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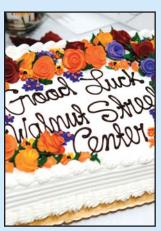
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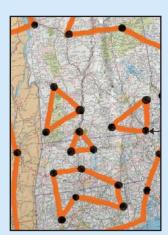
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COA Health Fair



Maureen Monagle will be giving out flu shots on the following days at Ralph & Jenny Center (9 New Washington Street): 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. on October 16. Holland Street Center (167 Holland Street): on October 18 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. and October 25 during the Health Fair from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. There is an ample supply so there is no rush to get here.

Considering **Question 4**

By Cate Blancard

Somerville's voters head to the polls in less than three weeks to decide if the city should participate in the Community Preservation Act (CPA), a Massachusetts law that enables municipalities to impose a property tax surcharge and collect funds from the state's CPA Trust Fund to support affordable housing, open space, historic preservation and recreational projects.

After being signed into law in 2000, the CPA earned a reputation for predominantly benefitting wealthier, suburban communities seeking to protect open spaces, often, according to a 2007 Kennedy School of Government paper, at the expense of poorer, urban cities and town. However, the Metro Mayors Coalition, of which Mayor Joseph Curtatone is a member, and several other groups led a dramatic overhaul to the CPA this summer in an attempt to make the Act more attractive for urban communities. The CPA funds can now be applied to a broader range of projects, and lawmakers agreed to earmark an additional \$25 million for next year's CPA Trust Fund. These changes prompted Somerville and eleven other communities to put CPA on the November 6 ballot. Continued on page 16

World-class costumes from Somerville

By Max Sullivan

It was sixteen years ago that Liz Perlman opened Costume Works, Inc., on Alston St. in Somerville. Back in 1996, it was just a small space she held. Today, her space has grown, her team of professional costume makers has become a force and her client list has become quite impressive.

Perlman is quite satisfied with what she's accomplished.

"I'm kind of happy with it where it is," Perlman said of her business. "I don't really have a big next step. We have a lot of work right now and I'm just happy to keep running with it."

Perlman started the business to pay for daycare for her two children, who today are college and high school students. Perlman, who had been in the business for over a decade, already had a small list of clients, about six or seven, allowing her to get the business started. According to Perlman, she was one of the lucky few who are handed that type of list early on.

Things picked up for Perlman's business in 1997, when she got a deal Continued on page 11



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NEWSTALK

This Friday night at Radio Bar, 379-381 Somerville Ave., (across from Market Basket) come to "White Trash Night, punk, bluegrass, rock country music night" along with a chili contest. It all starts at 7:30 p.m. You must be 21 or older and the cost is \$20. It sounds like a lot of fun, both the live bands and the chili contest.

Congratulations to our good friends at the Winter Hill Yacht Club, celebrating their 100th anniversary this past weekend. They have become a great neighbor here in Somerville and an asset to the local community for our seniors. Happy Birthday WHYC!

Next Tuesday night, again we remind you, you're invited to attend the anniversary of CAAS (Community Action Agency of Somerville). An annual meeting, it's a great time to come and find out all the good things that CAAS does here in Somerville. To be held at the Somerville City Club across from the Holiday Inn, Tuesday, October 23, starting at 6:00 p.m.

This Saturday, October 20, is the Open House at the local Masonic Lodge at 125 Highland Avenue (rear) building, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and view the building along with asking any question you might have. There have been lots of programs on TV lately about Masonry. A lot of it is true and some is not true. Come and ask your questions and meet the local officers of King Solomon's Lodge, which was founded on September 5, 1783, out of Charlestown. Back then Somerville was Charlestown beyond the neck. Lots of historic papers and artifacts will be out to view.

Also this Saturday, October 20, there is going to be a couple of square dedications by the city and Continued on page 8



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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Lucy's

A Moore says:

Bought many pizzas there, also ate there many times with my parents. One of our favs. Hacienda was good too but Lucy;s was generally easier to park and service was great. About as close to Venice food you could get. Never got the waitresses names but I can still remember what they looked like and the owner. Was not too crazy about Roma. Was more of a Garden Court fan.

Cathy Tully (Keefe) says:

I was one of the waitress (4 9 3 red head) that worked for Arthur, his wife Lucy and his son Young Arthur. I worked from 1972 until 1981 and I moved to Las Vegas. I have such warm memories of the time I spent there, the friends I made and the best food in town!.

A Moore says:

I remember now. I remember the father Arthur by his name now and the waitress Cathy by her description. She is about my wife's height. She waited many times when I went there with my wife. My brain probably would never have found that lost info. The son I don't recall.

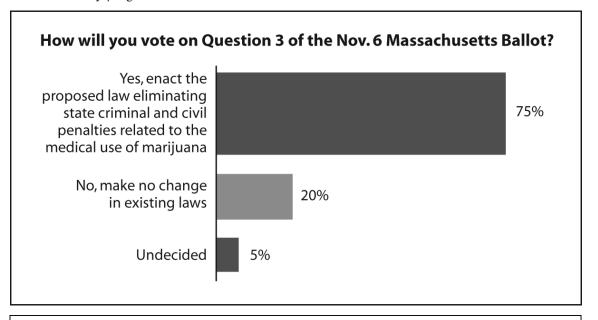
frankie d says:

I played softball for lucy s, in the early 70 2s. the best part of playing was the pizza after each game, we closed the place many a night. young arthur was always a great friend to the team. he stayed until we were ready to go home,

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

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City employees' pay may be increased

By Cathleen Twardzik

At a recent Legislative Matters Committee, as a Committee of the Whole meeting, a possible pay raise for non-union City of Somerville employees was discussed.

At present, that pay raise has not been approved because "the proposal remains in committee," said Thomas P. Champion, Executive Director of Communications and Cable of the City of Somerville.

"...it became clear that the salaries in Somerville were well below the average of the comparable municipalities."

A vote at the meeting was deferred regarding "the recommendations [of] the Municipal Compensation Advisory Board (MCAB) and additional information [was requested] before taking up the matter at [the] next meeting on October 16," said Champion.

"The City of Somerville entered into an agreement with the Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management at the University of Massachusetts Boston, Collins Center, to conduct a Classification and Compensation Study of approximately 150 non-union positions. The Collins center project team met with the city's Working Group to fine tune the scope of the project," according to a formal document regarding the pay raise issue.

After having finalized all of the job descriptions and having conducted a salary survey, "it became clear that the salaries in Somerville were well below the average of the comparable municipalities." One consequence of paying under the market is high turnover, which costs the city in loss of efficiency, knowledge and training.

"The work [in the MCAB report] has been thorough, deliberate and professional, and the conclusions are well supported by comparative data from other

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The City of Somerville is looking at options and recommendations that may raise non-union city workers' salaries

communities and an updated assessment of the requirements and responsibilities of each position studied," said Mayor Curtatone in a letter.

"Our city's non-union workforce has endured a six year gap since the last citywide salary adjustment and two years of pay furloughs, while leading the way in accepting a higher share of health insurance premiums. Despite these sacrifices, they have continued to serve the city with energy, devotion and distinction, and confirm our reputation as one of the most innovative and efficient communities in the nation," said Curtatone.

Somerville incorporated a noteworthy salary contingency fund into the 2012 operational budget to support it. That point is one on which the aldermen have already agreed.

Currently, the issue is if the board will sustain the MCAB's comprehensive proposal.

Bank robbery suspect arrested



The suspect in the Saturday morning robbery of Citizens Bank in Union Square has been arrested in Salem, New Hampshire. Michael Tucker, age 45, was arrested early this morning at a Red Roof Inn in Salem by agents from the FBI, Violent Crimes Task Force, U.S. Marshals Service, Somerville Police and Salem Police. Tucker was identified from the bank surveillance photo by Westwood Police, who had knowledge of Tucker from an unrelated investigation. He was located at the Salem Hotel overnight and arrested early this morning and charged with a Federal Parole Violation warrant. He will also be charged with the Somerville Citizens Bank Robbery.

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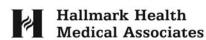
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By Jim Clark

No valid license, and pills in the glove box

Clarendon Ave. and Broadway last Friday morning for having a faulty brake light.

An RMV query of the license plate showed that the registered owner of the vehicle had an expired license.

Upon approaching the driver of the vehicle, later identified as Anthony Iovanna, 24, of Winthrop, officers noted that he was not wearing his seat

Police stopped a vehicle near belt. The man was asked for to stall as if to calculate the his license and registration by the officers, but he informed them that he had left his license at home. Iovanna did supply them with the vehicle registration.

> When asked to identify himself, Iovanna reportedly told officers that his name was Tyler Iovanna. When asked to state what year he was born in, the man seemed

date, according to police. When asked for his Social Security number Iovanna reportedly told officers that he could not remember it.

Officer attempted to confirm Iovanna's identity via the police computer database, but a match could not be made. By running numbers on the vehicle's inspection sticker a match was eventually made, identifying the man as Anthony Iovanna, police said.

The information gathered on Iovanna revealed that his license had been revoked for habitual traffic offenses.

When police confronted Iovanna once again he reportedly said, "You got me," and admitted his attempt to conceal his actual identity, according to reports.

After Iovanna was removed from the vehicle, a search of

the car yielded two Suboxne pills in the glove compartment. Iovanna reportedly stated that he did not have a prescription for them.

Iovanna was placed under arrest and charged with possession of a class B drug, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and failure to wear a seat belt.

Belligerent shoplifter detained, arrested

Police responded to a report of a shoplifter being detained at the Home Depot store on Mystic Ave. last Saturday afternoon.

As officers arrived at the store and entered the Loss Prevention Office the man being detained began shouting and cursing at them, according to reports. He continued to berate police and store personnel as the officers attempted to get the facts of the incident established.

The officers reportedly told the man that he would be better off if he exercised his right to remain

silent, but he reportedly continued to taunt the officers, saying, "You guys are worthless, you know that? You're really mean!"

The Loss Prevention personnel reportedly told the officers that the man being held had tried to conceal nearly \$500

worth of tools in a trashcan that he was purchasing.

As police placed the man, identified as Joseph Cabral, 50, under arrest he reportedly told them, "Oh yeah, call my neighbor he's a state trooper."

A subsequent search of

Cabral's person reportedly yielded two knives in violation of a city ordinance.

Cabral was charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

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Arrests:

Ryan Moran, 21, of 37A Dunstable St., Charlestown, October 8, 12:19 p.m., arrested at 5 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of misdemeanor breaking & entering and larceny under \$250.

Rowena Golay, 56, of 11 Orrin White Dr., Randolph, October 8, 12:46 p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on charges of forgery/misuse of an RMV document, distribution of a class B drug, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Justin White, 30, of 265 Fairmount Ave., Boston, October 8, 12:46 p.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on charges of possession of a class B drug to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Derek Agresti, 42, October 8, 4:50 p.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250, disorderly conduct, and felony daytime breaking and entering.

David Mitzen, 45, of 3 Edward, Medford, October 9, 1:10 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a warrant charge of trespassing.

Lemus Arevalo, 31, October 10, 2:16 p.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on a charge of open and gross lewdness.

Fernando Gonzalez, 40, October 10, 2:16 p.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Antonio Rodrigues, 36, of 19 Rhode Island Ave., October 11, 1:26 p.m., arrested at 750 Broadway on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Rodrigo Teixeira, 33, of 138 Elm, October 11, 3:29 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on charges of furnishing a false name or Social Security number and shoplifting by asporta-

Jason Dodge, 42, October 11, 10:35 p.m., arrested at 10 Sewall St. on warrant charges of disorderly conduct, assault with a dangerous weapon, and resisting arrest.

Anthony Iovanna, 24, of 5 Pearl Ave., Winthrop, October 12, 11:53 a.m., arrested at 34 Clarendon Ave. on charges of possession of a class B drug, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and failure to wear a seat belt.

Mark Hernandez, 53, of 749 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, October 12, 12:16 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

James Coco, 37, of 40 Harvard St., October 12, 5:18 p.m., arrested at Bond St. on charges of possession of a class B drug,

and on warrant charges of speeding, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and not in possession of a license.

A juvenile, October 12, 8:34 p.m., arrested at 40 River Rd. on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250 and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Joseph Cabral, 50, of 79 Heath St., October 13, 3:05 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Incidents:

Theft:

October 9, 12:45 a.m., police reported a theft at Highland

October 9, 3:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Harrison

October 10, 8:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Jaques St.

October 11, 11:01 a.m., police reported a theft at Kent St.

October 11, 3:29 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

October 11, 5:40 p.m., police reported a theft at Morrison Ave.

October 12, 9:48 a.m., police reported a theft at 115 Sycamore St.

October 12, 11:28 a.m., police reported a theft at 115 Cedar St.

October 12, 4:53 a.m., police reported a theft at Cedar St.

October 12, 2:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Marion St.

October 12, 2:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St. October 12, 6:16 p.m., police reported a theft at South St.

October 13, 2:10 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

Robbery:

October 13, 11:22 p.m., police reported a robbery at Union Sq.

Breaking & Entering:

October 9, 4:59 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at River Rd.

October 9, 6:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bonair St.

October 9, 8:34 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Kent St.

October 10, 10:04 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Harrison St.

October 11, 7:02 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Royce Pl.

October 11, 7:30 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 147 Broadway.

October 11, 9:44 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Leland St.

October 12, 10:00 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Somerville Ave.

October 13, 12:13 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

October 14, 5:23 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Summer St.

October 15, 8:59 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Linden Ave.

Assault:

October 13, 7:01 p.m., police reported an assault theft at Highland Ave.

October 14, 7:41 a.m., police reported an assault theft at Temple St.

October 14, 6:30 p.m., police reported an assault theft at Somerville Ave.

October 15, 4:03 a.m., police reported an assault theft at Benton Rd.

October 15, 9:42 a.m., police reported an assault theft at

October 15, 5:25 a.m., police reported an assault theft at Thurston St.

Drug Violation:

October 12, 5:18 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Bond St.



Watch your home movies on a big screen

'Home Movie Day' comes to Somerville

By Maria A. Cortes

On October 20, bring your old films to the Somerville Community Access Television for Home Movie Day. Celebrated all over the world, it encourages people to share their home movies - whether on film or in digital format - with the community, and provides a chance for film archivists to educate people about old film preservation and care.

It started back in 2002, when a group of film archivists concerned about the future of home movies decided to bring them back to life from the dusty shelves. Thus, the idea of Home Movie Day was born. With the help of sponsors and volunteers, the event has grown dramatically over the years. On its tenth anniversary this October, Home Movie Day will be celebrated in seventeen countries worldwide, including the U.S., Canada, Argentina, Brazil, to name a few.

The Home Movie Day screening will begin at 12:00 p.m. at digital movies should be cued



Time to bring out those old home movies and share them with others at Home Movie Day, this coming Saturday at SCATV.

the Somerville Community Access Television, located at Square Somerville, and will run until 3:00 p.m. People are encouraged to bring their home films (super 8, 8mm, and 16mm) the week prior the event for damage inspection to SCAT offices or the Harvard Film Archive programming office, located at 24 Quincy street in Cam-France, and United Kingdom bridge. Audio, VHS, DVD, and other digital formats are acceptable as well; however,

before the event and should be limited to five minutes.

Home Movie Day will provide a great opportunity for those who would like to see their family films on a big screen, and also for the audience who will get a chance to explore the world of enchanting amateur movies. Moreover, participating film archivists will be providing information about proper film care and preservation.

For more information, please visit http://www.homemovie-

WHYC turns 100 years old

By William Tauro

Somerville's only yacht club, the Winter Hill Yacht Club, turned 100 years old this year. Members of the century old club celebrated this past Saturday evening with a formal centennial gala in the club's main ballroom.

The biggest story of April 2012 was the sinking of the Titanic. In the same month of that year, Boston Baseball fans flocked to the official opening of Fenway Park, "The mammoth plant with commodious fittings," which also celebrates its centennial this year.

On April 10, 1912, Commodore Robert K. Jenner, Treasurer Everett Williams Bray, Clerk Otis W Rogers, Secretary Austin C. Wallace and Executive Committee member Willis J. March, James W. Dixon, William A. O'Kane, Ambrose W. Isele and Henry J. Donnelly personally appeared before the Secretary of the Commonwealth. These original members attested that the Winter Hill Yacht Club was "constituted for the purpose of yachting and athletic exercise and to acquire such property real and personal as such be useful in



 \boldsymbol{L} to R front row: E-Board Joe Dunne, Commodore Bill Rogers and Vice Commodore Joe Basile. Back row: E-Board William Tauro, Frank Palmisano, Bob Foley, Cynthia Snow Murphy, Ken Webber, Chairman Ray Snow and Peder Acres.

promoting the same and to manage and administer and dispose of such property under the laws of Massachusetts in the bylaws of the club in the interest of such purpose."

The 10th day of April 1912 and 8:00 p.m. at 608 Mystic Ave., Somerville, was appointed the time and place of holding the first meeting. The commissioner of Corporations approved a Certificate of Organization for the Winter Hill Yacht Club the first day of May, nineteen hundred and twelve.

In 1966, with the construction of and making room for the new Interstate Route 93, the yacht club was relocated down river to its present location on Foley

Today the Winter Hill Yacht Club's membership has risen with hundreds of members and it has become a landmark within the city that reaches out to the community with its much welcomed community involvement programs for the city's elderly as well as its disabled veteran programs and activities.

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Eagle feathers #11

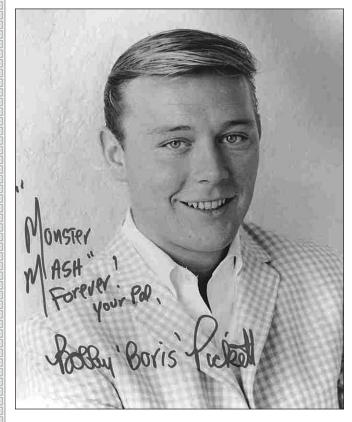
It was a graveyard smash

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The "fiftieth" anniversary is also known as the Gold Anniversary, and if there ever was a golden song to come out of Somerville, it was The Monster Mash by Bobby "Boris" Pickett. For fifty years, The Monster Mash has delighted those who enjoy celebrating Halloween and has become legendary, forever securing a spot in American pop culture.

Bobby Pickett was born on February 11, 1938, in Somerville, MA, and grew up in Winter Hill. He attended Somerville High School and was the captain of the basket-

His father managed a movie theater and, as a result, Bobby developed a love for movies and dreamed of someday becoming a famous actor.



When he turned 21, he moved to Hollywood, California, to pursue his dream. While his pursuit of acting never quite panned out, he did belong to a rock band. Ever since he was young, Bobby did a great Boris Karloff impression, and he would do this jokingly between songs they played. His friends took his impression more seriously than Bobby did, and they convinced him to create a song that displayed his talent. They recorded The Monster Mash in one take and took it to numerous studios, getting rejected each time. Finally, they found an agent who was able to get one hundred copies of the record pressed and distributed.

The rest is history. It caught on immediately and the song reached #1 on the Billboard top 100 on October 20, 1962. It has since charted on the American Billboard 100 three more times including December of 1962, May of 1963, August of 1970, and hit #60 on the British charts as recently as November of 2008.

These days, the song can be found on YouTube in many different versions because it has been covered by such prominent artists as The Beach Boys, Boris Karloff,

Vincent Price, The Misfits, Mannheim Steamroller, and The Smashing Pumpkins.

So while Bobby Pickett never made a smash in the movie business, he mashed his way into the annals of both Somerville American history.





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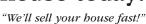
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Robert Edward Invernizzi Square Dedication

The City of Somerville held a Veteran's Square Dedication Ceremony for Mr. Robert E. Invernizzi on Sunday October 7 at the corner of Gussie Terrace and Porter St. Mr. Invernizzi is a life-long resident of Somerville. He is a veteran of WWII and Korea.

Among the attendees at the ceremony were Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Veteran's Services Director Jay Weaver, Representative Provost, Alderman John M. Connolly, VFW Post 19 Honor Guard, the Somerville Police Department Honor Guard, family and friends.

Robert Edward Invernizzi was born on February 22, 1928 and enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17. He trained as a radarman and earned the rank of Radarman Second Class. During WWII, Mr. Invernizzi served in the Pacific. He saw action in the Marianas, Saipan, Guam, and Okinawa and earned the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two battle stars while serving on the USS Uvalde. He also served

on the weather ship, PCE-844 and then the amphibious flagship USS Mount McKinley. He also witnessed the atomic bomb test on Eniwetok.

He then re-enlisted during the Korean War and was seriously wounded, eventually losing an eye. By the end of his naval career, he had served on no fewer than seven ships including, PCe-844, USS Grosse Point, USS James Miller, USS Mount Denise McKinley, USS General George M. Randall, USS Herbert Thomas, and the USS Uvalde.

Among the awards he earned are the Purple Heart, Combat Action ribbon, Navy Unit commendation, Navy "E" ribbon, two Good Conduct Medals, the China Service medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two stars, Phillippine Liberation Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal.

Mr. Invernizzi is today one of Somerville's most decorated veterans.



Mayor Curtatone was among the attendees as Robert E. Invernizzi was honored with the dedication of a city square in his name on October 7.

After his service in the military, Mr. Invernizzi returned to Somerville, married Clarie Breen of Cambridge, and had seven children. He worked at

MIT designing Guidance Systems for the Space Pro-Electric Company in Lynn as a senior draftsman on jet aircraft engines.

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Happy 50th, "Monster Mash" - it caught on in a flash!

The View From Prospect Hill



How cool is Somerville? Really, now. We ask you.

Not only was the ultimate Halloween song, Monster Mash, composed and performed by a native son, but many other illustrious personages have emerged from within our relatively diminutive borders to strike out

and touch the world with their talent and ingenuity.

Writers, artists, athletes, politicians...name the profession and so many well known names can be dropped without a moment's hesitation. Names of men and women who have gone forth and shaken the world,

making it aware that the place where they came from has a remarkable track record when it comes to producing outstanding examples of the human species.

Hyperbole aside, we wonder why it is that we seem to be blessed with an inordinately large number of success stories

throughout our city's history.

Any given community has its winners and its losers, as well as those who dwell in between. Are we being vain and narcissistic when we speak of having an abundance of success stories to gloat over? Are we somehow fooling ourselves into believing

an embarrassing myth of superiority about this?

It's hard to be completely objective when it comes to taking pride in something so beloved as one's hometown and its community spirit.

Maybe it's that spirit that matters the most. Maybe so.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Veterans Services Office at City Hall. The first one at 12 noon is at the corner of Leonard and Broadway for SGT Vincent Catalogna, a WWII Army 60th bombardment Squadron veteran. At 1:00 p.m., at the corner of Berkeley and School Streets, they will be honoring SP-5 Edward J. Icovitti, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. Special thanks go out to Mayor Joseph Curtatone, the Board of Alderman, as well as Jay Weaver and Kathy Carey from Somerville Veterans Services who are doing a fantastic job honoring our brave men and women who fought so hard for our country and freedom.

Happy 34th wedding anniversary to our good friends and fans of The News Eileen and Tony Costa of the 'Ville. The happy couple will both also be celebrating Tony's 70th Birthday at the same time. We wish them all the best for many more years to come.

Also, Happy Anniversary wishes go out to Paul and Madelyn Fortier. Best wishes and many more years together.

Bob Publicover, our good friend, doesn't

want to tell you he's back in the hospital again. But since both he and David mention it so frequently on Facebook we figure we're covered. Bob is back at Beth Israel Hospital and hopefully he will be better real soon.

Our condolences go out to the family of Jim Rogers who sadly passed away this week. Jim was a great guy with a fantastic personality. He was very close to his three sons Larry, Bill and Tom, who you would always see together around the city enjoying each other's company. Jim will be sadly missed by many here in the 'Ville.

Coming up soon on November 13 at the Holiday Inn at 30 Washington St., the Chaille Family of Green and Yellow Cab will be hosting their annual Edith Chaille Memorial Transportation Fund, a fundraiser for senior transportation. Tickets are \$20. Buffet and DJ included. All donations gladly accepted and appreciated.

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a special Business After Hours this Thurs-

day, the 18, at the Maxwell's Green Club Suite at the Maxwell Green units (off Lowell Street at the bridge) from 5:00 p.m. Free appetizers. An excellent networking opportunity, contact Steve Mackey at the chamber office 617-776-4100 or email him at smackey@somervillechamber.org.

Happy Birthdays this week go out to some of our fans here at The News and associated with the 'Ville. Big time Happy Birthday to lifelong resident and general all around self-employed plumber Steve Harvey. Our good friend Alderman Maryann Heuston is celebrating her birthday this week. Another good friend here at The News is John Norris, formerly of Winter Hill and, of course, he works at Century Bank over at the Mystic Avenue Medford main branch. Another self employed and nice guy, we hear Damon Leibert, who is a musician and is well known around the 'Ville, also celebrates this week.

Somerville Local First, a nonprofit network working to build sustainable local economies, has announced its fourth annual Festival & Fundraiser

- Harvest Fest 2012 held in two sessions on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at Arts at the Armory. With its exceptional collection of food, drink, and fun, Harvest Fest 2012, presented by SLF Member Eastern Bank, will be one of the best tasting events of the year, all in celebration of Local. This is not your average 'nonprofit gala' and has become one of the most anticipated events in Greater Boston. Tickets are on sale now through the SLF website, www.somervillelocalfirst.org The festivities will be broken down into two sessions, Session 1 from 1-5 pm and Session 2 from 6-10 pm, and will bring together the best businesses in the local movement all under one great roof at the Arts at the Armory.

The second Somerville Bulb Blitz will take place Oct 27 from 10 a.m. - noon at a public space near you. To sign up go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012Bulb-Blitz.

The Somerville News Best of Somerville 2012 winners will be announced next Wednesday in the October 24 edition.



COMMENTARY

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A first-rate city



By Joseph A. Curtatone

As Somerville discusses whether or not to adjust the compensation of its non-union employees (who have gone six years without a change), as we prepare to vote on the Community Preservation Act (Question 4 on the November 6 ballot), and as we press ahead with transit-orient-

ed development projects at Assembly Square and Union Square, there seems to be an unexpected question emerging about our city's identity: In the family of Massachusetts cities and towns, is Somerville truly a first-tier community, or are we too constrained - by population, by physical area, by tax base, or by some other key indicator - to be considered on a par with Boston, Cambridge, Newton, Brookline, etc?

Somerville residents are, as a whole, intensely and justifiably proud of their community. Yet in the debates about current city policy and community planning, we're hearing concerns about Somerville's ability to be a topranked municipal player. For example, there are some observers who think that Somerville should dial back, or even hold off, on Union Square revitalization because Assembly Square isn't done yet, as if Somerville lacked the capacity to manage more than one major development initiative at a time.

Some critics apparently believe that Somerville shouldn't worry about paying salaries for nonunion employees that are competitive with Cambridge or Newton because we don't have per capita tax revenues as high as those communities, as if Somerville just can't afford (or isn't entitled to) the best workers and should settle for something

I've heard opposition to the Community Preservation Act proposal on the November 6 ballot (Question 4) on the grounds that our commitment to compensate employees and invest in economic development somehow means that no further dollars should be invested anywhere else, and that therefore the city shouldn't take advantage of an additional opportunity to raise funds specially dedicated to investments in historic buildings and open space. (The way this gets phrased is "They've got all the money they need. They don't need any more.")

When you add up these concerns (or complaints) what you get is a theory that, as a community, Somerville has gotten ahead of itself. Our high expectations are unrealistic. We should make do with what we have and scale back on our sense of the possible.

Now, it's one thing to argue the need for fiscal prudence: There are real limits to how aggressive Somerville can and should be in spending taxpayer dollars, and we ignore those limits at our peril. But, as I noted in this column just last week, Somerville currently spends fewer local tax dollars per capita than any community in Massachusetts with a population of 3,000 or more. Our bond rating is the highest in the city's history not simply because we have established rain day and capital stabilization funds but because we have invested in growing our commercial tax base with sustainable, transit-oriented economic development. Our budget is bal-

We still have to be careful, no doubt about it. But it 's wrong to say that we should settle for a second-Continued on page 20

The case for the Community Preservation Act



By Denise Provost State Representative 27th Middlesex District

A perfectly beautiful Saturday a few weeks ago was one of those rare occasions when Prospect Hill Tower was open to the public. I joined many others who were to enjoying the tower's panoramic views, and its historic significance; it proved to be a

great place for reflecting on Somerville's past and its future. As I had climbed up into the tower - for the first time ever - I noticed the plaster and mortar crumbling from its walls, the paint scaling off the rusted wrought iron of the balustrades on the spiral staircase.

We are a city dreaming about our potential, and yet one of our most treasured historic landmarks is still sliding into disrepair. Somerville has made many improvements in the last thirty or so years, but our small land area and modest tax base have kept us a city of limited resources. Our city government has been careful about keeping taxes relatively low, and we have not spent what we might over the years to improve our parks, to take care of our historic properties, and to help make sure that people in Somerville are able to live here affordably.

Many of us would like to see the Community Path fully extended, but a funding gap keeps us stuck at a dead end. There are those who dream about repairing the steps Prospect Hill, renovating our libraries, or fixing up the run down playground on Central Hill, but projects build up on our wish list, waiting for an opportunity, a grant, a few more dollars. Meanwhile, more and more people struggle with the cost of housing in Somerville, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to pay for the development or renovation of decent and affordable housing, as resources dwindle.

Making Somerville a truly great 21st Century city will require investing more in our public amenities. Yet this challenge comes at a time when federal spending is about to be massively cut, and our state struggles with a sputtering economy. Fortunately, we have on our ballot this year a fairly painless way to invest in the kind of improvements that have gone unmade from lack of sufficient funding: the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

Since 2001, many other communities have been able to achieve items on their wish lists by using funding from CPA. The CPA raises revenues through a modest surcharge on the property tax, which then qualifies communities for additional funds, distributed from the State's CPA Public Trust. We all pay into this trust fund, through fees at our registry of deeds, and through state taxes and now is our opportunity to claim Somerville's share of those funds.

Wealthy communities have long taken advantage of the notion that Continued on page 11

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Hip Hip Hooray!



As I mentioned in a previous column, I will be having a full hip replacement soon. I felt the need to discuss it here in this fo-

rum for medicinal (mental) purposes. I think it will make me feel better to talk about it since I am pretty nervous about the whole thing.

First, I wanted to try to figure out why my hip basically quit working. It could have been a number of things such as age, heredity, or carrying too much weight. I think it is all of the above.

I am right handed so the bum hip is on my dominant side. Growing up in Somerville in the 60's and 70's meant running from the cops now and then. That's probably why none of us were overweight in the old days! My friends and I were always hopping fences, diving into bushes and scaling walls.

I was also one of those nuts you'd see out in the street running. I got the jogging bug back in the early 80's. Me and my pal were definitely addicted to it. For about three years we had to run every single day. We would run in the streets or go to Fresh Pond and do a few laps around the water. We went in the rain, snow and even when it was way below zero. So maybe all that running wore down the hip, I don't know.

I also jumped off a few stages in my band days. Me and the same friend also got into some real crazy weight lifting for about a year and a half. We overdid it because the results were so unbelievable. I was bulging out all over for a while there. I have always worked out with weights anyway, but it's hard to say if that contributed to my hip giving out.

When I was in college I liked to shock my fraternity brothers by doing lots of crazy things. I would jump off walls and climb up trees and leap back to the ground. Anything for a laugh. Who's laughing now? When I was around 20 or so, the J Geils Band was playing up at Tufts University. Why we would buy

tickets when we could sneak in? I actually climbed up the side of the building they were performing in on some sort of chain covered by ivy. I made it almost up to the third story when I fell to the ground. I messed up my right hand and had to have it in a splint for a while. My poor friend tried climbing the same way and actually had some of his hair ripped out when he fell back to earth. Maybe that incident hurt the hip?

Another time we were sledding someplace in Stoneham on a toboggan. We went over a bump, became airborne, and smashed back onto the ground. One kid that was on the same toboggan ended up in the hospital with Continued on page X

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. 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 MID-DLESEX. - 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.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* examines the percentage of times in 2012 that the Senate's three Republican members voted the same as the Senate Republican Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) on key roll call votes. There are only four GOP members in the entire 40-member Senate.

Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 135 key votes from the 2012 Senate session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not on local issues.

Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) voted with Tarr 95.5 percent of the time - voting against him six times.

Sen. Richard Ross (R-Wrentham) voted with Tarr 97.7 percent of the time - voting against him three times.

Sen. Michael Knapik (R-Westfield) voted with Tarr 98.5 percent of the time - voting against him only twice.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CHOKING ON FOOD (H 1462) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a proposal expanding the current law that requires restaurants with more than 25 seats to have on the premises an employee trained in manual procedures to remove food lodged in a customer's throat. The measure would make the requirements apply to all restaurants regardless of their seating capacity. The measure also exempts take-out only restaurants. The American Red Cross offers a \$50 two-hour restaurant emergency program that includes teaching choke-saver skills.

Supporters said this would close a dangerous loophole and noted customers can choke on food regardless of the size of the restaurant.

Opponents said the bill is well-intentioned but unfortunately would be another costly burden on an already struggling hospitality industry.

THE GOVERNOR VS. THE LEGISLATURE ON SICK LEAVE BANK LEGISLATION - The House

and Senate approved and Gov. Deval Patrick vetoed a bill establishing a sick leave bank for a cancer-stricken employee of the Department of Health and Human Services. The measure, a common practice for years, allows employees to voluntarily donate sick, personal or vacation days to a sick leave bank for use by the ill fellow state worker so he or she can get paid while on medical leave. Sick leave banks are typically approved when an individual has limited time sick, personal or vacation left.

Supporters said this case is unique because the employee has advanced cancer and anticipates that her remaining accumulated paid sick time will be depleted very shortly. They said this is a proactive measure to guarantee the sick leave bank is in place for the employee and prevent her from worrying about its passage when her health deteriorates at a more rapid pace.

In his veto message, the governor said the employee "currently is attending work and has not indicated a need to take a leave." Patrick continued, "She currently has over 700 hours of leave time available to her should the need arise. As such, this legislation appears unnecessary at this time."

The Legislature continues to meet only in informal sessions in which no roll calls are allowed. The governor's veto cannot be overridden without a roll call vote. So unless the governor changes his mind, the bill will likely die when the 2012 session ends in January.

Beacon Hill Roll Call is withholding the name of the employee to protect her privacy.

ALLOW SPEARFISHING FOR STRIPED BASS

(H 247) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill legalizing fishing with spearguns for striped bass in Bay State waters. Current law allows spearfishing for all other species except the striped bass.

Supporters said the ban is unfair and noted fishermen are instead bass and spending an estimated \$1 million of tourism dollars in neighboring New Hampshire and Rhode Island. They argued that spearfishing actually results in less killing of undersized bass than traditional hook-line fishing.

Opponents said the stock of striped bass is already overfished and declining. They argued that supporters are incorrect and that spearfishing results in more killing of undersized bass.

The bill was approved by the House in 2010 but it died when the Senate did not take action on it.

STUDY AKA DEFEAT BILLS - Various committees recommended that proposals be shipped off to a "study committee" where measures are never actually studied and are effectively defeated. Here are some of the bills on their way to a study committee:

POWER OUTAGES (H 3829) - Requires electric utilities, after the first eight hours of a power outage, to rebate customers the amount equal to two days of their average prior month's electric bill for each day they are without power.

REPEAL BOT'TLE BILL (H 3046) - Repeals the state's 30-year-old bottle bill that requires a five-cent deposit on beer and soda containers.

LARGER TYPE AND AMPLIFIERS (H 3298 and

H 3299) - This pair requires telephone companies to enlarge the size of the type used in printed telephone directories and public pay phones to be equipped with a hearing amplification device.

HIGH-RISK SEX OFFENDERS MUST VOTE ABSENTEE (H 188) - Prohibits Level 3 (high-risk)

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sex offenders from voting at schools and libraries and requiring them to vote by absentee ballot.

ALLOW NON-CITIZENS TO VOTE (H 202) -

Permits cities and towns to allow non-citizens over age 18 to vote in local municipal elections. These non-citizens would be eligible only if they certify in writing that they live in the city or town and "intend in good faith to become a U.S. citizen and intend to begin that process, if eligible." Communities could adopt this law if it is approved by the local governing body and by the voters on a local ballot question.

LEASING HOME PHONES (H 2624) - Requires phone companies to specify on all bills the exact charge to a customer who is still leasing his or her telephone. Once the customer's cumulative payments for the leased equipment equal or exceed its fair market value, the customer owns the phone at no additional cost except for a "reasonable finance charge." The customer has the option to refuse ownership of the phone in writing and continue to lease.

Supporters say that many elderly customers have continued leasing phones - a carryover from decades ago when all phones were leased. They note that many don't even know there's an option to buy and over the years have paid thousands of dollars to continue to rent the phones.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

to the legal process and in turn such potential for harm to Boston's neighborhoods. We are concerned about the large number of individuals who will be released from state prison with no plan for transition back into society, and just as concerned about those who may return to a lifestyle that can cause turmoil on our streets." -Boston Mayor Thomas Menino announcing a crisis reentry plan for those individuals being released from jail due to evidence allegedly tainted at the state drug lab by chemist Annie Dookhan.

"The spectacular failure of the...lab is a reason to dismiss many of these cases, rather than to spend \$100 million re-prosecuting them. That expenditure of time and money would be a waste of both." - American Civil Liberties (ACLU) of Massachusetts Legal Director Matthew Segal urging the immediate release of all non-violent drug offenders convicted based upon evidence handled at the state drug lab.

"Selling these items through eBay offers a competitive bidding environment, reaches a high number of potential buyers, and maximizes revenue for taxpayers." -State Treasurer Steve Grossman announcing an online, live October 20 auction on eBay.com to sell unclaimed items that mostly come from safe deposit boxes with contents that have gone unclaimed for a period of at least nine years.

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 leg-"It is unfortunate that one person can cause such harm islators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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 October 8-12, the House met for a total of 46 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 25 minutes.

Mon. October 8 No House session

No Senate session

Tues. October 9 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.

Senate 10:59 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.

Wed. October 10 No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. October 11 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.

Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.

Fri. October 12 No House session

No Senate session

World-class costumes from Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

with a big time client: Disney. The franchise was launching its first cruise ship at the time, and there were plans for the cruise to feature major, Broadway scale shows onboard. The woman in charge of costumes was based at Boston University. Naturally, she wanted supervision of the work being done and kept her work in Boston, where she could keep track of it. Perlman got the call, and it became a steppingstone into a new level of clientele.

Perlman was elated when she got her first client out of Disney.

"I was excited," Perlman said. "The timing was fortuitous, and the Disney deal turned into a great deal of work, because as they were launching their whole thing, they had a large scope of work to do."

From Disney, Perlman gained ten different clients. Along with the cruises, her costumes can be found all over Disney World, from Epcot's various exhibitions to major play productions all over the park. While the well known Mickey Mouse type costumes are put together in-house, many of the costumes for supporting or chorus type roles are crafted right in Perlman's Somerville shop.

Tony Lafuente, a member of Somerville's Board of Aldermen and who runs a flag and banner production business in the same building as Perlman's business, has a strong working relationship with her. He has watched her grow ever since she moved into his building in 1996, and since then their friendship and his appreciation for what she does has blossomed.

"We kind of compliment one another," Lafuente said. "Because we do a lot of commercial graphics for very high end customers, and then she, Liz, does the costumes for very high end customers as well, so we compliment one another and we often try and help each other with projects."

"Extremely, extremely talented group of professional women who make these very high end costumes," Lafuente added. "There's literally nothing they can't do. It's amazing."

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The case for the Community Preservation Act CONT. FROM PG 9

by investing a little bit, you can multiply your returns. Many towns have used annual cash disbursements from CPA to increase their capital budgets for treasured projects, like parks, or renovations of historic or affordable properties, without increasing bonding and paying the cost of debt service. CPA money can also be used to leverage additional funding from state, federand sometimes private

sources. The 148 cities and towns that have already passed CPA are benefiting from public funds that those of us who haven't passed CPA are leaving

Now it's our turn to take advantage of CPA resources, and make sure that this public funding doesn't continue to go to other communities without Somerville getting our fair share. Legislative changes to the CPA signed into law this year particularly benefit Somerville: under the amended law, communities can existing count funding streams, like Linkage Fees, as part of their contributing share. This change allows Somerville to charge a lower surcharge, but still reach our maximum match from the state's CPA Trust Fund. Also, we are now entitled to use

CPA funding for repairs and improvements to parks and open space; under the old law, these monies could be spent for land acquisition only.

There is a simple notion behind the Community Preservation Act: everyone benefits from investment in our community. Paying a modest surcharge - \$20 or \$30 or even \$60 dollars a year - is a small price to pay for turning Somerville's

wish list of projects into up-todate parks and buildings on the ground. It's not a one-time grant, but an infusion of over \$1.5 million each year, dedicated expressly for open space and parks, historic preservation, and affordable housing.

Somerville has a chance to claim its share of these funds, or let others take it instead - let's take this opportunity while it's in our hands.

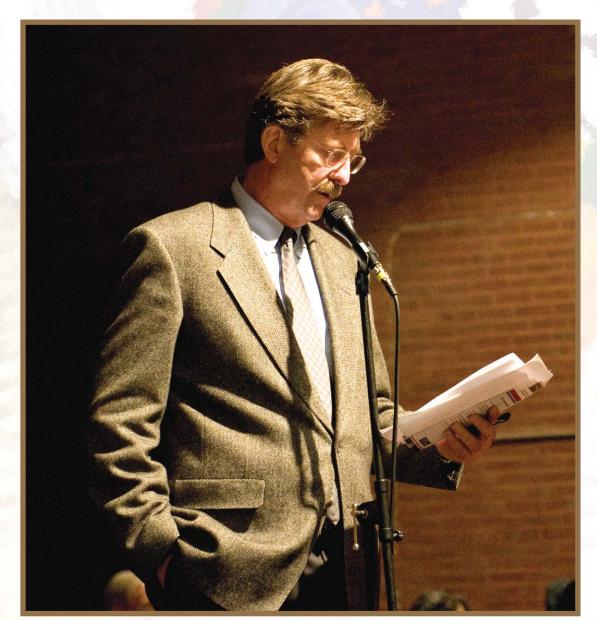


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Joseph Churchill, Executive Director-WSC.



Walnut Street Center Gala at Arts At The Armory



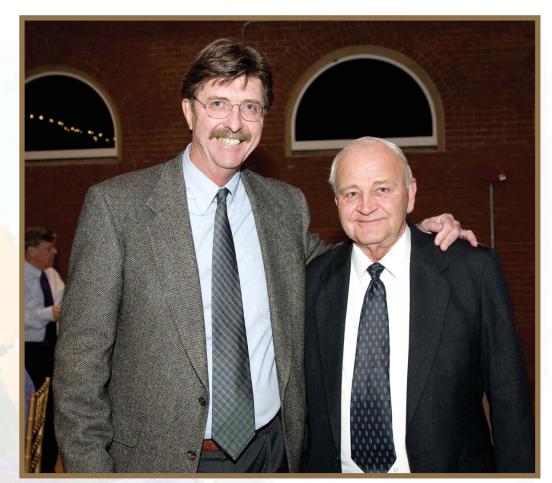
Jennifer Turpin, Lori Peterson, and Emma Taddeo.





in Somerville.





Joseph Churchill with John Mahoney, Board of Directors - WSC.



Mayor Curtatone.





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

St. Clement Volleyball makes tournament

The St. Clement volleyball team clinched a spot in the State Tournament for a second year in a row by beating Cathedral High School, Mystic Valley Regional Charter School and Saint Joseph's Prep. The team is now seeking to earn a bye when the playoffs begin.

The Lady Anchors defeated Cathedral 3-0. Senior Co-Captain, Kristina Ofoedu (Methuen), lead the Anchors to victory racking up thirteen service points, six kills, and two blocks. Sophomore, Jessica Popken (Medford) and Junior, Megan Berg (Medford), both supplied the Lady Anchors with stellar serves. Berg had a total of thirteen service points along with six aces, while Popken had eleven big service points and

eight aces.

St. Clement hosted Saint Joseph's Prep. Senior Captain, Allison Caloggero (Medford), led the girls to a 3-1 victory by supplying twenty-six service points, twelve aces and eight digs. On the net, Ofoedu smacked down ten kills and put up five hard blocks. Both Berg and Popken put up twenty-nine service points combined for the Lady Anchors. Popken also gave the team a cushion by contributing with sixteen digs. Senior Captain, Judy D'Haiti (Cambridge), quietly supplied the girls with outstanding saves from all over the court.

Friday night, the Lady Anchors traveled to Malden where they faced Mystic Val-



Freshman Katie Monestime serves for the Lady Anchors.

Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. Which of the original thirteen colonies was founded as a refuge for debtors?
- 2. What astringent acid is found in tree bark, tea and grape skins, is used to condition leather?
- 3. What Dallas outfit demonstrated the first integrated circuit in 1958?
- 4. What tiny European nation has the unofficial motto "We want to remain what we are"?
- 5. What does a dipsomaniac crave?
- 6. How fast can a camel

- 7. What is the weight of a standard gold bar at Fort Knox?
- 8. Whose life story is titled I Never Wanted To Be Vice-President of Anything?
- 9. How many letters in the Cambodian alphabet, the longest in the world?
- 10. What magician dazzled at King Arthur's Court?
- 11. What is a yellow-shafted flicker?
- 12. Who had Channel #5 sprayed in the ring before he wrestled?

Answers on page 17

CORRECTION: In Olio #337 we incorrectly listed "abrigado" as the Portuguese word meaning "Thank you." The correct word is "obrigado." We apologize for the error.

ley Regional High School. The ladies came out on top with a huge 3-2 victory against the Eagles. Caloggero put up another twenty-six service points, along with eight aces, four kills, and seventeen digs. Ofoedu was her normal self by putting down ten kills, as well as five blocks and eighteen marvelous digs. Freshmen, Katie Monestime

(Somerville), helped out the

Lady Anchors by perfectly placing eight kills and blocking four of the Eagles kills. Senior Co-Captain, Camilla Souza (Everett), had crucial digs in the back row to help push the Lady Anchors to a big victory.

"They beat us last time we faced them, so the girls and I knew that this was a must win game and of course we wanted a little pay back," said Coach Lisa Regione.

The Lady Anchors improve to a 12-3 overall record and slipped into second place in the Catholic Central League (CCL) small. With their win on Tuesday the girls clenched a spot in the 2012 State Tournament.

"If we keep playing this way, we will go far in the States," says Regione, confidently. The girls are very excited to the tournament but are very hungry to bring home more victory.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Letter to the Editor Thanks, from the YMCA

The Somerville YMCA announces a \$5,000 donation from the Ryan Harrington Foundation to benefit YMCA youth programs.

The funds donated will be used

to provide member scholarships, camperships and support of our youth sports programming. The Somerville Y continues to partner with community minded foundations like the Ryan Harrington Foundation to provide access to all of our youth programming.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and families of our youth program participants, we would like to thank the Ryan Harrington Foundation.

Sincerely, William R. Murphy Executive Director

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'Misshapen Jack-O-Lantern Tour' takes shape

By Blake Maddux

"I just completed the eyes of the jacko-lantern face. The show tonight starts the nose."

This is not the typical way for a musician to describe the progress of his tour. However, Somervillian Dan Blakeslee is not a typical musician.

Blakeslee recently began his Misshapen Jack-O-Lantern Tour, starring Dr. Gasp, his musical alter ego. The first date was October 5 in Lowell, MA, and the final one is October 31, when he will play the thirty-first show in Dover, NH. The Boston performance is on October 29 at O'Brien's Pub in Allston.

When one connects the dots of the towns along the tour route, the result is, indeed, a misshapen jack-o-lantern.

"Some of the days I'm doing two shows," Blakeslee says, speaking by phone from Northampton, where he stayed at a friend's house in between dates in Orange and Shelburne Falls, MA. "There's not one day that I'm not playing a show."

The tour includes stops in all of the New England states as well as New York. He is doing it to commemorate the 10th anniversary of his Halloween songwriting side project.

Blakeslee explains how it started, saying, "10 years ago, I was playing a show in Portsmouth, NH, two nights before Halloween, and I said to myself, 'I want to play a Halloween song, but I don't want to cover anyone else's.' So I started writing my own."

One of his friends heard him perform his first Halloween song live, and offered to record it and release it on vinyl for him. Shortly thereafter, Blakeslee recorded a full-length CD of such songs.

He created the Dr. Gasp character in 2005 because people would approach him throughout the year and ask him to play Halloween songs. Blakeslee says that his Dr. Gasp songs and the ones that he records under his own name "are like oil and water. They just do no mix, no matter how hard I try."

The idea of the jack-o-lantern shaped tour map was not something that Blakeslee conjured up specifically for this tour. He says that he and a friend came with the idea about five years ago after playing an art gallery in Harvard Square. They half-seriously mapped it out, but nothing immediately came of it.

However, Blakeslee unearthed the map - "which looks nothing like this tour" this past summer.

"I was so excited," he said. "I mapped it out on July 2, at like five in the morning. I started dropping in dots in places where I've already played and always wanted to play the Halloween show. For some of the other shows, I looked for towns that had something to do with Halloween, like Orange, MA."

Among the other Halloween-related stops on the trek are Sleepy Hollow, NY, on October 19 and Salem, MA, on October 30.

As for the "misshapen" aspect of the

jack-o-lantern map, Blakeslee says, "I like them lop-sided. When I carve a jack-o-lantern, I don't want it to be perfectly round."

Although Blakeslee has been focusing more intently on music recently, he has spent many years a visual artist. A native of South Berwick, Maine, he graduated from the Maryland Institute College of Art in 1994. He started playing music there as sort of a divergence from his artwork.

He moved to Somerville at the suggestion of a friend the summer after graduating from art school, and started playing as a subway busker.

After living in Somerville for a year, Blakeslee returned to Maine, hoping to get back his job at the lobster restaurant where he had worked prior to moving to the Boston area.

This did not go as planned, but in a good way. "My boss wouldn't let me work there," Blakeslee says. "He said, 'Nope, you're supposed to be playing music.' He was one of the people who gave me a huge, huge push to really consider doing music as a career. That was mighty kind."

He did stay in Maine for about six months, and then moved to Jamaica Plain. He has lived in Somerville for the past five years.

"Somerville is really the place in the Boston area that I feel for me is the perfect setting. Artists, musicians, poets, it's a very creative environment, always, everyday. I always feel inspired just being in Somerville," Blakeslee says.

He describes the Somerville arts scene in general as "absolutely overflowing and flourishing.'

He adds, "Something that I found out later on, after I had already been living in Somerville [is that] Bobby 'Boris' Pickett, who wrote Monster Mash, grew up in Somerville, and that's where he wrote the song. It's kind of crazy because I'm living in Somerville making monster music."

As stated previously, however, he also has an impressive portfolio as a visual artist. "I've done a bunch of album covers, book covers, beer labels, a pretty wide range of stuff. Drawing, and a little bit of painting. I'm much more comfortable doing colored pencil or black and white."

So what is next for Dan Blakeslee when the Misshapen Jack-O-Lantern Tour wraps up? On November 1, he plans to start recording a new Dr. Gasp album with his back-up band The Eeks. The expected title is Vampire Fish for Two. After that, he wants to record an acoustic solo album, which he hopes to release in Spring 2013.

And sometime amid all of this, he needs to find a place to live. He recently moved out of his apartment in Teele Square and into his car, "a 1996 Nissan Altima named Aladdin."

Thankfully, he has been able to stay with friends while on the road. He did, however, recently spend the night in a Walmart parking lot.



The Misshapen Jack-O-Lantern Tour rolls on through the month of October.

THE Somerville Person of the Week

October 17, 2012



Meet Patricia Reardon. "Pat" to her many friends and acquaintances throughout the city. She's a lifelong resident of the city, married, and is very devoted to her husband and family. Pat's now retired from her banking career. She was the branch manager at the old Somerset Bank on Broadway in East Somerville. People from all over Somerville, in particular, East Somerville, got to know Pat very well. With her big smile and professional attitude, she was always helpful to anyone who came into the bank. We first met her at that bank back in the 80's and we know, along with a lot of old time residents, exactly how much of a nice person she is. More than just a nice person, she's very active locally in various charitable organizations, working very hard with the same commitment she always had before she retired. She was the first woman to be elected President of the Somerville Club back in the early 90's. She wasn't the first woman to be admitted into this all male organization up to the mid 80's, but she became very active in the various charities and involved in active fundraising. She's also involved in the SHS scholarship foundation, helping to raise funds for deserving High School students. You'll see Pat all over the city and we bet you'll recognize that big smile of hers and the welcoming feeling she gives to both friends and strangers. She's very active in the Somerville Rotary club as one of its favorite honorary members. We here at The News know that she will be very pleased with this, but also very humble, and that's how she is. Say "Hi" to her when you see her and find out why she's The Somerville News Person of the week for October 17, 2012. Have a great day, Pat, and thanks for your continued service to our city.

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The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for desertion / irretrievable Breakdown of

The Complaint is on file at the Court

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

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your answer, if any on or before 11/06/2012. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court

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Considering Question 4 CONT. FROM PG 1

CPA in Somerville

"We are one of the most densely populated cities in New England, so the opportunity to create new open space doesn't really exist," Curtatone said in a recent Boston Globe article. "What's attractive about the amendments are that they now allow us to use the Community Preservation Act to renovate parks and open space. We have an aggressive recreation plan in the city and this will greatly enhance those efforts." Curtatone also added the CPA would make it easier for the city to achieve the goals it established in its recently adopted 20-year Somer Vision plan.

The Somerville proposal calls for a 1.5 percent surcharge on property tax, with an exception for the first \$100,000 of residential and some commercial properties. Lowincome homeowners and low- and medium-income senior homeowners would be completely exempt. The CPA would cost annually an average of \$17 to \$61 to owner-occupied homes, \$123 to landlords of buildings with four to eight apartments, and more than \$400 to large apartment-building owners and those who own commercial or industrial property.

Officials estimate the surcharge would generate \$1.2 million for Somerville in fiscal 2014, excluding the contribution from the state CPA Trust Fund, which add approximately \$264,000. Municipalities originally received a 100 percent match from the state's CPA Trust Fund, which is generated from fees at registries of deeds. Today, due to the decline in real estate transactions and an increase in participating communities, the state now matches only 22 percent.

While it's impossible to predict exactly which projects would receive funding, local supporters have created a list of examples CPA funds could be used for including: extending the community path, improving neighborhood parks and athletic fields, helping to fill funding gaps for new affordable housing, and repairing the West Somerville Library or Prospect Hill Tower.

Concerns in Other Communities

Somerville's Board of Aldermen unanimously approved Curtatone's request to put CPA on the ballot, and the press for Question 4 has generally been positive. The reception was not so warm in nearby cities and towns.

Beverly has a long, dark and stormy past with CPA. In 2001, the Act lost by nearly 2,000 votes and was surrounded by heated debate. This year, the fight is no less intense. The CPA would add a one percent surcharge and bring an estimated \$750,000 per year to the

community, but in tough economic times, some residents argue this is another burden for propertyowners to bear, that there should be more spending cuts than increases, and that the 22 percent match from the state is too low to make the Act worthwhile.

According to Councilor Thomas Furey, Salem's proposed one percent surcharge could raise \$700,000 to \$1 million annually to "help preserve and protect things we can't do now because the city budget is so constrained," and yet it almost didn't make the ballot. City councilors voted against it in late August. At the time, Councilor Arthur Sargent said he could not support putting CPA on the ballot because it allows residents who don't own property to vote on whether to increase property taxes. The CPA will be voted on thanks to a group of residents who acted quickly to collect the roughly 1,000 signatures required to put it on the ballot via citizen's petition.

Why some see CPA as a "No-Brainer"

Mayor Curtatone is not swayed by the naysayers elsewhere. To Councilor Sargent's feedback, he noted that most landlords factor property taxes into rent, so renters are in a way paying property tax. "And would he argue the reverse? Should non-resident property owners be allowed to vote in Salem based solely on their ownership of Salem real estate?"

"We have to accept the fact that the state is never going to return cities and towns to the level of local aid they received prior to 2002 when Governor Romney balanced the state budget by shifting costs to cities and towns," Curtatone added. "The CPA offers us a prudent way to invest in the future of our city at a very modest cost. A portion of the fees collected on real estate transactions in Somerville have been going into the CPA Fund for years without our property owners getting anything in return. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been raised through these fees statewide, includ-

munities have gotten their share of the pot. The only way Somerville can gain access to those funds is to pass Question 4."

"At a 100 percent match, or at 27 percent match, or even a 22 percent match, it's still a good deal," he concluded.

Many of the 42 percent of Massachusetts's cities and towns that already adopted the CPA would agree that it's a good deal, including three nearby cities: Gloucester, Newburyport and Peabody.

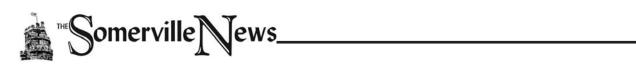
Gloucester adopted the CPA by popular vote in 2008 with a one percent surcharge. In the two funding cycles implemented so far, the CPA spent almost \$1 million on approximately twenty projects. "It's been very successful," said Debbie Laurie, Gloucester's CPA senior project manager. "It's received overall good PR, and a lot of great projects have happened because of it." The city is in the midst of its third funding round.

The CPA has been similarly well received in Newburyport, where it was adopted in 2003 with a 2 percent surcharge. When asked if it was generally liked, Dianne Eppa of Newburyport's Planning & Development Department laughed warmly. "We definitely don't hear a lot of opposition," she said. The local Community Preservation Community has appropriated almost \$5,900,000 to more than sixty projects across all four CPA categories.

When the one percent CPA surcharge was put to vote in Peabody in 2001, former Mayor Michael Bonfanti was campaigning and supporting it as a way to support "quality-of-life things" during tough times when funding priority is given to essentials like police, fire and education. It barely passed then, but support has grown after a decade of results. "I see all the great things we've done, and it's a nobrainer," said City Councilor Tom Gould, who recently joined the city's Community Preservation Committee. "I'm glad that Peabody

For more information on the ing the contributions from Community Preservation Act go to Somerville, but so far only 148 com- http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa.





Sloane family and Century Bank honored

By William Tauro

In recognition of a generous gift from the Sloane family and Century Bank, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held last Thursday.

The Hebrew Senior Life, the largest provider of senior health

care and housing in New England, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School announced that the Hebrew Senior Life (HSL) Medical Group has expanded its geriatric primary care practice at Center Communities of Brookline, the center is named Sloane

Family/Century Bank Primary & Specialty Care Center. Somerville's own Dorothy Kelly Gay former mayor of Somerville and HSL's Vice President, Government Relations & Director, Senior Supportive Housing was in attendance.



(Left to right) Dr. Jennifer Rhodes-Kropf, Medical Director of HSL Medical Group at the Sloane Center, Lou Woolf, Dorothy Kelly Gay, Kitty Dukakis, Michael Dukakis, Marshall Sloane, Barbara Sloane, Barry Sloane, Linda Sloane Kay, Jonathan Kay, Len Fishman, and Jennifer Silver.



Marshall Sloane, chairman of Century Bank, with his wife Barbara, and Dorothy Kelly Gay, former mayor of Somerville and

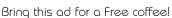
Arts at the Armory Café



The Arts at the Armory Café announces its new fall hours. The Café is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday noon to 6:00 pm. Serving a menu that includes sandwiches on artisan breads, salads, quiche, fresh baked desserts, craft beers and delicious wines. Introducing home baked goodies from our Michelle, our new pastry chef.



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Veterans Service Director visits Somerville Lions Club



Somerville Veterans Services Director Jay Weaver was a special guest at this week's Somerville Lions Club meeting. Weaver spoke about his experiences in Afghanistan and his thoughts about the region. He also spoke about our veterans here in the city of Somerville and what is being done for them and their concerns.

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

Veteran's Memorial Rink Free public skating

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

Friday October 19

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

Monday October 22

Central Library Sing-along with Liza! Cathy 2950 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland

Tuesday October 23

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Central Library Teen Creative Writing with Ethan

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379 Summer St

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Arts at the Armory

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7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Radio Bar

Radio-Up: Narragansett beer-White Trash Night & Chili Cook Off|Spectre Hawk|The Grinds | Cask Mouse | Flatt Rabbit \$8 Radio-Down: capital radio|Red Line Rebels|Pity Whores|Empty Vessels|Fast Times|Nicole Tammaro Photography **Production Night \$8** 379 Summer St

Saturday October 20

Johnny D's

Benefit- LGBT task force 4-7pm|Drag Gospel Festival Hear Now Live Presents|DCLA|JG & Last Shot Productions Dave Macklin Band|Shane Holland Band |9 p.m. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday October 17

Central Library

Cambridge College Information

Session

MJ Toohey 617-873-0437 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Third Life Studio

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

Thursday October 18

Central Library

Green Smoothie Class Mara More 978-912-0729 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library

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West Branch Library

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

Swirl and Slice

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Union Square

First Church Somerville

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Saturday October 20

Central Library

Film Series - TBA

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.| 79 Highland

Union Square Farmer's Market

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday October 21

Central Library

Friends Book Sale Set Up 1 p.m.-5p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Unity Church of God

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

Monday October 22

Central Library

Friends Book Sale Set Up 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library

Book Group: Books Into Movies 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

East Branch Library

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Third Life Studio

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Tuesday October 23

Central Library

Friends Book Sale Set Up 9 a.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Teen Creative Writing with Ethan Gilsdorf Marita Coombs 617-623-5000 *2942 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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The Art of Singing Group

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Central Library

Friends Book Sale Set Up 9 a.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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- October 26. Tickets available through REC Dept.

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Luciano's Restaurant Italian Festival - October 19

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

October 17

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Cross Street Center

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Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

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

Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m. October 18

Holland Street Center

Indoor Exercise|9:30 a.m.

Current Events 10 a.m. MusicalConversation with special guest! | 12 p.m.

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Indoor Exercise 10:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

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October 19

Italian Festival - Luciano's

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Holland Street Center

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Gentle/chair Yoga|4:30 p.m.

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October 23

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A first-rate city **CONT. FROM PG 9**

rate workforce, or a second-rate development agenda because of some misguided notion that we're just too puny and insignificant to play with the big kids. That kind of inferiority complex is completely unwarranted given what our community has achieved over the past 25 years, and, what's worse, it can be selffulfilling.

Somerville has to live within its means, but our continued success as a community depends on a willingness to expand those means through investments in our municipal infrastructure (including our workforce), in our services, our schools, our libraries, our parks and our recreational facilities, our shared cultural resources and our community celebrations.

Somerville will not thrive if its goal is simply to do well enough to get by. Many of the things we love about our city - its diversity, its eclectic and engaging neighborhoods, its rich and varied urban lifestyle - are definitely worth protecting and preserving. But we can't just stand in place: we have to be going forward with confidence and energy or we will decline and fall back.

That's why I would argue that we should commit ourselves to recruiting and retaining a capable, professional municipal workforce that can deliver the productivity we need on a budget we can afford.

That's why I would argue that we can move ahead with the financing of a redevelopment plan for Union Square that will bring in more commercial tax revenue and generate local job opportunities for decades to come.

That's why we need to vote Yes on Question 4, and endorse the 1.5 percent Community Preservation Act tax surcharge on our tax bills (the tax bills, not the tax rates) that will significantly boost the dollars available for parks, for repairs to historic school and library buildings and support the affordability of Somerville housing.

We will never be as big as Boston, but so what? Our tax base may never be as big as those as those in Cambridge or Newton (but don't bet on that just yet). We will never have the generous open spaces of our more distant suburban neighbors.

But Somerville is a first-rate city, and has been for years. We are, and will remain, in the first rank of innovation, prosperity, opportunity and quality of life just as long as we believe in ourselves and act on that belief.



'Argo' shows the country its heroes

Review by Maria A. Cortes

Many actors try themselves as writers or directors nowadays. However, it is quite rare to find a good combination of both. Ben Affleck, who directed a new movie *Argo* and also starred in it as a lead, is a surprising exception. Loosely based on true events, Argo brings the audacious pages of American and international history to the Somerville Theatre.

During the Iranian revolution in 1979, the U.S. Embassy in Tehran is being taken over by Islamic militants. The embassy's workers, dazed as they see protesters breaking through the gates, rush to destroy all the classified documents. Tear gas cannot stop hundreds of armed demonstrators. As over fifty Americans are being taken as hostages, a group of six escapes and finds refuge in the home of the Canadian ambassador (Victor Garber).

The matter of rescuing them quickly gains its importance: not only the lives of American

citizens, but also of Canadians are at stake. If found, "they die badly," explains Jack O'Donnell (Bryan Cranston) to his CIA colleague, Tony Mendez (Ben Affleck). The State Department suggests providing the six with maps and bicycles, so they can reach the Turkish border, even though it is four hundred miles away. However, ex-filtration specialist Mendez knows better. He comes up with "the best bad idea." Absurd yet brilliant: provide the six Americans with fake identities of the Canadian film crew, pretend that they are looking for a location to shoot a movie, and fly back home in two days.

Seemingly impossible when said, could it actually be done? To make it work, Mendez takes a trip to Hollywood. With the help of a make-up artist John Chambers (John Goodman) and eccentric producer Lester Siegel (Alan Arkin), he picks out a script entitled "Argo," sets up a fake film studio and starts publicity campaign for the new "movie." A trip to Iran follows

shortly. Revolutionary Tehran greets Tony with gun shots drowned out in the loud protests and scenes of people hanged on construction cranes. Will Tony Mendez be able to get six Americans through the airport security with the guards watching their every step? Will the six scared people be able to convince Islamic soldiers that they are not who they really are?

With Gone Baby Gone and The Town under his belt, Ben Affleck is establishing himself as a director who has a solid point of view on how things should be done. And there is no doubt that he has done his job skillfully enough in Argo. His nervous camera is a perfect tool to register revolutionary demonstrations and the feelings of desperation and fear spreading over the country. The color palette, characters' appearances with overgrown moustaches, and peculiar large framed glasses reflect the chosen time period perfectly. It is notable how overall historically accurate the movie is. Real pictures of revolutionary events in Tehran, the U.S. Embassy, and rescued Americans shown at the end, reveal that Affleck was able to recreate the events with masterful precision. He also handled the hard task of converting historical information into visual, and moreover, a visually intriguing story, with professionalism, using animation with narrative embedded in the film context. In other words, the way the story was presented qualifies Argo as a legitimate movie. The story itself doesn't.

Spiced up with some dark humor and satire on Hollywood, the story lacks smoothness and "sharpness." Dialogs produced by the screenwriter Chris Terrio seem forced at places and are full of repetitions. Plot twists that are meant to bring some suspense to the audience resolve just about the time we could have gotten some shivering down the spine. As the story slowly takes off, prepare to get bored until the last twenty minutes. Those minutes will certainly make your palms sweaty.



Despite the story flaws, it seems that Affleck's efforts should be praised and, satire forgiven, for the true heroes that are revealed at the end. As the credits roll, the two-hour *Argo* would seem as if it was absolutely worth watching.

Argo: directed by Ben Affleck. Starring Ben Affleck, Brian Cranston, Alan Arkin, John Goodman, Victor Garber. Rated R. Shows at the Somerville Theatre (55 Davis Sq, Somerville, MA 02144). For information about tickets, please visit somervilletheatreonline.com.

Hip Hip Hooray! CONT. FROM PG 9

dislocated something or another. I had nerve damage in both my arms for quite some time. I may have goofed up the hip then also.

Over the years I had back problems but never any trouble with either hip. I am guessing it really is just an old age issue. Although it could have something to do with my parenting methods. I have had to "put my foot down" quite a lot in raising three kids. I was also in the passenger side of a 1959 Ford that was broadsided at the intersection of McGrath Highway and Pearl Street many years ago.

I have been turning my home into a hospital room in anticipation of my surgery and recovery. It was a great excuse to do some serious cleaning. I will bring one of my kid's twin beds down from their old bedroom. I have had all my pre-admis-

sion screenings and tests and meetings with the anesthesiologist, physical therapist, pharmacists, etc. I have lost a good amount of weight also which will help in my recovery. My daughter is in the health care field so she is getting me free crutches (I'm so cheap!), and my cousin and aunt gave me some other sick room items.

My girlfriend has been by my side the whole time helping me to prepare for the big day. We sat through a two-hour "hip class" at the New England Baptist Hospital last week. They have everything down to a science when it comes to preparation for surgery. She actually had to "speak" with me last week. I mentioned that the night before surgery I would go to my kid's house to say "goodbye." She told me to stop being pessimistic about the operation. I always prepare for the worst. It's

just the way I am. She has been very supportive during all this surgery prep business. She and my daughter will be waiting for me when I come out of surgery.

When we were at the "hip" class at New England Baptist last week and they actually passed around a new hip, with the ball and socket and everything. It was pretty cool.

I would like to thank all my friends, especially the ones who have had this surgery, for all their encouraging words. I hope to be back at work and at the gym very soon. Thanks to my friend and my attack Pug for staying at my house while I am in the hospital.

In closing, I must add that throughout my entire life I have been dancing like a fool, jumping around like a nut, hopping fences, climbing up back porches when I forgot my key, and basically always willing to abuse my body to entertain others or to get a silly task accomplished. Now it's payback time, and I'm ready.

In the meantime, this will be the last new article I will submit until I start feeling better. I have picked out a few past articles to reprint and I hope you enjoy them. Wish me luck!

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Free Poker, lots of prizes! 7 p.m. Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Radioactive Rustlers 6 p.m. Birds of Play & guests 9 p.m. Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m.

Deadbeat Halloween Party \$5 cover cash prizes for best costumes! 9 p.m. Frank Drake Sunday Showcase 5 p.m. Natalie Flanagan Band, Trusty Sidekick, Fireking

3 p.m.



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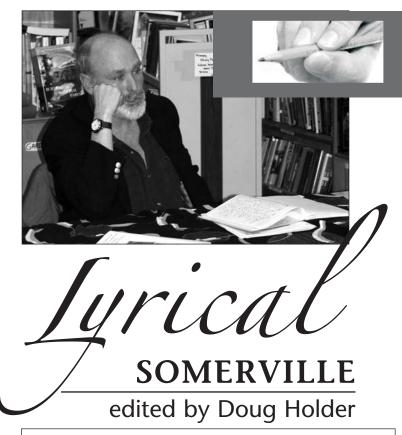
SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesda	y, October 17	5:00pm	Ablevision	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	Culture Club	1:00pm	Bongoman	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
6:00am	In Ministry	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	2:00pm	Myths of Marijuana	Noon	Democracy Now!
7:00am	Drug Awareness	6:30pm	Death with Dignity	2:30pm	Culture Club	1:00pm	Ablevision
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:00pm	Shrink Rap	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	1:30pm	Ballot Question 4
9:00am	Abugida TV	7:30pm	Myths of Marijuana	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place	2:30pm	Myths of Marijuana
10:00am	What the Fluff?	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	4:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	9:30pm	State Rep Candidates Debate	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
Noon	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Community Preservation Town Meeting	6:00pm	Community Preservation Town Meeting	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
1:00pm	Myths of Marijuana	Friday, O	ctober 19	7:00pm	Myths of Marijuana	5:00pm	Culture Club
1:30pm	Most Interesting Place	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Death with Dignity	5:30pm	Physician focus
2:00pm	Culture Club	6:00am	Voices for Recovery	8:00pm	David Parkman	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
2:30pm	Life Matters	7:00am	Culture Club	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	7:30am	Physician Focus	10:00pm	What the Fluff?	7:00pm	What the Fluff?
3:30pm	Inside Talk	8:00am	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Gay TV	8:00pm	
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	9:00am	Myths of Marijuana		october 21		Creating Cooperative Kids
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking.	10:00am	Somerville News Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	11:00am	Somerville Housing Authority	6:00am	Program Celebrai	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	Noon	Community Preservation Town Meeting	7:00am	Flipside	10:30pm	Candidate Debate District 26
6:30pm	Water: A Storymentary	1:00pm	I finally Did It	7:30am	Art At SCATV	-	October 23 Free Speech TV
7:00pm	Tonight's Special	2:00pm	Tonight's Special	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	12:00am	'
7:30pm	Death with Dignity	2:30pm	Commonwealth Report	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00am	Road to Recovery
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	10:00am	International Church of God	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	10:30am	Ballot Question 4	7:30am	Death with Dignity
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	5:00pm	National Wildlife Foundation	11:30am	Commonwealth Report	8:00am	Democracy Now!
9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	Noon	The Entertainer's Show	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
10:00pm	Community Preservation Town Meeting	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	12:30pm	Most Interesting Place	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
11:00pm	The Garage	6:30pm	Physician Focus	1:00pm	Candidate Debate District 26	11:00am	Somerville Rocks!
11:30pm	The Literary Scene	7:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	2:30pm	Death with Dignity	11:30am	Youth Media Projects 2012
1	October 18	7:30pm	Neighborhood Cooking	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	Noon	Democracy Now!
12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Visual Radio	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
6:00am	Live Response	9:00pm	The Garage	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
7:00am	Physician Focus	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:00pm	Healthy Hypnosis
8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	What the Fluff Festival 2012	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:30pm	Road to Recovery
9:00am	Somerville News Reading	11:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:30pm	Active Aging
10:00am	Active Aging	Saturday,	October 20	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
10:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	National Wildlife Foundation	5:00pm	Poet to Poet
11:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:30pm	State Rep Candidate Debate	5:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
Noon	Democracy Now!	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids		October 22	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
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2:00pm	Tonight's Special	8:30am	Death With Dignity	6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	7:00pm	State Rep Candidate Debate
2:30pm	Somerville Most Interesting Place	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	6:30am	Physician Focus	8:30pm	Greater Somerville
3:00pm	Active Aging	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Community Preservation Town Meeting
3:30pm	Art @ SCATV	11:00am	Dead Air Live	8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	What the Fluff?
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	9:00am	Active Aging	11:00pm	Gerry Leone Show

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, Octo	her 17		& Medicare	12:00am: (15)	SHS Football vs Andover	7:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Malden
9:00am: (13/22)	Somerville: Haven for	12:00am: (15)	Raising Families	12:30am: (13/22)	Honk! 2012	8:00pm: (13/22)	Public Forum: Social Security
, ,	Inventive Minds	12:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	, ,	rector's Series: Colonel James Foley	(,==,	& Medicare
9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:00am: (15)	Cradles to Crayons	2:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
12:00pm: (13/22)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 10/15/12	1:30am: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report	2:50am: (13/22)	Dogfest 2012	9:30pm: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report
12,00nm, (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs	1:30am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Andover	12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	9:30pm: (15)	Cradles to Crayons
12:00pm: (15)	Manchester Essex Reg.	2:00am: (13/22)	Union Square Walking Tour	12:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	Tuesday, October	23
1:30pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	9:00am: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report	12:30pm: (13/22)	Somerville: Haven for	12:00am: (13/22)	Three Paths to Italy: Open Reception
2:00pm: (15)	Raising Families	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our Clty		Inventive Minds	12:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum
7:00pm: (13/22)	Somerville: Haven for	12:00pm: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville	12:30pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Malden
	Inventive Minds	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Haverhill	1:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Cambridge	1:00am: (13/22)	Public Forum: Social Security
7:00pm: (15)	Raising Families	12:30pm: (13/22)	Honk! 2012	2:00pm: (13/22)	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	1.00am. (13/22)	& Medicare
7:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Malden	1:20pm: (13/22)Dire	ector's Series: Colonel James Foley	2:20pm: (13/22)	What the Fluff? 2012	2:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
8:20pm: (13/22)	Domestic Violence Vigil	2:50pm: (13/22)	Dogfest 2012	7:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	2:30am: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report
9:05pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	7:00pm: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	2:30am: (15)	Cradles to Crayons
9:20pm: (13/22)	Congressional Update	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Haverhill	7:30pm: (13/22)	Somerville: Haven for	9:00am: (13/22)Thi	ree Paths to Italy: Open Reception
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2:05am: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	12:00am: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville	9:20pm: (13/22)	What the Fluff? 2012	1:45pm: (13/22)	Hard Target: Protecting Yourself
2:20am: (13/22)	Congressional Update	12:00am: (15)	SHS Football vs Andover	Monday, October 12:00am: (13/22)	Senior Circuit		& Property
9:00am: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	12:30am: (13/22)	Honk! 2012	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	2:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Haverhill
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2:00pm: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville		ector's Series: Colonel James Foley	2:20am: (13/22)	What the Fluff? 2012	8:30pm: (13/22)	Riverfest 2012
2:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Haverhill	2:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00am: (13/22)	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	8:45pm: (13/22)	Somerville: Haven for Inventive Minds
7:00pm: (13/22)	Public Forum: Social Security & Medicare	2:50pm: (13/22)	Seriously Somerville	9:00am: (15)	Raising Families	12:00m: (13/22)	Senior Circuit
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8:30pm: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report	, , ,	ector's Series: Colonel James Foley		Open Reception	1:15am: (13/22)	Congressional Update
8:30pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Andover	9:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:30pm: (15)	Open Air Circus	1:30am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Cambridge
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12:00am: (13/22)	Public Forum: Social Security	12:00am: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	(,2)	Inventive Minds





Have you ever wondered about the homeless men or women you pass in the street? How did they get there? Could you wind up on the unforgiving pavement yourself? Somerville poet Anne Ardery ponders this with her poem *Mist*.

Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Anne now lives in Somerville and works at Diesel Cafe in Davis Square. On leave from Harvard University, where she has been pursuing her undergraduate degree in English and American Literature



and Language, Anne explores prose, poetry, and local spoken word performances.

MIST

it's raining out. well, not quite rain. more like mist. swollen violins. piano key cradles. fingers rocking back and forth. people traversing. the streets. on cell phones. or with headphones. i've stopped giving the homeless man change. i've stopped giving him cigarettes too. he's got an ugly boil on his right cheek. but nobody pays him much of a glance anyway. the mist is coming down. the people are passing. he's still standing. and i'm sitting. watching. i wonder what his loneliness feels like. i wonder if it feels like mine. like being a damp piece of newsprint. ink headlines getting all cloudy. thin pages starting to tear apart by their own weight. the lamp posts are sweating. black beads. umbrellas. like funerals. nobody else knows they're supposed to be mourning. except the homeless man. and me.

– Anne Ardery

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Poet Wendy Ranan:

A psychotherapist. A poet. Motivated by beauty.



Some people are motivated by love; some are motivated by money, others by power. Poet Wendy Ranan is motivated by beauty. More specifically the beauty of nature. And there are generous and evocative doses of nature in her work. Ranan has worked for years at a major psychiatric hospital just outside of Boston that at one time housed such poets as Robert Lowell, Anne Sexton, and Sylvia Plath. I met with her at her office, a Spartan hole-in—the wall, to interview her in light of her new poetry collection *The Quiet Room*. Ranan, like most writers is no trust fund baby and struggles to find time in her busy day to manage work, raise a family, and keep the creative fires burning.

Her collection *The Quiet Room* (Deerbrook Editions) deals with her experience at the said hospital, as well as other elements of her life. Peter Balakian (Professor of Humanities—Colgate University) writes of Ranan: "She is one of the few poets now writing in America who uses her professional understanding of psychology in ways that are inventive and fresh, giving her poetry a unique dimension. *The Quiet Room* is a beautiful and powerful book."

Ranan's poetic history dates back to grade school. She told me: "I have been writing poems my whole life. In the fourth grade I heard Paul Scofield the famous Shakespearian actor read "adult" poems on TV. The poems did not rhyme, and I felt I could write without the constriction of rhyme and meter for the first time. So I wrote a poem and without me knowing it my teacher sent it to Paul Scofield. Scofield sent me a card back. For the first time the experience of writing was not private anymore.

Later Ranan attended Sarah Lawrence College and studied with poets like Jane Cooper, and Galway Kinnell, who turned out to be a major influence on her. After college she took a writing workshop with the feminist writer Erica Jong in New York City. Ranan was also living in NYC at the time and supporting herself with odd jobs. She decided to attend Smith College and get her Social Work degree. This gave her steady work, a focus, and she had a long-time interest in psychotherapy and the Human Services, making it a good fit for her.

Ranan, who comes from a family chockfull of writers and artists, decided after working for a awhile to get her Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing at Boston University. There she studied with former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky, and Derek Walcott.

Ranan published in magazines like Crazy Horse, AGNI, The Seattle Review, The Poetry Miscellany and Tendril and in 1982 came out with her chapbook Inside Out (State Street Press).

Nature plays a big role in Ranan's poetry. Ranan told me she is motivated by beauty. And nature for her is a font of beauty. And indeed in her work nature constantly bumps up against the walls of the institution where she works. Wildlife at times provides comic relief to what goes on behind the walls of a psychiatric hospital. In short, metaphors "bloom" in her poetry. In the first stanza of her poem *Greener* she almost makes a mission statement about her rela-

tionship as a poet with the natural world:

"I have always admired a landscape of simple lines; the redundant blue and brown of sand dunes, sky. poets of few words who could articulate any lake.

Stars. Condensed fire made to stay cooling in place, monument to desire, in-vitro grave

I asked Ranan about another one of her poems from her new collection, titled: *Anesthesia*

"It was a kind of speeded sleep I spun through, into a lack of, blacker than a moonless lake and without the lappings of dream.

It was like intaglio; a zinc plate unscratched by any shape and rolled with ink.

It was the epiphany of unconcern for the body; whatever they did to me was fine, for I was away at time's beginning when bones, still feathery, yielded this way and that to the will of water pumping me into existence layer by layer, not one speck superfluous.

I wake to the weight of decades, deflated, a thing at the mercy of mortals who bring me back with a name."

I told her that I felt the poem talked of anesthesia as an escape—a way to be outside one's self, a form of transcendence, a limbo where one sheds the heavy baggage of life—a sort of temporary death. In a way it was like a poet's need to escape into a special mindset to write—to be outside looking in. Ranan commented: "In this poem I was both relieved and scared." Ranan said from her own experience with anesthesia she has come up with the "Oh-Well" response to certain clients. She suggests in times of stress they say "Oh-Well", and accept faith without fear.

Like most writers anything is grist for the mill. In *The Quiet Room* she explores the passage of time, relationships, with her unique gimlet poet's eye.

Ranan, unlike many of the poets I interviewed over the last decade or so is not a self-promoter. She is not a denizen of social media, and certainly is no computer whiz. This is not to say the poet has no ambitions. But for Ranan the writing comes first—and this purity leaves its imprint on her accomplished body of work.



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