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Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

from the publishers and staff of The Somerville News



The monster mashed up BOA approves pay raises

By Jim Clark

After weeks of study and discussion, the Somerville Board of Aldermen approved pay raises for non-union city employees at its regular meeting last Thursday.

Approximately 150 city workers' pay rates will be increased after nearly six years with no raises. It was determined that Somerville offered much lower salaries than comparable cities elsewhere of comparable size.

Advocates of the pay increases argued that high turnover of workers impacted the city negatively and proved to be costly in terms of providing training for new employees and getting efficient returns, as far as experience is concerned, from those who were hired.

The Board was also expected to vote on proposed increases in pay for the city's elected officials, that would include the mayor and aldermen, but a motion was made to have the matter studied further by

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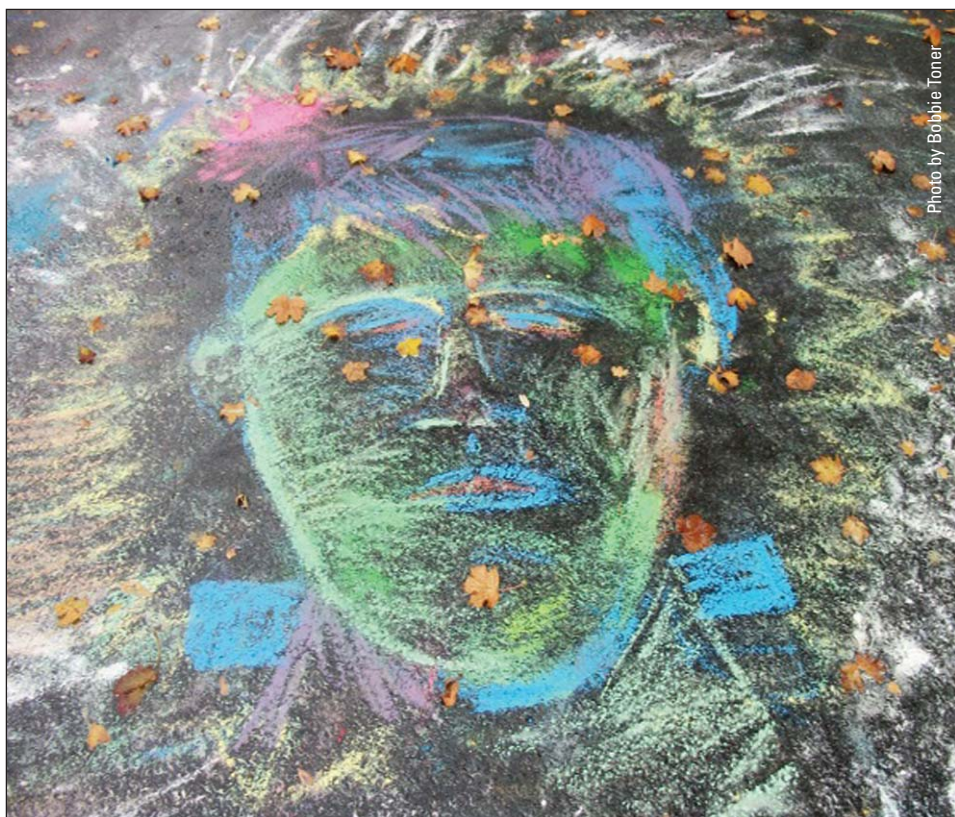


Photo by Bobbie Toner

The eminent arrival of 'Frankenstorm' (Hurricane Sandy), depicted above as a chalk drawing, didn't dampen spirits at *Monster Mashed-Up @ SomerStreets* last Sunday. Turn to pages 12-13 for more pictures.

Beardfest will get hairy at the Armory

By Cathleen Twardzik

It's time to get your beard in perfect shape because it's beard contest time.

On November 3 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Beardfest, a Somerville Arts Council (SAC) event, will occur at the Arts at the Armory this year for the first time. It has already taken place for two years elsewhere.

Aside from event participants, rock and soul music by DJ Pace, refreshments and a fake beard workshop will round out the festivities.

The main goal of Beardfest is, "To have fun and show how folks can be creative with their bodies and facial hair. Everyone is unique and creative," said Gregory Jenkins, Director of SAC.

The event will give beard and mustache sporters a chance to shine in that department.

"The contest itself will have a 'parade of beards,'" said Jenkins.

Five categories will be included in the contest, which are: natural full beard, free-style full beard, free-style partial beard, which includes goatees, sideburns "and

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Who can resist the challenge of presenting one's best beard at *Beardfest*, Saturday, November 3, at the Arts at the Armory?

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NEWTALK

We wish a Happy Halloween to all the kids tonight. Enjoy a safe and bountiful evening of candies and other treats.

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting of the Membership and Board of Directors is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 31, at Winter Hill Bank, 5 Cutter Avenue, Davis Square. Elections of the Class of 2015 and Officers 2012-2013 will be held. Chamber Members RSVP “Annual Meeting” to smackey@somervillechamber.org

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce monthly Business After Hours will be at The Independent, 75 Union Square, 5-7 p.m., Thursday, November 1. Enjoy free appetizers and great business networking. Cash bar. FREE gift certificate raffle (bring your business cards). Members and non-member guests welcome. RSVP with name(s) and affiliation(s) to smackey@somervillechamber.org.

Election Day is finally here next Tuesday on November 6. All those TV ads will finally be done and the voters will now have their say. There will hopefully be a large turnout on Tuesday. If you are unsure of where to vote check with our website for a direct link to the city's web site.

Lots of people are still not sure of Question 4 on the ballot. Some here have said they will have to raise rents on this, another tax to homeowners. Others say it is for a good thing here in the city.

It's interesting that the pay raises for non-union personal has been approved by the Board of Alderman last Thursday, although their salary and the mayor's salary was put back in committee. Very interesting since the union members here in the city at DPW and City Hall haven't had

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to No, thank you, Mr. Kraft

A. Moore says:

This is a first. I actually agree with Mr. Shelton on this one. I do respect his opinions even though they are usually the opposite of mine. I say no thanks also.

Bill Ritchotte says:

Mr. Shelton is batting .1000 with me! I never agree with him. Now he's an architect, city planner and engineer. Multi-talented. Of course if you know anything about the Kraft group and building stadiums, you would know they built Gillette Stadium with 0% public funding for construction, which is an anomaly in the NFL. I guess the facts don't fit your narrative. Again.

Winter Hill Barney says:

Go Fall River!!!!

21 home games on the 2012 schedule. That's what, 60 – 80 hours of economic draw in a year for a soccer stadium? And it sits empty for the rest of the time. Maybe an occasional concert or event. Why? Why? Why would this even be considered? Somerville needs office space desperately.

Mary says:

yes to the stadium, its a great idea and a way the city can get revenue without posing questions on the ballot like that Question 4 next week...I think the soccer stadium is a great idea, what great revenue and jobs that could be created.

Notice that the liberals like this guy Shelton and Wig are against it, that's because they would rather see our taxes go sky high and support socialist programs instead of a real job for many people without becoming a public sector leach. All public sector does is create a kingdom for certain few, like the DPW commissioner Stan Koty and his family look how many of them get paid by us taxpayers here in Somerville, and they are not the only family that has many members on the payroll. How come this paper or the Journal doesn't investigate the several families that have several members on the city payroll?

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are in favor of having a major league soccer stadium at Assembly Square. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Are you in favor of having a major league soccer stadium at Assembly Square?



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Hurricane Sandy hits Somerville

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone declared a public State of Emergency Monday, October 29, in preparation for the arrival of Hurricane Sandy. Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi canceled classes and activities for all Somerville Public Schools for Monday and Tuesday as well.

The Police, Fire and the DPW departments worked day and night preparing for the storm, and once it arrived they were kept busy responding to reports of downed trees and power lines, as well as flooding throughout the city. Workers labored tirelessly as the storm developed.



City workers clear large branches from Rogers Ave.



Trees down on Pinckney Street, Somerville.



A large branch falls on North Street Monday afternoon from the high winds of Hurricane Sandy.



Shoppers cleared out most of the water from the shelves at Shaws in Porter Square ahead of the storm.

Pay raises

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the Legislative Matters Committee.

While considered by many to be relatively modest increases, Board President Tom Taylor said that concerns had been raised regarding the proposed increase amounts and the categories that they would fall under motivated him to recommend sending the issue back to committee for more analysis and discussion.

Beardfest

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any other creative combination of the above," free-style mustache and best fake beard. Prizes will be awarded.

Because volunteer Todd Easton "had attended" a beard event previously, he suggested to the Somerville Arts Council that they hold a beard and moustache contest, according to Jenkins.

Further, at the event's a volunteer-run "create-your-own-beard table" each attendee may participate, if they are so inclined.

There will be a cover of \$5 for general admission, as well as for registrants.

Interested individuals may register at www.somervillearts council.org/beardfest.

Alternatively, at-the-door registration will be available.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Family dispute lands agitated man in jail

Police officers were dispatched to a Temple St. residence last week on a report of a woman's brother trying to force his way through her front door and that she wanted him to leave. Officers arrived to find the man in question, Omar Muhammad, 19, pacing back and forth and in an agitated state, according to reports. Police said the Muhammad yelled at officers as they approached him. Officers were reportedly unsuccessful in their attempts to

calm the young man down. Muhammad insisted that what he wanted was to collect his clothing from his sister's apartment, police said. Officers escorted Muhammad upstairs to his sister's apartment and he immediately began pounding on the woman's door, according to reports. Police said that they saw that the locking mechanism on the door was broken and that someone on the other side was apparently holding it closed by force. Muhammad was pulled away

from the door by officers and was told to calm down or else they would not be able to help him to retrieve his clothing. Muhammad reportedly said, "OK," but still seemed unable to gain his composure, police said. Police then began speaking to the woman inside, but Muhammad attempted to brush past police and enter the apartment and also verbally threatened his sister, according to reports. Police once again forced Muhammad outside of the apartment and he reportedly

continued to behave violently and verbally threatening his sister. At this time the responding officers received a call that a man with a firearm was in the vicinity, so they advised Muhammad to leave the apartment building immediately, according to police. Muhammad reportedly began walking toward Star Market on Broadway as officers left to investigate the other call. The officers found that the firearm in question was only a paintball gun, so they went

back to continue dealing with Muhammad, who was proceeding down Broadway on foot, police said. After speaking further with Muhammad, officers then interviewed his sister, who was adamant about pressing charges against her brother, according to reports. Muhammad was then placed under arrest and charged with threat to commit a crime, misdemeanor breaking and entering, destruction of property over \$250, and witness intimidation.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Omar Muhammad, 19, of 14 Otis St., October 23, 4:36 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on charges of threat to commit a crime, misdemeanor breaking and entering, destruction of property over \$250, and witness intimidation.

Michael Guida, 31, of 4 Spaulding St., Nashua, NH, October 23, 4:36 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and drug possession to distribute.

Carlos Rivera, 28, of 12 Highland Ave., October 23, 4:36 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, and distribution of a class B drug.

Joseph Perez, 35, of 457 Somerville Ave., October 23, 4:47 p.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Richard Lawson, 31, of 105 Chauncy, Boston, October 23, 5:57 p.m., arrested at 45 Grove St. on a charge of disorderly conduct and on a warrant charge of disorderly conduct.

Jimmy-John Gilbert, 46, of 48 Hudson St., October 23, 10:40 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

John O'Connell, 35, of 145 Commercial, Boston, October 24, 4:50 p.m., arrested at 11 Washington St. on a charge of possession of a class B drug and on a warrant charge of unarmed robbery.

Charles Michaels, 47, October 24, 5:06 p.m., arrested at

Harold St. on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Kent Greene, 51, of 108 Oxford St., Cambridge, October 25, 10:43 a.m., arrested at 291 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle, receiving stolen property over \$250, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, number plate violation, and receiving a stolen vehicle.

Gilberto Rivera, 32, of 600 Broadway, Revere, October 25, 11:51 a.m., arrested at 107 Puritan Rd. on warrant charges of leaving the scene of property damage, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Jason Andrade, 25, of 107 Puritan Rd., October 25, 11:51 a.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distribute, possession of ammunition without FID card, and possession of a class B drug.

Sergio Cerqueira, 22, of 22 Wareham St., Medford, October 25, 1:38 p.m., arrested at Mason St. on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

William Salinas, 22, of 608 Fulton St., Elizabeth, NJ, October 25, 1:44 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of felony daytime breaking and entering and misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Steven O'Brien, 22, of 23 Earnest Rd., Arlington, Octo-

ber 26, 4:24 p.m., arrested at 373 Highland Ave. on warrant charges of felony larceny over \$250, felony daytime breaking and entering, trespassing, and larceny under \$250.

Michael Hathaway, 48, of 444 Harrison Ave., Boston, October 27, 12:43 p.m., arrested at 23 Washington St. on warrant charges of possession of a hypodermic, trespassing, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Adam Rodriguez, 22, of 124 Manning St., Hudson, October 27, 4:42 p.m., arrested at Perkins Pl. on warrant charges of operating a motor vehicle with a restricted license and marked lanes violation.

Nicole Brun, 29, of 29 Crescent Ave., Arlington, October 27, 8:09 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Dirie Adan, 19, of 20 Ware St., Cambridge, October 28, 2:42 a.m., arrested at Packard Ave. on charges of assault and battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

Zaccariah Adan, 20, of 20 Ware St., Cambridge, October 28, 2:42 a.m., arrested at Packard Ave. on charges of resisting arrest, trespassing, and disorderly conduct.

Erick Lopez, 23, of 48A Oliver St., October 28, 9:10 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

October 23, 10:42 a.m., police reported a theft at Central St.

October 23, 4:47 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

October 24, 7:11 p.m., police reported a theft at 22 McGrath Hwy.

October 25, 1:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Dimick St.

October 25, 5:11 p.m., police reported a theft at Gibbens St.

October 25, 8:38 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

October 26, 2:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

October 26, 2:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

October 26, 5:26 p.m., police reported a theft at Central St.

October 26, 7:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

October 27, 12:36 p.m., police reported a theft at 7 Holland St.

October 27, 12:43 p.m., police reported a theft at 23 Washington St.

October 27, 1:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

October 27, 3:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Elm St.

October 27, 10:01 p.m., police reported a theft at 300 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

October 28, 10:05 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

October 28, 3:32 a.m., police reported a theft at College Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

October 23, 12:55 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Medford St.

October 23, 6:14 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Dana St.

October 23, 6:59 p.m., police

reported a breaking & entering at Gilman St.

October 24, 9:55 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Perkins St.

October 24, 11:11 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Ash Ave.

October 24, 3:55 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Chandler St.

October 25, 7:32 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Skehan St.

October 25, 10:00 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

Vehicle Theft:

October 29, 12:53 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Clarendon Ave.

Assault:

October 23, 7:44 a.m., police reported an assault at Mystic Ave.

October 23, 9:01 a.m., police reported an assault at Wheatland St.

October 23, 10:40 p.m., police reported an assault at Hudson St.

October 25, 10:20 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

October 28, 11:12 a.m., police reported an assault at River Rd.

October 28, 7:19 p.m., police reported an assault at Quincy St.

Drug Violation:

October 23, 4:36 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.

October 24, 4:50 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Washington St.

Something to laugh about

By Jim Clark

It's an adage as old as time: laughter is good for what ails you. For some, this simple statement masks a much deeper meaning as they put into practice what most people take for granted.

The Somerville Laughter Club has been "quietly" convening every third Saturday of each month at Unity Somerville, 6 William Street, from 11 a.m. to noon, for the sole purpose of exploring the beneficial effects of laughter and to simply share the good feelings it produces with others.

According to club coordinator Walter (The Laughter Guy) Ness, "There are people that laugh just fine, but there are other people that have a lot of trouble laughing. If they see something funny they can laugh, but if you ask them to laugh and just develop the laughter ability like singing they will get really



The Laughter Club is there to help you release the great belly laugh that's yearning to be set free.

uncomfortable."

Ness spoke of how he was being interviewed by some reporters and he asked them to laugh just for no reason, just because they can. He noted that there was literally no air coming out of their mouths. "I didn't know what to say to them."

It wasn't until later, when Ness discovered a publication by German scientists regarding experiments involving squeezing the left fist and laughing,

then squeezing the right fist and finding the impulse to laugh had been suppressed, that he began to realize that laughter was predominantly a right-brain function.

"When I asked people to laugh they were using the wrong side of their brain," Ness said. "It seems that the right side is really geared for laughing and the left side is not."

Ness understood that he finally had a

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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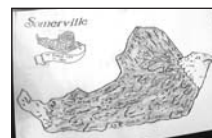
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Annual Meeting & Celebration.

Finally, CAAS offers heartfelt thanks to the members of its Board. We include those who are departing after years of service (Suzanne Bremer, Brandy Brooks, Keri-Nicole Dillman, Valina Jackson, and Parashu Ram Phuyal), continuing members (Virginia Azubuine, Jonathan Babcock, Roberta Bauer, Paul Bockelman, John Ciampa, Sonja Darai, Sarah Davila, Rui Domingos, Bernard Ewah, Alice Mello, Kellee Middlebrooks, Justin Moeling, Larry Rich, Mernaysa Rivera-Bujosa, Jocelyn Scott, and Joyce Shortt), and our new members who joined the Board at the Annual Meeting and will serve throughout the coming year (Justin Hildebrandt, Amanda Melendez, Biswa Nath Sapkota, and Rachelle Snyder).

Sincerely,
Melissa McWhinney
Acting Executive Director

The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



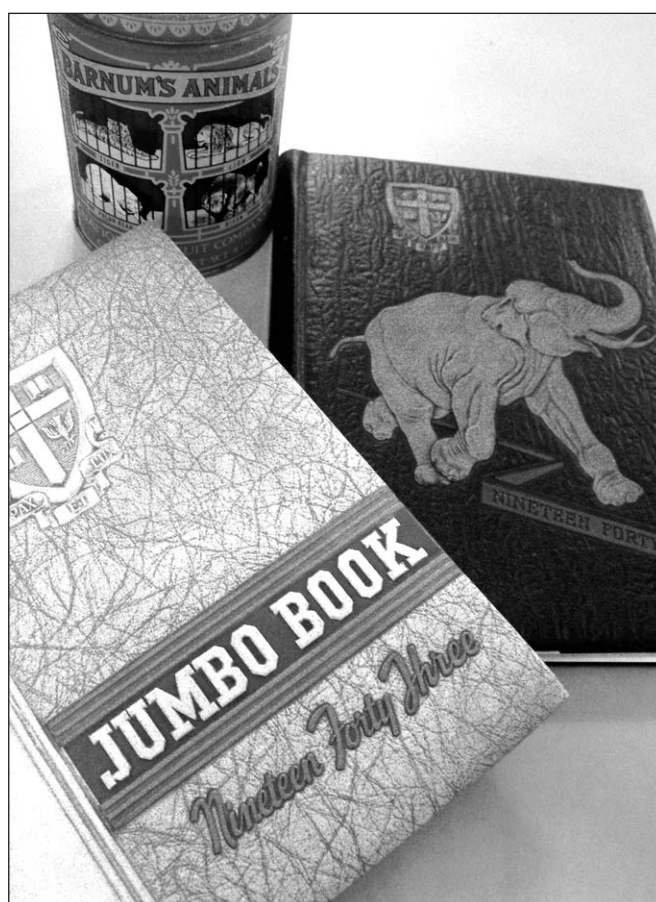
Eagle feathers #12

A mascot

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Tufts University was founded in 1852, and its campus bridges the cities of both Medford and Somerville. Almost all of the original professors, as well as the university's largest land donor and namesake, Mr. Charles Tufts, resided in Somerville.

Throughout their campus, you can find memorabilia in honor of the greatest animal attraction in U.S. History. P.T. Barnum's six and a half ton elephant was so popular that his very name was transformed into an adjective referring to anything thought of as larger than large. You may not realize it, but jumbo eggs, jumbo shrimp, jumbo jets, jumbo mortgage rates etc. are all referred to as such because of the namesake of a tremendously large and extremely loveable elephant.



In the French Sudan in the year 1861, the soon-to-be world-renowned Jumbo the elephant came into the world not so larger than life. At one point, the Paris Zoo sold this beautiful African Bush elephant to the London Zoo because he was so small and slow to grow. When the famous circus owner, P.T. Barnum, a Tufts University Trustee, came across him 17 years later after he had grown to full size, he purchased him immediately.

At the time of this exchange, Jumbo had already become beloved by all of England. The acquisition came much to the chagrin of Great Britain, especially the Royal Family, whom had become accustomed to the elephant giving rides to London's children. In fact, Britain's vehement displeasure with Jumbo's departure, mixed with Barnum's marketing ability and willingness to capitalize on England's sour feelings, made Jumbo's American arrival explode with success the size of which was rivaled only by the size of Jumbo himself.

The elephant made Barnum a fortune before meeting an untimely death in a Canadian railroad accident. The remains of the immense animal were saved by a taxidermist and his hide was donated to the Barnum Museum on Tuft's campus, and his skeleton was donated to the American Museum of natural History in New York.

Jumbo left his elephant tracks through Somerville in the way of the Jumbo Restaurant in Ball Square and the former Jumbo Lounge in Teele Square. Angelina's, also in Teele Square, prides itself on offering the three-foot-long Jumbo sub sandwich. Union Square's Target offers Jumbo sales with Jumbo points.

Boston College football has its Eagles, Northeastern has its Huskies, Boston University has its Terriers, but biggest of all, Tufts University has its Jumbos, the biggest mascot in the country. They play their games in Somerville on Ellis Field.

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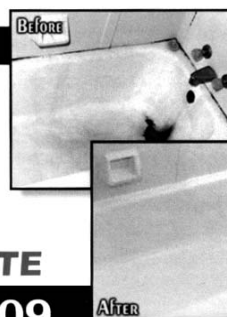
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On Thursday, October 25, the Council on Aging hosted over 30 local organizations for its 2012 Health Fair.

The popular event featured many highlights, including a free demonstration of simple strengthening exercises and also extensive outreach from the nationally lauded, research-based healthy living program, Fit 4 Life.

Somerville Health Department, nutrition information and healthy food samples from Trader Joe's and Whole Foods, alternative medicine offerings including massage, chiropractic care, and acupuncture, and accurate and helpful information about insurance options.

Dr. Ann Fabiny, Chief of Geriatrics for Cambridge Health Alliance, rounded out the day's events as the keynote speaker.

The Council on Aging wishes to thank the event sponsors Commonwealth Care Alliance, Senior Whole Health, LLC, and Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred. "This fair is an extraordinary example of the good things that can happen when fruitful collaboration occurs," says Cindy Hickey, COA Executive Director. "City agencies, home care providers, and area merchants all worked together, and our two interns from Simmons College of Social Work provided essential support and assistance. I am already looking forward to next year's fair on October 24."



Friends taking care of friends. Anna Raphael is seen checking Flo Donoghue's blood pressure. Didem Aytok and Abigail LaBonte from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences helped out.

"This fair is an extraordinary example of the good things that can happen when fruitful collaboration occurs"

Other offerings that the more than 150 attendees enjoyed included health screenings from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and Cambridge Health Alliance, flu vaccines from the

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What's the scariest thing about Halloween? The election is just a few days away!

The View From Prospect Hill



As we mop up after the passage of Hurricane Sandy, then do our best to give the little ones some semblance of normalcy as they look to celebrate Halloween, we are triply tasked with searching our souls for the right answers to questions posed at the ballot box next week.

For some of us the choices are blessedly clear, while others may have difficulty culling the wheat from the chaff amidst all of the conflicting messages put forward on each side of almost every issue. Politics as usual, really.

From the national race for the leadership of our country right

on down to the regional ballot measures that touch our everyday lives right here at home, it is an important election day. Every eligible voter should consider it his or her duty to get out to the polls and do the thing that makes life in this land such a precious gift: help to decide the course that we are to follow in

the immediate future, and play their parts in writing the historical record for what is to follow.

We should feel grateful that Sandy didn't come calling next week, wreaking her havoc on this important day. Every single vote does count, be assured of that. So, don't let a little rain or chilly weather stop you.

From the troops at Valley Forge straight through to our humble present-day letter carriers, service to one's country should not be hindered or halted due to a bit of inconvenient inclement weather. Or almost anything else, actually. Let it be so for us as well. We are no less important.

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a contract in about seven years now. Hopefully the city will sit down and work out a contract for them finally. Probably the reason why the Alderman and mayor's salary increase proposal was not considered at last week's board meeting.

Happy Birthday to some of our local fans here in the 'Ville. First of all, to great guy who is still newly married and is working as a real estate agent, Clifton Jean Verdieu. Alderman at Large Dennis Sullivan celebrates too, as well as our own Timothy Gager, who is a great writer. A good friend to a lot of people here in the 'Ville Dick Hart, who will celebrating with his huge family. Also, Eryn Gillis, who is from here and is still here in the Ville, and Miranda Melanson. To all these and many other 'Villens we wish a great and happy birthday.

This Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Dilboy Field, is the St. Clements vs. Maignon High football game. It should be a good game so come out and support all the players since a

vast majority might be from right here in Somerville.

The East Somerville Broadway reconstruction project dedication and ground breaking was postponed from October 30 to a future date TBA.

The Somerville Homeless Coalition is hosting the 4th Annual Tina DeLellis Luncheon on November 2, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at The Highland Kitchen. The luncheon is held in memory of Tina DeLellis, a founder of Johnny D's, the popular Somerville restaurant and music venue. The luncheon recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to helping improve the quality of life for individuals in Somerville. DeLellis, who passed away in 2008, is survived by her daughter, Carla, who now manages Johnny D's and continues the community involvement the business has supported for many years. This year's honoree is Thalia Tringo, President of Thalia Tringo & Associates Real Estate. Requirements for the Tina DeLellis Distinguished Service Award are

that the individual "continues Tina's spirit and values of straight-shooting, honesty and fairness," said Mark Alston-Follansbee, Executive Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

Ward 2 ResiStat Meeting will be held Thursday, November 1st, at 6:30 p.m. at the Argenziano School cafeteria, 290 Washington St. All are invited to help shape the meeting agendas by taking a meeting survey to propose topics for discussion. The survey is online at: <http://somervilleresistat.blogspot.com/p/meetings.html>, or by calling ResiStat Coordinator, Denise Taylor at 617-625-6600 x2103. Each meeting will run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and will be preceded by a meet-and-greet with refreshments from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The Little Sisters of the Poor at 186 Highland Ave are preparing for their Annual Christmas Bazaar which will be held on November 10. There will be great raffles featuring a Boise Wave Radio, a 43 inch flat screen television, \$300.00 in Lottery Tickets as well as other great prizes. Their Bakery Booth

will once again be in full swing with a wide assortment of tempting and mouth-watering sweets. One of their Bakery Booth's most popular items, Angela's Irish Soda Bread, will once again be available. Also you will have a chance to get a start on your Christmas shopping and we are sure you will find some wonderful gifts for the people on your list! As always, the proceeds from the Bazaar go directly to support the Residents of Jeanne Jugan Residence. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the close of the day they will draw the names of the lucky winners of their many raffles.

The Somerville community is invited to participate in a Community Forum on Education - Supporting All Learners from 2-4 pm at the Argenziano School (290 Washington Street) on Sunday, November 4, 2012. Doors open at 1:30 for participant sign-in and food. The Forum will feature a discussion on differentiated instruction and learning by guest presenter, Debbie Lee Keenan, Director of the Eliot Pearson Children's School at Tufts.

COMMENTARY

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Lessons of the storm



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Hurricane Sandy hit Somerville hard, but all you need to do is take a look at the devastation in New York, New Jersey or Connecticut to realize how lucky we were. Over and over again, TV meteorologists repeated that Sandy featured the lowest barometric pressure ever recorded along the Northeast coast, which means that it had tremendous energy as well as size and range. This was a huge storm that commanded us to take it very, very seriously.

Yet, in the end, only a handful of houses on Browning Road had to be evacuated (a falling tree damaged a gas line) and fewer than five percent of

Somerville's homes lost power for even a short time. Downed trees and tree limbs hit homes, businesses and cars in neighborhoods across the city: The property damage was significant and my heart goes out to those who suffered a loss. We had serious roof and water damage at the high school, and Sandy trimmed the top of the roof on the south side of city hall. Enough streets were blocked by debris, enough school power was out and there were enough questions about MBTA service that we ended up closing school for two days. There's no doubt that Sandy exacted a major price from our city and its people, a price we will continue to pay for weeks and months to come.

But with few injuries and little in the way of crippling damage to most of our basic infrastructure - roads, utilities, communications systems - we have had incredible good fortune. And given the weather patterns we've seen in recent years, we should bear in mind that we will not always be this lucky.

Of course, as the scientist Louis Pasteur famously observed (and as generations of

teachers have been drumming into us ever since), "Fortune favors the prepared mind." In this case, fortune favors the prepared community: Our management of this storm was improved by some of the changes we've made in city services and communications systems in recent years, and by the way we've moved to take advantage of the rise of social media. And the lessons we take from our experience in this storm will make us prepared for future storms, storms we know are coming, because "Storms of the Century" are happening at an ever more frequent pace these days.

What did we do well this time? For one thing, we improved our preparations: Starting on Thursday afternoon, our DPW crews began cutting down trees and trimming dead limbs that had been identified by the city's arborist. Our workers used both high-tech vactor trucks and low-tech muscle power to clean out catch basins and storm drains. Right through the weekend, we put sand bags around vulnerable municipal facilities with a past history of flooding, including the Public Safety Building and

the Capuano Early Education Center. We pre-positioned portable pumps where they were most likely to be needed. We activated the emergency operations center that we built at the Public Safety Building back in 2007. If City Hall had suffered a catastrophic power outage, we would have been able to coordinate communications and management during the storm using back-up power, computers, telephone and radio equipment. We even sent out street sweeping crews as the winds began to strengthen, to make a final pass at clearing leaves from storm drains.

It was painstaking - and often backbreaking - labor, but it meant we were as ready as we could be.

Once Sandy arrived, the same police, fire and DPW crews that had worked so hard to prepare for the storm had to head out into the teeth of it. Most of the rest of us did as we were advised, hunkering down in our homes and trying to keep a full charge on our electronic devices. But they calmly coped with everything Sandy threw at them, and us. And as they

worked, they had the added advantage of a powerful and interactive combination of communications tools to stay in touch with residents. Our 311 constituent service team did a first-rate job of taking reports and requests for service while dispensing information on how to prepare for the storm and obtain help when needed. Our social media coordinator was able to gather and share crucial information over Facebook and Twitter, which meant that residents ended up being our eyes and ears throughout the storm, often shaving crucial minutes off response times for police, fire and DPW personnel.

Our mass notification system gave us the ability to disseminate critical messages to the public via voice, text and email, and we were able to coordinate messages with our website and the city's cable TV channels in real time. And as always, our police, fire, and DPW dispatchers persevered through the storm, keeping our responders headed toward every new challenge. One Somerville tweeter called it an effective

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Halloweens gone by



This article originally appeared in The Somerville News on October 28, 2009.

The worst part about trick or treating was trying to fit that flimsy costume over your bulky winter coat if it was cold out - but it didn't stop us from having a blast. I can't begin to tell you how much my son's mask and accessories set me back this year. It's shameful. My justification was how excited he got when he put on the get-up and wore it to a classmates costume party.

The old Ben Cooper costumes came in that small box with the cellophane covered opening so you could see the mask. The mask was the thinnest possible plastic available at the time. It had the skinny elastic held in place by putting the little metal ends through the holes in the mask. I often ended up breaking the elastic. Sometimes the holes in the mask would split and spread open. Dad would have to make a new hole or tape the hell out of it. I'm pretty sure the wool hat Mom made me wear under the mask helped break the elastics. That combined with the fact that

I had a pretty big head to begin with.

Those costumes were okay except for the fact that the masks only covered the front of your face. Your hair, ears, head and neck were exposed. For us kids, those costumes were great. Woolworths and WT Grants were our Halloween Costume headquarters.

I'll never forget those houses where you would get a handful of loose, unwrapped popcorn dropped into your sack. Sometimes it would be a few pennies scattered over the Milky Ways and Three Musketeers bars.

Here are some of my friend's recollections of Somerville Halloweens of yesterday:

- Those were the days. There were so many houses to go to, and your parents didn't have to worry about any houses to stay away from. And the candy bars were BIG. We used to fill up our bags, go home and dump them out, then head out again for more. I had so much candy one year, I still had some left in January.

- The Healey School Parades - all the kids in the school would dress in costumes and walk some of the streets. The kids loved seeing some of the teachers in

costumes and all the parents would stand on the sidewalks cheering and taking pictures. Did anyone else carry noisemakers such as metal clickers or spinners?

- It was a tradition to go to Nana & Nonno's house on Westwood Road so they could give us an apple with a quarter inside! Hey, what can I say, it was the 50's.

- When it rained we still went out - as "fishermen" with yellow slickers and those wide yellow hats. We finished our small block and then went out to Cedar Street to the triple-deckers. Three times the candy in one house!

- I actually don't have any memories, but I do know that the late Bobby "Boris" Pickett who wrote and recorded *Monster Mash* was from Somerville. He grew up watching horror movies at his father's movie theater and got the idea to imitate Boris Karloff, which inspired him to write *Monster Mash*.

- My mom dated Bobby "Boris" Pickett when she was younger.

- My favorite Halloween memory was that apartment building on the corner of Park and College next to the library. It was all elderly people and they used to

come down into the lobby where they had a table set up. They gave us doughnuts and real apple cider. Sometimes if you had a really good costume-they would ask you to go upstairs to show someone who could not make it down to the lobby - can you image anything like that today? We also used the "go home, dump and run policy" to re-fill our bags. The Woodbridge Inn (formerly on College Ave. where Ciampa manor is now) also gave donuts and cider.

- There was an elderly couple somewhere in our neighborhood (Francesca and College Ave. area). They made the taffy themselves and when they ran out they would apologize and offer you either some homemade cookies or a quarter.

- You guys lived in the rich neighborhood. We only got pennies.

- The old days are alive and well in my neighborhood (Lexington Ave). We have so many trick or treaters we can barely keep up with them. We've counted as many as 200! I agree with everyone's memories above about hitting as many streets as you could and filling pillowcases with candy. We always had homemade costumes, none

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

UPDATE: In a recent report, Beacon Hill Roll Call examined the percentage of times that Democratic representatives voted with Democratic House Speaker Robert DeLeo on key roll call votes in 2012. We found that 42 out of the House's 160 representatives voted 100 percent of the time with DeLeo. In hindsight, it would have painted a better and broader picture if we examined both 2011 and 2012. So we decided to do that. And here are the updated results:

While the percentage of times each Democrat voted with DeLeo did not dramatically change when using the two years rather than just one, the one thing that did decline sharply was the number of Democrats who voted with DeLeo 100 percent of the time. By adding 2011, the number of reps who voted 100 percent with DeLeo dropped by 28. It was 42 for 2012 and dropped to 14 when we combined 2011 and 2012.

Here is the list of Democrats who voted 100 percent of the time with DeLeo in 2012, but less than 100 percent with him in the two-year period of 2011 and 2012. The number in parentheses is the number of times the representative voted against DeLeo in 2011 and 2012.

Reps. John Binienda, D-Worcester (5); Garrett Bradley, D-Hingham (1); Michael Brady, D-Brockton (3); Paul Brodeur, D-Melrose (2); Gailanne Cariddi, D-North Adams (1); Tackey Chan, D-Quincy (1); Nicholas Collins, D-South Boston (7); Edward Coppinger, D-West Roxbury (2); Sean Curran, D-Springfield (6); Mark Cusack, D-Braintree (2); Paul Donato, D-Medford (1); John Fernandes, D-Milton (4); Ann-Margaret Ferrante, D-Gloucester, (1); Denise Garlick, D-Needham (5); Anne Gobi, D-Spencer (3); John Keenan, D-Salem (1); David Linsky, D-Natick (1); John Mahoney, D-Worcester (2); Paul Mark, D-Pittsfield (2); James Murphy, D-Weymouth (1); Kevin Murphy, D-Lowell (8); Harold Naughton, D-Clinton (2); Sarah Peake, D-Provincetown (4); Angelo Puppolo, D-Springfield (8); Kathi-Anne Reinstein, D-Revere (1); Theodore Spiliotis, D-Danvers (2); Joseph Wagner, D-Chicopee (3); and Steven Walsh, D-Lynn (1).

Beacon Hill Roll Call this week examines the voting records of local representatives on Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick's 28 vetoes during the 2011-2012 session. A two-thirds vote is required to override a gubernatorial veto in a full 160-member House that includes 127 Democrats and only 33 Republicans. The governor needed the support of 53 representatives to sustain a veto when all 160 members voted - and fewer votes if some members were absent or had resigned. Patrick fell far short of

that goal. Six votes were the most support he received on any veto. The House easily overrode all 28 vetoes including 22 that were overridden unanimously.

The vetoes had virtually no support from the GOP members and very little support from the chamber's Democrats. Only one Republican, Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman) voted with Patrick in favor of sustaining one of the 28 vetoes. Only 25 Democrats voted with Patrick to sustain any vetoes including Rep. Denise Andrews (D-Orange) who gave him the most support, siding with him on six vetoes. Sixteen Democrats supported the governor on only one veto while 102 did not give him any support.

Here's how local representatives fared in their support of Patrick's vetoes.

The percentage next to the representative's name represents the percentage of times the member supported Patrick's vetoes.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times the legislator supported Patrick's vetoes.

Some representatives voted on all 28 roll call votes. Others missed one or more of the votes. Their records are based on the number of roll calls on which they voted and does not count the roll calls for which they were absent.

Rep. Denise Provost	14.2 % (4)
Rep. Carl Sciortino	14.2 % (4)
Rep. Timothy Toomey	3.5 % (1)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

NO PENSION FOR FORMER SPEAKER FINNERAN - The State Retirement Board voted to permanently strip former House Speaker Tom Finneran of his roughly \$33,000 state pension and repay him the amount he contributed to his own retirement. Finneran served as speaker of the House from 1996 to 2004. In January 2007, he pleaded guilty to one count of obstruction of justice in a case associated with the Legislature's 2001 redistricting plans. Finneran has not received pension payments since he pleaded guilty in 2007 but last week's ruling makes the revocation permanent. The former speaker has the right to appeal the ruling.

RECORKING WINE (S 115) - The House gave initial approval to a Senate-approved bill that would expand the current law allowing restaurant and hotel customers to bring home an unfinished bottle of wine. The proposal would expand the law to taverns, clubs and veterans' organizations like American Legion posts. The wine would have to be resealed and then placed in a one-time-use tamper-proof, transparent bag.

LAWS TAKING EFFECT - Several laws approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Patrick in August have recently taken effect or are about to do so. Most approved new laws don't take effect until 90 days after the governor signs them. New laws include:

EMERGENCY BATHROOM USE (H 2366) - Effective October 30: Requires retail establishments to allow use of their bathrooms by people who have written documentation from a doctor of any medical condition, including ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease, that

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requires immediate access to a restroom. Retail establishments are defined as “any business or place where members of the public have access as invitees or licensees.”

The law applies only if a public restroom is not immediately accessible; the establishment’s restroom is not located in an area where providing access would create a health or safety risk to the customer or a security risk to the business; and three or more employees of the establishment are working at the time of the request. Businesses that violate the proposed law would be subject to a \$100 fine for a first offense and up to \$200 for subsequent offenses.

BAN CYBER CAFÉS (H 3765) - Effective October 30: Prohibits cyber cafés that allow gamblers to play on-line slots. The new law makes it a crime to conduct a sweepstakes with an electronic machine and punishes offenders with up to 15 years in state prison or a \$250,000 per machine fine.

Supporters of the ban say the cafés, pretending to sell Internet access or phone cards, actually allow gamblers to play online slots and sweepstakes in which they win “points” that can be redeemed for cash at the café. They argued these are simply cyber scams, with no posted odds or guarantee of payouts for players.

Opponents argue the cafés are a good source of entertainment and customers are aware of the long odds.

REGULATE AUTO GLASS REPAIR COMPANIES (S 2216) - Effective November 1: Regulates auto glass repair companies and requires them to register with the state’s Division of Standards. Other provisions require the companies to have a physical address in Massachusetts and to keep a record of each vehicle on which they work.

PROTECT TEMPORARY DAY WORKERS (H 4304) - Effective November 4: Protects temporary day workers. A key provision prohibits staffing agencies from charging the worker various fees, including the cost of registering with the agency or for performing a criminal record check, and from charging any fee that would reduce a worker’s pay below the minimum wage. The

new law also requires the agencies to provide their workers with a form clearly informing them of their wages, location of the job, name of the company, whether meals are provided and expected hours and benefits, such as worker’s compensation.

Supporters say the law will finally regulate staffing agencies, which often take advantage of many of the state’s day workers. They argue this will protect these workers, who currently wait every morning for a van to pick them up and take them to a job at which they have no idea of the pay, the work involved and what will happen if they get hurt on the jobsite.

Opponents say they support the rights of these workers but argued the abuses by the agencies are already illegal under existing state law and should be enforced. They argue the new law will duplicate regulations that already exist and will only lead to more bureaucracy.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - *Special Governor Patrick Edition with all quotes by the governor.*

“I don’t care, and I don’t think most people do.” – *On Donald Trump’s offer to give \$5 million to President Obama’s favorite charity if the president will release his college records and his passport.*

“(The company) will never practice again in Massachusetts.” – *Announcing that the State Board of Pharmacy has voted to permanently revoke the license of the New England Compounding Center, the pharmacy at the center of the spread of fungal meningitis to more than 300 people in 17 states including 23 deaths.*

“We (should) treat all high school students who have grown up here and gone to school here and qualify for admission the same. And in the case of high school graduates who are undocumented people or illegal aliens with the added condition that they are straightening out their immigration status.” – *On allowing illegal immigrant students to pay the in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts colleges and universities if they have graduated from a high school in Massachusetts and sign an affidavit stating they have filed or will in the future file an application to be-*

come a citizen or permanent resident.

“It feels like a middle school dance. You feel a little bit like a jerk while you’re wondering if anybody’s going to talk to you...It’s weird.” – *On being an Obama surrogate in the spin room after the presidential debate at Hofstra University in New York. Following the debate, surrogates go to the room and stand next to a stick sign with their name, indicating they are available to talk to the media.*

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

During the week of October 22-26, the House met for a total of 31 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 24 minutes.

Mon. October 22	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.
Tues. October 23	No House session No Senate session
Wed. October 24	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. October 25	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.
Fri. October 26	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Lessons of the storm CONT. FROM PG 9

game of “storm whack-a-mole.”

With the exception, perhaps, of the social media component (which has come on fast in just the past couple of years), we tend to take many of these capabilities for granted here in Somerville. We

shouldn’t do that. For me, one of the more troubling aspects of Hurricane Sandy is that so few of the affected communities have combined a fully capable 311center with a mass notification system and a dedicated, professional social media presence. In offer-

ing informational and logistical support to our superb public safety and emergency response teams, Somerville’s communications system outperforms many larger, richer communities.

And credit also goes to our residents for sharing informa-

tion, keeping an eye out for their neighbors and for following instructions with (generally) good humor and (mostly) good sense. Thank you.

Of course there’s plenty of room for improvement, and plenty of need as well. I have no doubt that we will be see-

ing more storms like this for years to come. And as bad as it was, Sandy let Somerville off pretty lightly. New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Connecticut got the worst of it this time. Our turn is coming. We’ll need our A-game.

Halloweens gone by CONT. FROM PG 9

of these plastic things with a big picture on the front of the box of who you were supposed to be! In my neighborhood, all of the kids visited the drugstore on Summer between Belmont and Lowell (I’ll get back to you with the name I’m drawing a blank). The owner gave out candy, but also took a picture of every group of kids who came in. Then after Halloween, he hung all of the pictures in the store. It was so much fun to go up and look at all of the pictures and find yourself in one of them!

♦ One grown up trick or treater recalled: “Some of the things we did on Halloween (as kids) could still get us jail time today! Thank God we could run fast in those days!”

♦ Halloween back then was GREAT! My Dad would dress us up in his clothes. Sometimes we would be hobos and my brother was even a bride one year! We would fill up our pillowcases a few times. We would go to every house and every street we could think of, and when we got to the houses you would have to wait on the sidewalk because

there were so many kids packed on the porches. We would go home, where my parents would check and make sure the candy was okay, then my sister and brothers would trade candy! My mother would put the candy in our empty costume boxes write our names on them and we’d have candy for months! I miss those days!

Thanks to all my Somerville friends for sharing their Halloween memories. Now hit the streets, and remember to be careful. There are always those idiots who drive too fast on Halloween. A

word to the wise: Slow down. I may have a pocketful of grade A’s!

Please send me your ideas for articles and stories. You can go to my Facebook page, email me at jimmydl@rcn.com or leave a message at 617-623-0554.

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

You can email Jimmy directly at jimmydel@rcn.com.

Monster Mashed-Up @ SomerStreets

The City of Somerville hosted the final event in the 2012 SomerStreets series with a 2-mile celebration along Somerville Avenue, entitled "Monster Mashed-Up @ SomerStreets" on Sunday, October 28. Monster Mashed-Up is the longest of the four SomerStreets events, it ran from Washington Street to Beacon Street, and included live entertainment on three stages, five 150-pound pumpkins carved by chainsaw artists, safe trick-or-treating, a costume parade, skateboard demonstrations, and much, much more. Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone also helped out with face painting at the event.





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The winners of The Somerville News Reader’s Choices/Election results for

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Readers choices for 2012

Best Idea in 2012: 
IKEA deciding not to come to Somerville

Best Somerville Food & Restaurants: 

- Best Breakfast: **Renee's Café, 198 Holland Street**
- Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch: **Neighborhood Restaurant, 25 Bow St.**
- Best Italian Food: **Vinny's Ristorante, 76 Broadway**
- Best Portuguese Food: **J and J Restaurant, 157 Washington St.**
- Best Chinese Food: **Wangs Fast Food, 509 Broadway**
- Best Mexican Food: **Rudy's Café, 248 Holland Street**
- Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: **Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway**
- Best Seafood: **Pescatore, 158 Boston Ave.**
- Best Local Deli: **Victor's Deli, 710 Broadway**
- Best Irish Pub: **Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave**
- Best Local Bar: **PJ Ryan's, 239 Holland St**
- Best Thai Food: **Thai Hut, 93 Beacon St.**
- Best Hamburger: **Boston Burger Company, 37 Davis Square**
- Best Hot Dog: **Moe's BBQ Trolley**
- Best Roast Beef Sandwich: **Deli-icious, 20 College Ave.**
- Best Pizza: **Mamma Gina's, 19 Union Square**
- Best Bakery: **Patsy's Pastry Shop, 182 Broadway**
- Best Sub Shop: **Leone's Submarine Sandwich, 292 Broadway**
- Best Coffee Shop Franchise: **Dunkin Donuts, Davis Square**
- Best Coffee Shop Local: **Sherman's Café, 257 Washington Street**
- Best Cook: **Omar Djebbouri, Ball Square Café**
- Best Chef: **Delio Susi, Amelia's Kitchen, 1137 Broadway**
- Best of Somerville Services:** 
 - Best Doctor: **Dr. David Osler, CHA Broadway Health Center, 300 Broadway**
 - Best Electrician: **T.D. Electric, Winter Hill**
 - Best Plumber: **T.J. Sillari, Inc., 99 Albion Street**
 - Best Attorney: **Attorney Adam Dash, 38 Grove Street**
 - Best Teacher: **Ms Sears, Kennedy School, Grades 7th and 8th**
 - Best Politician: **Maryann Heuston, Ward 2**

- Best Insurance Agent: **Dan Wiseman, H.J.Wiseman Insurance**
- Best Mortgage Officer: **Lisa Ramos, Century Bank**
- Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor: **Patricia Ng, Century 21 Commonwealth**
- Best Real Estate Rental Agent: **John Pratti, The Norton Group**
- Best Florist: **T.F. Murphys Florist, 346 Highland Ave**
- Best Laundromat: **Spin Cycle, 6 Main St.**
- Best Bank Teller: **Melissa Capital**
- Best Bank Employee: **Mary Sullivan**
- Best Wait Staff: **Wait staff at Ball Square Café, 708 Broadway**
- Best Bartender: **Jeff Hughes, PJ Ryan's**
- Best Barber: **Tony Alibrani, Alibrani's Barber Shop, 194 Holland St**
- Best Hair Salon: **Salon Cu, 698 Broadway**
- Best Orthodontist: **Dr Butts, 341 Summer Street**
- Best Boss: **Stan Koty, Somerville DPW**
- Best Nurse: **Barbara Carney, Somerville Public Schools**
- Best Somerville Poet: **Doug Holder**
- Best Writer: **Timothy Gager**
- Best Somerville Celebrity: **Joe Lynch, “Greater Somerville” host**
- Best City Worker: **Robert McWaters**
- Best City Elected Politician: **Denise Provost, State Representative, 27th Middlesex District**
- Best City Employee DPW: **Karl Winter, DPW**
- Best City Employee City Hall/Annex: **Nancy Lynch**
- Best Somerville Bank: **Winter Hill Bank**
- Best Real Estate Company: **The Norton Group, 699 Broadway**
- Best Insurance Agency: **Wedgewood- Crane & Connolly, 19 College Ave.**
- Best Gas Station: **Hillside Auto Repair, 583 Broadway**
- Best Auto Body Shop: **Pat's Auto Body, 161 Linwood St.**
- Best Tow Company: **Pat's Tow, 160 McGrath Hwy**
- Best Law Firm: **O'Donovan, Dwyer & O'Flaherty, 741 Broadway**
- Best Convenience/Neighborhood Store: **Y-Not Variety, 140 Willow Ave.**
- Best Somerville Non-Profit Agency: **Somerville Homeless Coalition**
- Best Creative Business in 2012: **Three Figs, 278 Highland Ave**

Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival blows into town

Saturday kicked off Joe's Jazz and Blues Festival with an all-day free concert at Powderhouse Park.

During the week, area venues will showcase some of the incredible local talent in our musical midst. Wednesday, October 31 at Arts at the Armory Cafe, check out Victor & Penny and be prepared to be impressed by their infectious energy and deft and oft-surprising jazz guitar

licks anchored by a fiery one-ukulele rhythm section. Stan Martin Band takes over Sally O'Briens on Friday, November 2, mixing roots, Americana and classic country. And rounding out the festival, the Love Dogs take over Johnny D's Uptown on Saturday, November 3, combining elements of jump blues, New Orleans R&B and early rock 'n' roll into their own powerhouse sound.



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Ms. Cam's *Olio*

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What vehicle was invented to circumvent trench warfare? | 7. In what Florida resort was <i>The Golden Girls</i> set? |
| 2. What is different in the appearance of a manx cat from other cats? | 8. How many U.S. presidents played a role in the Vietnam War? |
| 3. What was the device that used a "cat's whisker"? | 9. What is the dubbed name of the room where the Joints Chiefs of Staff meet? |
| 4. In the movie <i>The Graduate</i> what was the name of the actor who tried to resist the charms of Mrs. Robinson? | 10. What is the name of Nike's company logo? |
| 5. What name did Samuel Langhorne Clemens write under? | 11. The term "home run" was used in what sport long before baseball? |
| 6. In the 1990's what was Carol Burnett's comedy series called? | 12. What are names of the awards given for the following three a) movies b) television, and theater? |

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JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, November 7, 2012**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

24-28 Dane St: (Case #ZBA 2012-85) Applicant, James Ward, and Owner, JWF, LLC, seek a special permit for shared parking under SZO §9.13.e between Demoulas Supermarket and the Ames Business Park property for 7 parking spaces. IA zone. Ward 2.

862 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2012-86) Applicant, Amber Lee, and Owner, Charles Kostopoulos, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.5.1 to change the nonconforming use from a message therapy medical office to a personal training studio and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a for relief from parking requirements. RB district. Ward 7.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
PUBLIC HEARING


Notice is hereby given that the Department of Conservation and Recreation will conduct a public hearing, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 92, ss. 43-47, on Friday, November 16, 2012 @ 11:00 a.m. at 251 Causeway Street, 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02114 to receive written or verbal comments on the petition of 186 Communications to receive a grant of location to install a 4" conduit to facilitate the placement of a fiber optic cable. The proposed conduit path will be from utility pole 9/177 on Broadway, Arlington approximately 348' east to Level -3 manhole 0515-3200 on Alewife Brook Parkway in Somerville. Said hearing shall be limited to grants of location within the limits of the Department's layout for Broadway and Alewife Brook Parkway in the vicinity of the Alewife Brook at the Arlington-Somerville municipal boundary.

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In compliments to the disposition established legally by a divorce, has been published the following: That Ms. RUTH A. ALONZO presented a divorce in city of Providence, Rhode Island, against Mr. VINCENTE RAMIREZ, appointed by Attorney Emili Vaziri Located on 160 Plainfield Street Providence, RI 02909.

Date the 3RD day of December 2012 at 9:00am has an appointment at Family Court in Providence, Rhode Island.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 8, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA.

47 Webster Ave: (Case #PB 2012-19) Applicant I.D. Graphics Group, Inc. and Owner Aliki Pishev, seek a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5 to erect signage for a by-right auto glass business. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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2004	Saturn	Ion	Vin# 1G8AJ52F34Z212581
2001	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	Vin# 1J46W48S51C721029
1995	Chevy	Blazer	Vin# 1GNDT13W1S2230904
1998	Subaru	Forester	Vin# JF1SF6558WH770249
2001	Chevy	Cavalier	Vin# 1G1JC524117196833

Date of Sale: November 23, 2012
Time: 12:00 P.M.
Location: 160 Mc Grath Hwy. Somerville, MA 02143

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-36

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

Pick Up and Delivery of Bituminous Concrete

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, October 31, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract will be for a term of one (1) year, from **November 15, 2012** through **November 14, 2013**.

For Bid Packages and Information, please email Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager, odeluca@somervillema.gov or visit the City of Somerville website, www.somervillema.gov

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

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51 Mc Grath Hwy
Somerville, MA. 02143
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Space Self Storage , will sell at Public Auction under Massachusetts Lien Law 105-A for cash only on **November 26th - 2012 at 9:00 AM** and on such succeeding days and times as may be necessary at 51 Mc Grath Hwy, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143 the property belonging to:

NAME	UNIT #	DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS	CHARGES DUE
Bethany Francis	581	Household Goods	\$ 553.00
Mark Farnsworth	523	Miscellaneous Items	\$ 1,128.60
Salvatore Querusio	437	Miscellaneous	\$ 774.40
Johannes Kohole	430	Household Goods, Boxes	\$ 1,824.90
Michael Callaghan	371	Boxes, Miscellaneous	\$ 739.40
Angela Douyon	360	Bags, Personal Belongings	\$ 550.00
David Goodrich	337	Personal Belongings	\$ 1,018.60
Prat Thakkar	312	Miscellaneous Household Goods	\$ 798.35
Philip Hresko	148	Household Goods	\$ 709.50
Mercedes Villalba	144	Personal Items	\$ 849.20
Nakia Chambers	101	Boxes, Furniture	\$ 2,639.60
Franklin Greer	56	Personal Items	\$ 633.50
Karl Neumar	50	Miscellaneous	\$ 709.50
Pauline Turette	24	Household Goods	\$ 3,197.50

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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
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Olío Answers

1. The tank	8. 5 – Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford
2. They have no tails	
3. Radio	9. The Tank
4. Dustin Hoffman	10. Swoosh
5. Mark Twain	11. Cricket
6. Carol & Co.	12. a) Oscars; b) Emmys; c) Tonys
7. Miami	

The Annual Pumpkin Stroll returns

The Annual Pumpkin Stroll took place this past Sunday. About 80 people braved the rain to stroll from Davis Square to Lexington Ave. Park for some fun and games.

The weather cut things short, but a good time was had by all who attended, and

some great costumes were on display.

This year the Stroll was co-sponsored by the Somerville School Dept. and Cambridge Family and Children's Services. Look for the stroll again next year, the Sunday before Halloween.



Something to laugh about

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tool to help others to laugh more readily, by having them squeeze their left fist while doing it.

"In traditional laughter clubs you walk around a lot and make gestures," explains Ness. "I ask people to pay attention to where the laughter is coming from."

Ness' research has further extended into the field of Neuroplasticity. "While science is always talking about the potential for what the brain can develop, I became fascinated by what the brain already has in the way

of ability."

Ness soon developed techniques whereby he could visualize information rather than simply memorize data. "You develop a certain intelligence. Like with typing, first you use one finger, then it's with more fingers, and so on. At the same time there's a part of your brain that takes that information on how to type and creates sort of a 'mini-brain' for you so that typing eventually becomes incredibly easy."

Additionally, Ness has discov-

ered various means for people to calm themselves by use of simple techniques of touch and self-awareness. "If you take three fingers of your hand and play them like a piano on the front top part of your head it creates a very pleasant sensation," said Ness. "I'm looking at how you can use hand and finger position to calm hyperactive kids." Ness is anxious to hear from parents who may try this technique to calm their children down.

Such techniques are being pre-

sented to the public via the club's Energy Theater productions. A special presentation is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Untity Somerville, as a fundraiser for the Unity Roof Fund. A donation of \$10 is suggested. "It's a combination of music, philosophy, and the presentation about how laughter and Neuroplasticity works," according to Ness.

Ness also encourages the general public to drop in for the regular meetings of the Laughter

Club. A donation of \$5 is requested, but this is a family rate. One can bring as many family members to the meetings as one wishes to. Ness encourages parents to bring their kids and discover new and highly satisfying ways of laughing and finding ways to calm hyperactivity.

Ness is also available to give presentations on his programs to groups that may be interested.

Visit the Somerville Laughter Club's website at <http://www.somerville-laughterclub.com>.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday| October 31

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

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

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

Friday| November 2

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

Monday |November 5

Central Library
Sing-along with Liza!
Cathy 29502
11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday |November 7

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

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Wednesday|October 31

Johnny D's
Halloween Party! Costumes encouraged!
The Power of Love|Bikini Whale
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Happy Halloween Scattershot @10
Costume Party with cash prizes
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Ben Becker|Studebaker Hawk|Thorian Maxwell
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Amory Sivertson|Mieka Pauley|Mcalister Drive
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Mike Hasting Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
The Zombie Rock All-Stars featuring Self Proclaimed Rock Stars as The Zombie Rock All-Stars (John Lennon, Jeff Buckley, Joe Strummer, John Bonham, Sting), Southern Lust Club as David Bowie, Streight Angular as Buddy Holly
379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana
Salsa Dance Night
7 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Arts at the Armory
Victor & Penny
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|November 1

Johnny D's
Catbirds Cd release|Kangaroo Court
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Ryan Taylor Band grassy
Thursdays |7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge
Everything & Everyone|Mpathy|The Milling Gowns|Bugs Bunny
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Allen Shervelle - Album Release|Special Guests - Kiley Evans & Jason Gregory
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
American Hellbilly|Jimmi Halfdead and the Die alongs|Mortoos Ortos|Sans Nomenclature
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
Rock and Roll Radio Revue with Brendan Boogie and the Broken Gates, Faux Ox, Tilt-A-Whirl (performing as The White Stripes) \$5
379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana
247 Washington St.

Friday|November 2

Johnny D's
Barrence Whitfield + 4|The

Jauntee|Moxa
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Stan Martin Band |6 p.m.
Meghan is 30!, Stephen Walther Orchestra, Opposite People, Johnny Blazes & The Pretty Boys
\$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Live music
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80's Night
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Entertainment every Friday
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247 Washington St.

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Down|Freak Flag First Friday: GondoliersFuneral Cone \$8
379 Summer St

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ONCE de los Muertos!
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Saturday|November 3

Johnny D's
The LOve Dogs| The Toaters|Obi Fernandez of Westbound Train
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The Family Jewels |6 p.m.
American Beauties CD release, The Big Lonesome |9 p.m.
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The Burren
Jimmy's Down
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Plumeria|Tiger Saw|The Dying Falls|See Through Band
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Karaoke
65 Holland St

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Marci Geller
8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
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Sunday|November 4

Johnny D's
Open Blues Band 4 p.m.
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Boubacar Diabate & SambaLolo |5 p.m.
Amber Casares Band |8 p.m.
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381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar

Down: Open mic comedy with PJ Westin 7:30-9:30p Free
379 Summer St

Somerville Theatre
Ben Gibbard
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday|November 5

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

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

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Bur Run|6:45 p.m.
Big Night Out8 p.m.
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345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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Sci-Fi Meet up
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Tuesday|November 6

JohnnyD's
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17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
Election Party
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
David Johnston Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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Karaoke
381 Summer St

PJ Ryan's
Pub Quiz
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

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Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory
Youth Open Mic Night
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|November 7

Johnny D's
Charlie Keating Band
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Pub Quiz|8 p.m.
Comedy|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana
Salsa Dance Night
7 p.m.|247 Washington St.

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|October 31

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

Thursday| November 1

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 Plaza

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Saturday| November 3

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| November 4

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| November 5

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

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Tuesday| November 6

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The Art of Singing Group
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Wednesday| November 7

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PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Coming up:

Join us at the Regent Theatre in Arlington on November 4 - from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm for a viewing of the award-winning documentary "Gen Silent" that looks at issues in the LGBT community as we age. Free and open to the public.

To commemorate Veteran's Day, we've invited Jay Weaver, Director of Veteran's Services for the City of Somerville to speak at our monthly breakfast. Come listen and learn from Jay about how his persona and experience has led to a deeper understanding of the history surrounding this holiday. November 5.

Travel with us for the day to El Salvador as we enjoy some great food and entertainment. November 26.

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Trip Corner:

Twin Rivers - November 7.

Hanscom Air Force Base Dinner and Bingo - November 14.

Shopping at Patriots Place and Wrentham - November 17.

Hu KeLau - Dinner and performance - December 5

October 31

Holland Street Center
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
Qi gong|1:15 p.m.
Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center
Closed

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.

November 1

Holland Street Center
Current Events|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercise|11 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Strengthening exercise|10 a.m.
Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
Crochet & knitting|10:45 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
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November 2

Holland Street Center
Indoor Exercise|9:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
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Cross Street Center
Closed
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

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

November 5

NO Gentle Yoga due to Election Setup

Holland Street Center
Singing - Moonlighters|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|12:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny
Indoor Exercise|9:30 a.m.
Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
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November 6

Holland Street Center
Closed due to election
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.
Flexibility and Balance|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
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November 7

Twin Rivers
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Closed

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

Halloween Ice Skating Party



A wonderful Intergenerational LGBT Halloween Ice Skating Party on was held on October 26. Elizabeth Field, LGBT Liaison for the City of Somerville coordinated the event that was co-sponsored by the Somerville Council on Aging, who awarded the best costume prizes along with The Bisexual Resource Center and Shape Up Somerville. The event was held at the Veteran's Memorial Rink.

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'Cloud Atlas' brings an unforgettable mosaic of stories to Somerville

Review by Maria A. Cortes

Ever wondered who were you in the past life? Have karma and the idea of reincarnation ever sparked your interest? The directors of *The Matrix* trilogy, Lana and Andy Wachowski, in collaboration with German director Tom Tykwer (*Run, Lola, Run*) are presenting their new movie *Cloud Atlas*, a film that would definitely make you think about past life experiences and its relation to the present and the future. Based on David Mitchell's bestseller, *Cloud Atlas* opened last Friday at The Somerville Theatre.

It is hard to describe events in *Cloud Atlas*, since the movie (as well as the book) is such a mashup of stories, characters, meanings, and ideas (spoilers are to follow). Six independent stories bound together by recurring thoughts, by the same mistakes made over and over again, by souls on their eternal journey that reappear in different bodies and times in order to resolve the conflicts of the past. Unlike the book, with strict, symmetrical structure, the movie shuffles stories like a pack of playing cards to keep the audience focused on main ideas and to help the viewer understand the connection between characters and themes.

What could a greedy doctor, a nuclear physicist, a gangster, and a goatherd possibly have in common? Or a 19th century lady, a Mexican woman, and a genetically-engineered clone? *Cloud Atlas* creates a tangled web of seemingly impossible connections between the characters throughout different epochs and locations.

It all starts in the 1850s with the young lawyer, Adam Ewing (Jim Sturgess), from San Francisco befriends a slave while sailing back home and fighting a parasite infection. To keep himself sane, Adam writes in a journal that was later discovered by a penniless English composer Robert Frobisher (Ben Whishaw) in 1931. Robert, who

serves as an amanuensis for the famous composer, writes letters to his lover and friend Sixsmith (James D'Arcy) about a *Pacific Journal* he is reading. In his letters, he also expresses his hopes for composing the best piece of music ever heard. In 1975, Frobisher's letters get into hands of Luisa Rey (Halle Berry), a journalist who discovers that a nuclear power plant she is writing about is not safe. Luisa's book, *Half-lives*, based on the events of her nuclear investigation, is about to be read by an English publisher Timothy Cavendish (Jim Broadbent) in 2012. Apparently, his career in the 21st century is not what it once was. Dealing with the accomplices of his gangster client, Timothy is forced to ask his brother for help, who then locks Cavendish into a nursing home. In the next century, the dramatization of Timothy's story is watched by Sonmi-451 (Doona Bae). Sonmi, one of the genetically engineered clones, or "fabricants," works in a fast-food diner in Neo Seoul. A tribal goatherd Zachry (Tom Hanks) watches her story of life and rebellion through a special recording device in a post-apocalyptic future.

Cloud Atlas will satisfy fans of each movie genre since it is an incredible mixture of them all. Directors used elements of action, adventure, thriller, detective mystery, romance, drama, and sci-fi to tell their multifaceted story. Although the movie seems to combine six different stories quite harmoniously, it is not hard to distinguish between parts shot by Wachowskis and by Tykwer. Known for their visionary style with intensive use of special effects and focus on larger-than-life ideas, Wachowskis masterfully crafted stories of Adam Ewing, Sonmi's rebellion against totalitarian system and Zachry's tribal life in the future. Tom Tykwer brought the European charm and elegance for creating the tragically poetic story of Robert Frobisher. It is as beautifully sad



Tom Hanks and Halle Berry head up a top-notch cast in *Cloud Atlas*, a tremendously complex study in storytelling, now playing at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square.

(or sadly beautiful) as the *Cloud Atlas Sextet* that Robert composes. The funniest story of all six, a life story of Timothy Cavender, is also shot by Tykwer. As well as Luisa Rey's investigation, that will throw you in the atmosphere of 70s.

One thing about this movie that can easily make it one of the best movies of this year are the amazing actors' metamorphoses. The same actors play characters of different epochs in all six stories. Thus, Halle Berry goes almost unnoticed as a silent native woman in the first story with her face covered in tribal tattoos. She is hardly recognizable as Jocasta Ayrs, Robert Frobisher's secret affair, in the second. Her most natural look is Luisa Rey in the detective story. She tries on a different hair-do and make-up for the party guest in the story number four. A specialist releasing Sonmi-451 from her collar, an ugly old man with rotten teeth, is

Halle Berry again. A survived member of a high-tech civilization with a distinctive look and accent in the sixth story is Berry's next transformation. Through the actors' metamorphoses, directors successfully introduced the idea of reincarnation. Transformations of Tom Hanks, Hugo Weaving, and Jim Broadbent are also notable.

Adapting such a complex book as Mitchell's made Wachowskis and Tykwer decide on several alterations to the plot and structure. Although the puzzle of stories comes together by the end of the movie, it is very hard to focus on each story as they are constantly interrupted and overlapped by one another. The ideas of choices that influence our lives and the importance of freedom, truth, and love seem to be drilled into the audience by Sonmi's character and by multiple narrators. However, it might be a necessity considering how

much information every story brings to the table. It is easy to get lost in the *Cloud Atlas*. Visually striking, it is also quite violent and full of realistically bloody scenes.

Cloud Atlas is a movie that envisions the eternal journey of souls, changing as clouds in the sky. It invites the audience to think of their actions that affect their present and might change their future. Prepare to unravel the sophisticated puzzle of the *Cloud Atlas* at the Somerville Theatre (For information about the tickets, go to www.somervillethatreonline.com).

Cloud Atlas: Directed by Tom Tykwer, Lana Wachowski, Andy Wachowski. Starring Tom Hanks, Halle Berry, Hugo Weaving, Jim Sturgess, Jim Broadbent, Doona Bae, Susan Sarandon, Hugh Grant. Rated R. Shows at the Somerville Theatre (55 Davis Sq., Somerville, MA 02144).

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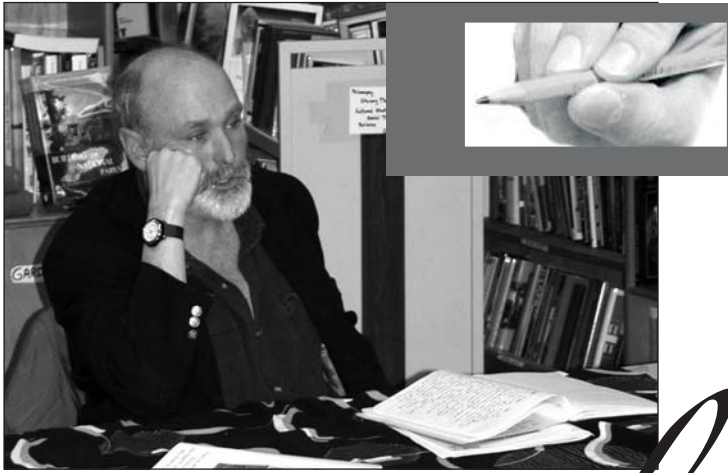


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Wednesday, October 31								
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Shrink Rap	4:00pm	Brown and Warren on Veterans	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	
6:00am	In Ministry	7:30pm	Overturn Citizens United	4:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	2:00pm	Most Interesting Place	
7:00am	Debunking Marijuana Myths	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	Youth Media Projects	
8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	State Rep Candidates Debate	6:00pm	Community Preservation Town Meeting	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max	
9:00am	Abugida TV	11:00pm	Community Preservation Town Meeting	7:00pm	Myths of Marijuana	3:30pm	Esoteric Science	
10:00am	Brown and Warren on Veterans	Friday, November 2		7:30pm	Death with Dignity	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	David Parkman	5:00pm	Culture Club	
Noon	Democracy Now!	6:00am	Voices for Recovery	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:30pm	Physician Focus	
1:00pm	Death with Dignity	7:00am	Culture Club	10:00pm	Overturn Citizens United	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	
1:30pm	Most Interesting Place	7:30am	Physician Focus	10:30pm	Brown and Warren on Veterans	6:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	
2:00pm	Culture Club	8:00am	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Gay TV	7:00pm	What the Fluff?	
2:30pm	Life Matters	9:00am	Debunking Marijuana Myths	Sunday, November 4			8:00pm	Creating Cooperative Kids
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	10:00am	Somerville News Reading	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	
3:30pm	Inside Talk	11:00am	Somerville Housing Authority	6:00am	Program Celebrai	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley	
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	Noon	Community Preservation Town Meeting	7:00am	Flipside	11:00pm	Somerville Rocks	
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking.	1:00pm	I Finally Did It	7:30am	Art At SCATV	11:30pm	Art@SCATV	
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	2:00pm	Tonight's Special	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	Tuesday, November 6		
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	2:30pm	Commonwealth Report	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	12:00am	Free Speech TV	
6:30pm	Candidates Debate for State Representative	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	10:00am	International Church of God	6:00am	Road to Recovery	
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	10:30am	Road to Recovery	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	
8:30pm	Overturn Citizens United	5:00pm	National Wildlife Foundation	11:30am	Commonwealth Report	7:30am	Tonight's Special	
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	5:30pm	Art @ SCATV	Noon	The Entertainer's Show	8:00am	Democracy Now!	
9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	12:30pm	Most Interesting Place	9:00am	Somerville News Reading	
10:00pm	Community Preservation Town meeting	6:30pm	Overturn Citizens United	1:00pm	What the Fluff?	10:00am	Tele Kreyol	
11:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Somerville Rocks!	
11:30pm	The Literary Scene	7:30pm	Neighborhood Cooking	2:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	11:30am	Youth Media Projects 2012	
Thursday, November 1			8:00pm	Visual Radio	3:00pm	Rompendo en Fe	Noon	Democracy Now!
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Garage	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report	
6:00am	Live Response	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	
7:00am	Physician Focus	10:00pm	Brown and Warren on Veterans	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:00pm	Healthy Hypnosis	
8:00am	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:30pm	Physician Focus	
9:00am	Somerville News Reading	Saturday, November 3			8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Somerville Rocks!
10:00am	Active Aging	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	3:30pm	Active Aging	
10:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:00pm	Active Aging	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	
11:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	10:30pm	Dead Air Live	5:00pm	Poet to Poet	
Noon	Democracy Now!	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	11:30pm	Somerville Rocks	5:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	
1:00pm	African Television Network	8:30am	Death With Dignity	Monday, November 5			6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
2:00pm	Tonight's Special	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	
2:30pm	Somerville Most Interesting Place	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	7:00pm	Art @ SCATV	
3:00pm	Active Aging	11:00am	Dead Air Live	6:30am	Physician Focus	7:30pm	Greater Somerville	
3:30pm	Art @ SCATV	Noon	Reeling Movie Show	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm	Dead Air Live	
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:00pm	What the Fluff?	
5:00pm	Ablevision	1:00pm	Bongoman	9:00am	Active Aging	10:00pm	Perils for Pedestrians	
5:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Myths of Marijuana	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:30pm	Gerry Leone Show	
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	2:30pm	Culture Club	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes	11:00pm	Tonight's Special	
				Noon	Democracy Now!			

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, October 31							
9:00am: (13/22)	Honk!	12:00am: (15)	SHS Brick Walkway	7:00pm: (13/22)	Domestic Violence Vigil	9:00am: (13/22)	Three Paths to Italy: Open Reception
9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:10am: (15)	Raising Families	7:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	9:00am: (15)	Raising Families
12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Housing Symposium	12:25am: (13/22)	Honk!	7:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Everett	12:00pm: (13/22)	Somerville by Design
12:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:40am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:45pm: (13/22)	SomerStreets: Monster Mash Up	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Madison Park
12:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:10am: (15)	SHS Football vs Andover	8:05pm: (13/22)	Somerville by Design	1:30pm: (13/22)	SomerStreets: Monster Mash Up
1:00pm: (15)	Classic TV: Halloween Special	1:15am: (13/22)	Social Security & Medicare	9:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	1:30pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Andover
1:30pm: (13/22)	Haven for Ingenious Minds	2:45am: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	9:35pm: (13/22)	Talking Business	1:50pm: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report
2:50pm: (13/22)	Dogfest 2012	9:00am: (13/22)	Senior Housing Symposium	9:55pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	2:20pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along
7:00pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	Sunday, November 4			
7:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	12:00pm: (13/22)	Domestic Violence Vigil	12:00am: (13/22)	Domestic Violence Vigil	7:00pm: (15)	Raising Families
7:15pm: (13/22)	Talking Business	12:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum	7:30pm: (15)	SHS Brick Walkway
7:40pm: (13/22)	Seriously Somerville	12:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Everett	12:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Everett	7:40pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut
7:55pm: (13/22)	Union Square Walking Tour	12:45pm: (13/22)	SomerStreets: Monster Mash Up	12:45am: (13/22)	SomerStreets: Monster Mash Up	9:10pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
8:30pm: (15)	Classic TV: Halloween Special	1:05pm: (13/22)	Somerville by Design	1:05am: (13/22)	Somerville by Design	Tuesday, November 6	
8:40pm: (13/22)	Senior Housing Symposium	2:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	2:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	12:00am: (13/22)	Somerville by Design
10:10pm: (13/22)	What the Fluff? 2012	2:35pm: (13/22)	Talking Business	2:35am: (13/22)	Talking Business	12:00am: (15)	Raising Families
Thursday, November 1		2:55pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	2:55am: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	12:30am: (15)	SHS Brick Walkway
12:00am: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	7:00pm: (13/22)	Domestic Violence Vigil	9:00am: (13/22)	Director's Series: Colonel James Foley	12:40am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut
12:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	7:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:30am: (13/22)	Congressional Update
12:15am: (13/22)	Talking Business	7:30pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Everett	12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	1:30am: (15)	Raising Families
12:40am: (13/22)	Seriously Somerville	7:45pm: (13/22)	SomerStreets: Monster Mash Up	12:00pm: (15)	Raising Families	2:10am: (15)	Kid Stuff
12:55am: (13/22)	Union Square Walking Tour	8:05pm: (13/22)	Somerville by Design	12:30pm: (13/22)	Joe's Jazz Fest	9:00am: (13/22)	Union Square Walking Tour
1:30am: (15)	Classic TV: Halloween Special	9:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	12:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	9:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum
1:40am: (13/22)	Senior Housing Symposium	9:35pm: (13/22)	Talking Business	1:00pm: (15)	SHS Brick Walkway	12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit
3:10am: (13/22)	What the Fluff? 2012	9:55pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	1:10pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Madison Park	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer Playoffs
9:00am: (13/22)	Director's Series: Colonel James Foley	Saturday, November 3		1:30pm: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report	12:30pm: (13/22)	Honk!
9:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Madison Park	12:00am: (13/22)	Domestic Violence Vigil	2:00pm: (13/22)	Three Paths to Italy: Open Reception	1:20pm: (13/22)	SomerStreets: Monster Mash Up
12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	12:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum	7:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	1:50pm: (13/22)	Seriously Somerville
12:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	12:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Everett	7:00pm: (15)	Raising Families	1:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
12:30pm: (13/22)	Talking Business	12:45am: (13/22)	SomerStreets: Monster Mash Up	7:30pm: (13/22)	Joe's Jazz Fest	2:10pm: (13/22)	Union Square Walking Tour
12:50pm: (13/22)	Seriously Somerville	1:05am: (13/22)	Somerville by Design	7:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	2:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
1:10pm: (13/22)	Senior Housing Symposium	2:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	8:00pm: (15)	SHS Scholarship Foundation Brick Walkway	7:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit
1:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	2:35am: (13/22)	Talking Business			7:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer Playoffs
2:40pm: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville	2:55am: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	8:10pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Madison Park	7:30pm: (13/22)	Honk!
7:00pm: (13/22)	What the Fluff? 2012	9:00am: (13/22)	SomerStreets: Monster Mash Up	8:30pm: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report	8:30pm: (15)	Highlander Forum
7:00pm: (15)	SHS Brick Walkway	9:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum	9:00pm: (13/22)	Three Paths to Italy: Open Reception	8:30pm: (13/22)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 11/5/12
7:10pm: (15)	Raising Families	12:00pm: (13/22)	Domestic Violence Vigil	Monday, November 5			
7:25pm: (13/22)	Honk!	12:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:00am: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	9:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Everett
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8:15pm: (13/22)	Social Security & Medicare	1:05pm: (13/22)	Somerville by Design	12:30am: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:30am: (13/22)	Honk!
9:45pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	2:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	1:00am: (15)	SHS Brick Walkway	1:30am: (15)	Highlander Forum
Friday, November 2		2:35pm: (13/22)	Talking Business	1:10am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Madison Park	1:30am: (13/22)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 11/5/12
12:00am: (13/22)	What the Fluff? 2012	2:55pm: (13/22)	Somerville Fire Dept. Ride Along	1:30am: (13/22)	The Mayor's Report	2:00am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Everett
				2:00am: (13/22)	Three Paths to Italy: Open Reception		



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with Debra Spark: Author of 'The Pretty Girl: Novella and Stories'

Debra Spark is author of the novels *Coconuts for the Saint*, *The Ghost of Bridgetown* and *Good for the Jews*. She edited the best-selling anthology *Twenty Under Thirty: Best Stories by America's New Young Writers*. Her popular lectures on writing are collected in *Curious Attractions: Essays on Fiction*.

Spark's recent release is a fiction collection titled *The Pretty Girl: Novella and Stories*. I had the pleasure to speak to her on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*. Spark currently teaches at Colby College in Maine.

Doug Holder: In your new collection *The Pretty Girl: Novella and Stories* you have many references to Jewish culture, literature, etc. Can you tell us a bit about your background?

Debra Spark: I grew up in the suburbs of Boston, but much of my family is originally from the New York City area. I had a secular Jewish background. As a friend told me once about himself. "I am so secular I am Baptist." (Laugh) But we were very culturally Jewish—we celebrated the holidays, etc.

DH: Your protagonist Andrea, in your title novella in the collection *The Pretty Girl*, has made a study of her elderly aunt Rose. Rose is a resident of the Chelsea section of Manhattan, and as we learn had a tumultuous as well as colorful past. I found that through my interviews of people I learn about myself. Do you think Andrea was trying to learn about herself?

DS: I wasn't thinking that. She is really interested in her aunt, and this aunt is someone she loves. She is curious about what her young life had been like. She is passionate about her inquiry because she loves her, and perhaps she sees things in her aunt that she perhaps doesn't have in her own life. I mean Andrea is not a pretty woman. She was concerned with her weight and her sense of her physical self. When her aunt was young she was pretty. Andrea wanted to know what it was to live a life as an attractive woman.

DH: In Rose's NYC apartment there is a painting titled *The Pretty Girl*. We later learn that it is Rose herself as a young girl. And the painting was by a man who she had an affair with, and shared a traumatic event. It must be a constant reminder to Rose of this trauma, but to the outside world this painting of a young woman with an enigmatic smile must have been a mystery. Why would Rose want to be constantly reminded of this tragic part of her life by the painting? And is a painting a good literary device?

DS: It reminds her of the early part of her life. When she was being painted she was the object of great devotion and love; even though that became perverted because of things that happened afterwards. A painting is a good literary device. A self-portrait always has a story behind it.

DH: So often young people never think of the elderly as once having vibrant, creative, and sexual lives. Andrea seems more aware than most.

DS: Yes, I agree. Rose is a fictional version of my aunt Ethel. I always thought that she was much more interesting—much more vibrant—much more fun than the average person her age.

DH: Do you go by the old adage: write what you know?

DS: Lorri Moore told me that the relationship



between the autobiography and the actual work is a little like the relationship with the ingredients in the kitchen cupboard and the cake. So although everything I write about is made from aspects of my life, I don't think it is recognizable. I mean when you eat a cake, you don't say "Ah, I got some baking soda here." So that is how it is with my books. It is all of me. It is all parts of me. None of it is directly me. I don't like that an old adage you mentioned. I think if you don't know something before you sit down to write; then make an effort to learn about it.

DH: You teach writing at Colby College in Maine and elsewhere. How do you introduce seminal writing students to creative writing?

DS: I always start off the semester by telling the students within every writer there are two writers. The writer who wants to write and the writer who wants to prevent the writer from writing. So there is the person who has good ideas and wants to get them down, and then there is the censor—the person who wants to edit. I learned this from one of my teachers, the writer John Hershey. As a teacher I can't teach you to have imagination, but I can teach character, plot, grammar, that type of thing. If I am a good teacher I can get students to access their imagination. I try to get these two writers in balance.

DH: What was it like for you starting out as a writer?

DS: I went to college and graduate school. I had a lot of early luck. When I came back to Cambridge, Mass. in my early 20's, I was adjuncting and doing freelance editing. I had a lot of writer friends and there was always something to go to: readings, etc. It was quite a lot of fun. My life now is different. I am middle-aged and I have a child. I have a hard time getting my own writing done. Even back then I did have a hard time finding time, come to think of it. It is hard for me to balance work, motherhood and art. I do things when I can.

I did a lot of book reviewing early on. I tell my students to do this although the world is different now. But it is good to have your name out there. There are now a lot of online opportunities.

DH: If your child said he wanted to be a writer what would you say?

DS: I would be worried. It is hard to make a life as a writer. Obviously I would support him if he really wanted it. It seems like a bigger challenge than it was 20 years ago. The true answer is that I would want him to do what he really wants to.

I received this letter from a proud granddaughter:

"Hello Doug,

My grandmother asked me to type this up for her and email it over to you. She is 85yrs. old (A Somerville resident for over 25 years) and has a hidden poem collection that she has slowly shared with me and now wants to share with the world. I feel honored that I am able to share this."

Halloween Time

The night is crisp and silent,
the light from the harvest moon shines bright
the fragrance of fall foliage
brings me delight!

While I walk the moonlit path,
my footsteps crunch the dry leaves

Between the shadows
I see the faces of pumpkins
On country road fences.

A perfect setting for Halloween!

Through the glimmer of the night...
A witche on a broom could be seen.
Could this be a total dream?

An owl who was quietly perched on a limb
Raised his vocal chords on a whim.

It was the black cat who came out to make her attack.
When suddenly her green eyes shone in the dark
as her back hunched and her fur no longer laid flat,
her meows could be met with the screech of a bat!

But the silence of the night will bring shivers to my spine...
It's Halloween TIME!!

— Dorothy Theresa Smith

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together.

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