of another site nearby, the Inner Belt / Brickbottom neighborhoods of Somerville.

While Assembly Square may be an example of transforming a huge, dormant area into a lively urban village, the 125 acre Inner Belt faces another issue: how to transform a land-locked area with businesses already there into a transit-oriented urban center. The Inner Belt currently houses some industry, including the Angelica Linen Service, the city's largest employer, and 200 artists at the nearby Brickbottom artist's refuge.

Developments such as Interstate 695, the Big Dig, and even a proposed soccer stadium have been proposed in order to find a larger use for the area, but none has ever come to fruition. While the area currently includes many businesses and homes, it is a far cry from the development potential one would expect to find in an area bordering on Lechmere in Cambridge and Charlestown in Boston.

The origins for the Inner Belt's troubles began over a century and a half ago, when the Boston-Lowell line bought up much

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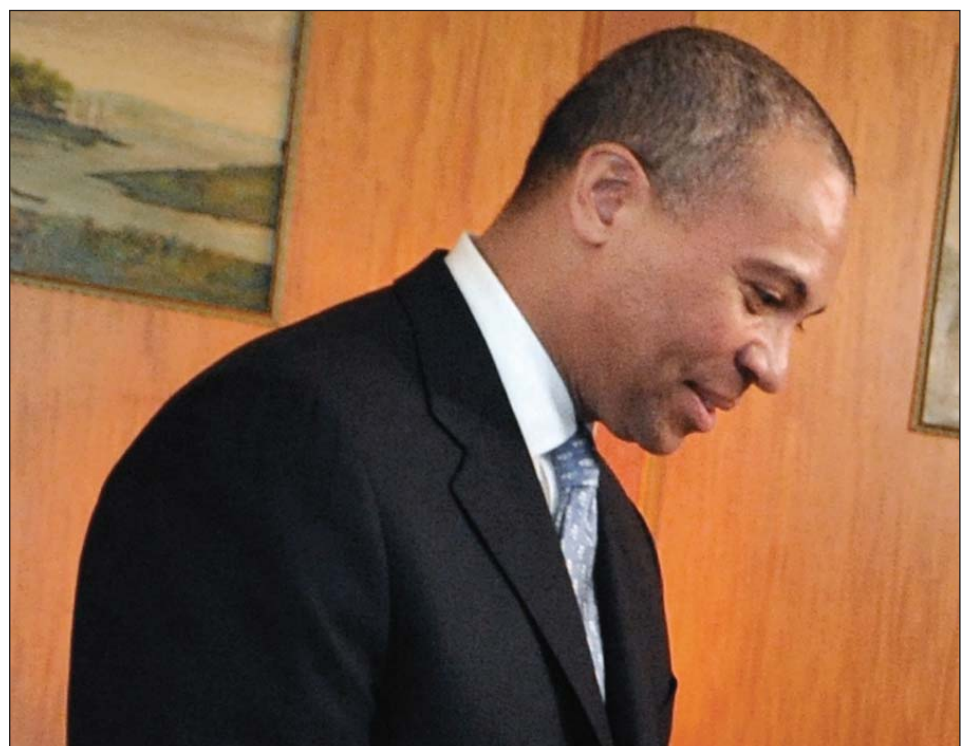
GIC Healthcare Bill signed by Governor Patrick

By Andrew Firestone

The long-discussed and highly controversial Group Insurance Commission Healthcare bill was signed into law Tuesday, July 12, after several months of debate. This bill gives cities and towns the opportunity to sign onto the GIC, thus lessening the total healthcare costs by \$100 million across the state. Public labor unions had been wary, and many officials on the state and national level had spoken against curbing union rights. Governor Deval Patrick personally added four amendments to the bill, which were made to lessen costs on the citizens.

The first included changing how funds would effect especially vulnerable peoples, such as retirees, employees with major health issues and low-income workers, so that cities would have to set aside up to a quarter of the money saved in the first year to offset impact to those who apply. The second requires municipalities to prove that could save at least five percent

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Governor Deval Patrick signed into law the GIC Healthcare bill which included several key points of his own interest.

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NEWTALK

The Annual Somerville ArtBeat is this Friday and Saturday in Davis Square. It's a great time with lots of activities for the entire family. It gets bigger and bigger every year. This year the planners, the Somerville Arts Council, were busy making sure a wide variety of things will be going on. There is a suggested donation of \$3. This is a wonderful two-day event. Bring the entire family.

The 'Ville has another local celebrity, our good friend Chris Speakman of sportsprogranda.com, right here in Winter Hill. He designed the All Star Baseball program for this week and was flown out to Phoenix to enjoy the festivities, meet and greet famous players, and sign autographs. Hopefully, he's going to bring some program books home. Some of us are expecting them to be autographed. On his Facebook page he's shown with a lot of baseball's famous names and we can see him doing the signing.

A big Happy birthday to our own Billy Tauro this week. Billy has been busy taking care of his mother who is still ill. We hope he gets to enjoy his day and that his mother gets better. Also, Happy Birthday to Alison "Ali" Koty who is getting married in September. It's a busy time for her. She's grown into very nice woman. Happy Birthday, too, to one of the 'Ville's famous locals, attorney Anne Vigorito. She's a great lady as well as a good attorney.

Other well known local notables here in the 'Ville celebrating birthdays: a very busy man and popular former Mayor Eugene Brune, who's always a nice guy. Well known local Police Officers celebrating are Mike Wyatt aka "Tango 5" - who is also well known for his bagpipe playing. Another local

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *How are ya pally?*

Joseph Keller says:

Jimmy, that's good for you. But Somerville is not special in this regard. I've had the same experience (and better) in many towns the size of Somerville around the US and abroad. In fact, I have many friends who were not born in Somerville and who actually find that Somerville (and the NE in general) is not a great place to establish close relationships. Nonetheless, let's pat each other on the back, since we all need to be cheery.

Andy Richter says:

Thanks for the input, Keller. How can you say you've had the same experience "and better" elsewhere? Way to make this into a contest. And the reason you and your friends can't "establish close relationships" is because you won't assimilate into another community without trying to control it. Those of us born here have bonds that go beyond hobbies and superficial associations. They are shared experiences that cannot be understood unless you went through them. Nonetheless, pat yourself on the back for finding flaws in an upbeat, nostalgic piece. It takes a truly cynical mind to accomplish such feats.

You're Suspect says:

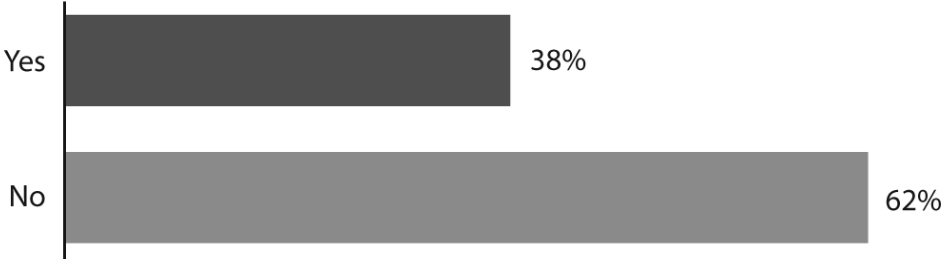
What's sad is people think they really know a place if they've been there for ten years. That's a shame really. Back to Somerville, I had teacher tell me many decades ago that no matter where you go, no matter how long you're away, you will always, ALWAYS meet somebody from Somerville along the way. That is the truest thing anyone has ever said. From India to Australia that's been my experience.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you support a bill that would allow illegal immigrants to pay the in-state tuition rates at Massachusetts colleges if they have attended a high school in Massachusetts for at least three years and have graduated. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you support a bill that would allow illegal immigrants to pay the in-state tuition rates at Mass. colleges if they have attended a high school in Mass. for at least three years and have graduated ?



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Sciortino wins honors from National Association of Social Workers

By Andrew Firestone

Representative Carl Sciortino of Medford and Somerville has won the 2011 Legislator of the Year award from the National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter, sharing the award with his colleague state Senator James Eldridge of Acton.

Sciortino was given the award for his efforts in improving social worker safety in the workplace and establishing paid sick days. He's also taken an interest in coordinating children's mental health services, providing housing for low-income families and advocating for transgender peoples' rights.

"Since he has been in office, Representative Sciortino has been a true ally for social work values and the NASW-MA legislative agenda," said Carol Trust, Executive Director of NASW, MA. "We were thrilled to recognize his efforts, last week, on behalf of the children and families, as well as the social workers of Massachusetts."

The NASW is a national group that maintains professional standards for Social Workers nationwide, with over 145,000 members. They are responsible for keeping a "Code of Ethics" that is intended to be a guide to professional conduct among social workers.



Rep. Sciortino is regarded as a stalwart champion for rights and benefits to social workers, children, and families by the National Association of Social Workers.

2012 property tax haul increase due to Prop 2 and a half

By Andrew Firestone

This year, the City raised \$104,589,916 in Real Estate or Personal taxes for the 2012 fiscal budget, an increase of over four million dollars from the previous year. While four million dollars is a good deal of money, it is important to note how this came to be; through Proposition two and a half, a

measure approved by voters almost 30 years ago. The City was able to raise their levy by a two and a half percent limit, or the most that they are able to in a fiscal year, and then got the rest through new commercial properties. They cannot exceed this limit in the taxes on properties that already exist.

It is important to note that, if inflation in the economy rises by

more than two and a half percent overall, which has been the case more often than not, then the amount of real tax income, or the income calculated by buying power, actually decreases for the same number of properties.

In the case of 2011, inflation has reached around 3.6 percent according to a report in May from the Bureau of Labor. In this case, considering

that the Real Estate or Personal taxes for 2011 was around \$100.5 million, the new properties in the city ultimately raised the levy so that property taxes did not lose any ground against the inflation of the economy, accounting for around \$1.5 million, with increased property taxes coming to around \$2.5 million.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone has

repeatedly said that the City relies far too heavily upon the residential tax base, as residences make up the vast majority of taxable property in the city. His hopes are that increased development, such as in Union Square and Assembly Square can attract new commercial properties, thus lessening the burden on the residents of the community.

Observance of Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week

The Somerville District Court Probation Department and the Massachusetts Probation Service will join Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision agencies from across the nation and Canada in observing Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week from July 17 to 23. The agency celebrates its 170th anniversary, along with its unique status as the first Probation agency in the nation, with the theme "Building New Pathways to Enhance Public Safety."

Under the leadership of Acting Probation Commissioner Ronald Corbett, Massachusetts Probation the agency is using this milestone to reinvigorate community partnerships at the state and local levels.

"The committed men and women of the Massachusetts Probation Service collaborate every day with a wide range of rehabilitative and public safety agencies statewide," said Corbett. "The agency's long heritage of

innovation continually inspires Probation staff to improve practices and identify new programs that assist local communities in addressing criminal justice and public safety issues in these challenging times."

On any night of the week, The Somerville District Court Probation Department Court Probation Officers can be found in the community checking on offenders in their homes, enforcing court orders, and ultimately holding offenders accountable. In the Medford and Somerville jurisdiction, 913 offenders are on probation and are being supervised by 11 Probation Officers.

The Somerville District Court Probation Officers are co-facilitating Alcohol, Drug and Anger Management Programs in our community Monday thru Thursday evenings. These Programs are among the many Probation-established programs and initiatives available to offenders.

Across the Commonwealth, there are nearly 90,000 offenders on probation. They are supervised by 848 line Probation Officers in more than 100 courts across the state. In addition, at the state's 21 Community Corrections Centers offenders can earn their GED's, participate in job training, and receive drug and alcohol counseling.

In addition to resources provided by the courts, Probation Officers have created programs to promote law-abiding behavior among offenders. Parenting Programs, such as the Fatherhood and Mothers Programs, which teach offenders good parenting skills; Changing Lives through Literature, which introduces offenders to literature and poetry; and Drug Courts are only a few examples of initiatives designed and implemented by Probation Officers, based on the needs of offenders and local communities.

Probationers, ordered to do community service in lieu of

court costs, performed more than 400,000 hours over the past year. Offenders across the state work at food pantries where they have helped distribute healthy food to struggling families. Probationers played a pivotal role in the clean-up of the

aftermath of a devastating tornado that hit western Massachusetts in June. Offenders have assisted in the construction, remodeling, and painting of non-profit organizations such as churches and synagogues, as well as senior citizen centers.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Rowdy crowds dispersed at Highland Ave.

Somerville Police and Fire Department officers were called to the Central Street and Highland Avenue area in the early hours of Saturday to reports of unruly crowds of people who were fighting and shouting in the middle of the street.

Authorities managed to break the gathering up into smaller groups, ordering participants to disperse and leave the area. Certain individuals, though, were reportedly not cooperating and continued to shout at local residents who were, in

turn, yelling at the street rabble from the windows of their homes, complaining about the noise on the ground.

In confronting one group of individuals, a police officer reportedly observed a male who refused to stop screaming and

leave the area. After several unsuccessful attempts were made to calm the man down, Joao Deoliveira, 22, was detained and charged with disturbing the peace, police said.

Similarly, Nestor Gutierrez, 20, was also placed under arrest

for disturbing the peace after repeatedly refusing to leave the scene voluntarily, according to officers on the scene.

Order was eventually restored to the area and both men were taken into custody and booked for disturbing the peace offenses.

Police: Vacuum thief needed a ‘fix’

Employees at the Somerville Avenue Target store became suspicious of a customer while observing him on their security camera system last Sunday.

The man had reportedly entered

the store and walked directly to the vacuum cleaner section where he placed two of the same model vacuums into his shopping carriage. Store personnel state that this particular type of vacuum

is a commonly stolen item.

The man then proceeded towards the checkout area, but instead of stopping to pay for the items he continued towards the exit, where he was stopped by

store employees and escorted to the Loss Prevention office, according to reports.

Police were called in and upon questioning the man reportedly said to officers, “I stole them to

get a fix. I shot up this morning. I’m gonna get sick.”

Thomas Grant, 25, of Woburn, was taken into custody and charged with larceny over \$250.

Suspended license, unprescribed pills discovered

While working an undercover detail at the Boat House on Shore Drive last Saturday, a Somerville Police Narcotics Detective reportedly witnessed what he deemed to be suspicious activity on the part of an individual who was pacing around in the parking lot while speaking to

someone on a cell phone.

Shortly thereafter the man in question was picked up and driven to a residence, which he then entered, according to police.

Continuing the rolling surveillance, the officer eventually confronted the vehicle’s driver, James Lacascia, 50, of Medford, who

was found to be operating the vehicle with a suspended license.

He admitted to being in possession of 30 Suboxone pills, but had no valid prescription for them, police said. He was arrested for drug possession and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Short drive for alleged drug deal

Police officers took notice of suspicious activity in Davis Square last Thursday as a man joined two women in a car that took a short drive from nearby the Statue Park area to the driveway of the Tedeschi market on College Avenue, just a few dozen yards away, according to reports.

After exiting the car, Tyler Burgess, 22, was stopped by officers and upon questioning admitted to being in possession of several Clonopins/K-pins pills, which were found on his person, police said.

Burgess was arrested and charged with drug possession.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Ashley Walsh, 23, July 5, 8:25 a.m., arrested at 199 Pearl St. on a warrant charge of larceny.

Stephen Kindell, 41, of 633 Shamut Ave., Boston, July 7, 7:30 a.m., arrested at 22 Mt. Pleasant St. on charges of abuse prevention order violation and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Mauricio Amaya, 46, of 3 Royce St., July 7, 11:02 a.m., arrested at Franklin St. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with suspended registration, and uninsured vehicle/trailer.

Lawrence Cameron, 57, of 1900 River St., Hyde Park, July 7, 6:29 p.m., arrested at 54 Mt. Vernon St. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Tyler Burgess, 22, of 87 Highland Rd., July 7, 8:41 p.m., arrested at 4 College Ave. on a charge of drug possession.

Stephan Berneaud, 20, of 10 Canal Ln., July 8, 2:15 a.m., arrested at 2 Meacham St. on a warrant charge of receiving

stolen property.

Gerald Callahan, 32, of 70A Winchester St., Medford, July 8, 10:09 p.m., arrested at 44 Marshall St. on a charge of assault and battery and assault and battery to collect a loan.

Joao Deoliveira, 22, of 35 Fountain Ave., July 9, 1:31 a.m., arrested at 151 Highland Ave. on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Nestor Gutierrez, 20, of 1 Evergreen Ave., July 9, 1:31 a.m., arrested at 151 Highland Ave. on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Gregory Nathan, 33, of 1551 Centre St., West Roxbury, July 9, 11:27 a.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250 and a warrant charge of witness intimidation.

James Lacascia, 50, of 3 Eugene Rd., Medford, July 9, 12:06 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of drug possession and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Brandon Wood, 30, of 26 Jason St., Pittsfield, July 9, 4:55

p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Thomas Grant, 25, of 269 Place Ln., Woburn, July 10, 10:02 a.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Incidents:

Theft:

July 5, 10:27 a.m., police reported a theft at 4 College Ave.

July 5, 4:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

July 5, 4:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Pitman St.

July 5, 5:17 p.m., police reported a theft at North St.

July 5, 8:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

July 6, 2:32 p.m., police reported a theft at 4 Davis Sq.

July 6, 4:24 p.m., police reported a theft at 133 Middlesex Ave.

July 7, 7:36 a.m., police reported a theft at Waterhouse St.

July 7, 12:35 p.m., police reported a theft at 245 Elm St.

July 7, 4:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Dexter St.

July 7, 5:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Newbury St.

July 8, 9:38 a.m., police reported a theft at Mystic Ave.

July 8, 10:53 a.m., police reported a theft at Boston Ave.

July 8, 7:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Richdale Ave.

July 10, 10:02 a.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

July 10, 4:01 p.m., police reported a theft at Josephine Ave.

July 10, 5:37 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.

Robbery:

July 5, 12:48 p.m., police reported a robbery at 230 Elm St.

July 5, 11:55 p.m., police reported a robbery at Richdale Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

July 5, 12:16 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Dimick St.

July 6, 4:54 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at College Ave.

July 7, 11:42 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Carter Terr.

July 7, 9:55 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Central St.

July 9, 4:42 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Thurston St.

July 10, 4:04 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 66 Fellsway W.

Vehicle Theft:

July 8, 7:07 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Mallet St.

July 10, 12:03 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Indiana Ave.

July 10, 12:25 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Perkins St.

Assault:

July 7, 6:29 p.m., police reported an assault at Mt. Vernon St.

July 8, 10:09 p.m., police reported an assault at Marshall St.

July 9, 7:29 p.m., police reported an assault at Beacon St.

Drug Violation:

July 7, 8:41 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 4 College Ave.

July 9, 12:06 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Shore Dr.

Zero-sort recycling to go citywide

After nine months of testing an extremely popular zero-sort recycling pilot program in Ward 5, the City of Somerville has reached an agreement in principle with Casella Recycling LLC to take the program citywide this fall.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone will submit a 10-year recycling removal contract with Casella to the Board of Aldermen. Pending approval of the contract, Casella will purchase 64-gallon, wheeled recycling bins for all residences by the City recycling program, and distribute them this fall in advance of the official switchover to the zero-sort program.

Previously the program had been called "single-stream recycling," but the name change zero-sort reflects that, literally, no sorting of recyclables is required of residents. All of their recyclables can be thrown into the same bin and then wheeled out to the curb for collection.

"The question I have been asked most over the past year has been 'When is zero-sort re-

cycling going to branch out to other neighborhoods?'" Mayor Curtatone said. "People have been clamoring for it, which is no surprise because it really does simplify recycling. All your paper, plastics and glass go into the same bin. The pilot was immensely popular and we made it a priority to expand to the rest of the city this year."

In fact the recent resident survey conducted by the City revealed that Ward 5 reported the highest level of satisfaction with the recycling program, scoring more than 10% higher than the average response from the other six wards in Somerville. Recycling inside the pilot area also increased 60%.

"People love it and our recycling numbers shot up dramatically," Curtatone said. "The pilot was a wild success."

The rollout plan for citywide zero-sort launch will be similar to the one used in the pilot program. Residents will receive their bins curbside one week before the program begins and can start



The City of Somerville is throwing in all the way with the zero-sort recycling program beginning this fall.

using them immediately.

"The whole program is predicated around it being easy to use," said David Lutes, director of the City's Office of Sustain-

ability and the Environment. "It will take some education on the City's part to let people know what they can recycle and how the program works, but for the

residents it's as easy as tossing all their recyclables in one bin and wheeling it out to the curb on collection day. It's fast. It's clean. It's simple."

Bicycle thief sought

Police are looking for a man who is suspected of stealing an expensive bike from a Pitman Street residence on July 5. Anyone who knows the identity of this subject (see picture below) is

urged to contact Somerville Police detectives at 617 625-1600, ext. 7220 or you can text an anonymous tip to Tip411 and include the words 617SPD in the message box.



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SCATV wins National award for the sixth time

By Michelle Cooper

Since 2005 Somerville Community Access Television has won the National Alliance for community media award six times. This year it was for best animation film by non-professionals. Never mind all the other awards they have received for being a great community access television center. The winner this year was *Pirates of Pancake Island* by Jeanne Flanagan, Bill Trudell, Melitta King, and Shannon Daly.

When asked what brought this idea together, Melitta King said, "We talked about ideas each of us had, what we wanted out of the class and looked at the materials that Jessica Barnhouse (who was teaching the class) had for us to work with. Then it turned out that Jeanne had brought the legos with her to the first class and Bill Trudell had the packet of plastic spiders in his pocket.

"From there we easily decided we could do a pirate story and somehow tie in the spiders. Each of us added something to the

project. I wrote up the ideas we had into a script and added that with two lego sharks we should have one swim by - while another shark would sneak up and eat the first pirate who dies. Jeanne went to the Olympics for crew - so she made sure the rowing in the piece looked real.

"Jeanne also made the piece of fabric that we used for the water. Bill came up with the idea of pancakes for the island and he created the music for the piece. Shannon was a Masters student at Emerson at the time. She has great organization and excellent editing skills."

How long did it take to put together? "The animating took most of the class." Said King. "We finished editing the piece after the class ended. The best part was that each of the four of us was really an important part of the process. The piece wouldn't be as good as it is without all of our efforts."

This creative work is done with a few Legos and a stack of pancakes. The video has some great humor in it and it is not



The *Pirates of Pancake Island* animation team in action: (L to R) Jeanne Flanagan, Bill Trudell, Melitta King, and Shannon Daly.

what you expect, which makes it fun to watch. Two Lego men pirates set sail to look for buried treasure. Do they find it? You will have to watch to find out. You can find the link on SCATV's website www.access-scatv.org.

Since I was so enthralled with this piece, I decided to go to the source and take a tour of

SCATV to see what this place was all about. Wendy Blom, who is the Executive Director, was nice enough to show me around and tell me about the place. She showed me each room they have including the control room, and the community conference room. This conference room is available for any member of Somerville to

use as long as it is available. They have also have Internet access and plenty of resources to use to create films. SCATV has been around since 1983. They are the oldest access television center in Massachusetts. They have so many great resources there. If you have an interest in creating films or art, this is the place to go.

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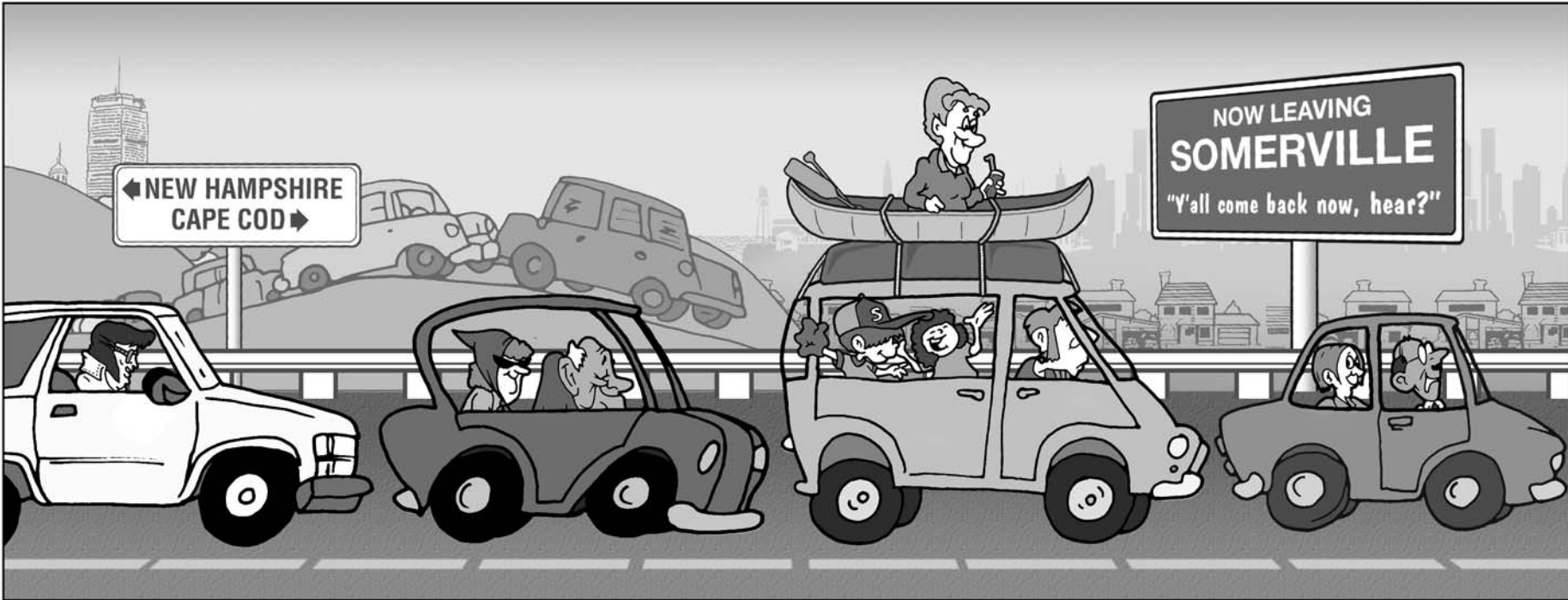
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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Vacation time for ‘Villens - enjoy!

The View From Prospect Hill



Surf’s up, kids! Let’s hit the beach, the woods, the art gallery - whatever gets you out there. Summer is here and it’s time to go places, see people, and enjoy life to the fullest. Whether it be camping at its best while visiting our friends

and neighbors to the north, or sliding down for a lazy sun-drenched weekend at the Cape, ‘Villens know how to make the most of what the season has to offer. No, we don’t have to travel far to have a good time, either.

There are plenty of top-notch recreational venues at our disposal within an easy drive or bike ride. The nearby woodsy reservation can be just satisfying as anything else found many miles away, and our coastal attractions are the envy

of the world. We are indeed blessed with the bountiful beauty of an environmental treasure trove, not to mention the great historical richness that saturates our region. For the long-distance travelers, be careful out there. We

want you back home safe and sound. And don’t forget to invite your far-flung friends and family members to come and see what keeps us loyally connected to our beloved home town while you’re at it. We’ll all be glad you did.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

police officer and totally awesome man is our good friend Scott Gamble. Happy Birthday also to our good friend Richard Crosby III on his 30th! May they all enjoy a great day, and to all the other birthday people this week as well.

A big time get well to our own Bobbie Toner (Assignment Editor amongst other duties) who was recently in the hospital and is now resting at home. The operation went well, and she’s missed by everyone here at the paper. We wish her nothing but the best. Also home recently from the hospital, Bert Gay, after a series of operations. We wish him well.

Visiting from Brazil is Marco Tuilo and his girlfriend Bruna Mota, who are here this summer visiting his mom, our own Marisa Tauro. We hope he and his girlfriend enjoy the visit here. We know that Marisa is happy to see her son. She’s a great lady herself, always smiling and happy for everyone. Now we can be happy for her son’s visit.

Remember to save the date of August 3rd for Mayor Joe Cutatone’s Boston

Harbor cruise, departing out of Long Wharf Boston at 6p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 pp and includes admission on the ship “Fredrick Nolan”, a hot Italian buffet, music, dancing, and a great time on a hot summer night! For more information call Billy Tauro at 617 293-2016 or email directly to wmtauro@aol.com

The new President of Somerville Rotary, Jean Scarpa, had her first meeting on Tuesday. It was a good turnout for a July meeting. Somerville Rotary meets every Tuesday at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant. This is a local civic group of business people and various organizations that meets for lunch and has a good time. Jean is planning on a great year, already taking in new members. She’s off to a great start. If you’re interested in joining Somerville Rotary contact her via email: jscarpa@century-bank.com. She’ll make sure you get information on what Rotary is about and all the various local charities that Somerville Rotary gives to. A little known fact: Rotary, in particular Somerville Rotary, was the first local non-profit group to invite women to join - and not that far back, but in the middle 80’s. The first woman President of Somerville Rotary was Pat Reardon, who

served 1992-1993. Co-sponsored by the City of Somerville’s Recreation Department, the Gosder Cherilus Foundation announced that former Somerville High School football star and NFL Offensive Tackle Gosder Cherilus of the Detroit Lions will host his annual NFL Football Camp at Dilboy Stadium today, Wednesday, July 13 from 9 a.m. – noon for all Somerville youth ages 7-14. The camp is free of charge, and will include skills demonstrations by Cherilus and SHS-teammate and Harvard University Football alum Wainwright Wint, as well as appearances by NFL players, and current and former Boston College Football players. An autograph session will be held at the conclusion of camp on Wednesday. Gosder Cherilus is a 2003 graduate of Somerville High School, and a 2007 graduate of Boston College. He was selected in the first round of the 2008 NFL Draft, the number 17th pick overall, by the Detroit Lions.

The new Mystic Housing Farmers Market has launched their own Facebook Page to keep you updated on special

events and offerings. The market is open every Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The Recreation and Youth Commission offers many programs during the Summer months throughout the City for our young people. There is plenty to keep the kids active. Go to the city’s web site to for a complete schedule, www.somervillema.gov.

Take the Union Square tasting tour, it offers a great opportunity to enjoy an array of the scrumptious offerings found in this up-and-coming food hub. Bring your appetites and passports, on Wednesday, July 20, you will be heading to Peru, Thailand and Mexico-without leaving Union Square! Nibble your way around the globe by visiting three different restaurants: Machu Picchu, Ronnarong Thai Tapas and Cantina La Mexicana. At each stop, you will chat with restaurant owners to learn about their cultural heritage and get the culinary back stories to the exotic fare being offered. If your mouth is watering, please visit http://www.somervillearts council.org/blog/union-square-tasting-tour to learn more. Act fast because space is limited.

COMMENTARY

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ACE: customer service done right



By Joseph A. Curtatone

If you paid a company thousands of dollars a year each and every year, you naturally would expect to get attentive customer service as part of the transaction. After all, you are a good customer. That company ought to place a

high value on your patronage.

City government is no different. If you live in Somerville, you either pay local taxes directly or through your rent. You get a lot for those taxes - schools, roads, public safety, parks, public records, etc. Yet it is still a sizable chunk of money. In the business of municipal government, you are the customer and you deserve high quality customer service.

One of my main initiatives as Mayor has been to improve customer service at City Hall. We added the 311 information line to collect and track work orders from the public. We have our SomerStat office measuring the performance of the departments that provide service to our cus-

tomers, like public works.

Yet we can do better and we are going to do better. Starting this summer, the City of Somerville will debut a new program based on our ACE customer service methodology. The letters stand for accurate, courteous and easy. It is the methodology we use to serve you, our customers. It should be easy to get in touch with the City. We should give you accurate information. And we should be courteous.

As part of the ACE initiative we will be putting our customer performance online. Starting in August you will be able to see how well our public works department is fulfilling the work orders submitted to it. Our on-time performance and an exten-

sive list of the different types of work orders we have received will be part of the public record.

You also will be able to see statistics concerning our 311 call center: how many calls it has received and whether we have answered those calls in a timely fashion. We even have added a mystery customer program to check on our service delivery and so far almost 50 volunteers have signed up.

We should not have to tell you we are doing well. We should be able to show we are doing well. And if we are falling short in some areas, then you should be able to see that too.

As part of the ACE initiative we also have a customer bill of rights. Here it is:

- Residents have the right to speak with a professional and knowledgeable customer service representative by calling 311, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Calls should be answered within 45 seconds during normal operating conditions.

- Residents have the right to expect complete satisfaction from the quality and delivery of any service that is received from the City of Somerville. We will continue to review processes and provide staff training to improve how we address the City's ever-changing needs.

- Residents have the right to expect the City of Somerville to maintain the highest level of accountability, professional commitment, and

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Say 'no' to the Grand Junction Railroad



By State Representative Tim Toomey

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has proposed a new transportation project that is drastic, unnecessary, and should it be implemented, will hurt the cities of Cambridge and Somerville.

The Grand Junction Railroad, an 8.5 mile-long stretch of rail

that runs through Cambridgeport, Kendall Square, East Cambridge, and the Brickbottom area of Somerville, was purchased from CSX by MassDOT roughly one year ago. Just months after purchasing the track as a part of a much larger deal with CSX, MassDOT began studying a proposal that would bring as many as 24 Commuter Rail trains per day through Cambridge and Somerville, with the goal of allowing passengers to ride the Worcester line directly to and from North Station.

Grand Junction intersects six different roadways in Cambridge and Somerville at street-level: Mass Ave, Broadway, Main Street, Binney Street, Cambridge Street, and Medford

Street. The rush-hour congestion on these streets will only be made worse when cars, bicycles, and pedestrians are forced to yield to rush-hour train traffic. Air quality will be degraded by idling cars and diesel exhaust from the trains themselves, and noise and vibrations will relentlessly bombard the thousands who live and work near the railroad.

MassDOT's proposal would also deal a major blow to those who wish to see Grand Junction become a useful space for our communities. Open space opportunities in Cambridge and Somerville are rare, and the Grand Junction Rail Trail concept offers a unique chance to connect residents to open space.

A multi-use path would connect existing parks and public facilities throughout the corridor and act as an urban necklace, connecting densely populated neighborhoods to open space; however, instead of benefitting and building our communities, the state's proposal would erode the quality of life in Cambridge and Somerville.

Beyond the impact to Cambridge and Somerville residents, the proposed project fails to fulfill any significant public need. The Worcester Line is currently operating within its capacity, and the 8% of riders along the line with a final destination near North Station can already easily access the area via the Orange Line from Back Bay Station.

While many residents have joined me in vocal opposition to this misguided proposal, some City Councillors have suggested that we are powerless to stop it from happening and that Cambridge should simply seek mitigation. This is naive and irresponsible. It is our duty as elected officials to do everything in our ability to fight on behalf of the people who we represent, and stepping aside to let this destructive proposal move forward unopposed would be an abandonment of that duty.

The history of another destructive transportation proposal illustrates the importance of unified community opposition and the potential dangers of inaction and defeatism.

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Summers gone by



This article first ran in the August 19, 2009 edition of The Somerville News.

My kids just got back from 3 days at Six Flags Theme Park with their mother, and I'm sure she dropped a nice hunk of change. A family of my friends with small children were heading up to Story Land in New Hampshire. With gas and hotel, that costs a pretty penny. A day at Canobie Lake Park, for a family of 4 without discount coupons, will cost a whopping \$120.00. Toss in the food and some souvenirs and you're com-

ing home with an empty wallet.

It's all relative, too. Back in the day, my dad spent a lot of money to take us to Revere Beach, Paragon Park, or Norumbega Park for the day. There were always the Foss and Dilboy pools, as well. I never went to those pools because I am too much of a germaphobe (HBF...Human Bacterial Frappe!). I think we went to Wakefield's short-lived Pleasure Island amusement park during its ten-year existence. Pleasure Island boasted appearances by Bonanza's Michael Landon and the Three Stooges (with Curly Joe De Rita).

We took a couple of trips into Boston

also to ride the swan boats, which was a fun summer activity. There was always the old stand by, Revere Beach. We were so lucky to have had this amazing amusement park when we were kids. My friend Charlie's grandfather helped build the wooden Cyclone roller coaster, and we actually worked at the Dodge'Em Cars for a while. Our band, Shadowfax, also played at Hurley's Palm Garden on the boulevard, right up until they snuffed the beach for condos.

When we became teenagers, I can remember a few places we went to for fun during the summer. One was the Sheepfold area of the Middlesex Fells Reserva-

tion in Stoneham. We would arrive there in several carloads with a guitar and a few coolers. We had a lot of fun, but if I remember correctly there were a couple of run-ins with the authorities as well.

Breakheart Reservation in Saugus and Wakefield was a favorite spot for us also. One year I tried to swim to the "island," only to be rescued by my former girlfriend, who I was trying to impress. I dove in, swam like Hell for three minutes, but somehow had managed to turn myself around halfway to the island. So I was out of breath and yelling for help. Good thing she was an avid swimmer and former member of

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' votes on three roll calls from prior legislative sessions. All roll calls are on proposed amendments to the Senate version of a \$29.2 billion fiscal 2012 state budget. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

STATE EMPLOYEES ON MILITARY DUTY (S 3)

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment extending for three years a current law providing that state employees who are granted a military leave of absence for active military service after September 11, 2001, continue to receive their base state salary reduced by their military salary and do not lose any seniority or benefits. The measure also gives cities, towns and counties the option to offer the same deal to their local employees. The proposal would extend the law, currently scheduled to expire in two months, until September 2014.

Supporters said this temporary law was originally passed in 2003 and would expire in September unless the Legislature extends it. They argued that state employees who risk their lives to serve in the military should not lose money during their service and noted that prior to 2003, state employees were losing an average of \$16,000 per year while serving their country. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$1 MILLION TO PROTECT ELDERLY (S 3)

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment increasing funding from \$15.2 million to \$16.2 million for the state's Elder Protective Services Program that investigates reports of elder abuse across the state.

Supporters said the state has established 22 Protective Services agencies to respond to reports of physical, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect by a caregiver, self-neglect and financial exploitation. They noted that a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week emergency hotline has encouraged reporting of abuse and helped save the lives, money and well-being of countless seniors. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

PROHIBIT SHOCK THERAPY (S 3)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment that would prohibit the use of aversive shock therapy to treat developmentally disabled persons.

Amendment supporters said the use of this outrageous

and cruel distribution of shock, pain or discomfort for the purpose of changing behavior is archaic and was first used in the 1930s to "cure" people of being gay. They noted it has resulted in injury and even death and creates deep psychological problems for the patient. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

IN-STATE TUITION RATES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 2109)

- The Education Committee will hold a hearing on July 20 at 10 a.m. at the Statehouse on a bill allowing illegal immigrants to pay the in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts colleges and universities if they have attended a high school in Massachusetts for at least three years and have graduated or received the equivalent of a diploma. The measure also requires these students to provide the college with an affidavit stating that he or she has filed or will in the future file an application to become a citizen or permanent resident.

Supporters say many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They note these hardworking students are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are up to five times higher than the in-state rate. Some argue many are unable to afford the higher tuition and end up skipping college and working in low-pay, low-skill jobs rather than contributing to the economy in a more meaningful fashion.

Opponents say the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. They note it is also important to point out that these students would not even be able to legally obtain a job in Massachusetts following their graduation from college. Some say it is outrageous to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens from outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state school.

ALIMONY CHANGES (S 665)

- The House, without debate, gave initial approval to a bill making sweeping changes in the state's alimony laws including ending lifetime alimony payments in most cases. The proposal replaces the current law that provides only one category of alimony and creates four specific categories of alimony, all with durational limits, including general, rehabilitative, reimbursement and transitional.

The duration of payments is based on the number of years the couple is married. For marriages of five years or less, the maximum alimony term would be 50 percent of the number of the months of marriage; 5 to 10 years would be 60 percent; 10 to 15 years would be 70 percent; 15 to 20 years would be 80 percent; and more than 20 years would be up to the judge.

Other provisions end alimony when the paying spouse reaches full retirement age and prohibit judges from the current practice of considering the income and assets of the payer's second spouse when calculating how much alimony the payer can afford.

The measure has 133 sponsors. Supporters say current alimony laws are antiquated and date back to the time when women did not work outside the home. They

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argue that many unemployed spouses are getting stuck with unnecessary and unfair lifetime alimony payments they must come up with even if they are laid off.

MEDICAL RECORDS - The Public Health Committee is considering legislation that would require a health care provider to notify and offer patients the opportunity to obtain a copy of their medical records before they are destroyed following a required seven-year retention period (H 604).

BAN BISPENOL-A (S 382) - The Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture is considering legislation that would ban the manufacturing, sale or distribution in the Bay State of toys, baby bottles and other child care articles in the state containing bisphenol-A. Supporters say 130 studies suggest that bisphenol-A exposure even at very low doses is linked to a many health problems, including prostate and breast cancer, obesity, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), brain damage and altered immune system.

The committee's agenda also includes a measure that would require recycling in state buildings (S 379).

TOLLS - The Transportation Committee is looking at a bill that would give the Massachusetts Department of Transportation the authority to place tolls on all major routes at the state's borders with New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont (S 1792).

Other measures on the committee's agenda include bills to conduct a study of the benefits and challenges of a fully-automated toll collection system on all Massachusetts toll roads (H 1786); prohibit the charging of a toll for any driver 70 years of age or older on the Mass Turnpike, Callahan Tunnel, Sumner Tunnel or the Ted Williams Tunnel (H 939); allow vehicles that do not meet the occupancy criteria of high occupancy vehicle lanes to access those lanes on Route I-93 for a fee (H 2658); and elim-

inate tolls on the Mass Turnpike (H 945).

GAS PUMP (S 148) - The Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure's agenda includes legislation that would require gas stations to activate the hands-free mechanism that continuously pumps gas without requiring the consumer to continuously hold the trigger.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“We've moved it before. We'll move it again. Obviously we can't have it conflict with Rosh Hashanah.” - *Secretary of State William Galvin promising to work with the Legislature to change the date of the 2012 primary election that conflicts with Rosh Hashanah, one of the holiest days on the Jewish calendar.*

“The board has made the right decision to rebate this money because we did not believe customers should have to foot the bill for this severance amount.” - *Attorney General Martha Coakley on the decision of Blue Cross Blue Shield to rebate back to its customers the \$4.26 million severance package awarded to former Blue Cross Blue Shield CEO Cleve Killingsworth.*

“He probably is a good person. And I don't doubt that. My son is a good person too, but I'm not going to give him a position as clerk magistrate because I want someone who is qualified.” - *Governor's Councilor Marilyn Devaney who voted against confirmation of Rep. Christopher Speranzo to be clerk magistrate of Pittsfield District Court. Speranzo was confirmed by a vote of 5-4.*

“Another setback for an economic recovery that has struggled to gather momentum.” - *Raymond Torto, Global Chief Economist at CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. and Chair of Associated Industries of Massachusetts' (AIM) Board of Economic Advisors, on the declining business con-*

fidence level in Massachusetts.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of July 4-8, the House met for a total of 32 minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 48 minutes.

Mon. July 4	No House session No Senate session
Tues. July 5	No House session Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.
Wed. July 6	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. No Senate session
Thurs. July 7	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:29 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 4:08 p.m.
Fri. July 8	No House session Senate 11:06 a.m. to 1:46 p.m.

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

ACE: customer service done right CONT. FROM PG 9

employee empowerment at all levels. We will treat our residents with prompt service, integrity, and respect by following the City's ACE methodology: Accurate, Courteous & Easy.

- Residents have the right to understand all of our city services. You should fully un-

derstand the capabilities and functionality of city services before, during, and after the work is completed.

- Residents have a right to expect innovation in our services through an unyielding commitment to improving communication between City government

and the people who live here.

- Residents have a right to dependable service delivery. When you submit an inquiry to our 311 Team, you should expect a timely resolution in all new, existing, or prior matters. We will assume ownership of your issue and take all

necessary actions, including tracking work done by other departments in order to satisfactorily resolve your inquiry as quickly as possible.

Other functions of City government may garner more headlines, but this is one area that touches upon

every person who lives in Somerville. Our mission is to set high expectations and then exceed them.

Our customers pay a healthy sum of money to live here and they deserve the absolute best customer service experience we can deliver.

Summers gone by CONT. FROM PG 9

the Medford High School swim team. I learned a lesson about showing off.

We popped into Sandy Beach in Medford every once in a while, as well as Wrights Pond. At Wrights I believe you had to have a Medford Resident sticker, but we still got in. My pal Bob is a Park Ranger up there.

Today, the closest place I have found to Revere Beach is Old Orchard Beach in Maine. We hit that fun spot a few times a year. They have a pier area, a great beach and a decent amusement park. I call it Somerville with water, because I always seem to see a familiar face from the “Ville” up there.

We have our little trailer in New Hampshire, which is a lot of fun for a summer escape on weekends through October 15th.

Some of you people are lucky enough to have a “cottage.” They are usually passed down from generation to generation. You kids are lucky! And if it's close to a lake or pond you are even luckier. We had one in Wareham for a few years, but dad sold it when we stopped going down there. I wish we had it now, that's for sure. My timing was all off. If my kids had already been born he would never have sold it. Oh well, you can't go back. I am happy with the options I have.

It's fun thinking about the ways we kept cool in those summers of the 60's and 70's. Driving our old clunkers packed with our friends to have a little fun. Sure we were a bit careless, but somehow most of us made it. I think I still have one of those matchbooks with the discount offer for Paragon Park someplace in the cellar.

Don't forget to check out the rock band "Stainless" at ArtBeat Saturday, July 16, on the Elm Street Stage (corner of Elm St. and Chester St.) at 12:30 p.m. and the Sunsetters at 2:45 p.m. at the Elm Street Plaza (between Starbucks and Chipotle.)

GIC Bill signed CONT. FROM PG 1

in switching to GIC. The third freezes any increase to percentages retirees would pay until the middle of 2014, and the final amendment was to clarify that cities cannot unilaterally change any coverage.

The new bill gives public unions 30 days to negotiate, then transfers the issues to a review board, with representatives from the union, the city and the State.

The main change through the whole debate is that the bill eliminates collective bargaining from the table.

One state representative who spoke on the issue was Representative Denise Provost, who said that the new amendments, “made everybody happy.” The bill in its final form also won support from the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

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Somerville in Shorts draws crowds and local artists

By Krysia Wazny

There was something magical about the outdoor Somerville in Short animated film festival; maybe it was the open summer night or a glimpse at avant-garde animation. Whatever the reason, all were welcome in Union Square last Saturday for a laugh with a neighbor, friend or the family.

Somerville in Shorts made a second splash in the community over the weekend, bringing together the works of the nationally famous, Emmy nominated, and newly started. The event debuted two years ago after SCATV executive director Wendy Blom sparked a desire for outreach to local filmmakers. Local animator and frequent SCATV contributor Karen Aqua suggested animated films, citing the unfulfilled need for outlets in the area's large community of animation artists.

After the festival succeeded in drawing in ample talent from around the state, a one-year hiatus was planned to accommodate filmmakers. "The making of these films, especially hand drawn animations, is extremely time consuming," said SCAT organizer Jessica Barnthouse, "I believe it was a good decision." The truth of that statement shows in the quality of the films.

A judging panel of SCATV employees and area artists review each short, choosing only those of the best stock. "We like ones that are really original and look well made," Barnthouse explained. Essentially they look for "a great experimental concept or really good quality of animation." Those films that make the cut are then compiled to provide an enriching and uplifting show for anyone who cares to stop by.

As part of Somerville Arts Council's ArtsUnion Project, this event was designed to bring greater benefits to the community. Admission was free and any passerby was welcome. Furthermore, efforts were made to highlight the works of local artists. Only works originating in Massachusetts were eligible, and special preference was given to Somerville artists. The area's universities were also well represented, with a particularly strong response from Harvard.

By 8 o'clock Saturday night, the sidewalks around Union Square were beginning to fill. Adults, children, and dogs alike settled in for an evening of non-stop entertainment.

The thrills began with the Kristen Ford Band. With a sound that might be described as blues backed by pure energy, Kristen and the gang had the whole crowd moving to the beat. Whether screaming or crooning, she enthralled the audience with songs about love from various fresh perspectives.

When nationally recognized animator Karen Aqua passed away at the end of May, the idea to dedicate this event to her memory was born. "It never would have started without her and her interest in animated films," Barnthouse said.

20 of Aqua's family members were in attendance on Saturday. Her husband, musician Ken Field, spoke about her work before the program began. "Karen loved Somerville very much," he said, and went on to explain her three shorts appearing in the festival. The film *Taxonomy* was completed a few weeks before her death. Its depiction of the "various pieces of the world" was an excellent example of Aqua's work with transformations in animation. "We were thrilled that she was able to finish it," noted Field.

Aqua's were not the only videos to grab the attention of the audience, however. Drawing inspiration from Einstein to Aesop, each film captured a unique story, and laughter was frequent. Episodes from critically acclaimed and Emmy nominated *It's Jerry Time* were particularly popular, but even the fabulously simple tale of a dust mite attempting to outrun a vacuum cleaner in *The Great Escape* by Andy Choi were extremely well appreciated.

Relativity was examined in *A Tale of Two Twins* by Yuanjian Lou, and time travel was explored by Dan Ashwood in *Repeat Viewings*. A cameo by the jacket cover of Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People* in an original by Jess Wheelock made all present wonder just what sort of thought goes into self-improvement books, and a story of pirate treasure had us all considering Karma in *The Pirates of Pancake Island*. Through papier mache, Legos, pancakes, and hard work (among other things) these stories came alive for the viewing pleasure of everyone lucky enough to be present.

Despite a rain delay, hundreds attended this feast of animated delights, and it proved to be a true treat for all.



Photos by Krysia Wazny

Teddy Bear Picnic

By Harry Kane

On Tuesday the Teddy Bear Picnic took place at the Somerville Community Growing Center on Vinal Avenue. The community gathering encompassed a picnic, scavenger hunt, and a lesson about which plants in the city are edible. Each child brought a teddy bear to the picnic and searched the vegetation for different colored small plastic bears that had been hidden in the community garden.

"When the kids come, they get a name tag and their bears get a name tag," said Courtney Cooke, a volunteer at the picnic. Tara McCaffrey developed the teddy bear idea one year ago. "Last year it was a picnic and parade in Lincoln Park. This year we wanted more of a picnic feel."

Once the kids had found 5 little plastic bears they were entered in a children's give-away book drawing. Of the 60 or so kids that were enjoying the late afternoon festivities 11

lucky winners took home a book graciously donated by Henry Bear's Park toy store in Porter Square.

Aileen Bellwood, the site manager at the Somerville Growing Center was thrilled by the turnout. She shared a tasty homemade tea with the children and smiled along with the other parents.

The kids were in high spirits as they enjoyed their picnic afternoon. One boy was dressed in a pirate costume and he seemed very intent on finding the hidden teddy bears.

David Craft, the author of Urban Foraging gave the kids a tour of the garden and spoke about edible garden weeds. A particular favorite was the Wood Sorrel. Some of the other edible weeds were Daylily Flower, Purslane, Asiatic Dayflower and Common Mallow.

Tara McCaffrey noted, "It's great to see so many dads here. We're kinda hoping this will be an annual thing." In its second year the Teddy Bear picnic was a huge success.



Photos by Harry Kane

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

The Storm from Somerville rages on

The Somerville Storm U14 increased their winning streak to three games last week with a pair of wins over Belmont and Woburn.

After falling behind Belmont 3-0 in the first, Jen Toner took the mound and the Storm defense allowed only two runs in the next four innings to win the game 12-5. The Storm defense recorded nine put outs in those four innings, anchored by solid shortstop play from Brianna Dell'Isola in the infield, Brenna Foristall in the outfield and a running catch at second by Dierdre Matthews to end the game.

Offensively, the Storm put the ball in play striking out only three times in fifteen outs over five innings and eight out of nine players scored runs, including three runs scored by Kayla O'Regan and two each from Amolee Hawkins and Emily O'Regan.

Wednesday's game at Trum Field against Woburn was the opposite of Tuesday's game against Belmont. The Storm started the game up 13-3 with strong pitching from Amolee Hawkins who struck out eight batters in three innings before leaving the mound for the fourth

and fifth innings.

Offensively, all nine batters in the Storm lineup scored runs in the first two innings, sparked by a 2/3 hitting performance from Emily Woodman. Charolette Schofield scored twice and was on base all three at bats and Marissa Toner was also on base both times at bat with a run scored.

The two wins bring the 14U Storm record to 3-1 with a pair of games this week: Tuesday night at Trum Field against Lincoln-Sudbury Warriors and Wednesday on the road against the Pentucket River Dogs.



Photo by Bobbie Toner

The 14U Storm record is now 3-1, thanks to an outstanding team effort.

Cataldo Ambulance, friends and family donates to American Cancer Society

More than 144 golfers hit the greens at Atkinson Country Club in Atkinson, NH for the Cataldo Ambulance Swing Fore Hope Charity Tournament, raising nearly \$34,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Robert, Diana and Dennis Cataldo present a check to Bryan Harter, Director, AstraZeneca Hope Lodge Center in Boston in the amount of \$33,500 as a result of the 19th Annual Cataldo Ambulance Service Charity Golf Tournament held in May.

"It is wonderful to see our community, employees and friends of Cataldo Ambulance continuously support this event," said Vice President, Dennis Cataldo. "The need for the Hope Lodge and important medical research continues to grow and it is an honor for us to host this event to

benefit so many affected by cancer each year."

This year's tournament was sponsored by numerous vendors and customers including Do-Awl Construction, Eastern Bank, Eastpointe Rehab and Skilled Care Center, HUB International, Inc., and many others within the healthcare industry who participated at various sponsorship levels.

The annual tournament, held each May, has raised nearly \$400,000 for the American Cancer Society since the event began in 1993. May 21, 2012 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the charity tournament.

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Red delight: ArtBeat to color Davis Square

By Carrie Stanziola

If you are looking for a fun, inexpensive, scarlet and crimson weekend, come to ArtBeat in Davis Square on Friday and Saturday. Expect to enjoy local talent including artists, craft vendors, musicians, and specialty performers.

As some Somerville residents already know, each year ArtBeat is based around a different theme, this year's being the color red. Saturday's festival will commence with a Red Menace Parade that will feature beating red hearts, pirate puppets and fruit jugglers. Red-themed activities including plein art painting and the construction of a giant, red-scaled dragon on the Davis Square traffic island will take place.

Festival goers can also look forward to mingling with the likes of Basil Halwag's *Untitled Man* and *Behind the Mask* mask-makers. Musicians including Mean Creek, Tall Heights, Dub Apoc-

alypse and The Michael J. Epstein Memorial Library will be performing. ArtBeat will also feature dance performances including the Navarasa Dance Theater, the Lorraine Chapman Company, and the Danny Swain Dance Company.

Especially interesting is the Navarasa Dance Theater, led by Aparna Sindhoo. Sindhoo has been practicing the classical Indian dance form of Bharatanatyam for over 20 years. She has performed professionally since 1989, and, perhaps most impressively, has developed and choreographed more than 20 full-length dance works. Sindhoo has performed in such places as India, Germany, Canada and the United States.

Aparna Sindhoo is also an academic, having published *Contemporization of an Indian Dance Form: Bharatanatyam Shylis (Styles)* as her doctoral dissertation at Boston University. Her other works include *A Choreog-*



Photos courtesy of ArtBeat

The Michael J. Epstein Memorial Library will grace the Music on the Park Stage, Seven Hills Park, as part of the ArtBeat festivities on Saturday, July 16.

rapher's Journey, *Dance Like Rice is for Everyone*, and *Enraged Bodies*.

For those looking to learn Indian dance, group and private lessons are available in Somerville and Jamaica Plain (although sadly Sindhoo will not be teaching them). Interested readers should go to navarasa@yahoo.com or call 617-776-7939.

In addition to enjoying dance of a variety of styles, festival-goers can look forward to seeing

the displays of vendors such as Mudflat Pottery, Malabar Glass and Julia Ledoux Jewelry. This year's ArtBeat Festival will feature over a dozen bands, dance troupes, 75 craft vendors, food and red-themed activities.

ArtBeat will be presented Friday, July 15, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. (Rain date: July 16, same times). Location: Seven Hills Park, behind Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square. ArtBeat

will also be held Saturday, July 16 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Rain date July 17, same times) Location: Throughout the square, including Seven Hills Park, Elm Street, Holland Street (Streets closed to traffic).

Contact info for ArtBeat: www.somervilleartscouncil.org, phone number 617-625-6600 x2985, or Sarah Champion at schampso@yahoo.com. A donation of \$3 is suggested.



Basil Halwag as the *Untitled Man*.

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What male actor starred in *The Graduate*?
2. In 1953, in what movie did the Hawaiian "Aloha Shirt" become popular?
3. How did the popular game MONOPOLY get started?
4. What is the name of the resting place for those buried at sea?
5. What U.S. state was once called "West New Jersey"?
6. In what movie is Elvis Presley seen being sent to jail for manslaughter?
7. What country is the
8. What color are a zebra's black stripes during the first six months of its life?
9. In what year were red and green traffic lights installed in Manhattan?
10. What is bottled in Jeroboams?
11. Who was the first actor to appear on the cover of Time Magazine?
12. We know that fish travel in schools - how do whales travel?

supplier of three-quarters of the world's maple syrup?

Answers on page 23



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TO WIT:

The land in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, with buildings thereon, being bounded and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Somerville owned by Charles F. Robinson" dated July,20,1909, by Chas. J. Elliot, Eng'r & Surveyor, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 353, Plan 37, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the granted premises and thence running
EASTERLY On Washington Street, 44.06 feet;
THENCE turning and running and forming an angle of 89 deg. 23' 40" and running;
NORTHERLY 28.57 feet along the line of land of the heris of Benjamin Hadley;
THENCE turning and forming an angle of 191 deg. 27 0" and running along the line of land of the said heirs of Benjamin Hadley, 86.83 feet;
THENCE turning and forming an angle of 124 deg. 20' 00" and running in a NORTHWESTERLY direction along the line of land now or late of John H. Smith, et al , 50.57';
THENCE turning and forming an angle of 90 deg. 31' 50" and running in a SOUTHWESTERLY direction along the line of land now or late of L. Homer Sweetser, Executor under the Will of Margaret T. Frothingham, 78.25 feet;
THENCE turning and forming an angle of 87 deg. 20' 10" and running in a SOUTHEASTERLY direction of 21.97 feet; and
THENCE turning and forming an angle of 224 deg. 50' 20' and running in a SOUTHERLY direction by land now or late of John Wilson 65.71 feet to a point of beginning.
Containing 6370 square feet of land according to said Plan.

Being the same premises conveyed to this mortgagor by deed of Kenneth A. Aquino, Sr. And Ida L. Aquino dated August 9, 1999 and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 30526, page 397.

The mortgagor expressly reserves my rights of Homestead and do not wish to terminate my Homestead by granting the within conveyance notwithstanding my waiver of such homestead in paragraph 24 of the within mortgage.

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens, or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be.
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TERMS OF SALE;
The highest bidder shall be required to deposit cash, bank treasurer's check, or certified check in the amount of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within (30) days thereafter to the Mortgagee's Attorney SUZANNE BRUNELLE, PORTNOY & GREENE, P.C., 687 Highland Avenue, Needham, Massachusetts and the deed to be transferred upon the receipt of the balance of the purchase price. The successful bidder at the sale of the premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the auction sale. The premises shall be conveyed by the usual foreclosure deed under the statutory power of sale, subject to the foregoing, in addition, subject to any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer rates and any other municipal assessments or liens.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourn sale date.
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THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION WITH FOLLOWING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

2011-17 Article 5 Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meters Locations & Regulations" is amended as follows: The Seasonal removal (April 1st-December1st) of the following Meters:
. Bow St Meter #G66
. Elm St Meter #C357

2011-18 Chapter 1 Section 1-11 "Penalties and Violations" is amended as follows: insert the following language at the end of existing Table: Invalid or expired Registration, \$50 Police; Traffic & Parking, Invalid or expired Inspection sticker \$50 Police; Traffic & Parking

2011-19 Article VX Section 15-5 "Parking Meter Bagging Fees" is amended as follows: Increase from \$25/day to \$35/day.

2011-20 Article 11 Section 11-2 "Penalties" is amended with the addition of the following: Violations and fines
Invalid or expired Registration plate \$50
Invalid or expired Inspection sticker \$50

2011-21 Article 5 Section 5-1 "General Prohibitions" Is amended with additional in Paragraph (V) expired or invalid Registration Plate Paragraph (W) Expired inspection sticker or invalid sticker

2011-22 Article V Section 5-6 "Permit Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: Eliminate two hour parking except by permit 2 Washington St to allow for the extension of westbound bike lane

2011-23 Article V Section 5-10 "Parking Prohibitions at Safety Zones" Is amended as Follows: with of a Fire Lane:
Pinckney Pl south side from Pinckney St. to end of Pinckney Pl.
Pinckney Pl north side from Pinckney St. for a distance of 20ft
Wilson Av south side from hydrant at south end for a distance of 10ft east of hydrant

2011-24 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the following addition
133 Holland St
78 Perkins St

2011-25 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the following changes: removal of Handicapped Parking Signs
157 Summer St
14 Virginia St

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

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 11P3011EA

In the Estate of: Jose James L. Sorenti

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02143

Date of Death: 11/02/2010

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

Mildred Louise Sorenti of Somerville, MA
be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT; Cambridge ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON: 08/02/2011

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

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court

Date: July 5, 2011

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

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2011-26 Article XV Section 15-3 "Schedule of Fees" is amended with an increase to the following fees:
Increase Residential and Visitors Parking Fee
Residential Parking Permit from \$20 to \$30
Visitor Permits from \$5.00 to \$10

PROMULGATED: June 16, 2011
ADVERTISED: June 29, 2011
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 11P3094 EA

In the Estate of: Richard L P Lewis
Late of: Scarsdale, NY 10583
Having Estate in: Somerville
In the State of: Massachusetts
Date of Death: 03/12/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF FOREIGN WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented with certain papers purporting to be a copy of the last will of said deceased and of the probate thereof in said State of **New York** duly authenticated thereby **Surrogate's Court of New York** requesting a copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the **Middlesex Probate and Family Court**, and that

Kathleen D. Lewis of Scarsdale N.Y.

or some other suitable person be appointed executor thereof, to serve

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT; Cambridge ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON: 09/19/2011

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**WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court
Date: July 11, 2011**

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday July 18, 2011** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Portuguese American Lounge, Inc., d/b/a Papas Sports Lounge and Restaurant, 345 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA to transfer 100 shares of held by Antonino D. Amaral to Gerald C. Amaral, Antonino D. Amaral, Jr. & Ann-Marie Baros.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission
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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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Plans in the works for the Inner Belt

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of the land to lay tracks for their railroad to Downtown Boston. By the time development came on a modern scale 40 years ago, the area was already surrounded by highways and railroad tracks.

The Inner Belt, while far from uninhabited, has presented a unique challenge to the City for many years: it is completely cut off from access to Cambridge in the south, and hardly better from the north, where infamous “tubes,” tunnels too small to comfortably accommodate a tractor-trailer, cut under the old Lowell line rail. The area in Somerville closest to North Point in Cambridge is completely inaccessible.

However, new plans in the works hope to change this. The City announced that it would evict Waste Management, who currently run a trash transfer station, within a year. The Washington Street T station in the Green Line Extension may attract new developments itself, however the Massachusetts Department of Transportation also has a bigger plan; to take out the rise which complicates station design and de-elevate the McGrath Highway, Route 28.

“The overpass will be necessary for at least 10 years; the time for the planning study to lead to a funded construction project,” said MassDOT spokesman Richard Nangle. “The McCarthy Overpass will have a repair contract advertised for construction this fall.” The cost of the repairs will be 10 million.

“Putting 28 at street level would greatly enhance the economic potential of the whole area,” said Stephen Mackey, of Somerville’s Chamber of Commerce. “In the Inner Belt area, the key is to unlock the infrastructure that is already there by establishing better vehicular and pedestrian access in addition to transit service.”

Mackey was joined by City Spokesman Michael Meehan and

Alderman-at-Large John Connolly, who said that access stood in the way of further connecting the Inner Belt to the City.

“With those guys, the fact that it could happen is probably the most important thing,” said Connolly of the 10 year time-frame. Connolly remembers riding the Lechmere bus past the old trash incinerator where the transfer station now stands, and looking up at the ashes as they fell like snow in August.

“As the T gets built, and Washington St. gets done here, you can see that if the McGrath O’Brien highway comes down, it will probably open up this entire roadway,” said Connolly, “so that this will provide a little opportunity for a little more dense commercial space.”

Connolly feels that the commercial potential in the Inner Belt is palpable, with its closeness to Boston and Cambridge. Development of the area could lead to more commercial property, taking the burden off of the residents and their property taxes. With the right pieces in order, said Connolly, the area could flourish like a smaller cousin to the nearby Assembly Square site.

Connolly foresees a day when the Inner Belt will become a real hub of transit, with a ‘T’ stop coming through, and commercial and residential space being opened up for new homeowners and vendors, possibly through a new public-private partnership endeavor, like with Federal Realty Investment Trust.

“To a large degree, its going to have to happen over here because the MBTA has such a big role in this, and the governor has indicated that, ‘yep, we understand there’s going to be a lot of changes in how this is going to be laid out here, moving this maintenance facility over so the city can access it,’ he said, referring the “Option L” discussion in designing the facilities used to construct the

Green Line Extension; a plan which leaves more room for businesses and other buildings.

Meehan noted that the City sits in a unique seat among other municipalities in the region, in that it already had two major developments coming quickly down the line, and is poised more and more to deliver on becoming a new life center in the region. “The notion that Union Square and Assembly Square are ready to go helps create critical mass for the Inner Belt,” said Meehan.

“The State and the City can move and get some key private industry players together, maybe not as large as [Assembly Square] but there’s no reason that something can’t happen with 10 or 15 smaller developers,” Connolly said.

Both Connolly and Meehan felt that judicious zoning could result in a new living-center for Somerville, one with homes and business, tall office buildings, quick access to the City, and an ideal location. “All along we’ve never wanted to create commercial space within residential, because that’s just not sustainable,” said Meehan.

Meehan highlighted the City’s policy of developing “a thriving mix of uses” for the area, saying that only commercial development would leave the area as empty as they began with, which would not be wise for a hub.

He and Connolly were in agreement on one thing; the scope of the improvements in infrastructure needed. As Mackey pointed out, the only way to improve access to other areas was to either go under the tracks or go over them, meaning either a bridge or a tunnel, with new plans for street grids as well. Connolly commented that the planning would pose “a real headache of a problem” to say the least, while Meehan said the City was pushing for it, but had no concrete plans.

Say ‘no’ to the Grand Junction Railroad

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In 1948, the Massachusetts Department of Public Works proposed the construction of I-695, better known as the Inner Belt Expressway. The Inner Belt was designed to route traffic around downtown Boston and alleviate congestion on the city’s maze of historic roadways, a popular solution in a time when highways seemed to spring up out of the ground like weeds.

In order to construct the Inner Belt, 7,000 residents of Somerville, Cambridge, Roxbury and the South End would have to be displaced. Those who were not forced to move from their homes and chose to remain would live in neighborhoods that were irreparably scarred and

forever changed. Instead of being connected by a natural web of streets and sidewalks, friends, neighbors, and whole communities of people would be divided by a massive six-lane highway. The route of the Inner Belt would have effectively amputated East Cambridge from the rest of the city, and Area IV and Cambridgeport would have been torn in two. Elm Street and Brookline Street would have been entirely demolished.

When demolitions for the project began in the 1960s, however, a committed group of activists fought the project tooth and nail, and in 1971, after years of intense community protest, the Inner Belt project was offi-

cially cancelled.

Among those who formed neighborhood groups in response to the Inner Belt project were a group of young professionals who called themselves the “ad hoc committee on the Inner Belt.” Their philosophy was that because the project was “inevitable,” it would be in the city’s best interests to work with the state rather than outright oppose the project. Fortunately, the City Council of the day rejected this approach and opposed the Inner Belt. Yet we are left with a haunting question: what would have happened if they had adopted the ad hoc committee’s suggestions?

Like the Inner Belt before it,

Grand Junction is a project that deserves united and unapologetic opposition. And like the Inner Belt before it, there are some who believe that we are powerless to stop this project from happening.

As a whole, the City Council has so far failed to articulate its opposition to MassDOT’s proposal with the same strength and clarity that the residents of Cambridge have. Some City Councillors have echoed the sentiment of the ad hoc committee of the 1960s, and would even go as far as to suggest that the city is better off begging for mitigation than putting up a real fight. This is the wrong approach to an idea that is as reckless and unneeded

as a highway running through the heart of our city. MassDOT’s Grand Junction proposal will almost certainly erode the quality of life in our neighborhoods, and as a representative of those neighborhoods, I see little room for compromise.

Despite the rapid progress of MassDOT’s proposal over the past year, I am hopeful that the project can be stopped. If we are divided in our opposition, however, we will almost certainly fail. The lessons of the past have taught us that if we are to have any chance at changing the state’s mind about Grand Junction, Cambridge residents and elected officials must speak out against it in one voice.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|July 13

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

Thursday|July 14

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

Central Library
Kidstock! presents Jack & Jill & the Beanstalk
2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
The Small World Magic Show
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library
Groundwork Somerville at the West Branch
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday|July 15

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

Monday|July 18

Central Library
Monday Night Movie - Buster Keaton Films
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|July 19

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

Central Library
Eco-Explorers: Nature in the City with Groundwork Somerville
4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Summer Book Group for Kids!
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 20

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

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

Central Library

Yoga Class for Kids Ages 7-12 with Janine Duffy
4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Wednesday|July 13

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Moho Collective
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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Naga Gaga|Teenage Penis & The Herpes|The Young Maths
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Jason Nichols|You Wont|Megan Lui
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
Mark Lipman|Olinde Mandell|Summer of Aden
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Thursday|July 14

Johnny D's
Swamp Dogg w/Tre Williams &

The Revelations
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Greg Klyma
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Open Mic with Kristen Ford|Kristen Ford Band
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Live Music
239 Holland St|617-625-8200

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

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

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Friday|July 15

Johnny D's
Olympic Symphonium|Boston All Star Blues Revue
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars

|6 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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Live Acoustic Music
8 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
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Landmines|The Stereo State|Choke Up|Wolves & the Radio
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

Night Games
Fabulous Fridays|R&B
30 Washington St|617-628-1000
Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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

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

Saturday|July 16

Johnny D's
Thomas Mapfum|Playin Dead
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Sarah Levecque Band |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
120 Minutes
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Guillermo Sexo (cd release show)|Night Fruit|Soccer Mum|Young Adults
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

PA'S Lounge
Cooling Towers|Ad Frank (Solo Set)|Matthew Connor|Kris Gruen|Chop Chop
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Paddy Saul solo
Ronan Quinn Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
Razors In The Night|Tijuana Sweetheart
381 Summer St

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

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173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at The Armory
For the Sake of the Song: A Tribute to John Prine
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Sunday|July 17

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5
p.m.
Slow Pokin Turtle|8 p.m.
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3589

The Burren
Sunday Night Music Series
8 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-
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RockBand every other Sundays
9 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

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

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

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Monday|July 18

Johnny D's
Team Trivia
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
Il Albanico|Problems? (OR)|All
Rivers|Derek Astles
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

Precinct Bar
Choose to Find|Hevy Sol|Dirty
Tongue|Blame it on the
Stereo|Gambiza
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

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

Arts at The Armory
Wacky Lab Week - Wicked Cool
for Kids Summer Program
9 a.m.|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|July 19
Johnny D's
Rakiya
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Ben Ripani Music Co. |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Open Mic w/Hugh McGowan
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Team Trivia
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Buttress|Tilt- a Whirl|Kristen Ford
Band
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Bull McCabe's Pub
Four Dollar Burgers!
David Johnston Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night first Tuesday
of the month
9:30 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-
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Samba Bar & Grille
DJ
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-
718-9177

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
The First and Last Word Poetry
Series
6:30 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 20
Johnny D's
The Hillbenders
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Gaga|Thick Shakes
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On The Hill Tavern
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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Precinct Bar
Gem Snakes|Vending
Machetes|Parachuter
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
Karaoke

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

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

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

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
He Said, She Said
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
Tilt-A-Whirl|Andrei Garthoff's
Music|Molly Zenobia
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|July 13

Third Life Studio
Belly Dance Fundamentals with
Nadira Jamal
6:30-8:00 Level 2|8 p.m.-9 p.m.
Level 1
33 Union
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Thursday|July 14
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

Central Library
Poetry Writing Workshop
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
An 8 Week Introduction to Voice
Movement Therapy Group
7:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq| 781-290-
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program for people with
problems with money and debt.
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave
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Saturday|July 16
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Therapy Workshops
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Yoga Flow
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|33 Union Sq
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Zumba with Alyne Silva
4 p.m.-5:30|33 Union Sq

Sunday|July 17
Third Life Studio
Belly Dance Fundamentals with
Nadira Jamal
Noon- 1 p.m.|
Creative Modern Dance
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|33 Union
Sq| 617-388-3247

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Enter upstairs, meeting is in
basement.

Monday|July 18
East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library
Session 1 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.)
Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.)
115 Broadway

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

Tuesday|July 19
Central Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

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

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

Wednesday|July 20
Central Library
Our Garden Nature Guide Book
Reception
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Third Life Studio
Belly Dance Fundamentals with
Nadira Jamal
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Growing your gardening books library

By Kenneth Gloss

Pardon the pun, but gardening books are a perennial favorite with collectors. They have been around from the very first days of writing because they served as guides for the all-important agricultural tasks people had to do each day. The earliest versions of gardening books were nothing like what we think of today. They were advice books, filled with information on how to till the land, what seeds to select, when to harvest, etc. For a good example of a recreated 15th Century gardening book, look for *De Boke (The Garden Book)* by Jenny Day Haynes, published in 1906. This book is a replica of what one might find 500 hundred years ago.

It wasn't until the mid-1700s to the 1800s that gardening books offered more landscaping tips. Many of these books were large folio size with hand-colored drawings of plants and flowers, similar to the Audubon books that were printed then. These elaborate, beautiful books can run up to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Many print dealers will buy these books and take them apart, mounting the individual drawings to sell as prints.

By 1880, the world was still very much an agricultural society. Gardening for Profit by Peter Henderson, published in 1884, offered a complete do-it-yourself guide for gardening. However, these plots weren't today's typical 10-by-10 square feet with a few tomato plants and some cucumbers. Gardens in those days were a few acres in scope. Peterson's book took the home gardener from beginning to end, explaining how to rotate crops for maximum soil usage, what plants worked well with others and other practical considerations.

Repton's books in the 1800s were the first to offer detailed landscaping techniques and pictures. He had colored overlays in his book that helped people see

what their landscaping would look like a few seasons down the road. Downing's books, released around the same time, are one of the foremost American landscape architecture books. In cost, these can run from the hundreds to the low thousands, depending on condition and rarity. Repton's books run a little higher, in the \$2000 to \$5000 range. Both authors helped cross that barrier between gardening as a necessity for life and gardening as a means of bringing beauty to one's environment.

As society changed, so did the books on landscape and nature

As society changed, so did the books on landscape and nature. Olmstead's famous Emerald Necklace of parks throughout the Boston area spurred an interest in green spaces and beautifying civic areas. At the same time, a number of people were espousing the health benefits of open air, encouraging them to garden more often.

Seed catalogs are an excellent reflection of the times as well. In them, one can see what vegetables were popular, how flowers began to gain in demand and what tips the catalog manufacturers offered. Early seed catalogs were done with lithographic plates, making them worth hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars. Later catalogs manufactured around the turn of the century, featured prints and photographs. These editions are also popular with print dealers.

Gardening shoots off into so many different areas that one can specialize in virtually any type of gardening. From rock gardens to water gardens, Japanese gardens to flower arranging, just about anything to do with flora and fauna takes root in gardening books. Many people like to specialize in one particular type of



Brattle Book Shop owner Kenneth Gloss has a green thumb for gardening book acquisition.

flower. Notes on Lilies, by Dr. Wallace, published in 1879, is an example of a book that delves deeply into the care and origin of different lily varieties. It details every step of tending to lilies, making it a comprehensive, targeted book for that one subject area. There are also books on indoor gardens, container gardens, even organic gardening. Rodale's series on organic fertilizers and pest control is still popular today with people who want to return to more natural ways of raising plants.

Many of the pamphlets and smaller ephemera dealing with gardening are also interesting. Simple how-to brochures on repelling pests or how to construct an elaborate water garden have been produced for dozens of years. Some of these items, like

the Farmer's Almanac, are so plentiful that they aren't worth much in terms of collecting. The Farmer's Almanac was at its peak in popularity during the 1800s, resulting in a plethora of copies.

Anytime you say the word "gardening", most people immediately picture vegetable gardens. For the book collector, however, amassing a collection in this area almost requires specialization because there are so many different categories and subcategories to choose from. For instance, one could narrow their collection to flowers, narrow further to roses, finally specializing in growing roses in Florida. Most people who choose this area for collecting love the outdoors and love the hands-on aspects of gardening as much as they do the

books. Often, they belong to a horticultural society or other group that allows them to share their interest in plants. An interest in gardening books can serve many purposes: not only can interacting with other collectors provide social activity, but the process of getting outside and tilling the soil has great benefits for the mind and body.

Ken Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in downtown Boston. It's the oldest antiquarian bookstore in America. This is the 62nd year of Gloss family ownership. Ken has been seen as an appraiser numerous times on PBS'Antiques Roadshow. Visit them at 9 West Street in downtown Boston, at their website: www.brattlebookshop.com for a list of his free and open talks or call 800-447-9595.

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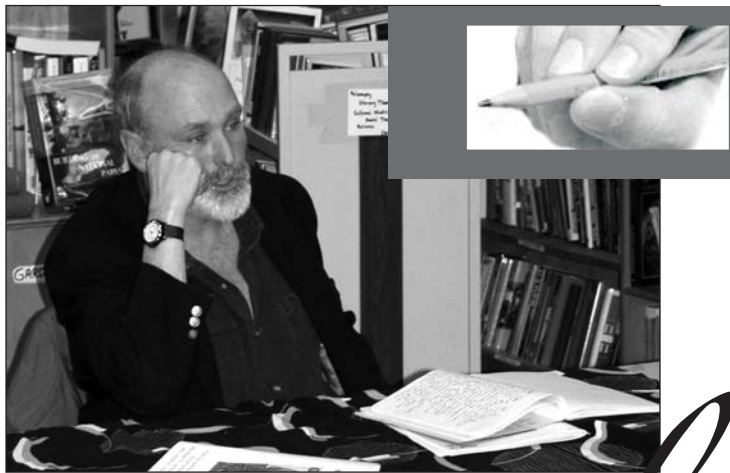
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SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, July 13		3:00pm	Wikileaks/Pentagon Papers	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	9:00am	SCATV
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	Improv Toolkit w/Nadia	12:00pm	Reeling: The Movie review	10:00am	Somerville News Reading
6:00am	Flipside	6:00pm	Preventing Prescription Drugs	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
6:30am	The Struggle	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
7:00am	Arabic Hour	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2-5:00pm	Community Forums	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Physician Focus	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
9:00am	Somerville News Reading	10:00pm	Local Impact	6:00pm	Abiguda TV	3:00pm	Community Forums
10:00am	Abugida TV	11:00pm	Sound Off	7:00pm	Somerville News Reading	5:00pm	Love & Victory
11:00am	Medical Equipment Distribution Program	Friday, July 15		8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Al Jazeera
11:30am	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	7:00pm	Know Your Rights
12:00noon	Raising Drug-Free Kids	6:00am	Community Forums	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	7:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis
1:00pm	The Struggle	8:00am	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
1:30pm	Animal Agenda	9:00am	Sound Off	Sunday, July 17		9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	9:30am	Somerville News Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	Tuesday July 19	
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	10:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00am	Rompendo em Fe	12:00am	Free Speech TV
3:30pm	Tribuna Medica	11:30am	Democracy Now!	7:00am	Vida Na TV (2)	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians
4:00pm	Life Matters	1:00pm	The Expert Series	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	8:00am	Democracy Now!
5:00pm	CommonSense	1:30pm	Cook w/Georgia & Dez	8:30am	The Atheist Viewpoint	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
5:30pm	Healer in Every House	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC	3:00pm	Inside Talk	10:00am	Christian Assembly	11:00am	CommonSense
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	4:00pm	N'hood Cooking/Candy	11:00am	International Church of God	11:30noon	Democracy Now!
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	4:30pm	Money On Your Mind	12noon	S'ville Housing Authority	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
8:30pm	Beard & Moustache Comp	5:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	12:30noon	Somerville Hospital	1:30pm	Active Aging
9:30pm (LIVE)	The Freemont Show	5:30pm	Your Money, Your Life	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	2:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC	2:00pm	The Road to Recovery	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
10:30pm	Art @ SCATV	7:00pm	Right Here, Right Now	3:00pm	Inside Talk (2)	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
11:00pm	Commonwealth Report	7:30pm	Porch Fest	3:30pm	Shrink Rap	4:00pm	Programa Vida Na TV
11:30pm	SCATV Bootcamp	8:00pm	Visual Radio	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
Thursday, July 14		9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Razormore	6:00pm	Abugida TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC
7:00am	Discovering Justice	11:00pm	Juprey Promotions	7:00pm	African TV Network	7:00pm	Art @ SCATV
8:00am	Democracy Now!	Saturday, July 16		8:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:30pm (LIVE)	Greater Somerville w/Joe Lynch
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	GAIN TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
10:00am	Active Aging	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:00pm	Authr Goodrich	9:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Biking News
10:00am	S'ville News Reading	7:00am	GAY USA	Monday, July 18		10:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
11:00am	Nibbles	8:00am	The Struggle	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	The Expert Series
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:30pm	Animal Agenda	6:00am	Live Response		
1:00pm	African TV Network	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	7:00am	Reclaiming Their Voices		
2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	8:00am	Democracy Now!		

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, July 13		12:30am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	REPLAY OF 7/14/11	
9:00am: (13/16)	2011 Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	12:30am: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live	7:30pm: (13/16)	EPA Cleanup Grant Award Presentation	12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
9:00am: (15)	WSNS Talent Show	1:00am: (15)	90th Annual City-Wide Track Meet	7:30pm: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	12:30pm: (15)	SHS Graduation 2011
11:30am: (15)	K-8 Art Fair Opening	2:20am: (15)	SCALE Awards & Graduation	7:50pm: (13/16)	“Staying Put in Somerville:” Share Housing Options	7:00pm: (13/16)	SomerVision: Steering Committee 6/20/11
12:00pm: (13/16)	BOA Budget Meeting - REPLAY OF 6/22/11	9:00am: (13/16)	Joe's Jazz Fest/Family Fun Day			7:00pm: (15)	Raising Families
		9:00am: (15)	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert	8:10pm: (15)	Raising Families	7:30pm: (15)	WSNS Moving On Ceremony
12:25pm: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live	12:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	8:40pm: (15)	Somerville Students Rock!	8:20pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: East Somerville
12:55pm: (15)	7th & 8th Grade Basketball Championship	12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	Sunday, July 17		8:25pm: (15)	7th & 8th Grade Basketball Championship
		12:30pm: (13/16)	EPA Cleanup Grant Award Presentation	12:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update		
2:15pm: (13/16)	The Aldermen's Hour			12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	8:50pm: (13/16)	“Staying Put in Somerville:” Share Housing Options
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9:25pm: (15)	Recyclathon at The Healey School	7:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	1:10am: (15)	Raising Families	1:20am: (13/16)	SomerStreets: East Somerville
9:30pm: (15)	Full Circle Graduation	7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:40am: (15)	Somerville Students Rock!	1:25am: (15)	7th & 8th Grade Basketball Championship
9:50pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting Agenda for 7/14/11	7:30pm: (13/16)	EPA Cleanup Grant Award Presentation	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	1:50am: (13/16)	“Staying Put in Somerville:” Share Housing Options
Thursday, July 14				12:00pm: (15)	WSNS Moving On Ceremony	9:00am: (13/16)	“Staying Put in Somerville:” Share Housing Options
12:00am: (13/16)	2011 Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	7:30pm: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	12:30pm: (13/16)	The Aldermen's Hour	9:00am: (15)	Somerville Schools Choral Concert
		7:50pm: (13/16)	“Staying Put in Somerville:” Share Housing Options	12:50pm: (13/16)	A Taste of Somerville	11:30am: (15)	Capuano Kindergarten Concert
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1:10pm: (15)	90th Annual City-Wide Track Meet	12:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:00am: (15)	WSNS Moving On Ceremony		
1:25pm: (13/16)	McInnis Square Dedication	12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:30am: (13/16)	The Aldermen's Hour		
7:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	12:30pm: (13/16)	EPA Cleanup Grant Award Presentation	12:50am: (13/16)	A Taste of Somerville		
7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff			12:55am: (15)	K-8 Art Fair Opening		
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Friday, July 15		1:40pm: (15)	Somerville Students Rock!	11:30am: (15)	Raising Families		
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Jodi Colella:

An artist who is never at a loss for new material

While I was intensely reading a book at the Sherman Café in Union Square, Somerville artist Jodi Colella startled me when she simply stated (behind my back), "Hello." She laughed as she brought the same intensity and focus to her own work as I did to my book. And a big part of this work according to the Somerville artist's mission statement is to transform ordinary material into "unexpected expressions."

Colella has moved to Somerville from Wellesley, MA, with her husband. She now has a studio at the Joy St. Studios situated in Somerville as well. She has a home in the Winter Hill neighborhood; so she has established firm roots in our burg. She said she feels right at home, "The city is vibrant, diverse and full of fresh ideas." Colella also added that she is pleased with the support she has received from the Somerville Arts Council.

The artist, who has a degree in Biology from Boston University, was originally a researcher at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, but did not feel the career was the right fit for her. She got a certificate in Graphic Design in 2000, and worked in the field for a while before she gave that up to pursue her own art. Colella describes herself as an intuitive artist, and trusts that intuition implicitly.

I joked with Colella that we would have plenty of material to write about. And indeed Colella has worked with everything from plastic newspaper sleeves, fleece, an assortment of textiles, and she is even considering using sausage casings.

One project that Colella told me about was based at the Fiber Arts Network at Eastern Michigan



University and the Textile Center in Minneapolis. She worked with plastic newspaper delivery sleeves. Now, I was a paper boy at one time, slinging the old Long Island Press from door to suburban door, but I never thought of them as fodder for artistic projects. But Colella pulled the sleeves apart, shredded them, and spun them into plastic yarn—"plarn." The sleeves took on various colors and other depths when they were stretched and compressed. So beauty is evidently in the banal.

In her project *Undercurrent* she uses fleece in the development of a window screen. She said the work deals with "Barriers and duplicity."

Like many artists in our creative environs she wears many hats. She teaches at the deCordova museum in Lincoln, MA, working with students with fiber art and sculptural jewelry. She loves teaching, although it can be exhausting, she related.

Colella left Sherman's with a brisk gait, undoubtedly anxious to get a firm grip on her next batch of material.

Somerville poet Kirk Etherton writes the *LYRICAL*: "I witnessed this little 'scene' one morning last year in Union Square. I had just parked my car, but waited to get out because there was some interesting jazz piece playing on Harvard's radio station. For some reason it made a real impression on me, and I wrote this poem later that day."

After turning off my car in the Citizens Bank parking lot

I look across the street and see a
mother sweeping her pavement front yard
while her dark-haired daughter
(perhaps aged two) tricycles herself
along an imaginary line
back and forth between
their home cement front steps and
the wall of their neighbor: the
Oil Change & Auto Care Center.

Baby, belted into his stroller,
looks on and around. I watch until
a high-rise pickup truck draws a
curtain on the scene. The driver climbs
down from behind a tinted windshield,
walks away from his mobile
glass-and-metal screen.

Before the song on my car radio ends
he returns, climbs up, pulls out—the small family
cast is nowhere to be seen. To the left now
a mechanic's singing air-wrench glints in view;

above, the Goodyear logo is a
yellow plastic boot against
a painted wall of blue.

- Kirk Etherton

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Answers from page 15

Answers

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| 1. Dustin Hoffman | 6. Jailhouse Rock |
| 2. From Here to Eternity | 7. Canada |
| 3. Charles Darrow invented the game to amuse his family. He patented it in 1933, and made copies for family and friends. He offered to sell it to Parker Bros. but they rejected it. He sold 500 copies on his own. Parker Bros. eventually realized its popularity and bought it from him | 8. Brown |
| 4. Davy Jones' Locker | 9. 1930 |
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71240239 \$309,500
Single family, 6 rooms,
2 bedroom, 1 bath.
Eat-in-kitchen, sun porch.
Magoun Square area.

Sold!



47 Oxford St.
Somerville
Single family
\$391,500

Chelsea



71233619 \$138,500
Condo, corner unit.
4 rooms, 2 bedrooms,
2 baths. Large balcony,
2 deeded parking space.

Sold!



19 Waldo St.
Somerville
Condominium
\$330,000

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71234735 \$216,000
Top floor condo. 3 rooms,
1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laun-
dry in unit high ceiling,
deck off master bedroom.

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75 Concord Ave
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Multi family
\$500,000

