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Glavin named new head of OSPCD

Brings corporate, public sector experience



Michael Glavin is ready to step in at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development.

By Andrew Firestone

Last week, the city named its new head of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, Michael Glavin, who starts on October 17. He is bringing with him 20 years of experience working in community finance in both the public and private sector, including a lengthy stint at Bank of Boston during its eventual transformation into Bank of America. Glavin, a Bostonian born and raised, comes to Somerville from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, where he worked on Harvard University's expansion into Allston, but brings expansive work in urban finance and business development.

The Somerville News managed to get him on the phone for an interview in which he discussed his work, his thoughts on his new job and his hopes for the future of Somerville.

Somerville News: How will you use your skills to help improve the real estate market and local businesses of Somerville?

Michael Glavin: I think there is an important series of things that has to happen. You certainly have to look at where Continued on page 21

Somerville local businesses fight through tough times

By Andrew Firestone

Walking through a street in Somerville, gazing through the windows one might ask oneself: with all these worries about the local economy, how are these businesses doing?

Well it turns out, not so bad, at least in Davis Square.

"The past ten months here have been great," said Mike Burke, owner of Comicazi comic and toy shop.

"Everything is going good right now. We've only been open since last July, and business has been steadily growing since we've been open," said Mike Brooks, assistant manager at Flatbread Pizza, and Sacco's Bowling Haven.

"It's been great. It gets bigger and bigger every year. We're probably going to have to find a new space to do our bakery production," said Sarah Ross, owner of Kick-Ass Cupcakes.

"Somerville, it's the most densely populated city in all of New England, Continued on page 5



Chris Lianos knew a store expansion would help its flow.



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NEWSTALK

The Chamber of Commerce After Hours business meeting this month is at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway, East Somerville, from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, October 6. It's a great time to business network and maybe a good idea for those who are seeking employment to consider attending as well. It attracts a great many business leaders here in Somerville.

Speaking of the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, even though they don't advertise with us we strongly support all local merchants, and especially local people like the Henrys who have been around for generations and donated time and money to various charities and fundraisers here in the City of Somerville. We need to remember this when choosing to go out to lunch and/or dinner and stay here in Somerville to help keep our businesses local. The Henrys deserve our respect and loyalty for all they do here over the years. They are a good family.

We were sadden to hear that lifelong resident and great lady Ms. Constance Lauro of Alpine Street passed away this last Saturday at the age of 103 years old. Some of us here knew Constance first hand and she was an awesome lady who knew her stuff. She was accomplished and a respected resident here in Somerville. She worked up to the age of 75. Constance left her mark here in Somerville for over 100 years and not many can say that. She leaves behind her devoted niece Paula Clark, here of Somerville, Lawrence Gordon of CT, and Honorable Richard W. Gordon of TN, as well as Debra DiFranco of Woburn and her nephew Clifford Clark. Connie was a nice lady, well educated and very helpful to many. We will miss her wit and charm, and to her family we send our sympathy.

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to MassDOT: McGrath on its way out

A Moore says:

And I remember when they elevated it to solve all those problems. Shortly afterwards I remember the accident at McGrath and Highland, I was young then and was my first look at really gruesome stuff. Let's get it done and in a few years we can elevate it again.

Kevin Kelly says:

Put it below grade. I don't mean in a tunnel, which we be to expensive to do. But lowering it below the surrounding real estate would reduce noise and make it much less dangerous to cross.

sara says:

Why would you take a road, aptly named the William O'Brien HIGHWAY, which is elevated to get through traffic off the city streets. When I am travelling into Boston, or even to Target, I don't want to get stuck in city street traffic. Why would you want to make the city streets more congested? To say nothing of the homes along the road which will suffer with increased exhaust and noise. I've seen lots of bad ideas lately, but this is one of the worst. And, Mr. Kelly, your home planet is calling you......

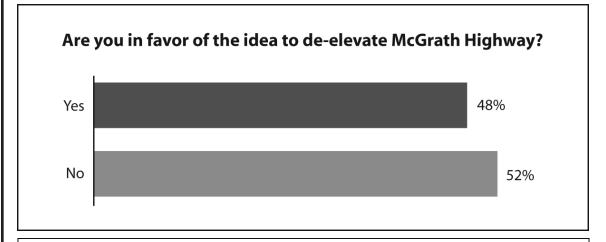
Armando says:

Kevin Kelly: I completely agree. It's a great idea. We can keep the "highway" for quick access into Boston, but get back the neighborhood. It would be similar to Rt 90 going through Newton. I wish we could do the same to 93.

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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 the idea to de-elevate McGrath Highway. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.





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Planning ongoing for North St. Playground

By Harry Kane

Preliminary designs for the North Street Playground are underway at the Clarendon Hill Housing Development. In spite of a slowing economy, Somerville maintains their vigilant efforts to develop a friendlier environment. Presently known as North Street Veterans Park, the future playground will receive a facelift in the coming spring. The .22 acre park needs a new look according to residents of the neighborhood.

"Parents main concern was security," said the Director of Parks and Open Space, Arn Franzen. Some new features that will be added to the park regardless of the design include multiple entrances, more lighting and better security features.

The existing park is immediately adjacent to a small cemetery at Clarendon Hill Housing Development. Plans to rework the open space have been discussed in prior meetings and overall people felt that safety was a major factor in the design. It should also be noted that people were undecided about whether or not they wanted a fence surrounding the park. Letitia Tor-

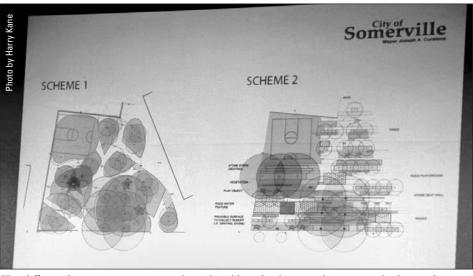
may, Project Manager for this project assured the concerned residents that there would be fencing along the perimeters.

According to city officials several groups were involved in shaping the ideas for the new playground designs. Landscape architecture firm Weston & Sampson presented a slide show with blueprints depicting two possible future Park scenarios.

Scheme one was referred as "The Curvy Scheme." This design consolidated the basketball court to just one hoop while making the rest of the playground a greener multi-generational hangout spot. The basketball court would be set off, physically enclosed to separate it from the rest of the playground.

In previous discussions teens wanted more active recreational elements like basketball. However, they accepted that there needed to be a divide for older and younger kids.

Another key element for the first scheme is the vegetated islands throughout the playground creating three-dimensional mounds for kids to play on. There could be a series of misting water nozzles that kids could play in during



Two different design options are currently on the table as developers and community leaders work towards a finalized plan for the North Street Playground.

the hot summer days.

The second design proposed involves a linear composition. This model depicted more secular areas with smaller individual play elements scattered through the playground.

This scheme uses a lot of stone to create a more modern atmosphere. There would be stone steps, rocks to play on, and a climbing rock wall. Possible additions may include stone embedded into the vegetation, a sandbox with stones, and cut stones with water flowing through them.

Tuesday's meeting with the Team leader, Cheri Ruane of the landscape architecture company Weston & Sampson, addressed the concerns of residents. The details for the proposed playground were clearly explained. The two schemes are not set in stone and residents with concerns or suggestions are encouraged to voice their opinions before designs are finalized.

Somerville Superintendent disavows federal program

No Child Left Behind 'meaningless'

By Andrew Firestone

Massachusetts educators have apparently had enough of the federal "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) guidelines, and are seeking a waiver to get out of the program. They are joined by Anthony Pierantozzi, who said that the program, which uses test scores to determine whether a school is "failing" or not, and decides allocation of funding. One of the main gripes the state has had with the program is the requirement that 100 percent of students be "proficient" in English by 2014, or local education systems could face takeover by the state.

"In my opinion, when approximately 85 plus percent of the schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts now have "No Child Left Behind" status, it has become meaningless," said Pierantozzi.

"I don't believe that penalties in NCLB are useful in any way. I think that identifying a school as 'failing' is just not helpful. Certainly, I think we all are aware of the fact that all schools, regardless of the quality of them, regardless of the test scores, regardless of the percentage of graduation, or their average SAT score, all schools are in a mode now in today's educational era of continuous improvement, and that's I think what needs to be focused on; how continuous improvement and rapid improvement for students who need to catch up can be caused by improving educational strategy, instruc-

tional strategy and design and of course by providing top level teachers and instruction in the classroom and community and family support," he said.

The superintendent said that the testing system used in Massachusetts (MCAS) has the ability to faithfully and dutifully track the important data in making decisions for educational methods.

"I think our MCAS system is an outstanding one. It informs our instruction, it allows educators to look at specific details regarding standards and frameworks, what children and young adults are learning, what they are learning well," he said.

He said he supported the national alternative, called the "growth model," which places the onus on teachers to show consistent growth tracking the abilities of their students.

"I think it's all about growth, and in Massachusetts, we have a wonderful system to identify student growth as compared to what we call their peer group, which would be any student who got the exact same [test] score in their state test that they got the year before and they are compared in terms of growth to their next year," he said.

His position gained steam this last Friday, September 30, when President Barack Obama said that he believed NCLB, passed in 2002 under the Bush Administration, was "flawed" and that he would accept waivers from many states that applied.

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By Jim Clark

Drug buy gone awry

Somerville police officer's suspicions were aroused last Saturday as they observed a man pacing up and down a portion of Broadway while almost continuously using a cell phone, according to reports.

Surveillance of Hendy Jeanniton, 32, was maintained as he and another party, who police recognized as a known drug user, proceeded to the Walnut Street and Walnut Road area, where Jeanniton reportedly continued placing calls on his cell phones while seemingly being on the lookout for someone, police said.

After several instances of Jeanniton walking around the area, appearing to be looking for someone, a car eventually arrived and he approached the passenger side and received a brown paper bag, which he took with him as he walked away, according to police.

The car was then stopped and the driver, Carlos Santiago, 26, of Boston, reportedly began an attempt to conceal something from police by swallowing it. Santiago had placed a plastic bag filled with a white powder, which was judged to be cocaine by the officers on the scene, police report. The man allegedly

succeeded in swallowing the bag. Sixty dollars in cash was reportedly found to be on Santiago's lap as well, police said.

Santiago struggled and resisted police attempts to remove him from the vehicle, according to reports.

Mr. Jeanniton was stopped and questioned a short distance away, according to police, but no drugs were found on his person.

He stated that his intention was to "cuff" the cocaine from Santiago, police said.

Both men were placed under arrest and charged with conspiracy to violate drug law. Additionally, Santiago was charged with resisting arrest and, based on the act of destroying evidence, obstruction of justice (interfering with a police investigation).

Disturbance at Little Sisters

Police were dispatched to the Little Sisters of the Poor seniors facility last week in response to reports of a disturbance on the premises.

Upon arrival, officers questioned witnesses who reportedly stated that a highly intoxicated man was running up and down the hallways, harassing and behaving belliger-

ently towards residents, and that he was last seen entering one of the apartments.

As the officers approached the apartment they reportedly heard a scream coming from within. They entered the apartment and found the man in question lying on the floor on his stomach, shouting obscenities, police said. He was reportedly asked to cease

using the foul language and to quiet down, but instead rose and lunged at one of the officers, according to police.

After a brief struggle, Shawn Byron, 44, of Malden, was finally subdued and removed from the premises. He was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct and assault and battery on a police officer.

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Angry man goes on a rampage

Reports of an angry man knocking over trash cans, tipping over flower pots, and physically assaulting people were called in to Somerville police last week.

One victim reported being punched in the side by the man, although he was not seriously injured, police said.

Another witness observed the man, later identified as Joel

Casanova, 33, of Dorchester, kick over a trash can and thump the trunk of a car as he made his way down Highland Avenue, according to police.

Responding officers caught up with Casanova, who reportedly smelled of alcohol and had slurred speech and placed him under arrest for disorderly conduct and assault and battery.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME

Arrests:

Mauricio Silva, 30, of 332 Main St., Gloucester, September 26, 3:53 p.m., arrested at 42 Franklin St. on warrant charges of unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and receiving stolen propert.

Jeremy Lookado, 27, of 210 Windsor Dr., Cambridge, September 26, 5:10 p.m., arrested at Myrtle St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Raul Parra, 37, of 18 Indiana Ave., September 27, 6:01 p.m., arrested at home on a charges of possession to distribute drugs, drug violation near a school or park, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Eziquiel Desouza, 40, of 50 Washington St., September 27, 9:44 p.m., arrested at 48 Pearl St. on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime and assault and battery.

Eric Jackson, 46, of 420 Medford St., September 28, 6:05 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Joel Casanova, 33, of 40 Draper St., Dorchester, September 28, 6:33 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of disorderly conduct and assault ris Rd., Medford, September and battery. 29, 9:25 p.m., arrested at 247

Wallace Duarte, 20, of 39 Summer St., September 28, 7:38 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of disorderly conduct and accessory after the fact.

Shawn Byron, 44, of 29A Winter St., Malden, September 28, 8:57 p.m., arrested at 186 Highland Ave. on charges of disorderly conduct and assault and battery on a police officer.

William Bevan, 47, of 28 Beacon St., September 28, 10:24 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and leaving the scene of property damage.

Hendy Jeanniton, 32, of 146 Pearl St., September 29, 3:20 p.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on a charge of conspiracy to violate drug law.

Carlos Santiago, 26, of 43 Mill St., Boston, September 29, 3:20 p.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, resisting arrest, and obstruction of justice.

Brendan Coye, 35, of 17 Har-

ris Rd., Medford, September 29, 9:25 p.m., arrested at 247 Elm St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

William Restrepo-Zuluaga, 57, of 85 Shirley Ave., Revere, September 30, 4:31 p.m., arrested at Lowell St. on warrant charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and distribution of a class B drug.

John Thibedeau, 47, of 83 Adams St., Waltham, September 30, 4:31 p.m., arrested at Lowell St. on warrant charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and distribution of a class B drug.

Sean Williamson, 41, of 2 Sylvan St., Danvers, September 30, 4:31 p.m., arrested at Lowell St. on warrant charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and distribution of a class B drug.

Fritz Odilon, 25, of 7 Gilman Terr., September 30, 9:12 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of breaking and entering for a misdemeanor.

Andrew Morrison, 54, of 165 Western Ave., Cambridge, October 1, 3:24 p.m., arrested at 530 Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Frank Ward, 51, of 10 Winter Hill Circ., October 1, 3:43 p.m., arrested at 35R Jaques St. on charge of assault and battery.

Jesse Schwartz, 31, of 9008 Hunters Trace, Austin, TX, October 2, 2:47 a.m., arrested at Charles E. Ryan Rd. on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

<u>Incidents</u>:

Theft:

September 27, 2:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Norfolk St.

September 27, 2:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Ossipee Rd.

September 27, 2:50 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

September 27, 3:12 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.

September 27, 5:55 p.m., police reported a theft at 530 Somerville Ave.

September 27, 7:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

September 28, 12:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

September 28, 2:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

September 28, 2:10 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

September 28, 5:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Bow St. September 28, 7:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq. September 29, 8:32 a.m., police reported a theft at Chandler St.

September 29, 9:18 a.m., police reported a theft at 245 Elm St.

September 29, 10:25 a.m., police reported a theft at Cameron Ave.

September 29, 2:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Sargent

September 30, 5:29 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

September 30, 6:27 p.m., police reported a theft at River Rd. October 2, 10:50 a.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

Breaking & Entering:

September 27, 2:09 p.m., police reported

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Somerville local businesses fight through tough times CONT. FROM PG 1



Sarah Ross of Kick-Ass Cupcakes, Foundry's David Flannigan, Besty Lenora of Blue Cloud, and the staffers at Sacco's Bowling Haven all have their war stories to tell when it comes to doing business in Somerville.

Davis Square is bustling, and there's plenty to go around," said David Flannigan, operating partner of Foundry bar and restaurant.

The survey seems to indicate that many service businesses, specialty shops, and restaurants have not even been touched by the economic disasters that have seemingly plagued our country for over a decade. Many of those asked were actually building expansion, had already renovated their stores, and gotten through the first year of their new business unscathed and profitably in the black.

Flanagan, who is an operating partner at the Foundry's corporate group, the Rocco Restaurant Group, even spilled the skinny on a new more drink-oriented establishment being opened up soon, called "Saloon."

"I think that as Davis Square becomes an even bigger destination, more and more people will travel [here]," he said.

Another recent business is the Boston Tattoo Company, who also says that they are doing well. They, among other Somerville businesses, won the coveted Best of Boston award from Boston Magazine a month ago.

"We haven't had too much of a problem. Tattoos and piercings, it's something personal. People do it to celebrate things. People do it for memorials. People do it just to get their mind off things," said manager and piercer Brian Mueller, who said that business has continued to rise throughout the recession after the founding of the company a little over a year ago.

The key is transit

What all of these businesses have in common is simple: they are located within short walking-distance of the Red Line, and favorably close to Tufts University. The constant transit of individuals through Somerville via its subway system generates more and more customers every day, while providing local residents with a quick and easy destination to do shopping.

However, just up the hill lies Ball Square. While the many restaurants and local businesses are not in danger of closing, at least one has found it more difficult.

Betsy Lenora, who took over the Blue Cloud art store has found it harder in this economy since she took over the store last April. "As anyone taking over a new business, it's a lot of work," she said.

"There's a lot of details that have to be discovered and dealt with, particularly in this economy, that we're dealing with. This store seems to be pretty popular in the area, however when people don't have enough money to spend, it feels like even when you're doing everything right, there's still a wall," she said.

But across the street, Ball Square Fine Wines was able to survive a yearlong renovation to better their store, said Chris Lianos, who performed the renovation in order to better the "flow" of his store.

"With the size of the store that I had, it was just overwhelming, the amount of people who were gathering together in front of the store and in the area we were

having a tasting. A lot of people would just walk away," he said.

With his renovation complete, and a Best of Boston award under his belt, Lianos says he business is not as bad as he thought it would be.

"It's been OK," he said. "I can't complain. The expansion over the year and a half, it was a difficult one, carrying the investment all the way through 2010 to 2011. We're finally seeing that business is getting slightly better."

We're blessed in Somerville to have a vibrant local economy for many wonderful businesses...

Methodology in the information age

Lianos, Lenora and many others have noted the role of media, especially social media in getting their word out. Setting up facebook.com accounts, having promotions, doing work for non-profits and giving back to the community, these are all in the marketing tool book for any business now.

"Definitely people appreciate that we're giving back to the community," said Brooks at Flatbread, who holds many programs and benefits for the people of Somerville. "That's why they choose here rather than getting a cheaper pizza across the street."

Ross at Kickass Cupcakes said only tireless work and promotion combined with word-of-mouth and seizing corporate and special events allowed her business to get on top. "We're talking thousands and thousands of cupcakes [in the last two months], she said.

Comicazi's Burke, who also maintains a website, said that his store ran on old-fashioned consumerism with a smile. He counted his chief business skills as "staying on top of any problems that arise, sense of community [and a] slightly sarcastic nature of the service." He added, "It's all good."

Local Business First

"Somerville is at a crossroad; it's very exciting," said Chamber of Commerce Chairman Ron Bonnie.

"There's a new Orange Line station coming, the city is repositioning itself to allow for the expansion of the Green Line, between those two projects and Assembly Square's full development, you're talking about the possibility of \$2 billion being invested in this area at full buildout," he said. "That's a massive amount of money."

"That's a lot of meals that construction workers are going to eat. That's a lot of jobs that might relocate to Somerville because they have access to their workers. Somerville has one of the most educated workforces in the entire region. Prior to now, we haven't had the real space for companies to come in," he said.

Somerville has suffered in the past, losing growing powerhouses like iRobot and XL Hybrids automotive innovators due to a lack of space for development of such businesses.

Somerville continues to act as a feeder for workers in Boston and outlying areas, as there are only half as many jobs in Somerville as there are potential employees. While unemployment rests well below the national average, it remains to be seen whether or not Somerville can become a new jobs hub.

Joe Grafton, Executive Director Somerville Local First, a non-profit that supports growth in business that is "local, fair, green" said that the city's future economy rested on supporting local businesses.

"There's a growing body of sound research that shows that local economies thrive and communities and residents thrive when locally-owned, independent businesses are succeeding," he said.

"Local businesses create more jobs and create them faster than any other businesses in our economy. What we really encourage folks to do is look for any way that they can to try and shift their shopping from nonlocal businesses to local businesses and that can anywhere from food to banking to local service providers to local health providers. We're blessed in Somerville to have a vibrant local economy for many wonderful businesses and the way they can best thrive is when we in the community support them," he said.

Somerville Police Crime Log CONT. FROM PG 4

a breaking & entering at Central St.

September 29, 3:01 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 296 Broadway.

September 29, 6:14 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Central St.

September 29, 9:12 p.m., police reported a breaking & en-

tering at Pearson Ave.

September 30, 3:34 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Autumn St.

September 30, 6:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pembroke St.

September 30, 9:42 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Fremont St.

Vehicle Theft:

September 27, 9:47 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway.

Assault:

September 28, 6:05 p.m., police reported an assault at Medford St.

September 28, 6:33 p.m., po-

lice reported an assault at High-

September 28, 8:57 p.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.

September 29, 8:57 a.m., police reported an assault at Walnut St.

October 1, 3:43 p.m., police reported an assault at Jaques St.

October 2, 2:12 p.m., police reported an assault at Derby St.

Drug Violation:

September 27, 6:01 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Indiana Ave.

September 29, 3:20 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Walnut St.





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Provost, Sciortino slam immigration bill

'Political theater,' 'discrimination'

By Andrew Firestone

Rep. Carl Sciortino (D-Somerville) and Rep. Denise Provost (D-Somerville) vehemently derided and called into question the political veracity of a new bill this week.

"I think that at its core this is really political theater," Sciortino said.

"We have huge pressing issues with the economy, and this is the same old, tired scapegoating of immigrants to distract from the bigger things that are going on," said Sciortino.

The bill, which penalizes businesses for hiring illegal immigrants, forces Gov. Deval Patrick to sign onto the federal Secure Communities program, and bars any kind of in-state tuition, as proposed by the two representatives, was cast as a return to "nativism" by Provost, and as a "redundancy" by Sciortino, which he said was simply meant to distract the nation from more pressing issues.

The bill, which currently has no identification number, was presented at a press conference at the State House on September 26. When Sen. Richard Moore (R-Sutton) joined with a few democrats and over a dozen republicans to ask support for a new bill, saying that it was intended to decrease crime and make room at jobs for more Massachusetts residents.

Provost said it was very similar to language from articles that

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members of the Senate tried to put in the state budget last year. She also noted that, under the equal protection clause in the United States Constitution, the law itself might be considered illegal, and if it were to pass, it would most likely be fought against in the federal district court.

"I think this bill is an effort by some legislators to show that they're not happy with federal immigration policy," she said. "They think that federal immigration policy should be tougher and more consistently enforced."

Sciortino said that the bill was just another attempt by state lawmakers to assume control over the immigration issue, which he said was meant to be a federal discussion anyway.

"What this proposal does is further exacerbate divisions in our own community where we have a diverse mix of people living in Somerville, many of whom are immigrants. They're our neighbors, and we have to figure out how to have strong neighborhoods and a strong community while waiting for an inept U.S. Congress to actually give meaningful, actual immigration reform," he said.

"We all know the immigration challenges this country faces are in the U.S. Congress, which has ignored the needs for comprehensive immigration reform and has left it to state and local government to fight amongst ourselves about how to address a problem that we can't possibly solve," he said.

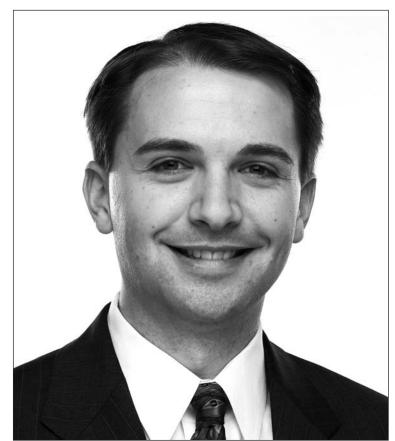
Sciortino said that the business clauses in the law are redundant as there are already penalties for businesses that hire illegal immigrants. He also said that Secure Communities itself is redundant, as there is already a section under the Immigration and Nationality act, sec. 287 (g), which allows federal agents to deport convicts who are illegal immigrants.

"The Boston experience of Secure Communities has not been what proponents of the programs claim it is," he said. Secure Communities cross-references biometric data of arrested criminals with federal databases and allows Immigration and Customs Enforcement to detain and arrest those they claim have serious felonies on their records"

"They say it is going to deport violent criminals," which Sciortino said he supported.

"The Boston experience shows that the majority of people that were brought in by Secure Communities were people with absolutely no convictions whatsoever, and deporting people that are not committing crimes, that are simply trying to live their lives while we have a broken immigration system is not the stated goal of Secure Communities, but is what's happening," he said.

The law, if passed, would also negate any chance for Provost's in-state tuition bill, which



 $\label{lem:condition} \mbox{Rep. Carl Sciortino is one of those who strongly oppose the proposed legislation.}$

Sciortino supports. There is currently no program that offers instate tuition to children of illegal aliens, so there is no reason to create a law banning it, he said.

Provost added that the bill is a continuation on the themes expressed in the 1982 Supreme Court case, which stated that children of illegal immigrants must receive public education. Presidential hopeful Rick Perry, while Governor of Texas, passed a similar law that provided instate tuition.

Provost reiterated, "it is absolutely in our economic interest to make sure that all the kids that we are obliged to educate

get as much education as they need to be productive in our economy and in our society."

She was supported by Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) who also saw similar reasons for supporting in-state tuition, saying that for children to work hard to get higher education, regardless of immigration status, "allows them to become more productive citizens in our society, allows them to give back to our community. Folks that are educated, obviously, have a better chance to succeed, and that's what we should be striving for, for young folks to make a better impact on our community."

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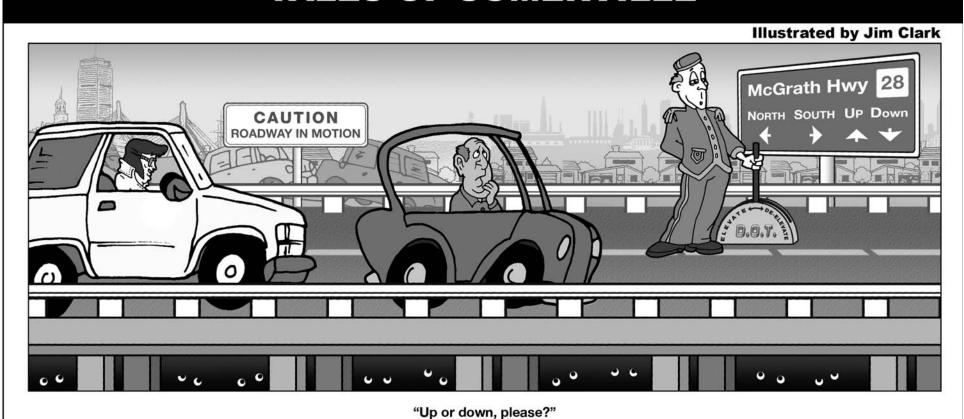
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The View From Prospect Hill



What goes up must come down. This fundamental law of nature is learned by all at a very young age and remains a constant throughout our lives. It even applies to the mighty works of mankind. Be it concrete and steel or bread and butter, each

and every thing we can conceive of and construct will, at some point in time, outlive its usefulness and perish from this earth.

And so, it has come upon us that we should now consider the fate of the McGrath Highway. Should it be refurbished as it stands? Put to ground level, or even below? A lot of differing opinions and ideas are being floated right now. Much discussion and planning will ensue, as it should, before a definite plan is adopted and put into motion.

One thing is certain, a change

is bound to come and we hope for results that will make us all a little safer and a bit happier when we look upon the area where the present structure will have once stood.

Let us proceed with confidence that what is to come will repre-

sent a step forward, that we will have learned from the past and project that wisdom into the future. Such is the way of progress. It is how we better ourselves and our community as we travel through our lives.

All things must pass.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Now what are those two funny ladies Joan the mouth and Lady Jenn up to, you ask? Well, we saw a letter addressed recently to "Dear Friends" which was sent out sometime last week to what we assume were a lot of elderly here in the city. Now, as we all know Joan and Jenn were once former employees of the Council on Aging. In the letter they were asking if people would be interested in having cheaper trips to Foxboro and other places. A meeting of those interested was scheduled for Friday, September 30, at the LaHacienda Restaurant in the "Back Room" to discuss if anyone would be interested in having trips made cheaper than the COA. We took it as an open letter, since it wasn't addressed to anyone but "Dear Friends," and we of course consider ourselves very good friends of the elderly, especially since a few of us here at Newstalk hold AARP membership cards. Now, the interesting part is that the letter was actually signed by Joan and Jenn, whom we know as former employees of the COA and the city. The letter was pretty interesting in itself since it practically admits that they might have been responsible for the recent problems there. Well, that's our opinion, some would say. We found it interesting enough to send a Newstalker special deputized reporter there who immediately

upon arriving was not just asked to leave but shouted out and then escorted out by management saying they were being harassed. He was being asked not too nicely to leave (maybe we should have lent him our AARP card?). All this and the only question asked was could he come in to the meeting. When told what happened we were surprised. After all, the letter wasn't privately addressed. It was open to everyone. We were shocked. We only wanted to ask some questions. Of course, we are in favor of cheaper trips and that was what it was supposed to be about, and everyone knows our paper is popular with the elderly throughout the city. But, alas, we won't know how much cheaper because, again, we were thrown out of the place. But never fear, Newstalk is here and we will find out how much cheaper sooner or later. The letter was very interesting since it says in the first paragraph the following: "We want to thank you for your support and good thoughts through this chaotic time that the council was having. Our main concern was always the health and wellbeing of the seniors. During this difficult time we often talked about how we can come back and do what we both love doing. So we decided to run our own trips with you in mind." It sounds interesting and, of course, we're always looking for a bargain

in these times. We're hoping they might hold some more meetings soon and we can assure our readers that we will be there to report on them because that is what we do. But this time we will show our AARP membership cards. Maybe that's the reason we didn't get in, because our guy didn't have one?

Ward 7 Alderman Bob Trane was seen

one particular Friday night by two Newstalkers walking several streets and knocking on doors during the pouring rain. He's working hard and not taking it for granted and we are pleased. Our PDS sources tell us they are split down the middle on who to help, Ms. Ballantyne in Ward 7 or Ms. Barber in Ward 4. Our sources tell us that wherever they smell the best opportunity they will be there. We even heard that Mark the Shark (school

committeeman Ward 5) was walking

up in Ward 7.

Mark your calendars and save the date! The Somerville Lions club is hosting a charity comedy night at Giggles on Route 1, Saugus, on Thursday, October 20. The cost pp is \$25. The proceeds will benefit the Somerville Lions Charities. Call

President Paul Carol or past president Billy Tauro at 617 293-2016 for details.

The word on the streets is that a new auto dealership giant just might be coming to open up shop somewhere here in Somerville. That's great news. We know it means jobs and that will always be welcomed here in Somerville.

We want to report personally that our friend and good guy here in Somerville former Publisher of the News Bob Publicover is home from his second ... hmm... maybe third surgery and that he's doing great. We visited him the other night and he sounds and looks pretty good, but he's in severe pain and he's not out of it yet. But we really know that Bob will come through this and once again be up and about soon.

Masonic Open House is coming up on Saturday, October 15, from 9 to 3 p.m. at 125 Highland Avenue (rear) building, (follow the signs). If you're a history buff and want to see some very interesting and rare artifacts dating back to the 1600's you're welcome to attend. The officers

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Somerville is worth celebrating



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Last weekend I had an absolute blast. I brought my family over to the HONK! festival and I seriously could not have had a better time. I often brag to people from other cities that our freaks are better than your freaks, and last weekend proved it. Somerville can outfreak anybody.

Granted, HONK! draws bands from all over the country, but a large percentage make their home in Somerville, because apparently we are the uniepicenter of the avant-garde marching band movement. During festivities people kept coming up to me telling me how much they love living in Somerville. And why not? The streets were packed, music filled the air and everybody got to watch things like a muscular guy in a pink dress laying into a clarinet solo.

And when the HONK! parade marched down to Cambridge, the "Somerville" chants started. You know who chants "Cambridge" during Somerville events? No one. That thought has never occurred to so much as

a single person.

But I'm not writing this week to tweak our neighbors to the south. My focus is on the societal value of having a good time. Somerville has gained a reputation as a city that knows how to throw a party. Pick any given weekend and we have something going on.

I should remind people that events like HONK!, the Fluff Festival, Riverfest and the Somerville Dog Festival are put on by private organizations. Our Fourth of July celebration, our summer movie festival and our Spring Cleanup are funded by outside donations. We do run our SomerStreets events on a shoestring budget (\$7,000 from our cable television revenues), but most events are

paid for by outside organizations and businesses. We also raise funds to run ArtBeat and our Memorial Day Parade.

These events draw thousands to our city. They showcase our squares in a positive light, helping to convince visitors to frequent our local businesses even when there isn't a festival. That is why organizations like East Somerville Main Streets, Union Square Main Streets and the Somerville Chamber of Commerce help organize so many events. Festivals are good for business.

I should add that they're also good for the soul. Sometimes people make the case that we should not have so many celebrations when many in our community are in need. Yet people in need also require some levity and entertainment in their lives. In Somerville you can march in parades, see fireworks, listen to live music and watch movies - all for free. We try to provide quality of life to everyone in our community. We bring festivals to every part of the city so that the opportunity to have a good time does not pass by anyone.

The people of Somerville work hard. They deserve the opportunity to play hard too. That's why our squares and streets bustle with energy every weekend. This year alone, I've seen tens of thousands of people with smiles on their faces at Somerville events. In this city we have the good sense to enjoy life. It is one of our most important civic values, and may it be one of our most enduring civic values as well.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

A visit from Dad



Today my dad would have been 91 years old. Happy birthday, Dad! October is the month of Halloween and all that goes along with it.

I figured it was a good time to talk about being visited by the spirits of deceased family members.

I will start with my own encounter. About three years ago I was sleeping and awoke to see my Dad standing at the end of my bed. He was not wearing his glasses and looked young and healthy. When I saw him I reached out and I touched his face, and actually could feel his beard stubble. He didn't speak. His face was emotionless. I think he just came to let me know I was doing a good job raising his grandkids. At least I hope that's why he visited. I didn't know whether to smile or to cry so I did a little of both.

Was it a dream? I don't think so. I have had thousands of dreams but this was very different. He lived in the house from 1961 to 1994, so when he passed why

shouldn't he come back for a visit? Maybe he never left. Maybe he came to express his disapproval of how I handled the finances of the house that was mortgage free when he left it to us. Whatever the reason was, I really felt that it was definitely he and that he was quite content. I had a good feeling when he left.

Every once in a while we will hear a bang or a bump in another room. My sons and I joke that it was one of our family members causing the ruckus. I know one thing that's for sure. It makes me feel comforted to think that perhaps one of my four family members who have passed are hanging around keeping an eye on us. I always had hope that when we die it's not the absolute end. What would be the point of being born, living a life, and then...dust? Yes I do believe there is some kind of heaven or afterlife.

About seven years ago, when I was on Dale Dorman's show on Oldies 103, we had internationally renowned medium Suzane Northrop on. We had a live audience. She acknowledged my deceased sister by name, and said she was basically elbowing her way through the group of spirits to get to the front. That was Christine for sure. My cousin Carol was there in the audience also and felt the presence of her dad, my uncle Sal, who leaves pennies for his wife (my aunt) and daughter (Carol) as a sign that he is still around. I actually found a penny on the bike path a few years ago. The date on the penny was 1920, the year my dad was born. Pennies from heaven for sure.

When you walk down your street do you think about the neighbors who used to live there? I do. I know if I was a spirit I would want to hang around the places that I loved and felt comfortable around when I was alive.

by deceased family members.

Sometimes when I drive through Davis Square I think of all the store owners, employees, and friends that worked there. Mr. Wise from Fields Stationary, Mr. Errico from the photo studio, the guy

who ran the record shop, the many barbers that worked at Dente's, and Al Collins, the best cop who ever patrolled Davis Square. Mary from Woolworths (with the black hair and red lipstick) and the many friends I hung around with at Redbones, formerly Barnaby's, formerly The Coronet. I think of all my friends from Johnny D's, and Freddie D. who worked at The Venice Café.

There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of my deceased family members and especially Dad, because now I am the dad! I try to channel him and often ask Fred for advice. Often I hear his words coming out of my mouth. After all, I am half of him, right?

So, in this season of spirits and things Many of my friends have shared their that go bump in the night, be on your personal accounts of supernatural visits best behavior. It just may be one of your loved ones coming back to comfort and keep an eye on you. Again, happy birthday Dad!

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

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local senators on five roll calls from the week of September 26-30. There were no roll calls in the House 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 Middle-

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

All Senate roll calls are on amendments to the Senate version of a bill that would allow three casinos and one slot parlor in the Bay State. The Senate began debate on the proposal last week but still has many amendments to consider. The House on September 14 approved its own version of the measure. A House-Senate conference committee will eventually hammer out a compromise version that will be sent to Gov. Deval Patrick.

BAN USE OF STATE FUNDS FOR SENIORS' TRIPS TO OUT-OF-STATE CASINOS (\$ 2015)

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment that would prohibit local Councils on Aging from using state funding to sponsor trips or provide transportation to out-of-state casinos after casinos are built and open in Massachusetts.

Amendment supporters said state funds should not be used to subsidize trips to casinos in Rhode Island and Connecticut when these seniors could be spending money in Massachusetts. They argued the amendment would not ban the trips themselves but rather the use of state funds for the trips.

There were no votes against the amendment. However, there is opposition to the ban. Opponents say the ban would take away an exciting day trip for many seniors living on a fixed income. They also ask why casinos are being singled out and if this might lead to a ban on all out-of-state trips to restaurants, museums and other entertaining places. A Boston Herald editorial called the amendment micromanagement and mocked, "Can't you just see it now - vans full of senior citizens en route to Foxwoods being stopped at the state line? No, neither can we." (A "Yes" vote is for the ban.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

CHECK IMMIGRATION STATUS OF CASINO EMPLOYEES (\$ 2015)

Senate 32-6, approved an amendment that would require casino owners to check and verify their employees' immigration status using a program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, the United States Department of Labor, the Social Security Administration or a private verification system.

Amendment supporters said this would simply ensure

that these desperately needed new casino-related jobs will be filled by legal residents and not illegal aliens.

Amendment opponents argued there are already sufficient federal requirements that companies verify their employees' immigration status. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that would require verification of employees' status. A "No vote is against the requirement.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

BAN SIMULCASTING OF GREYHOUND RAC-ING (S 2015)

Senate 10-27, rejected an amendment that would ban betting on simulcasting greyhound races from other states beginning in January 2016.

Amendment supporters said voters banned greyhound racing in 2008 because of the mistreatment of the dogs. They argued that continuing to allow Suffolk Downs to broadcast out-of-state greyhound races goes against the will and intent of the voters.

Amendment opponents said the casino bill requires the gaming commission to review all simulcasting and report to the Legislature. They argued an outright ban is premature and urged the Senate not to act on simulcast racing until the report is received in January 2013. (A "Yes" vote is for the ban. A "No" vote is against the ban.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

BAN LEGISLATORS FROM TAKING CASINO JOB UNTIL OUT OF OFFICE FOR ONE YEAR (\$ 2015)

Senate 36-1, approved an amendment that would prohibit state legislators from taking jobs in the Massachusetts casino industry for one year after they leave office. The amendment replaced an earlier proposal that would have imposed a five-year ban.

Supporters of the five-year ban said it would help avoid conflicts of interest and slow down the revolving door between the Legislature and the industries that it regulates. They argued it is the appearance of that conflict that feeds the incorrect perception that many legislators lack integrity.

Some opponents said the five-year ban will open the door to laws that prohibit legislators from working in the movie industry, health care and other fields the Legislature regulates. Others said they would likely support some kind of ban but took issue with the implication that some legislators are not open and honest and lack integrity.

Following contentious debate on the five-year ban, Senate President Therese Murray recessed the Senate and called a closed caucus of its 36 Democrats. When the session reconvened, senators approved, without debate, the redrafted amendment that imposes only a one-year ban.

Sen. Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport), the lone opponent of the one-year ban, told Beacon Hill Roll Call he feels it is important legislators not interfere with and not micromanage the Gaming Commission and allow it to do its job. (A "Yes" vote is for the one-year ban. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes



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COUNT CASINO REVENUE AS REGULAR TAX REVENUE TO REDUCE TAXES FASTER (S 2015)

Senate 6-32, rejected an amendment that any tax revenue the state receives from casino gambling and slot machines be considered regular state tax revenue, regardless of the type of fund into which they are deposited.

Amendment supporters said the casino bill creates a "shadow budget" that allows gambling revenue to be deposited in various accounts in ways that it will not be counted as regular tax revenue. They said counting it as regular tax revenue will allow it to be used toward the formula that automatically cuts taxes each year the state has economic growth above 2.5 percent.

Amendment opponents said casino revenue is special and has been specifically earmarked for projects including increased local aid. They argued the state is on track to an automatic tax reduction even without including gaming money as regular tax revenue. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment counting casino money as regular tax revenue in order to trigger tax reductions faster. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

TELEMEDICINE (S 521) - The Health Care Committee held a hearing on legislation requiring health insurance companies to cover the cost of telemedicine - the practice of physicians using telecommunication and information technologies to provide health care remotely.

EDUCATION PROPOSALS - The Education Committee held a hearing on several measures including raising from 16 to 18 the age at which a student may choose to drop out of school (H 142),, creating a program under which high schools would be able to apply for state funds to hire coaches to help students who are at risk of leaving school by helping them overcome problems at school and home (S 185) and creating a commission to regulate commercialism in the public schools including standards for advertising and marketing by private companies (H 1057).

diciary Committee held a hearing on several bills including legislation expanding the definition of incest to include sexual relationships with adoptive parents and stepparents (H 1429). The measure was first proposed in 2004 in response to a court ruling that a stepfather

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could not be charged with incest for having intercourse with his stepdaughter.

Other measures include requiring cities and towns to place the names and photos of Level 3 sex offenders who live, work or attend school in the community on their municipal websites and cable access channels (S 632); prohibiting psychiatrists who have received state or federal aid for their education or to establish their practice

from turning away any new patient unless accepting them would "cause an undue hardship on their workload" (S 975); abolishing the statute of limitations that limits the period of time, after the alleged crime during which charges can be brought against anyone who commits rape (H 3291), child sexual abuse (S 837), manslaughter (H 3280) and all felony crimes (H 3283); imposing up to a life sentence on anyone who has sexual intercourse with a person if he or she fraudulently obtained that person's consent (H 3154); and increasing the registration fee of sex offenders from \$75 to \$100 (S 816). That measure also repeals a current law allowing the state to waive the fee if it would create an "undue hardship on said person or his family due to limited income, employment status, or any other relevant factor." It would instead allow indigent offenders to pay under a payment plan.

SINGLE LICENSE PLATES (H 3068) - The Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on October 19 on legislation that would require passenger cars to have only one license plate that would be mounted on the rear of the vehicle. Current law requires a plate on the front and rear of the car.

Supporters say the bill would save millions of dollars by reducing by 50 percent the cost of manufacturing the plates. They note that 19 states currently require only one plate and argue studies show law enforcement has not decreased in those states. Some say front plates interfere with a car's aerodynamics and cooling system and can even reduce fuel mileage.

Opponents say the use of front and back plates is helpful to law enforcement in identifying vehicles and enforcing traffic and other laws. They noted that 31 states require the use of two plates.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special "Cool-Off Period" Edition

All quotes are from debate on the amendment that would prohibit state legislators working in the casino industry for one year after they leave office. The amendment replaced an earlier proposal that would have imposed a longer five-year ban.

"This is an economic development bill for the people and should not be an economic development bill for legislators." - Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton)

"When his (Sen. Eldridge's) opposition to casino gaming turned into an attack upon his colleagues, I do not know. Because that is exactly what we're doing. We're creating a presumption here that the people in this body cannot operate with integrity." - Sen. Gale Candaras (D-Wilbraham)

"There seems to be a revolving door in government. I'm not suggesting that revolving door involves corruption, so to speak. But I do believe it creates an unhealthy situation." - Sen. Bob Hedlund (R-Weymouth)

"I've been in this chamber, in this building for 31 years. Ninety-eight percent of the people that I have ever worked with - staff, senators, representatives - have been honorable and decent people. To have an implication that we are not people of intelligence, integrity, compassion, commitment, troubles me dearly and it ought to trouble each and every one of you." - Sen. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre)

"If we ourselves have to stand up and say 'the only way to protect the integrity is to prevent people from having a job, another job in the government, or another job outside,' then it suggests that we are fundamentally lacking in integrity. This is one of the more significant challenges that we have as current elected officials, to change the perception without throwing our colleagues and ourselves and government and democracy under the bus." - Sen. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst)

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 September 26-30, the House met for a total of 25 minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 56 minutes.

Mon. September 26 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Senate 1:24 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.

Tues. September 27 No House session

Senate 1:23 p.m. to 4:53 p.m.

Wed. September 28 No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. September 29 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.

Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.

Fri. September 30 No House session

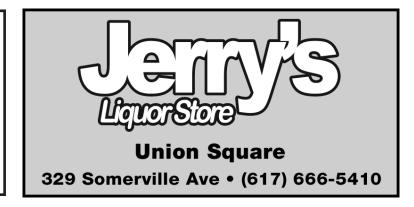
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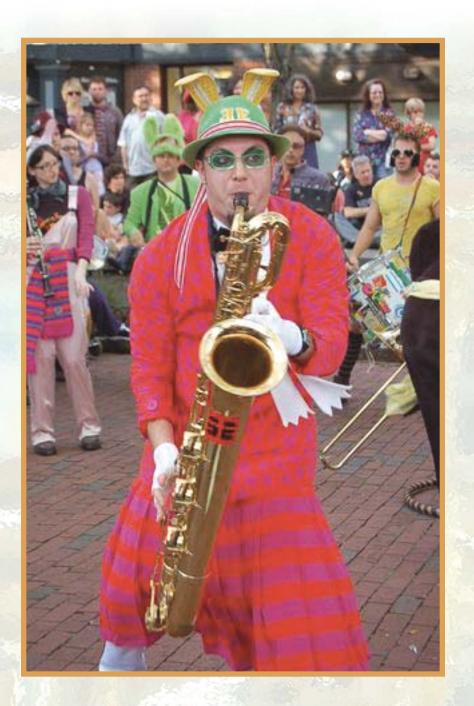


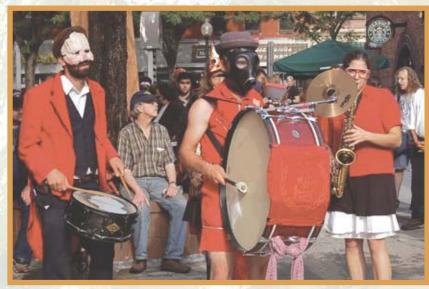
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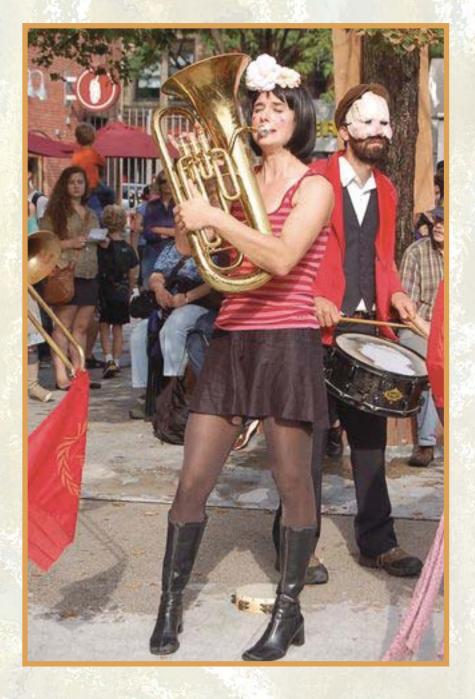














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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

St Clement High School Sports update

Volleyball

The St. Clement Lady Anchors traveled to Lowell last week to face the Lowell Catholic Crusaders, where they stumbled but beat Pope John 3-1. After taking a 2-0 lead, they lost three consecutive games for their second devastating loss of the year. Junior captains Allison Caloggero (Medford) and Judy D'Haiti (Cambridge) each had eight assists. On the net, junior captain Kristina Ofoedu (Somerville) led the team with eleven kills, while sophomore Kayla Morello (Medford) was close behind with nine.

After the crushing loss, the Lady Anchors bounced back beating their league rivals Pope John 3-1 in a battle for second place in the Catholic Central League (CCL) Small. Sophomore Megan Berg (Medford) tallied eighteen crucial serve points. Ofeodu smacked twelve kills and D'Haiti helped the team out with eight assists. In the back row, junior Camilla Souza (Everett) had some key digs, giv-

ing the Lady Anchors a cushion. The victory boosts the Lady Anchors to an 8-2 overall record. The team is only two games away from clenching a spot in the State Tournament for the first time in over 11 years. The Lady Anchors will host the Cathedral Panthers on Friday, October 7 at 4:45 p.m. in the Anchordome.

Football

The St Clement Anchormen stunned league rival Matignon in a thrilling 28 - 26 come from behind victory last Friday night. With 1:19 left in the game, Ricky Brathwaite (Chelsea) forced a fumble that popped into the open arms of Luke Hartnett (Medford) who chugged his way into the end zone giving the St. Clement Anchormen the come from behind victory. The win, which makes the Anchormen 4-0, was bittersweet for Harnett who played for the Matignon Warriors in 2009.

Junior Oyaronbi (Chelsea) led

the scoring for the Anchormen in the first half with a 33 yard reception from Jamey Thompson (Somerville) and an 85 yard kick return. At the half, the Anchormen were down by five due to the passing by Matignon QB John Flaherty (Somerville) and costly penalties.

Both teams were unable to score in the third quarter. In the 4th quarter St Clements pulled ahead 21 to 18 with a 6 yard run from Matt Pereira (Somerville). The Warriors answered quickly with a 23 yard pass from Flaherty to Ron Slager (Cambridge) to push the Warriors ahead 26-21 after a successful two point conversion.

With the win almost certain for the Warriors, Luke Harntett stunned his former teammates with a thrilling 17-yard fumble return sealing the victory for the Anchormen.

The St. Clement Anchormen take on the Lowell Catholic Crusaders under the lights Friday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Dilboy Field.



Luke Hartnett's fumble return highlighted the Anchormen's victory Friday night.

SHS girls volleyball

volleyball team lost to Methuen 3-0, and beat GBL opponent Everett 3-0 last week. They are now 6-3, and 3-1 in the GBL.

Nicole Genard, Jaquiline anced attack by setting up all

The Somerville girls varsity Homsi, and Jen Bathol continue to lead the attack, averaging eight kills per game between the three of them. Brittany Cassidy and Melissa McGovern are beginning to run a bal-

of hitters, and they are averaging about 8.5 assists per game between the two of them. Maria Dardonis and Nazha Ferradi have been fantastic on defense by keeping plays alive with their great efforts.

Somerville Heart Survivor at Boston Heart Walk



Heart survivor Paul Gerardo, with Meghan Gerardo and Stephanie Barrow, of Somerville, supported the American Heart Association at the Boston Heart Walk at the DCR Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade on September 10. The walk raised over \$1.5 million for heart and stroke research and brought together over 15,000 community members. For more photos and local information, visit www.facebook.com/americanheartmassachusetts.



- 1. Is the "Lassie" of TV and the movies a German Shepherd or a Collie?
- 2. The macaw is the 8. What is the name of largest member of what bird family?
- 3. What U.S. state is called "Old Line State"?
- 4. Does the Colorado 10. How many acres are River run through Arizona?
- 5. How wide is "home plate" in the game of base-
- 6. What country's official currency is the ringgit?

- 7. What two letters of the alphabet begins the most names of U.S. states?
- the Internet site that was founded by Jeff Bezos?
- 9. What state is the home of The Mojave Desert?
- in a square mile?
- 11. What is the name of the largest moon in our solar system?
- 12. What is "Achluophobia" the fear of?

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

16 Linden Ave: (Case #ZBA 2011-70) Applicant & Owner 16 Linden Avenue, LLC seeks Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) approval under SZO §7.2 to construct a principal structure for 5 dwelling units on a lot with an existing principal structure with 3 dwelling units. The Applicant also seeks SPSR approval under SZO §7.3 to have eight (8) residential units on the lot, one of which would be an affordable unit as defined in §13. RB zone. Ward 5.

58 Murdock St: (Case #ZBA 2011-71) Applicant and Owner Christopher Clark seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to change the windows on an enclosed porch in order to expand an existing bathroom on the second floor of a two-family residential property. RB Zone. Ward 5.

38 Warner St: (Case #ZBA 2011-72) Applicant and Owner Melvin Santos, seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to expand the front porches on the first and second floors of an existing two-family residence. RA zone. Ward 6.

373 Highland Ave: (Case #2011-73) Applicant, Zipcar, Inc. and Owner, Highland Commons Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit in order to establish a total of 7 parking spaces for car-sharing or flex-car spaces (SZO §7.11.11.14.b). The number of parking spaces will not be reduced below the required number for the residential use on the site with the allowed reduction in spaces for proximity to rapid transit (\$9.6.3). CBD zone.

25 Hamlet St: (Case #2010-42-R1-09/11) Applicant and Owner LaRosa Development Corporation, seeks a revision to a Special Permit (ZBA 2010-42) under SZO \$5.3.8 in order to remove Condition # 5 attached to the Special Permit which references a permeable paver surface for parking spaces. The original Special Permit was to modify an existing non-conforming structure to create a two-family home, increase floor area ratio, and create conforming rear, front, and side yard setbacks under SZO §4.4.1. RA Zone. Ward 3.

142 Orchard St: (Case #ZBA 2011-74) Applicants and Owners Michael Fischer and Susan Wilkinson seek a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a one story addition and deck in the rear of an existing singlefamily residence. RB zone. Ward 6.

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 will 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.



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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant Published in Somerville News on 10/5/11 & 10/12/11.

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- The building owner must be otherwise eligible as detailed in this application for participation.
- The housing site must be consistent with the deconcentration goals stated in this application and in the SHA's PHA plan and with civil rights laws and regulations, including HUD's rules on accessibility at 24 CFR 8.4.
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NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION SITE NAME: 26 Bennett Street 26 BENNETT ST., SOMERVILLE, MA **RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-29452**

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On September 28, 2011, M&S Bennett Services, Corp. recorded with the Middlesex County South District Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

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- ☐ Gardening, landscaping or other agricultural uses, which utilize on-Site soils for the cultivation of edible and non-edible plants or which are installed as part of a protective barrier, are not allowed. Ornamental landscape vegetation may be planted in containers placed on top of a protective barrier, but may not be planted within, as part of, or through a protective barrier.
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE **OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on October 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell St. Somerville, MA.

Assembly Square, "C" Street, Phase IA - Block 3 (Case # PB 2011-16): Applicant, Street Retail Inc., & Owner, Street Retail Inc., FR Sturtevant Street LLC, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, and SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, and FR Assembly Square, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of "Block 3" of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct an approx 417,204 gsf project including 2 levels of retail, restaurant, and other commercial uses as approved in the PUD-PMP and a 60,000 sf cinema, along with approx 571 parking spaces in a 5-story garage, two loading bays, and associated service areas. The Applicant and Owner also seek a special permit for signage under §5.1 and §6.4.14 to install signs that are over 35 feet from finished grade and larger than the by-right size. A waiver is required under SZO §6.4.12 and §16.5.5 for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and

Parcel 85-A-6 & 86-A-1 (133 Middlesex St)

Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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The SHA has been and will continue accepting applications for the State and Federal Elderly/Disabled Public Housing Programs and all Section 8 Rental Assistance Programs. Applications can be obtained on line at www.sha-web.org by phone at 617-625-1152, and/or in person at the Administration Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, or at the Tenant Selection Office, 530 Mystic Avenue Somerville. The offices are opened Monday-Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon).

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, October 17, 2011 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Namaskar, Inc., 236 Elm St., Somerville, MA to transfer shares of stock held by Anver Shaikh to Mandeep Singh (41%) and Manu Kaushal. (10%)

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Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro **Administrative Assistant**

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MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 11P4470EA

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Date of Death: 05/26/2011

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Cooking up a generous helping of care

Somerville-based Community Cooks feed a growing need

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Several times each month, Vicky I works together with a half dozen or so of her Somerville neighbors to make a full-course meal for 15 to 20 people they've never met.

One person cooks the main course. Another prepares a salad. Others make side dishes or desserts. They each cook in their own homes and buy the groceries with their own money. The ingredients are fresh, the food is nutritious, and when it's all done the meal is delivered to a local social service agency that doesn't have the means to provide hot meals to its clients.

When she co-founded Community Cooks over 20 years ago in her Westwood Road neighborhood, with an offer to provide homecooked meals to the Somerville Homeless Coalition, Ms. I and her fellow volunteers had no idea the organization would today be providing over 1,000 hot meals per month at 14 different social service agencies, supported by a network of over 200 volunteers.

"We just thought it was a nice neighborhood thing to do. It was a way for us to say we're going to do something and do it as a collaborative effort," said I.

Now the all-volunteer group is laying the foundation for the next 20 years. It kick-started its fundraising recently with Tastes of Community Cooks, a special event held October 2 at the Somerville Museum. The occasion included an art auction, featuring the work of many of the group's volunteer cooks, and guests were treated to a sampling of the wide variety of hot dishes the cooks provide each month to local agencies. Proceeds from the evening will support the hiring of permanent staff to coordinate the program.

"What we're trying to do is set this up so that this can continue in the future," said Ellen Manes-Meunier, who has been a core volunteer with Community Cooks for over 20 years.

Somerville Homeless Coalition Director Mark Alston-Follansbee said the need is greater than ever, with more and more people needing help just as programs are facing government cuts. And he said Community Cooks is unique in the way it pays attention to the special needs of the people it serves, given its mission to provide food that is hearty and home-cooked, but that is also lower in fat, salt and sugar than most institutionally-provided meals.



At the Tastes of Community Cooks event on October 2, volunteer cook Alana Sacks (right) presented guest Lydia Rios (left) with appetizer variations on some of the meals regularly provided by Community Cooks, including backed macaroni and cheese squares, polenta balls and mini chicken pot pies.

Dianne Brown, a day program manager at Somerville's Walnut Street Center, which serves the needs of developmentally disabled adults, said that approach is especially valuable because so many of the center's clients have special health concerns like diabetes. "They don't just bring things. They bring sugar free things. They ask what we need," said Brown.

The center's lunch room on a recent day was full of program participants who said they enjoyed the lasagna recently served by Community Cooks. Ray Hardy said he also likes the macaroni and cheese and the chicken cacciatore. Pat Decker lists hot dogs and beans and Sloppy Joes among her favorites. And everyone likes the brownies.

"The food they make is very good. It's like a home-cooked meal," said program participant Mike Hayes.

And Brown said the impact of the meals goes beyond the food itself. "It's another person who has cook a hot meal for them," said Brown, noting that most center participants are well aware that the meals are cooked by people who aren't paid to do it.

"They don't have to do it, but they do it anyway. You just have to say thank you," said Hayes.

"The message is that the community cares about them, and the food is the vehicle," said Lawrence Paolella, who has been delivering meals as a Community Cooks volunteer for the past five or six years. "It's a gift to have this opportunity."

Manes-Meunier said volunteers come to Community Cooks for all different reasons and with all different skill levels, from professional chefs to novice cooks, but most are looking for a way to help out that can fit within their busy

"We find that most people have a hard time going somewhere else to work at a scheduled time," said Manes-Meunier, "but if we say, 'can you cook a meal for 15 people in your own kitchen?' you can squeeze that into your normal routine."

"It was just easy for me," said Alyssa Napoleon, who has volunteered since moving to Somerville just over a year ago, and leads a team of cooks who provide monthly meals to Respond, a domestic violence shelter. "It's anonymous. It's not about them coming back and saying 'we loved what you made' or 'this is what we got out of it. It's more about just knowing that they have a warm home-cooked meal."

Jean, who asked that her last name not be used, has enjoyed Community Cooks meals at both the Chapel Street homeless shelter and through CASPAR, a substance rehabilitathought enough about them to tion program, and said she doesn't need to meet the volunteers from Community Cooks to appreciate what they do. "I can tell by their presentation that they are very caring people," she said.

"I've been in recovery for a long, long time and had a million relapses, so I'm no stranger to institutional carbs, and Community Cooks is the best because they take care to make very healthy food and take the time to list all the ingredients," said Jean. "Through their good works, their humble presence and the attention they pay to detail, they help many, many people feel special and cared for."

For more information or to get involved, go to www.communitycooks.org.



FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday October 5

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

West Branch Library Babygarten

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

Thursday October 6

Central Library

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

Friday October 7

Central Library

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

Monday October 10

Columbus Day-Libraries Closed

Tuesday October 11

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

Wednesday October 12

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Ignite Tonight|The Luke Mulholland Band|Walker Lukens|Halcyonaire 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

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Live Music

239 Holland St|617-625-8200

Joshua Tree

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

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

Samba Bar & Grille

Live Music

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381 Summer St.

Friday October 7

Johnny D's

School of Grove|Roots Nation 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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Josh Lederman and the CSARS |6 Black Marmot with John Fries |9

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The Burren

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar Live Acoustic Music

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Michael's Bar

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

Joshua Tree

9910

10 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-

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

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Johnny D's

Gram International IV 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Lomma & The Fix with Ette \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

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The Burren **Spitting Vinnies** 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar Hear now live presents Steve Dalton|Josh Flagg|The Washingtons|Numa Talk|Three Yo Sound

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Somerville Theatre

Ave

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Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar Josh Lederman and friends 5

Natalie Flanagan, Trusty Sidekick |8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589

The Burren Sunday Night Music Series 8 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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70 Union Sq|617-623-921 On The Hill Tavern

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The Burren

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CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday October 5

Third Life Studio

Beyond Beginners Belly Dancing with Nadira Jamal 7:30-9:00 Level 2 33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday October 6

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

Third Life Studio Roots and Rhythm 33 Union Sq

drumzatlibana@gmail.com

First Church Somerville

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Saturday October 8

Third Life Studio

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Therapy Workshops 11:30 -2:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq| 978-952-2798 Yoga Flow

1 p.m.-2 p.m.|33 Union Sq |maria.taesil@gmail.com Introduction to Voice Movement Therapy

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| Mali: 781.290.6381

MaliSastri@gmail.com

Sunday October 9 **Third Life Studio**

Discover Belly Dancing with Nadira Jamal Noon- 1 p.m. 33 Union Sq Belly Dance Drills & Repertoire 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq African Dance with Alice 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm|617-620-

7654 www.alicehellerdance.com

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Monday October 10

Cloumbus Day- Library Closed

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

Tuesday October 11

Central Library

Introduction to basic computer skills

11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

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

Third Life Studio

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

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News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

will be present to give you a tour and answer any question you might have. Light refreshments will be served as well. The public is cordially invited to come and view. Some items of interest are actual officers jewels made by Paul Revere that are still worn today, a chair dating back to before the 1600's, and various books and letters going back to the mid 1700's, as well as relics of the original bunker hill monument.

***** On Sunday, October 9, the Post VFW 388 on Glen Street (corner of Glen &

Tufts) is having a "Homecoming Dance" to raise funds for the Somerville Pop Warner, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will be dancing, a buffet, and fun. It's a good cause and we need to support the kids. Come out and have a good time. Tickets at the door. Now, our friend Patty Hamel

Oppedisano says you need to bring your-

self and all your friends. ****** The new and current Sheriff of Middlesex County, Peter J. Koytoujian, will be having a fundraiser at the Bellevue Country Club, 320 Porter Street in Melrose. Tickets are \$100 each and you can buy them at the door. We hear he's a pretty nice guy.

Former Police Captain Dan Mathews is not doing to well. We wish him all the best and send him and his family our good wishes. Captain Mathews was a nice man and a good policeman here in Somerville for many years.

Mayor Joe Curtatone is having a reception and wine tasting at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, next Wednesday, October 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are suggested contributions of \$125 to \$500

Also, another good friend, Tara De-Cristofaro, the Register of Probate, is having an event on Wednesday, October 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. "Buffet dinner will be served." RSVP to Jerry at 781-866-1451. She's a nice lady and probably the best looking Register of Probate in Massachusetts, never mind Middlesex County.

This week Ms. Margaret "Peg" Mamigonian, a lifelong resident and dedicated to several community organizations, especially with the VNA as a board of directors member, passed on. She was a wonderful lady who contributed herself to our city and its residents in many ways. To her family and friends we send our sympathy for her loss.

Congratulations to Delio Jr and his lovely wife Rebecca and big sister Amelia Susi on the birth of their new baby boy/

little brother John Patrick who was born last month.

Finally, this week here in Newstalk! Have you noticed how rude people are getting lately, or is it us? The total lack of just plain manners is gone to history, we're afraid. Whatever happened to "excuse me" or "thank you"? People cutting you off on the road, watching cars go through not yellow lights but actual red lights with the phone attached to their ears and they give you the not so friendly finger of a wave. Have we become a society of having no manners at all? We notice a not so smiling city, despite the polls. We pass each other and don't smile or say "good morning" or "good afternoon." It's almost like every man and women for themselves and forget about the rest. It's sad, this city use to be friendly with smiles and nice greetings to our neighbors. It appears that might have all changed. Do you agree?

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Thursday 10/13: Flatt Rabbitt 6 p.m.

Johnnie Mac & The Local Forecast 9 p.m.

Friday 10/14: Radioactive Rustlers 6 p.m.

Orange Nichole, Sugar Snow, Mercy James Gang 9 p.m.

Saturday 10/15: Members of Morphine 5:30 p.m.

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Somerville Community Growing Center hosts Annual Harvest Festival on rain date

By Tiffani M. Westbrook

Pumpkin carving was the favorite activity at the 17th annual Somerville Community Growing Center Harvest Festival this weekend. Organizers packed the event with so many hands-on activities, from butter churning to cider making, that many children did not want to leave when the event was over at 5:30 p.m. The festival focused on introducing the tastes and smells of nature to the city folks of Somerville. The center invited the community into their urban oasis behind Union Square where locals were encouraged to interact with nature and create change.

Despite having to move from Saturday to Sunday due to rain, the event was well attended and the Center was able to raise \$500 through a silent auction that featured a Formaggio Cheese Cave tour for three. The event proceeds will go directly back into supporting the center in the work they do, creating an urban garden in the heart of Somerville.

For the past 15 years the event has been staffed by volunteers from the People Making a Difference Organization who also donated tools for pumpkin carving this year. The volunteers were taken on a tour of the garden center and were amazed by all the smells and tastes that the urban garden had to offer. PMD trained their volunteers on safety before they got down and dirty with the pumpkin carving.

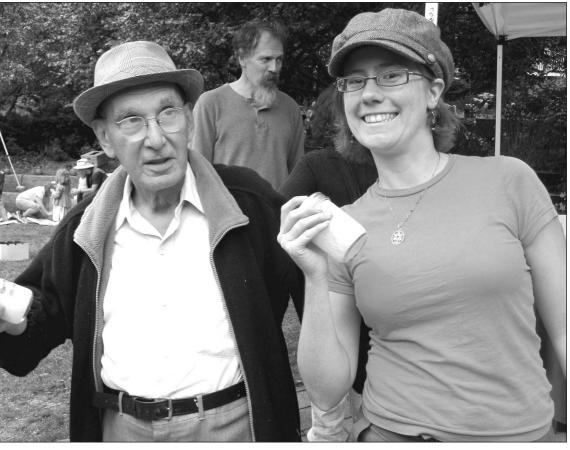
"It is about people and community coming together." said Lisa Brukilacchio, from the Growing Center, "we feel like it [the Harvest Festival] is an opportunity to engage families with children, which is our target population." The event was a family friendly one for all ages and the activities, such as the butter churning, represented bigger life lessons for participants. Brukilacchio hopes that, "kids saw through the hard work of butter making that they could make change. It is a small example but part of the message that we want people to take away from this event is that you can make change."



Pumpkins made by two sisters, sitting on the corner stone from the old Southern



FCGC Volunteer helps young girl with pumpkin decorating



Two volunteers, Guy and Lauren, help out with the Butter Dance activity.

Glavin named new head of OSPCD CONT. FROM PG 1

Somerville has already proven that it has a great number of opportunities and advantages for development, including location, including some of the projected improvements for the transportation plan that's servicing the area and certainly the leadership that the Mayor brings to the city, that brings continuity in government and the ability to respond to the concerns of the private sector, while still respecting the [sentiments] of the neighborhood. It's a great setting to bring these skills and to work with the Mayor and the talented team of people who are already there.

SN: One of the most important works done by the city in

are your opportunities. I think the last year was the approval of willingness to meet a common transportation expansion that is in the ability of the city to attract \$25 million in bond allocation for the Assembly Square development, part of a tri-party agreement between the city, state and developer Federal Realty Investment Trust. How do you see the future of public-private partnerships in improving the economy of Somerville.

MG: It's hard to imagine any major or large-scale development or investment in the Northeast or in any urban center happening without having the ability to create opportunities for working partnerships between the public and private sector. Now in striking any fair partnership, it means both parties really have to come to the table with a objective. If there is an agreement on the common objective, then both sides can explore what are the resources that are fair to bring to the table.

I really believe that any major development will require some public-private partnership, but component parts of that can change. For instance, where there may be land that has been spoiled over time, similar to the brown-fields situations in our major urban centers, that there's been a fair response by the public sector to say some of that may be an obligation that we have to take on ourselves, in combination with the investment of private parties. Also, some of the projected for Somerville, the private sector is investing in infrastructure that relates directly to the opportunities for the private sector to be involved with some future development.

SN: The Green Line Extension is celebrated as a great idea for the economic development of the region, however delays have caused many in Somerville to doubt it may ever come. What do see the strategy should be moving forward?

MG: I'm confident, having spoken with the Mayor, that the Green Line Extension will be moved forward and effectively realized. I really believe that the Green Line is a significant factor

development. Thinking about it, and how it relates to the entire metropolitan marketplace, it should bring investment by those who want to be in the metropolitan market with clear access to downtown Boston, clear access to the workforce that is in the general Boston area, and the workforce that is resident in Somerville itself. We have the advantage of having a great workforce that comes from a very diverse background.

This combination of linking Somerville and that development area with the Green Line is a very unique opportunity that excites me and is clearly part of the complex plan for the city.



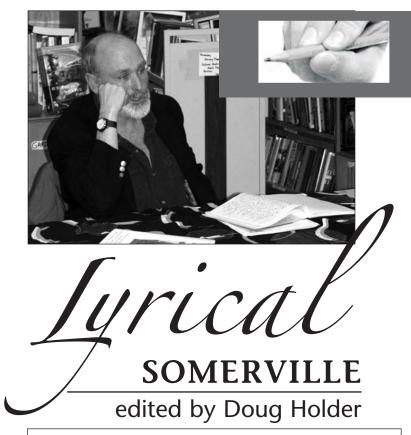
SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, Octo	ber 5	4:30pm	A Healer in The House	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	Ablevision	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
6:00am	The Arabic Hour	5:30pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
7:00am	Ingenious Ideas	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	4:00pm	Art @SCATV
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	4:30pm	A Healer in Every House
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	2:00pm	"As You Like It" ASP	5:00pm	Culture Club
10:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	5:30pm	Talking About Somerville
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12:00noon	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	7:00pm	Fluff Festival 2011	·	Discovering Justice
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3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	6:00am	Live Response	Sunday, Octobei		8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
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4:00pm	Improv Toolkit with Nadira Jamal	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	11:30pm	The Gerry Leone Show

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

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I have a cat, MENOW. He is a rather famous feline. His picture has been in *The Boston Globe* posing with yours truly in the offices of the Ibbetson Street Press. As any pet owner knows cats become an important part of the family, and when they pass one suffers like one would for a beloved relative. Poet Keith Tornheim writes a poem for his cat and the passage of time.

Orion's Flight

Oh, cat who used to jump so high at dust motes hanging in the sky, how can you now so calmly lie down here without complaint or cry, your body shrunk, your food passed by, knowing you will shortly die?

Ah, yes, but next time I will be a bird and truly fly.

- Keith Tornheim

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Answers from page 14 Ms. Cam's 1. A Collie (each begin names of eight U.S. states) 2. The parrot family 8. He is the founder of 3. Maryland amazon.com 9. California 4. Yes 5. It is 17 inches wide 10.640 acres 6. Malaysia 11. Ganymede 7. The letters "M" and "N" 12. The fear of darkness

OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Environmental Novelist Kitty Beer:

Writing of a time when Boston is underwater

Kitty Beer, a member of the Somerville Bagel Bards, sets her new novel *Human Scale* in 2062, a time in which Boston is under water and the suburban town of Arlington, MA, has become a seaside community. Beer, a graduate of Harvard University and Cornell University, has been an environmental journalist for many years and to her a scenario such as this is far from far-fetched. I talked with Beers on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*.

Doug Holder: Was the book *Silent Spring* a big influence on you as an environmental journalist?

Kitty Beer: Well, Silent Spring is very inspiring. But also, I was working on the the nuclear arms race, and I wrote a booklet some years ago that was sold all over the world, there was a huge demand for it. After I finished this, me and a lot of people switched over to the environment. I think Carl Sagan was very influential with his concept of Nuclear Winter. He said that humans can actually destroy the earth. So the environmental movement was coming up strong at that time. So that is how I got into environmental activism, it started with the nuclear arms race.

DH: In your novel it is 2062 and Boston is basically underwater. Arlington, MA, miles inland is a seaside community. How likely is this scenario?

KB: Well, I don't view my novel as a prediction. I view it as a warning. And I am hoping very much that it does not come true. But every time you hear a report from an environmental scientist, they say "Oh, this is happening a lot faster than I thought." The glacier melt and everything is accelerating, the sea is rising. The temperature has risen one degree Fahrenheit in 30 years. If it raises four degrees, which sounds small, well, it would have a catastrophic effect. I think it is very possible that Boston can be under water. There would be so much water in the city it would be unusable.

Every time I listen to the news there is something dire happening with the weather. The New York Times today talked about 14 states that are affected by this extreme weather. A few weeks ago there were wild fires, and floods, not to mention earthquakes. The earth is going out of balance. And it is going out of balance faster and faster. In a way the earth is fighting back, but I think this is only the beginning. Even if we stop using fossil fuel now, the effect will still go on. I have been an environmental journalist for some years and I am up on the science.

DH: In the novel a totalitarian state arises from the chaos the weather brings. Is this form of government another logical scenario?

KB: When you have all these catastrophes at the same time you will have a huge influx of refugees



fleeing to other parts of the country. When chaos comes, historically governments shrink and are displaced. The center does not hold. Tribal enclaves form. So these local governments take over, which makes a totalitarian state more likely.

DH: Basically, in the novel priests sort of run things. One of their duties is to deflower under-aged girls. What is your personal review of religion?

KB: I think people turn to religion when they are scared. It is very likely that people are going to wrap themselves in religion. It would be very appealing to them, to be told that the earth is in trouble because of God and their sin. If they don't sin and find God, and obey the priests, then everything will be O.K. So it would be very easy for people like the priests to take over. If you have total power it corrupts.

DH: But as you told me ,the story concerns much more than the environment. In fact it is still the same old story, the fight for love, for glory, as time goes by. I mean there is love, lust and violence between these characters. This isn't a clinical piece of writing.

KB: I write stories about love and glory. My first novel took place in the 2040's: What Love Can't Do. I shocked my friends with my first novel, but they enjoyed all the lust, and passion just the same. My new novel is about global warming but, more so, the effect on people.

DH: There is an interesting cast of characters in your novel. Some sympathetic, some not so much, and some are despicable. How do you feel about your characters?

KB: I love them all. I even love the evil priest Father Rose. I don't love them personally, but I love their characters.

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