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From the Publishers and Staff



Dust-up around Assembly Row

Neighbors claim damage to property and health



Boat owners at the Winter Hill Yacht Club are among those complaining about the dust being kicked up at the Assembly Square construction site.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

The holiday spirit may not be the only thing in the air around Assembly Square these days. Abutters say construction at the new Assembly Row development is kicking up toxic dust that is causing damage to private property, and raising health concerns.

At the Winter Hill Yacht Club, which is adjacent to Federal Realty's 45-acre project, boat owners said the dust is fossilizing quickly on surfaces, causing canvas and stitching to disintegrate and leaving permanent coatings on boat shells, awnings and vinyl windshields.

"I need radar to get out of my slip," said club member William Tauro, showing a heavily-encrusted section of his boat's windshield that he said was bought new this year. "If that's what it's doing to this, what's it doing to your lungs?"

Tauro, who is a publisher of this newspaper, was speaking at a public meeting held at the Yacht Club on Saturday, November 17, where a few dozen residents, Continued on page 17

Shooting suspect's brother speaks out

By Jim Clark

The brother of a man facing multiple charges relating to a shooting incident that took place on November 11 is reaching out in defense of his brother's actions.

Jacques Dessin told The Somerville News that his brother, Santano Dessin, is being misrepresented in the media as having taken inappropriate action against those who were, in fact, attacking him. He insists that his brother was acting solely in self-defense.

"This is an incident where you have a person who was attacked by three perpetrators," said Dessin. "You have a classic self-defense whereby while being attacked he had called the police and informed them that he was being attacked."

He went on to explain that his brother is licensed to carry a gun, and had warned the attackers that he would use it if they refused to allow him to go into the house which is owned by his parents. The three alleged attackers were, according to Dessin, connected with tenants on the first floor who rent an apartment from the family.

According to Dessin, tensions between the family and their tenants had been developing in the days leading up to the incident. "Some of the individuals who actually live on the first floor were pulled over [by police] right in front of the house," Dessin said. "When they were pulled over they had a machete in their car. I think that because the police were inundated with calls and issues

dealing with hurricane Sandy they didn't arrest them. In addition to that, these people had actually, we believe, some gang affiliations."

Dessin further stated that it was his family's belief that one of the tenants had been dealing drugs outside of the house. "So these are people that we know carried weapons and were involved in drugs."

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A reminder to save the date for a benefit fundraiser for our good friend Rick Barletta to help support with his recovery from his horrific accident. He sustained permanent injuries in a near fatal motorcycle crash this past May. The benefit will help raise money to help with his care for him and his family. Rick is a very strong willed person and has what it takes to overcome this tragic situation. His Benefit will be held on Saturday, November 24, at the Winter Hill Yacht Club located at 78 Foley Street in Somerville (Assembly Square by the river) from 6 p.m. with a \$20 cover charge, which will include admission, dancing, buffet, DJ, a cash bar and a raffle to help Rick and his family with the cost of his care as he heals and tries to get rolling again. Any donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. Please contact, Jeaneen Barletta, at jeanen.barletta@facebook.com or Billy Tauro at 617 293-2016 or wmtauro@bostonnewsgroup.com for more information.

This Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, the Somerville High Football game at Dilboy starts at 10a.m. This year they are playing Cambridge Rindge and Latin. Let's go and support the players and have a nice Somerville family Thanksgiving morning here in the 'Ville.

Saturday, November 24, is also National Shop Small Day. It's the day that we are all asked to shop small local business that make up the backbone of our nation's economy. So remember to shop at all our small local stores right here in Somerville and help to support the community as a whole.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development are hosting "Somerville by Design" Station area planning at Gilman Square, Lowell Street/Magoun Square and Ball Square stations. It's a great opportunity for our community to have input into the new stations. Wednesday, November 28, Open

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Mayor outlines next steps on adoption of Community Preservation Act

A. Moore says:

One of the advantages of being old and poor, I don't get stuck with this one.

Courtney O'Keefe says:

This wasn't implemented by the administration. Somerville voters selected to adopt this on Election Day. Also, the raises were approved by the Board of Aldermen after numerous meetings and compelling data.

It's Ok if you disagree with the Mayor, just make a valid argument if you're going to comment publicly.

Bill says:

@ Courtney – You are correct that it was "implemented" by the voters however, it was created by this Mayor and this Administration. 70% of the funds collected is discretionary and time will show, as history has proved, that the money will go elsewhere.

As far as the Mayor's raise goes, you've been to enough meetings and around politics enough to know how it works. If he didn't want that raise as he claimed then he would have extracted it from the report before it was sent to the Board. Also, you know as well as I do that his minions on the Board who can't sneeze without the Mayor's permission and help were working with him all along. Also, even after it was approved he WOULDN'T have TAKEN it if he didn't want it.

j. connelly says:

"A. Moore"....Sorry to hear the "poor" part but I did not think that you were really "old". Well look at the bright side, there's a chance that "Twinkies" will be making a come back. That should put a smile on your face and on Archie Bunker's too...lol

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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 will be making an effort to shop locally this holiday season. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.





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The Waste Transfer Station will evolve in 2013

By Cathleen Twardzik

The situation regarding the waste transfer station at Brickbottom, just off McGrath Highway, has been adjusted.

The original plan was that the city would "terminate" waste management's lease of the waste transfer station on October 1, 2012. The transfer station's "transition" of the transfer station will actually occur in July 2013.

The delay "has allowed waste management time to prepare a plan to transition off the site," said Brad Rawson of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OS-PCD).

Among other issues, such as the existence of elevated highways in the eastern neighborhoods of Somerville, its "industrial districts are landlocked by railroads," and the commuter rail's engine terminal in the city is 23 acres.

While units such as the waste transfer station have proven to be an imperative portion of the region's solid waste "infrastructure," for multiple decades, that entity has fashioned a front for the city that is unappealing. In addition, it hinders "future in-



The waste transfer station's "transition" of the transfer station at Brickbottom, just off McGrath Highway, will occur in July 2013.

vestment in our community," said Rawson.

"The MBTA has committed to opening the Green Line station at the corner of Washington Street and Joy Street by late 2016 or early 2017. We know that there is a great deal of entrepreneurial energy Somerville, and that the life sciences industry is pushing outward from Cambridge. It is too early to tell what kind of longterm use is likely on the waste transfer site, but the commonwealth's investment in new transit service in Brickbottom and the Inner Belt needs to be leveraged to create opportunities for Massachusetts' residents," according to Rawson.

"I believe that the demolition of the transfer station will lead to commercial development in the immediate neighborhood, creating jobs and increasing the tax base. A Green Line extension station is slated to be built a short walk away," said William A. White Jr., Alderman At Large and Vice President.

"If the waste transfer station remained, I think everyone agrees that it would deter developers from coming to the area, as no one would seriously consider a major commercial or mixed use development next door to a waste transfer station," White said.

Thanksgiving pie sale



This year's Somerville High Thanksgiving Pie sale was a great success. Students in the Culinary Arts program baked over 600 pies this year. Students started their school day earlier than usual this week to fill all those orders in time for pick up Tuesday.

Somerville honors **Gene Brune**



Somerville's Mayor and the Board of Aldermen presented Former Mayor and soon to be retired Registrar of Deeds Gene Brune with a citation in honor of his many years in public service.

Shooting suspect's brother speaks out CONT. FROM PG 1

confrontation leading up to the shooting, Dessin maintains that his brother was simply trying to gain entry into his family's residence after asking them to lower the noise level from partying, but was confronted by the three individuals and blocked from reentering the building. He further asserts that his brother was physically assaulted and surrounded by the attackers.

"No one wanted that situation," said Dessin. "And yet this guy (the shooting victim) was over six tacked and they call the police. It ter the initial call.

feet tall, about 250 lbs." He went on to say that the attackers appeared to be drunk and/or under the influence of drugs. "They were not tested for drugs or alcohol," according to Dessin. He believes that the State Police did not come to question the alleged attackers until many hours after the incident.

"From day one, unfortunately, it seems like the police never did certain things that they should have done when somebody is atseems like this was poor policing on their part," said Dessin.

Dessin points out that his brother called the police again after the shooting and waited for their arrival. "When they came he was there, he identified himself, and placed his gun on the ground. He was not 'nabbed' by the police, as one article [in the press] had said."

Conversely, Dessin points out, one of the three alleged attackers fled before the police arrived af-

"When you know you're dealing with people with drug backgrounds and weapons on them, it's amazing that the prosecution in this case is just focused on him and not the attackers."

Dessin wants the public to know that his brother is a lawabiding man who holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice and who is looking to continue in that field or possibly shift his options to go into the medical field.

"This is a good guy," according to Dessin. "He was warning them feet of a dwelling.

to stay away from him." He also wants it known that only one shot was fired, in self-defense.

"He was definitely attacked by them," according to Dessin. "I think that ultimately the evidence will show that."

Santano Dessin was arraigned last week in Somerville District Court on charges of armed assault with intent to murder, assault and battery causing serious bodily injury and discharging a firearm within 500

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By Jim Clark

Pizza guy too hot to handle

Police were called to the corner of Beacon and Dickinson last Thursday on a report of an assault and battery.

Arriving officers spoke with the alleged victim who reportedly told them that after he had parked his car he crossed Beacon St. in the crosswalk, but then was suddenly surprised as a car stopped in the crosswalk and it's driver, later identified as Junior Dornevil,

23, of Medford, exited the vehicle and began to physically assault him. The alleged victim reportedly said that Dornevil chest-bumped, pushed, and spat on him.

A witness to the incident confirmed what happened next, according to police. He reportedly saw Dornevil get back into his car and gun it towards the alleged victim, who backpedalled to get away from him, and the car was stopped at the curb.

As the witness came to the aid of the alleged victim, Dornevil reportedly drove away.

The alleged victim told police that the car Dornevil was driving had Papa John's Pizza signage on it and that he placed a call to a Somerville franchise of the store. The alleged victim said that the manager of the store told him that he probably knew who the assailant was but that

he preferred to speak only to police about it.

Police then dispatched units to the Papa John's on Somerville Ave. and located Dornevil, who was reportedly very argumentative and belligerent. According to police, Dornevil was shouting and accusing police of harassing him because they were racist. Dornevil reportedly made threatening gestures and com-

ments not only to police, but also to customers of the restaurant.

Police brought the alleged victim to the store to conduct a show-up identification and Dornevil was positively identified, according to reports

Dornevil was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct, assault with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Ex-boyfriend attempts forced reconciliation

Police responded to a call reporting a possible violation of a restraining order at a Lowell St. residence last Sunday.

Upon arrival, officers were met by the alleged victim and the landlord of the property. The alleged victim reportedly told police that her ex-boyfriend, Leonardo Deoliveira-Barros, 27, that she stopped seeing three weeks ago was just inside her

apartment. She further stated that she had an active restraining order against him.

The alleged victim said that Deoliveira-Barros had gained entry into her apartment by breaking in through a window in the building's basement, according to reports. She further stated that Deoliveira-Barros confronted her, pleading for her to take him back. She refused and peacefully asked Deoliveira-Barros to leave and advised him that she had filed a restraining order against him and that he was in violation of it, police said.

The building's landlord reportedly told police that Deoliveira-Barros had vandalized the property a week prior to this.

The alleged victim told police that Deoliveira-Barros fled as police approached the residence.

Police conducted a search of the property but the man was not on the premises. A mobile unit reported spotting a man fitting Deoliveira-Barros' description a few blocks away but he fled on foot after spotting the officers, according to reports.

Deoliveira-Barros was eventually located at his residence on Flint St. and was placed in-

to custody. An inquiry found that the restraining order was never delivered to Deoliveira-Barros, but he was charged with destruction of property over \$250 and felony nighttime entering. He was also booked on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, number plate violation and miscellaneous equipment violation.

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Arrests:

Joseph Dixon, 52, of 278 Powderhouse Blvd., November 13, 5:09 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Kwesi George, 21, November 13, 9:06 p.m., arrested at 20 Canal La. on charges of trespassing, abuse prevention order violation, larceny from a building, stalking in violation of a restraining order, witness intimidation, and misdemeanor breaking and entering.

A juvenile, 21, November 14, 3:01 p.m., arrested at 109 Gilman St. on charges of operation of a motorized scooter, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and receiving stolen property over \$250.

A juvenile, 21, November 14, 3:01 p.m., arrested at 109 Gilman St. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250 and on a warrant charge of nighttime breaking and entering of a boat or vehicle.

Rafael Perez-Bautista, 19, of 15 Connecticut Ave., November 14, 4:22 p.m., arrested on warrant charges of conspiracy

to violate drug law, trespassing, possession of a class B drug, assault with a dangerous weapon, and drug possession to distrib-

Victoria Rodriguez, 21, of 2104 Haven Hill Ave., Las Vegas, NV, November 14, 6:25 p.m., arrested at 23 Cummings St. on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

Ismael Concepcion, 27, November 15, 1:49 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on warproperty over \$250 and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Junior Dornevil, 23, of 246 Middlesex Ave., Medford, November 15, 11:06 p.m., arrested at 3 Beacon St. on charges of disorderly conduct, assault with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Desiree Moore, 29, of 889 Harrison St., Boston, November 16, 11:49 a.m., arrested at 105 Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of trespassing.

Jesus Acevedo, 28, of 45 Delano St., New Bedford, November 16, 4:42 p.m., arrested at 18 Bond St. on charges of drug possession to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug

Alex Tejada-Pena, 21, November 16, 4:42 p.m., arrested at 18 Bond St. on charges of drug possession to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug law, and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Matthew Simoes, 24, of 61 Bow St., November 17, 7:22 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of armed and masked robbery.

Leonardo Deoliveira-Barros, rant charges of destruction of 27, of 84 Flint St., November 18, 4:36 a.m., arrested at home on charges of destruction of property over \$250 and felony nighttime entering, and on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, number plate violation and miscellaneous equipment violation.

Incidents:

Theft:

November 13, 10:10 p.m., police reported a theft at Glenwood Rd.

November 13, 3:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Hooker

November 13, 4:45 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

November 14, 12:53 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

November 15, 9:05 a.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

November 15, 12:54 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

November 15, 10:08 p.m., police reported a theft at 518 Medford St.

November 16, 11:49 a.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex Ave.

November 16, 2:00 p.m., police reported a theft at 230 Highland Ave.

November 16, 3:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon

November 16, 5:26 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath

November 17, 11:40 a.m., police reported a theft at Vinal

November 17, 1:16 p.m., police reported a theft at 61 Union Sq.

November 17, 1:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Elm St.

November 18, 5:16 p.m., police reported a theft at 55 Davis Sq.

Breaking & Entering:

November 14, 7:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Fremont St.

November 15, 6:10 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

November 15, 6:11 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

November 16, 4:36 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Chandler St.

November 17, 2:52 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at McGrath Hwy.

November 18, 12:10 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pinckney St.

Assault:

November 13, 11:08 a.m., police reported an assault at Tennyson St.

November 15, 5:47 p.m., police reported an assault at Charlestown St.

November 16, 5:52 p.m., police reported an assault at Winslow Ave.

Drug Violation:

November 16, 4:42 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Bond St.



Somerville man pleads guilty to charges of recording video of women in YMCA locker room

A Somerville man pleaded guilty to charges he took video of women inside a YMCA locker room without their knowledge, Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone informed the public on Friday.

Ryan Perez, 25, of Somerville, pleaded guilty in Middlesex Superior Court to charges of photographing an unsuspecting nude person (4 counts), wiretapping, and possession of child pornography (3 counts).

Middlesex Superior Court Judge Jane Haggerty scheduled sentencing for December 19 at 2 p.m.

"This defendant secretly recorded women in the Somerville YMCA's femaleonly locker room, violating the sanctity of a place where they had an absolute expectation of privacy," District Attorney Leone said. "The defendant's troubling actions are compounded by the fact that authorities additionally located images of child pornography on his personal cell phone, speaking to his sexual deviance. By pleading guilty today, the

defendant took responsibility for his actions."

According to authorities, on November 1, 2011, at approximately 9:30 am, Somerville police responded to the YMCA at 101 Highland Avenue in Somerville for reports of a male taking pictures of women in the women's locker room. Upon arrival, officers met with one of the victims who informed them that she had taken a shower and was in the process of getting dressed when she observed an individual in a bathroom stall, later identified as the defendant, slide a cell phone out from under the door and point it in her direction. The victim quickly got dressed, left the locker room, and told another female, the second victim, what had happened.

The two women returned to the locker room and witnessed the defendant leave the stall with a pink towel covering his face. When the victim realized the defendant was a male, she immediately began to yell for help and the defendant fled the locker room.

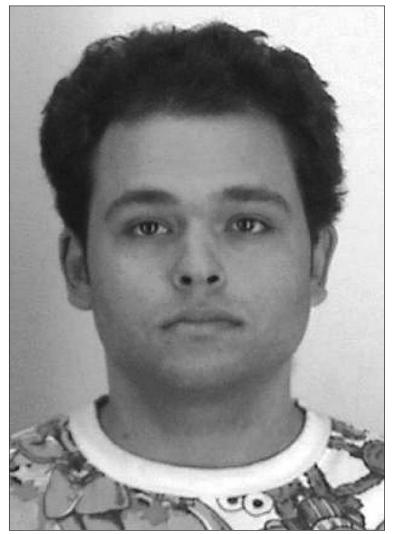
Somerville police located the Middlesex County Grand Jury

defendant, who matched the suspect's description given by the victims, in the men's locker room. The defendant was placed under arrest and transported to the Somerville Police

On November 3, 2011, Somerville Police applied for and received a search warrant for the defendant's cellular telephone. A subsequent search of the phone recovered six videos that were allegedly created on November 1, 2011 between the hours of 8:33 a.m. and 9:26 a.m. The videos were determined to have been created inside the Somerville YM-CA women's locker room and depicted four victims in various states of nudity.

A further forensic analysis of the defendant's cell phone revealed approximately 23 images of child pornography.

The defendant was arraigned in Somerville District Court on November 1, 2011 where he was released on the condition that he stays away from the women's locker room at the Somerville YMCA. He was indicted by a



Ryan Perez.

on February 7.

The prosecutor assigned to this case is Assistant District Attorney Ceara Mahoney. The Victim Witness Advocate is Rani Scott. This case was investigated by the Somerville Police Department.

Somerville Police offer tips to prevent package thefts

This week marks the beginning of the annual holiday giftbuying season. Each year, more and more shoppers are using on line or catalog services to order gifts to be delivered at their homes. Unfortunately, this is also the season when the theft of delivered packages increases across the nation and Somerville is no exception.

In 2011, there were 56 reorted thefts of packages from the porches or doorsteps of Somerville residents. Thirty of those thefts happened from mid- November through the end of the year. Some arrests were made and some items were recovered. But our goal this year is to reduce this type of theft from happening at all.

There any many steps that home shoppers can take to reduce the chance that their deliveries will be stolen. Here are some helpful tips to prevent the theft of your package.

1. Have your package delivered to a location where someone can receive it in person. A neighbor or relative who is usually home,



or if you have an understanding boss, to your workplace are good alternatives.

2. Encourage you neighbors to watch for deliveries and agree to secure each other's packages. This includes being watchful for any stranger who is going onto porches for no apparent reason or following delivery trucks.

- 3. Request the shipper to hold your package at their facility. Most offer this service.
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Many companies offer a text notification to your cell phone when a package has been deliv-

- 5. Request a signature confirmation of delivery.
- 6. Insure valuable items.
- 7. Provide delivery instructions. If packages will be left while you are not home, try to have them left out of sight from the street.

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ACLU Executive Director delivers free speech lecture at Tufts

By Blake Maddux

On November 13, Tufts University hosted its 16th Annual Richard E. Snyder President's Lecture Series event. The speaker was Anthony D. Romero.

Romero became the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) exactly one week prior to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. He is the first Latino and the first openly gay man to hold the position, which is second only to that of president in the organization.

Born in New York City to parents from Puerto Rico, Romero was the first high school graduate in his family. He went on to earn degrees from Princeton University and Stanford University Law School.

In 2005, Time magazine included Romero, then 40 years old, on its Top 25 Most Influential Hispanics in America list. Two years later, he published the book In Defense of Our America: The Fight for Civil Liberties in the Age of Terror, which he co-authored with NPR correspondent Dina Temple-Raston.

The title of Romero's talk at Tufts was Sticks and Stones: Freedom of Expression and Political Correctness. Its main focus was the introduction (in the 1980s) and continuing danger of speech codes on college campuses. His conclusion was that such codes, which aim to enforce "politically correct" language, are "well-intentioned efforts to provide a nurturing environment" that nonetheless have "no place" on campuses.

Romero explained that as "a

gay Puerto Rican kid" and an openly homosexual public figure, he has suffered since child-hood the pain of having cruel epithets flung at him.

He asserted that, despite the old saw that he quotes in the title of the lecture, "Names can hurt a lot. They can diminish self-confidence. They can dredge up awful memories. They can arouse primal fears."

To Romero, these truths are not enough to justify speech codes at colleges. As a law student at Stanford in the 1980s, he witnessed some of the first efforts to enact such codes.

"Banning words doesn't make the hate go away," Romero said.

"In fact, prohibiting the discussion of obnoxious and repugnant ideas can ultimately have the opposite effect: to drive the hate and the bigotry underground. It doesn't go away. It becomes harder and harder to address it, harder and harder to lance the boil of the infection of hate and bigotry when you can't see it on the surface. The best way to have a nurturing environment, a healthful environment, is to understand what people think and to engage one another."

As Romero told it, the history of political correctness has been a classic debate between "progressive" and "conservative" forces on college campuses.

"Speech codes had their origins in what can only be described as [the] progressive instinct to protect vulnerable students, largely those coming from disadvantaged backgrounds, like myself," Romero explained. "The instigators from whom they needed to be protected were largely seen as conservatives".

Neither side, in Romero's estimation, has reason to claim the high ground in the ongoing battle.

He referred to an incident involving Tufts University's *The Primary Source*, a conservative, student-run publication. In 2006, this magazine printed a parody of *O Come All Ye Faithful* called *O Come All Ye Black Folk*, which mocked the value of racial quotas in college admissions.

Although Romero described the piece as "bigoted" and "wrong-hearted," he also adamantly proclaimed it to be an exercise of freedom of speech.

"They have the right to express it, and we [the ACLU] have the right to shout them down even more loudly."

Romero then declared, "Progressives have shown an unfortunate knack for turning concern for vulnerable students, which is laudatory and right, into a disregard for free speech."

Here, he cited the frequency with which conservative speakers are "heckled, accused of hate speech, [and] forced to cancel or change venues."

"Once you concede that some authority has the right to determine what is and what is not legitimate speech, you've lost control of your own speech," Romero said.

He continued, saying, "Efforts to control free speech are like tear gas. You think you're pointing the tear gas in that direction, because that's what you want to be able to control. And then the wind all of a sudden picks up, and puts that tear gas right back into my eyes."

Throughout the lecture,



ACLU Executive Director Anthony D. Romero.

Romero emphasized the importance of the "free and frank exchange of ideas" at colleges, which he described as "the incubator[s] of those free ideas that germinate elsewhere."

In order to drive this point home, he stated, "Redistributive economics, broad support for the Civil Rights Movement and the abolition of slavery among whites, Occupy Wall Street, the anti-Vietnam protests, all began and gestated on college campuses before the moved into the public eye, before they moved into the media, before they moved into the state legislatures and the halls of Congress."

Romero also credited "the

post-Reagan conservative resurgence" to debate at college, and said that academic life is richer thanks to the many issues that it raised for discussion.

Romero closed his talk by confidently asserting, "I'd rather live in a country where I read hateful, hurtful things that create sleepless nights for me, than to live in a country where people can't speak their mind, can't express their viewpoints, can't love whom they love, can't explore the hard issues."

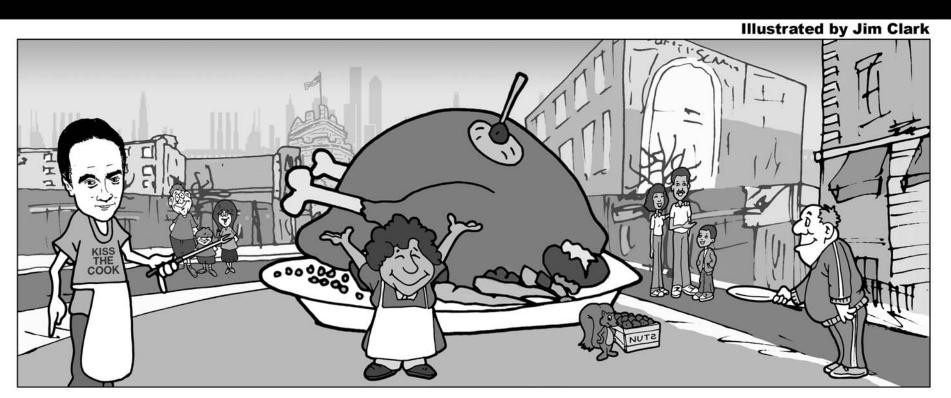
Whether one chooses "to get in people's faces" or to simply attend the meetings of groups with whom they disagree, the freedom to do so, Romero said, is worth those sleepless nights.





COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE



Happy Thanksgiving Day, Somerville!

The View From Prospect Hill



Giving thanks for our blessings is normally an easy thing to do. We may often get caught up in the day-to-day trappings of scratching out a living, ducking misfortune, and seeking out an occasional highlight to add to our mental scrapbooks. Usually, though, we come around to feel-

ing and expressing that special sense of appreciation and gratitude that comes in moments of quiet reflection just in time to validate ourselves as worthy recipients of such blessings.

Thanksgiving Day gives us that little nudge we sometimes need to take stock in what is most important for us and to share in the sense of appreciation that we feel amongst one another.

Of course, for those of us who may be blessed with material abundance, it is also important to help the less fortunate who may be in need as the winter holiday season unfolds. Consider giving a little of your time or money to make another's life a little better, particularly during the winter months to come.

For those among who may be struggling to keep it all together, remember to look at what is good in life and remain faithful that change for the better is always waiting just around the corner.

May this holiday provide a meeting ground for all of us. One in which we can share in the goodness of life and fellowship between us all.

There's no better way to express our gratitude.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Studios 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. public meeting 6:30 to 8:30. Meet city planners and designers to share your ideas. Also, Thursday, November 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. "The Art of Station Area Planning" 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. All this is happening at The Armory, 191 Highland Avenue. Call 617-625-6600 or go to www.somerville-bydesign.com

Nothing exciting is happening this year on who wants the job of President of the Board of Alderman. It looks like Bill White gets the job without any opposition. It doesn't look too good for those department heads he yells at and makes comments to about next year's budget hearings. We also hear that no one is actively looking to be VP of the Board except Jack Connolly, who will take it if no one else wants it. We even hear that one of the Alderman At Large members might consider stepping down next year.

Everyone knows by now that we refer to the Journal as the "Farm Team" because no one over there really knows the city and even those that have been here a few years still get it wrong. Not only are they constantly misspelling words -

heck we do that sometimes as well - but to misspell the city you're working in? Spelling Somerville "Summerville" is an insult. It's bad enough that we used to be referred to as Slummerville in the 70's, but with house prices as high as they are today we think we can cross that one off the list. Now, if we can get them to spell our city name correctly maybe - just maybe - they won't embarrass themselves. While we're talking about the Farm Team, here's another thing we have been hearing from individuals. Their ace reporter has been misquoting people all over the city, we hear. Especially misquoting local politicians (as if they don't have enough problems). But the best one we heard was that she quoted a politician here in the 'Ville recently (actually more than one) on a story, even stating he was present when in fact he wasn't even in Somerville at the time the story to place. It's one thing to be misquoted, it's another not even to be related to or even at the event she was writing about, and to be placed somewhere when in fact the person wasn't even in the city. Maybe a simple class of how to spell and who's who in Somerville might be in order here? Maybe that's the reason not many of them call her back. At least

that's what we hear.

What's going on down at CAAS? We're not just talking about the recent Boston Globe article regarding the Director, but now we hear through the grapevine that three former employees are suing the Acting Director? As a nice small agency that serves a lot of people here in Somerville, maybe an outside investigation might be needed, especially if federal funds are involved?

A nice retirement party for a great man, awesome mayor and just a real nice and charitable man Eugene Brune was held this past Sunday down at the Holiday Inn. We here at The News certainly wish Gene the best and thank him for his many years serving Somerville and its residents. What a truly nice guy. We are very lucky.

Mayor Joe Curtatone and the Veterans Services Department here in the city conducted three well deserved dedications of "Squares" this past Saturday. Quartermaster 3rd Class Philip G. Gagliardi, who served in the Navy in Korean Conflict, is being honored at the

corner of Pearson and Morrison Avenue. The second dedication was for Apprentice Seaman Carmine Paglinca, who was also navy in the Spanish-American War. His was at Boston Avenue and Highland Road in Ball Square. The third was Private John E. Burns, Marine Corp, WWII. His square dedication was at the corner of Joy and Washington Streets. All three very nice ceremonies were attended by family members and friends. We here in Somerville salute them all for their dedication and service.

Congratulations to our good friends Gerry and Mary Flemming of Highland Road with the new arrival of their grandson. Now Mary and Jerry can have fun in the Grandparents Club where they get spoiled even more so.

Congratulations to more good friends of ours, Kathy & Willy Cellata, on the birth of their new born grandson as well. Two distinguished members of the Grandparents Club.

Some birthday greetings here this week in the 'Ville: Somerville Police Officer Ricky Gilberti Continued on page 21



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A 'Grand Bargain,' Massachusetts style



By Joseph A. Curtatone

In Washington, hopes for a "grand bargain" on spending and revenues have been revived by President Obama's convincing win in the November 6th election. Publicly, Republicans are still refusing even to consider the idea that wealthier Americans

should be required to pay Clinton-era tax rates (not that those rates seemed to dampen economic growth in the Clinton era) but even the GOP leadership in the House of Representatives knows that their position has been weakened and that some compromise is called for.

Maybe the solution is to let all the Bush-era tax cuts expire at the end of the year as scheduled and then to vote to restore them for hard-working, middle-class Americans. That way, hardliner Republicans won't have to vote for a tax hike, only a targeted cut. It would take some time to begin the automatic cuts called for as part of the ill-advised deal made last year during the debt ceiling debates, so there would be an opportunity to fine-tune the spending cuts so as not to damage essential government programs.

One thing is for sure: the vast majority of Americans (opinion polls indicate that it's a huge bipartisan coalition) understand that you can't deal with the deficit and meet the government's essential obligations without a combination of spending cuts and additional revenue - what President Obama has consistently called a "balanced approach."

As a nation, we have no choice, so we'll get there eventually. Or as Winston Churchill memorably observed, "The United States invariably does the right thing, after having exhausted every other alternative."

Here in Massachusetts, we

are about to start debate our own grand bargain - and I'm genuinely optimistic that we can achieve it without the polarization and brinksmanship that makes everything so difficult at the national level.

Just last week, we heard from the Patrick Administration that in January it will unveil a detailed proposal to secure adequate, long-term funding for our highway, roads, bridge, rail and transit system. We do not yet know all the details, but we do know that it is likely to include more revenues as well as more spending and operational reform.

We've already had one serious round of cost-cutting and reform in the state's transportation system and there's more to be done. But it should be clear to every Massachusetts resident in every corner of the state that we can't simply cut our way to transportation solvency without doing grave and unacceptable damage to our state's present and future economic health.

Given their efforts on behalf of regional transportation across the commonwealth - including their leadership on transit development here in Somerville - I have great confidence that Governor Patrick, Lt. Governor Murray, MassDOT Secretary Davey and the entire state team will come up with a viable, wellreasoned proposal - and that they will do everything in their power to provide a long-lasting fix to this longstanding problem.

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What to do about Beacon Street



By William C. Shelton

There is a lively online discussion on The Somerville News website. Its primary topic is the city's reconstruction plan for Beacon Street. A secondary one is its banishing from official communications the term "illegal immigrant" when describing people who are in the country illegally.

As Tip O'Neil famously said, "All politics are local." And followed through to their roots, these issues reveal much, not just about Somerville's changing population and strongmayor form of government, but also about our larger economic and political institutions' inability to confront the nation's most serious challenges. Since there is only space in this column for one of them, let's focus on Beacon Street.

I'm delighted that it will finally be resurfaced, and at small expense to Somerville taxpayers. I'm weary of praying that the fillings won't shake out of my teeth when I drive on it.

The city's reconstruction plan would also build divided bicycle tracks between Oxford and Washington Streets, since in good weather 300 cyclists per hour travel that route during morning and evening commute times. But it proposes eliminating half (111) of the route's existing parking spots to make room for the bike tracks. It references a study that says half the spaces are not currently utilized.

Seven hundred neighborhood residents and small business owners have signed a petition opposing the plan. They say that there is scant parking for them already. They point to flaws in the study, most glaring of which is that it was conducted when nearby Harvard and Lesley Universities were not in session.

The mayor would like for the city to do whatever it can to reduce the use of automobiles. Eliminating congestion, reducing pollution, and retarding climate change are indeed worthy goals.

But there are plenty of people who have no other choice than to drive if they are to earn a living or care for their kids. This was not such a problem when Somerville had a wealth of factory jobs, and trolleys took 'Villens to work, school, and play. Today the jobs and trolleys are gone, and parking is scarce in

many of our 19th-Century neighborhoods.

As might be expected, young professionals who have moved to Somerville in recent decades are disproportionately represented among the bicycle track advocates. People who were born and raised here are increasingly being priced out of the housing market. They are disproportionately represented among those who must rely on a car to get to work.

I would not like to see it become incrementally more difficult for them to remain in the city that they grew up in. And not just for their sakes. They tend to Continued on page 17

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

n embassy in Somervil



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It used to be called Smitty's, on Somerville

Ave., but when it became the Embassy Lounge, that's when the real fun began. The year was 1974 and the Fabulous Pharaohs were the big attraction. Inspired by The Great Pretenders, The Pharaohs were a pantomime act that did '50s and '60s music on Thursday and Sunday nights. The members were Mark, John, Mike, Billy, and Brian, Mike's brother, another John, ran the equipment (p.s. - get well soon, John). Mark's brother George was part of the group for a short time and their father, George Sr., managed them for a while. Joe W and Dave Emery were also on the tech crew at various times.

Complete with their matching tuxedos, other flashy outfits and impressive light show, The Fabulous Pharaohs packed the Embassy Lounge week after week. Loads of enthusiastic girls showed up religiously to cheer on the entertaining group. They had a dedicated following who knew every song and every move and believe me, these guys had their moves down to a "t" with precision accuracy. When the strobe light kicked in during Pretty Little Angel Eyes the crowd went wild. Brian, who was at least 6 foot 4 inches tall, danced into a frenzy,

faster and faster with the beat. When Beep Beep played night after night, the place went crazy.

The phenomenon went on and on, spreading to Studley's and eventually to Johnny D's. The personnel of the Fabulous Pharaohs changed along with the name. The Amazing Sensations and Solid Gold were offshoots and reincarnations of the original.

At the same time The Pharaohs were packing the Embassy on Thursdays and Sundays, a live band gave Fridays and Saturdays a try. They were The Premieres, and they consisted of myself, Bernie M, Pat O and Junior. We played live, but never got the response the Pharaohs did. We played the songs of

the day, like Grand Funk's Bad Time To Be In Love, Captain and Tennille's Love Will Keep Us Together and Kool And the Gang's first hit Hollywood Swinging. To this day those songs remind me of the Embassy Lounge and all the crazy fun we had.

Jerry D. and Sandy owned The Embassy Lounge. Jerry was a cigar-chomping gentleman who had class written all over him and his wife Sandy was a former model who was absolutely gorgeous. The Embassy Lounge staff included Franny, Paul and Carol on the bar, and waitresses Gail (Paul's lovely wife), and in later years Grace and Marie. I think little Jo-Ann was a waitress for a while too. Regulars were Jimmy and Continued on page 19



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts and changing the formula on which pensions are based. call votes in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUF-FOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere,

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.

The 2011-2012 legislative session is winding down and ends in early January. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call begins a series of reports highlighting legislation approved by the House and the Senate and signed into law by Gov. Deval Patrick in the 2011-2012 session.

ALIMONY CHANGES (S 1989)

House 151-0, Senate 36-0, approved a law making major changes in the state's alimony laws including allowing some alimony payments to be reduced, suspended or terminated upon the payer reaching the full age of retirement or the remarriage or cohabitation of the recipient.

It also bases the duration of payments on the number of years the couple is married. For example, for marriages of five years or less, the maximum alimony term would be 50 percent of the number of the months of marriage, while 15 to 20 year marriages would be capped at 80 percent. More than 20 years would be up to the judge and could be mandated indefinitely. (A "Yes" vote is for the law.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

DNA EVIDENCE (S 1987)

House 155-0, Senate 37-0, approved a law allowing individuals who have been convicted of a crime to request access to DNA evidence for forensic testing that could grant a new trial. Prior to the law's passage, Massachusetts was one of only two states that did not have this law. (A "Yes" vote is for the law.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Carl Sciortino Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

APPROVE CHANGES IN PENSION SYSTEM (S

House 152-0, Senate 27-10, approved a law making changes in the pension and retirement systems for employees of the state and cities and towns. The measure reduces pensions by raising the minimum retirement age for most public employees by five years, from 55 to 60,

Other provisions include requiring that current employees serve at least one year in a group at the end of their career to retire from that group and establishing a minimum pension of \$15,000 for state workers who have spent 25 years in state government. Currently, many retirees receive annual pensions of \$12,000 to \$13,000. (A "Yes" vote is for the law. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

HABITUAL OFFENDERS - MELANIE'S LAW (H 3818)

House 139-14, Senate 31-7, approved a law that denies parole eligibility for third-time violent felons for certain crimes.

Other provisions include requiring a two-thirds vote of the parole board to grant a prisoner parole while serving a single life sentence; preventing parole eligibility for felons serving multiple life sentences based on separate incidents; and reducing mandatory minimum sentences for certain non-violent drug offenses. (A "Yes" vote is for the law. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ORGAN DONATION (S 2067)

House 155-0, Senate 36-0, approved a law requiring the state to adopt the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. The measure streamlines the donation process and establishes revised rules and regulations for organ donations for transplantation or study. (A "Yes" vote is for the law.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

CHANGES IN THE STATE'S ENERGY LAWS (S 2395)

House 149-6, Senate 38-0, approved a law aimed at reducing the high cost of electricity in Massachusetts and creating more competition.

The law requires investor-owned utilities to competitively bid proposals from renewable energy suppliers for long-term renewable energy contracts. It also increases the overall net metering cap from 3 percent to 6 percent, thus doubling the existing limits on municipal and privately owned projects that generate their own renewable energy. (A "Yes" vote is for the law. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Iehlen	Yes



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"THE VALOR ACT" TO HELP VETERANS (S ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL 2254)

House 154-0, Senate 38-0, approved a law expanding financial, housing and education benefits and many other services for veterans and active-duty military personnel and their families.

Provisions include facilitating seed money for the startup and expansion of veteran-owned businesses; expanding eligibility for the Massachusetts Military Family Relief Fund that provides help with the cost of food, housing, utilities and medical services; allowing for a minimum 90-day license renewal extension for service members returning from active duty for certain Department of Public Safety licenses, including engineering and firefighter licenses; and permitting cities and towns to provide a property tax exemption of up to \$750 for veterans who do volunteer work in their community. (A "Yes" vote is for the law.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

AVOID FORECLOSURES (H 4323)

House 153-0, Senate 35-0, approved a law prohibiting banks from pursuing foreclosure on a homeowner unless they have first taken "reasonable steps and good faith efforts to avoid foreclosure." A key provision requires the bank to offer a modified loan to the borrower if it is more profitable than the amount the bank would recover through foreclosure. (A "Yes" vote is for the law.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALLOW CHILD CARE WORKERS TO UNION-IZE (H 3986)

House 122-31, Senate 34-4, approved a law allowing child care providers who work out of their homes and receive voucher payments from the state to join a union. The proposal does not affect private day care workers or those who work in day care centers. Voters rejected a similar proposal on the 2006 ballot by a vote of 951,517 in favor and 1,042,253 against. (A "Yes" vote is for the law. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Iehlen	Yes

MBTA BAILOUT (H 4174)

House 127-24, Senate 27-9, approved a law providing for a one-time transfer of \$49 million from the revenue generated from motor vehicle inspections to the MBTA and \$2 million to regional transit authorities. The authorities would also receive \$1.5 million in surplus snow removal funds. (A "Yes" vote is for the law. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

State Department of Revenue (DOR) determined that taxpayers will not get an automatic tax cut on January 1, 2013 like they did on January 1, 2012 when the income

NO AUTOMATIC TAX RELIEF IN 2013 - The

tax and long-term capital gains tax rates were reduced from 5.3 to 5.25 percent. DOR confirmed that there was insufficient economic growth under the terms of a 2002 law to result in a similar 2013 tax cut.

These type of automatic cuts do not need the approval of the Legislature. They are part of a system devised by the Legislature when it approved a \$1 billion-plus tax hike package in 2002. The package set the long term capital gains tax at 5.3 percent and froze the income tax rate at 5.3 percent instead of allowing it to drop to 5 percent in January 2003 -- a reduction that was approved by voters in 2000. The 2002 law also includes an automatic trigger that reduces both taxes by one-half of 1 percent each year that the state's economic growth is at least 2.5 percent until each tax is reduced to 5 percent. The 2011 growth was 7.2 percent and resulted in a 2012 estimated tax cut of \$115 million.

This year's growth was insufficient to trigger a 2013 tax cut from 5.25 percent to 5.2 percent, a reduction that would have saved taxpayers an estimated \$110 million to \$124 million.

PARKING METER REVENUE (H 901) - The

House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow cities and towns to use revenue from their parking meters for the purchase or lease of any commuter shuttle or shuttle services between a municipal parking lot and public transportation. Current law allows the revenue to be used only for the acquisition and maintenance of parking lots and for traffic control and safety. Supporters said the bill would expand the use of commuter shuttles, which will in turn increase the use of public transportation.

OFF TO A STUDY COMMITTEE - Various committees recommended that bills be shipped off to a "study committee" where measures are never actually studied and are essentially defeated. Here are some of the bills that headed for that fate last week:

ABOLISH PER DIEMS (H 3236) - Bans all legislators who take office beginning in January 2013, except current existing incumbents, from collecting controversial "per diems" that reimburse them for travel, meals and lodging. The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a senator or representative resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The payments range from \$10 per day for legislators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 per day for those in Nantucket.

DIVEST PENSION FUND FROM GENOCIDE

NATIONS (H 3351) - Creates a special commission on human rights to compile and update a list of countries where there is evidence of genocide or other egregious human rights abuses. The state treasurer would then compile a list of companies with active business operations in these countries and determine "the feasibility and reasonableness of divesting pension fund assets from any or all of these companies."

Bans state universities from abolishing any permanent jobs and instead contacting with private companies that will provide the services.

QUINN BILL FOR POLICE OFFICERS (H 3633)

- Restores some \$50 million in funding for the Quinn bill, which provides police officers with increased salaries for furthering their education. Until recently, the state picked up half of the tab for the salary hike while the city or town picked up the other half. The program was funded at \$50 million in 2009 and was reduced to \$10 million in 2010 and to zero in 2011.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I'm not ready to announce anything yet but we're not so far away." - Gov. Patrick on his talks with Amazon.com about collecting the state's 6.25 percent sales tax. Under a Supreme Court ruling, online retailers are not required to collect the tax unless they have a substantial physical facility in the state. Amazon reportedly is interested in larger facilities in the Bay State, a move that that would require the collection of the sales tax.

"I saw during the campaign his plea for bipartisanship. That is a big joke. It's a travesty...He was one of the most partisan people that's ever served here." - U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada) on Sen. Scott Brown.

"Sen. Brown has a proven record of working across party lines, and as a result, has been invited to the White House three times in the last year to stand next to the president to see bills that he has worked on signed into law." – Brown spokeswoman Marcie Kinzel.

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 November 12-16, the House met for a total of 21 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 20 minutes.

Mon. November 12	No House session No Senate session
Tues. November 13	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Wed. November 14	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. November 15	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
Fri. November 16	No House session No Senate session

BAN CONTRACTING OUT JOBS (H 2973) - Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com



Gene Brune Retirement **Party**

By William Tauro

The Gene Brune Retirement party was held at the Somerville Holiday Inn on Sunday evening.

Over four hundred friends, family, supporters and associates from the past and present of the former ten year Somerville Mayor and soon to be retired Registrar of Deeds for South Middlesex County were in attendance.



Former Massachusetts Governor Mike Dukakis and Gene Brune.



Former Brune Administration's Joseph Nargi.



Gerry Fleming of the Mass Secretary of State's office.



Attorney General Martha Coakley.



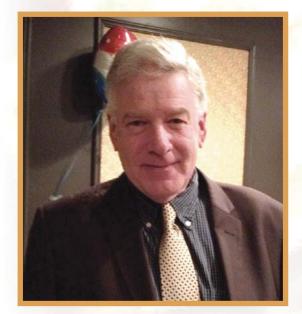
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Daughter Corinne Dell'Anno, Gene Brune and daughter Debbie Brune-Cabral.



Somerville Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello and wife Carrie.



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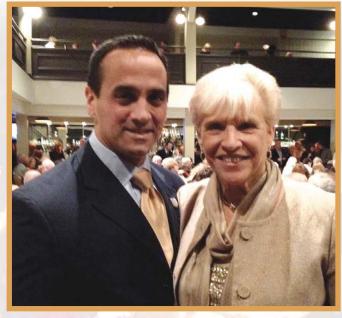
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Former Somerville Alderman Frank Bakey and current Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz.







Mayor Joseph Curtatone and former Somerville Alderman Grace Abruzzio.



Sal Casparrello, Building Commissioner during the Brune Administration.



ıty Police Chief <mark>Michael Cabral.</mark>



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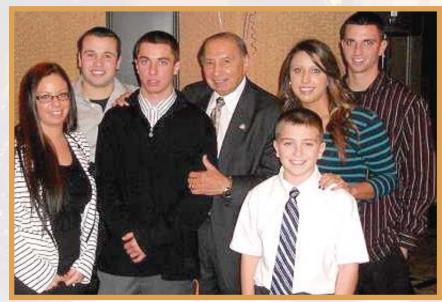
Former Somerville Police Chief Arthur Pino.



Jim Segel, Ex-Director Massachusetts Municipal Association, Massachusetts Treasurer Steve Grossman and former Press and Communications Director Peter Miller.



Gerry McCue, former City Treasurer.



Gene Brune with grandchildren.



Event attendees.

Photos by William Tauro

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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Somerville residents help to raise \$37M for Jimmy Fund

The 2012 Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC) raised \$37 million for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. The 2012 fundraising total is \$2 million more than the PMC gave in 2011 and brings its 33-year Jimmy Fund contribution to \$375 million.

Of the \$37 million raised for cancer research by cyclists of the 2012 Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, 40 Somerville residents raised more than \$182,400. They were among the 5,234 cyclists who rode up to 190 miles over one or two days across Massachusetts to raise money for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

through the Jimmy Fund. The \$37 million check was recently presented to Dana-Farber.

The PMC, which was held Aug. 4 and 5, is the most successful single athletic fundraising event in the United States. It raises and contributes more money to charity than any other such event.

PMC Founder and Executive Director Billy Starr presented a ceremonial check to Dana-Farber President Edward J. Benz, Jr., MD at a brunch celebration held at Legal Harborside in South Boston, which was attended by PMC cyclists, volunteers and family members.

PMC 2012 exceeded its 2011 gift by \$2 million, a 5.7 % increase. "PMCers are committed to our event and to raising money for cancer research," said Starr. "Their efforts fund Dana-Farber research and treatment that help millions around the globe."

The contribution represents 100 percent of every riderraised dollar, a charity passthrough rate that is nearly unparalleled within the athletic fundraising event industry. Approximately 3,300 volunteers and 200 companies supplying almost \$5 million in products and services provided riders with food, mechanical and medical assistance, luggage transport and support of all kinds.

Last August, 5,234 cyclists from nine countries and 36 US states rode one of 11 routes that ranged from 25 to 190 miles. Riders included Massachusetts Senators John Kerry and Scott Brown, 300 cancer survivors, current cancer patients and avid cyclists and weekend warriors alike. Many rode in support of loved ones being treated for cancer or in memory of those who have been lost to the disease.



Lori and Peter Cote of Somerville proudly show off the \$37M check benefitting the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"PMC money is seed money that enables our scientists to conduct the earliest forms of research, often before it is eligible for government funds," Benz said. "The money they raise is critical to our work."

Founded in 1980 when 36 cyclists rode across Massachusetts and raised \$10,200 for the Jimmy Fund, the PMC is known today as the gold standard of athletic fundraising events due to the unprecedented sums it raises and its consistently effi-

cient charity pass-through rate. One of the very first athletic fundraising events for charity in the nation, the PMC was a pioneer in its focus on fundraising and efficiency.

The 34th annual PMC is set for Aug. 3 and 4, 2013. Registration opens online on Jan. 3 for PMC alumni and Jan. 17 for newcomers. For more information about the PMC, which is presented by the Boston Red Sox Foundation and New Balance, visit www.pmc.org.

Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. Who is the U.S. city of Pittsburg named after?
- 2. Where did the Japanese sign the surrender in World War II?
- 3. What was the Model T Ford's popular name?
- 4. What letter counts for every eight used in the English language?
- 5. What is the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that 11. Where are Chinese is still standing?
- 6. When you say "I'll be 12. with you in a jiffy" how long is that?
- 7. What is the longest Willie?"

- word that can be made using the letters only in one row on a keyboard?
- 8. What are the two words in the English language that have all five vowels in a row?
- What was King George VI's first name?
- 10. In what month do the Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- Gooseberries from?
- What notorious bank robber went by the nicknames of "Willie the Actor" and "Slick

Answers on page 23

Somerville presence noticed at Patriots win



Somerville Postal worker and longtime Somerville resident Mary Ellen Ford was spotted this past Sunday at halftime as the Patriots prevailed over the Indianapolis Colts, 59-24, at Gillette Stadium to win their fourth consecutive game in a row.

Somerville Thanksgiving Day Football

Somerville High Thanksgiving Day football game – The Somerville High varsity football team will host Cambridge Rindge and Latin at Dilboy Field at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

St. Clements Thanksgiving Day football game - This years annual Thanksgiving day football game will be played against St. Josephs Prep at Victory field in Watertown MA. The game will start at 10 a.m. the address to the field is 40 Orchard Street.



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Somerville service clubs step up to the plate



The three Somerville service clubs held their Annual Tri-Club Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday at the Mount Vernon Restaurant In Somerville, hosted by the Somerville Rotary Club. There were raffles and check presentations followed by a wonderful meal served to the attending fellow members with all proceeds of the event to benefit Project Soup and local homeless shelters. Pictured (L to R): Somerville Kiwanis President Isaac Machado, Somerville Lions President Gene Brune, and Somerville Rotarian Paul Stanton standing in for Rotary President Mark Alston-Follansbee.

Mayor's wine tasting event rocks The Armory



Mayor Joseph Curtatone hosted his Second Annual Fall Reception and Wine Tasting event at The Armory on Highland Avenue last Wednesday evening. Good food, fine wine, jazz music and a full house of friends and supporters made it a spectacular evening for all to enjoy.

- William Tauro

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville,

255 Washington St: (Case #PB 2012-20) Applicant, Annex T.W., and Owner, Kepnes Bros., seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5 to alter the façade of the building including door openings, signage, and lighting. CCD 55 zone. Ward 3.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** IFB # 13-40

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

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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 1/01/2013 through 12/31/2013.

For all information regarding this bid, please email: Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager @ odeluca@somervillema.gov.

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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year, from 1/1/2013 through 12/31/2013, with two one-year options to renew.

A 5% Bid Deposit will be required. Prevailing Wages apply.

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

Glass Repairs to Schools and Municipal Buildings.

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: Wednesday, November 21, 2012. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. at which time sealed bids will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year, from 01/01/2013 through 12/31/2013, with two (2), one-year options to renew.

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The contract term shall be for a period of 3 years, from 1/1/2013 through 12/31/2015.

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

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

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A 'Grand Bargain,' Massachusetts style CONT. FROM PG 9

transportation system on a sound fiscal footing can be - and will be - one of the greatest legacies of the Patrick administration.

But I also believe that they cannot succeed without the help of local officials and ordinary citizens across the state - and I want to remind my fellow residents in Somerville, in the Boston metro region, and in every Massachusetts city and town that we have a direct stake in giving them that help.

We need to be ready to make the case - with confidence and conviction - that every community will benefit from a plan that adequately supports a transall depend. For far too long, the opponents of transportation investment have sought to portray that system as some alien, archaic, inefficient, burden we all carry - something we pay for without getting anything in return. They don't explain how our economy would succeed without high-quality multimodal transportation. They just say it's broken and not worth further investment.

In the debate that is about to unfold in the new year, I propose we talk about transportation in a new way: as a direct expression of our values, hopes say that the system is too important to linger in neglect and decay. I think we should point out that by helping to fix our transportation system we are investing in our communities, our families and ourselves.

In fact, I think there's a direct link between the potential for a Massachusetts-style grand bargain on transportation funding and the lessons we learned here in Somerville from the recent decision of our voters to adopt the Community Preservation Act by saying yes to Question 4 by a margin of three to one.

Proponents of Question 4

that putting our multi-modal portation system on which we and desires. I propose that we clearly explained how the money health care institutions, to our would be used - and Somerville residents understood that the types of expenditures allowed under the Community Preservation Act were an expression of their shared community values.

The time has come to make the same arguments across the state for funding our transportation

It's a question not just of dollars, but of values: and our values should speak loud and clear on this issue.

We must make clear that we are investing in a system that connects us on a daily basis to our jobs, our academic and recreational and entertainment resources - to everything, in fact, that makes life possible and worthwhile.

We must make clear that our businesses are utterly dependent on the ability to move goods and people with efficiency and reliability - and that one of the great truths of American life is that economic growth follows transportation infrastructure. You can't have one without the other.

I'm thrilled that the Patrick Administration is about to make this case and I plan to everything I can to help them. I hope you'll join me.



Dust-up around Assembly Row CONT. FROM PG 1

property owners and elected officials discussed concerns about dust from the project.

Boat owners at the meeting said dust-related damage began after construction broke ground last year, but damage has escalated since the builders removed trees which had acted as a natural buffer. They said it's easy to rule out other possible causes, such as the MBTA train bridge overhead, because damage only appears on surfaces that face the construction site when the boats are docked.

"All these people here have taken their hard-earned money to buy and to maintain these boats, and there's hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage out there," said club member Peder Acres. "These contractors over here could care less."

Boat owner Bill Latta said the dust has caused damage across the bow of his boat. "You can see where the dust has settled, and where it's missed because of the bridge. There's an actual line. So don't tell me there isn't damage being done," said Latta. "I spent my retirement to buy this boat, now who's going to take care of it?"

Meeting attendees said they wanted Federal Realty or its contractors to pay for existing damage to the boats and to take steps to prevent further damage, such as footing the bill for regular boat washing. Tauro said general contractor Sanborn, Head and Associates and its subcontractors had last year

compensated him for damages to his boat, but the claims he submitted this year were denied. Boat owners at the meeting discussed the possibility of pooling claims and perhaps filing a class action lawsuit for compensation.

But along with property damage, those in attendance were also concerned about what they felt were ongoing risks to human health. Neighbors said they're particularly concerned about what kind of toxins might be getting kicked up by digging at the site, which was once home to an automotive plant.

"Some of us live on our boats and we're breathing this stuff 24 hours a day," said Lance Barretto. "When the wind is bad, it's literally looked like it was snowing."

"I think it's a huge public health hazard," said Elaine Stiehl, a nurse who lives in the nearby Ten Hills neighborhood. "Especially for the workers. I can't imagine what they're lungs look like. The employers don't care, they just want the

Alderman-At-Large William White told attendees he was concerned about a potential public health issue, as chair of the Aldermen's public health and safety committee. But he said suggestions that the state could shut down the project would hurt Somerville, given the economic impact. "I would hope that it won't have to get to that point, that there'll be a cooperative way that they can

take appropriate measures," said White.

State Representative Tim Toomey, who also attended the meeting, said the Somerville state delegation is aware of the concerns and is working together to see what can be done at the state level. He said that the state Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) had visited the site and was in the process of completing their analysis. "It certainly has their attention," said Toomey.

MassDEP spokesperson Edmund Coletta said that two inspectors had visited the site on Friday, November 16, and again on Monday, November 19, but did not observe anything out of the ordinary. "We did urge the company to continue to use their best practices for controlling dust at the site," he said.

According to Coletta, the project's Licensed Site Professional is responsible for daily tracking of monitors around the perimeter of the site, which take hourly measurements of the amount of dust in the air. If the daily average reaches the state and federal limit of 150 micrograms per cubic meter over any 24-hour period, there is a violation. If a violation occurs, the operator must take approved best management practices to address it.

"It is possible that they'd have to shut down the project for a time to implement those practices, but it is not required," said Coletta. He said the Assembly Row site showed no such dust

violations in the months preceding the most recent status report to MassDEP, in mid-October. "Also, when MassDEP's inspectors were on the site, they looked at some of the recent raw data and did not see any violations of the 150 standard," said Coletta.

He said he couldn't speculate on what actions MassDEP would take if it found ongoing violations at the site, because that would depend on the circumstances of the case. "We'd work with the city and the project manager if there's an issue that has to be addressed," he said. He added that city officials and inspectors are the "first line of defense" for environmental concerns, and there hadn't been any issues raised by the City of Somerville.

Somerville Communications Director Thomas Champion confirmed that the city's Inspection Services Department had been regularly visiting the job site and had not raised any environmental concerns. "We're not aware of any specific violations of appropriate environmental procedures for construction at the site," said Champion.

He said the city would defer to MassDEP's findings and take appropriate action should the state identify any environmental or public health concerns related to the project. But the city will not get involved in any claim regarding damage to private property, which is a civil matter. "As far as we know, this has been a dispute between

one boat owner and Federal Realty," said Champion.

Don Briggs, president of Federal Realty Trust Boston, said the company was only aware of one claim for property damages from an individual boat owner, presumably the one from Tauro, which had been reviewed and was denied.

But he said that health-related concerns were a high priority. "Federal Realty and our development at Assembly Square take our responsibility to public health and the environment very seriously. We work very closely with the City of Somerville and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to comply with any and all regulations," said Briggs. "There are numerous environmental protocols in place at the Assembly Row construction site, including a watering program to suppress dust and a continuous dust monitoring program."

Briggs said Federal Realty had asked for a meeting this week with Avalon Bay and the MB-TA, the other two companies currently doing construction on site, "to make certain that everyone is using best management practices to control dust."

For those who brought their concerns to Saturday's public meeting, that could be at least one step in the right direction.

"All we want these guys to do is to operate without hurting people and hurting our stuff, and repair what they did hurt," said Phyllis Grenier.

What to do about Beacon Street

invest themselves in community life, while young professionals tend to remain aloof and, too often, leave town when their kids reach school age. This is changing, as I reported in a series of columns last year. But on balance, the distinction remains accurate.

Viewing this as a conflict of New Somerville versus Old Somerville, however, is misleading and unhelpful. The problems that we face as a community, a nation, and a species are socially created. But we are offered only individual solutions.

By myself, I cannot grow the economy, bring back the trolleys, or expand our city's limited open space. The individual solution available to me is to own a car that can take me to work and to open space. But that individual solution in turn worsens the social problems of congestion, pollution, and climate change.

I don't choose to drive because I'm stupid or indifferent to the quality of my community or to the fate of the planet. I make it

because our economic and political institutions cannot offer me a better choice.

Our political leaders lack the courage or capacity to acknowledge this relationship between institutionally created problems and individual solutions that worsen those problems but reinforce the institutions. While patronizing the "middle class," they implicitly deny that sustaining the American dream would require transforming our institutions, not just tweaking fiscal policies.

A number of the world's religions teach us that we are our brothers' keepers. Socialism was the only widely embraced secular ideology that also viewed all of humanity as one community. Of course, much of what religious and socialist leaders did made a mockery of what they preached.

But the goals of ordinary people who embraced socialism were admirable and seemingly modest: employment for anyone willing to

work, economic security in old age, effective education and healthcare, community integrity, and a say in governance.

CONT. FROM PG 9

Perhaps such a shared human identity is impossible to achieve, and goals of peace, equality of opportunity, and minimal material wellbeing for all are impossible. But here in Somerville, where politics are local, perhaps we could create a shared 'Villen identity.

Because our institutions can only offer us individual solutions to social problems, we might view the Beacon Street conflict as planetary stewards vs. the environmentally irresponsible, or myopic yuppies vs. struggling working families, or indifferent motorists vs. dead cyclists.

Here is how city government could heal those false distinctions and build a stronger community.

Bring all of the stakeholders together and create a conversation in which they see the shared situation through each other's eyes. Somerville's richly diverse population includes people with skills and talent in urban design, traffic engineering, community building, and related disciplines. Recruit them and make them part of the conversation from the beginning.

When everyone has been heard and knows they have been heard, identify creative, pragmatic solutions that honor everyone's experience. I understand that we face such physical constraints as road dimensions. But too often I've seen grossly inadequate solutions to urban design problems that were based on received wisdom rather than on solid data and unconstrained creativity.

Seek consensus to implement the most promising solution as a trial. A conflict like this typically ends with the dominant party implementing its solution, the losing party remaining resentfully, and sometimes accurately, convinced of its rightness, and no institutional learning that can avoid or craft better solutions to such conflicts in the future.

Avoid this by building into the process a period for monitoring the solution-perhaps a year-and a scheduled series of participatory events where the accumulated data will be reviewed and the solution modified appropriately.

Somerville has all of the tough challenges of a big city, but it has the talent and manageable scale to craft and implement brilliant responses while building shared community. Does it have the will?



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379 Summer St

Cantina la Mexicana Salsa Dance Night

7 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Thursday November 22

Johnny D's

Bar open at 6 p.m. 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Happy Thanksgiving! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Back Closed

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge

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499 Broadway 617-629-5302

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Bull McCabe's Dub Down Featuring The Scotch **Bonnet Band**

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Joshua Tree

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar

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Cantina la Mexicana

247 Washington St.

Friday November 23

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Beatlejuice

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Johnny Come Latelies |6 p.m. One Thin Dime |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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247 Washington St.

Upstairs: Citywide Blackout presents Rock & Roll for Rescue Animals featuring Ghost of Vigoda, Root Nine, Alen of Dale

Downstairs: Josh Ayola presents an Acoustic Night with Jason Bennett, Spitshiner, Chrissy Vaccaro, Jamie **Payette**

379 Summer St

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Beatlejuice 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Saturday November 24

Sally O'Brien's Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.

Birds of Play with friends |9 p.m.

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Scattershot 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille

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381 Summer St

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247 Washington St.

Radio Bar **Upstairs: Midroff Records Residency** featuring Eldridge Rodriguez and

more Downstairs: Dave Aaronoff & The Protagonists, Highway Ghosts, Looker 379 Summer St

Sunday November 25

Johnny D's

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5

Natalie Flanagan Band, Trusty Sidekick | 8 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Burren Acoustic Music Series 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar Karaoke

381 Summer St

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

Up| Radio Free Sunday No Door Charge | 4-6:30p.m. Roy Sludge Trio Down: Open mic comedy with PJ Westin 7:30-9:30p Free 379 Summer St

Arts at The Armory Café Rags

Monday November 26 Johnny D's Team Trivia|8:30 p.m.

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike|7 p.m. Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors 9:30 p.m.

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Bur Run|6:45 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar

UnRegular Radio Industry Night 70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

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Rosebud Bar Closed Mondays 381 Summer St

Radio Bar 379 Summer St

Tuesday November 27 JohnnyD's Wedding Band Showcase

17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Panda Bar |8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

PA'S Lounge

Amaral

The Burren Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 On The Hill Tavern

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

Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557 **Precinct Bar**

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211 **Bull McCabe's Pub** Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band

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Karaoke 381 Summer St

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

8200

Radio Bar Abbie Barrett

379 Summer St Arts at The Armory

Somerville by Design

6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday November 28

Johnny D's Veterans For Peace Benefit|Public Interest|Willie Sordillo Jazz Trio

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! |8 p.m

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Pub Quiz 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Comedy@10Scattershot

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge

Gold Light Hour|TBA|Connector 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Sports Trivia 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

On The Hill Tavern

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Trivia

Precinct Bar 3penny Open Mic 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Arts at the Armory Somerville by Design

8 a.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

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Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

Thanksgiving Friday- Libraries

Closed

Bagel Bards Somerville Writers and Poets meet

Holland St Sunday | November 25

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Monday | November 26 **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

Public Meeting--Skating Rink **David Lutes** 617-625-6600 X2106

p.m.|bostonbollywooddance@gmail.c

Bollywood Dance! With Sarina

Tuesday | November 27

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

The Art of Singing Group 7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-

Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation

Central Library

Session Melanie Jetter|617-424-4527 9 a.m. -5:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Thanksgiving Eve - Libraries Close at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday | November 22

Saturday | November 24

Unity Church of God Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups

(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (Session 2) 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway **Central Library**

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Avenue **Third Life Studio**

7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

7 p.m.|247 Washington St.

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday November 21

Third Life Studio

Thanksgiving Day- Libraries Closed

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629 Friday November 23

weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Enter upstairs, meeting is in

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland

Avenue **Third Life Studio**

Wednesday | November 28

Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal



SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

"MusicalConversation" with Alan is on November 29. Join us at 12:00 for a great conversation about the music in our lives.

Our cultural tours continue. They become particularly interesting when the holiday season is upon us.

On Monday, December 3, we will visit the **Concord Museum** for a guided tour of their annual "Family Trees: A Celebration of Children's Literature." Each year, various staff and community organizations decorate trees throughout the museum based upon a popular children's story they have chosen. In addition to this special exhibit, the museum is home to one of the oldest and most treasured collections of Americana in the country. Join us for this delightful adventure through the museum. Call Janine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Get ready for our **Holiday Cookie Celebration** on December 17 at Holland Street. Bring in a family or favorite recipe and some baked cookies to share. Stay and sample the best from Somerville with some tea, hot chocolate and eggnog. Stay for "MusicalConversation" as Alan brings back Natasha Folk Project for a musical hour of conversation. RSVP with Judy at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Illumination Tour is December 15 at 4:15 pm. For \$5, ride the trolley and view the sparkling lights.

Yoga/Meditation 4-week session coming January 22. \$20 for the four weeks. Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. Holland Street Center.

We know you have always wanted to learn Belly Dancing. Here's your chance. Beginner Adult Belly Dancing comes to Holland Street Center Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. Class is \$5. Get that core strong and help your back muscles get strong and stay strong. All levels.

We heard you singing in the shower - now join us in person. The Moonlighters meet every Monday at 10:30 am at Holland Street. All levels welcome. No experience needed.

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 am every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

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

Trip Corner:

A few stops left for New York City Trip. Get yours before they fill up.

Concord Museum - December 3.

Hu KeLau - dinner and performance - December 5. **Shopping in New York City** - December 8 & 9.

Newport Mansion Tour - December 13.

Winter Wonderland at Aqua Turf Club - December 18.

STAY ACTIVE:

Belly Dancing - Tuesdays 5:00p.m. Holland Street. \$5. **QiGong** - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers

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

November 21

Holland Street Center open for Fit-4-Life and lunch 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

November 22

Centers Closed for Thanksgiving

November 23

Centers Closed for Thanksgiving

November 26

Holland Street Center
Singing|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|10:30 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 a.m.
English Conversation:12:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

1:00 p.m. Bowling at Flatbreads

Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m. Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

November 27

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.
SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.
BELLY DANCING |5 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m. Flexibility and Balance|10:30 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

November 28

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m. QiGong|1:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300 Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Computer Tutorial - Retired computer teacher Barbara Marshall will be volunteering on select Thursdays from 11 - 12 at the Holland Street Center to provide individualized computer training. To schedule an appointment, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Check out our Facebook site for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA

A COA Thanksgiving dinner



Thanksgiving was celebrated at the Ralph & Jenny Center with over 70 people attending. A great meal was served and the place was beautiful decorated by Center Director Didi Elenanzih.

An embassy in Somerville? CONT. FROM PG 9

Rita D, Joe and Joanne M, Lenny C, who worked for the city, and of course, "Wolfman" Steve. Other regulars were Mike D, Joe S, Buttons, Denny and a host of other colorful characters. "Cheers" had nothing on The Embassy Lounge back in those days.

Johnny C took the backroom over and ran it with a no nonsense policy. I remember him hopping over the bar, grabbing a Louisville Slugger and asking the troublemakers if they wanted to go "a few innings."

Johnny took no crap from anyone. He is still a close friend of mine to this day. Johnny inspired a character I did on the Matty in the Morning Show for years. Do you remember Johnny C

from the fictitious "666 Somerville Ave, Somerville Mass?" That character, who provided the long running "Somerville 02144" was based on Johnny C and his days at The Embassy Lounge. Johnny C's catch phrases were: "pay attention" and "do you follow me, what I'm saying?"

The Embassy Lounge gave a lot of us in Somerville some great memories. So let's recap. First it was Smitty's, then it became The Embassy Lounge. After that, enter TJ Snookers, SkyBar and finally China Delight. I stayed at The Embassy Lounge with many different bands for about fifteen years or so. I can honestly look back and say that 1974 was the best year of all.

Jerry and Sandy own an Inn down the Cape and still invite some their former employees, patrons and friends down from time to time.

Brian from The Pharaohs was seen a few years back in a Dr. Scholl's television commercial. I never understood how all those Fabulous Pharaohs fans could spend every single Thursday and Sunday night at the show, close the joint and then get up for work the next day. That's what I call dedication.

Someone should get an Embassy Lounge reunion together, because that was surely a magical place and a magical time. Actually, I think Mike D did a few years ago and I missed it. I guess I wasn't "paying attention."

I'll never forget the fun we had back then. Along with real estate man John B, city official Frank S and lots of others, I am proud to say that I am an official Ambassador from "The Embassy."

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

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

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'Mythos: Pathos' Somerville to now

Somerville residents Rose Abramoff, Kara Fili, Mark Kranz, Amy Mastrangelo, and Julia E. Wagner are now busy preparing for Luminarium Dance Company's closing performance of its highly successful second season with Mythos:Pathos at OBERON, the American Repertory Theater's second stage.

The production began in Somerville with a preview performance at the Center for Arts at the Armory, followed by a further-enhanced version of the production at the Arsenal Center for the Arts in Watertown thanks to grants from the Somerville Arts Council and the Watertown Cultural Council. Now, in just two weeks, the company will present the work in its fully-evolved state, showcasing the talents of Artistic Directors Merli V. Guerra and Kimberleigh A. Holman, along side the company's nine performers, through choreography that merges light with movement.

Abramoff, Fili, Kranz, and Mastrangelo are prominently

featured in Mythos:Pathos, which will come to OBERON on Thursday, November 29, for a one-night-only finale. The work explores lesser known characters and under-examined storylines of Greek mythology from a contemporary viewpoint. The familiar myths are woven into a cohesive saga, while colored with the innovative choreof Luminarium ography directors Guerra and Holman. Mythos:Pathos also features nontraditional lighting design that manifests in many unique ways, from wearable to handheld lighting.

The concept of unique lighting is perhaps most relevant to Wagner. The Andromeda solo, which was choreographed and conceived by Guerra, was physically created through a collaboration with Wagner, a local visual artist, and first debuted at the ArtBeat Festival in Davis Square this summer.

This final production of the Mythos:Pathos project features a new film piece, in which Fili (the Contemporary Character) plays a unique role. The film

was shot at the Belle Isle Salt Marsh in Boston, and promises to add a new dimension to the production. Also showcased in the production, Abramoff will bring life to the meaning of "hubris." Mastrangelo will embody the figures of a Grecian urn, and Kranz will return to the stage as Icarus, having practiced real flight through a rehearsal held at an indoor skydiving center in New Hampshire during the summer.

The company invites the Somerville community to attend the performance, rediscover the myths first shown at the Armory in August, and enjoy new stories in Luminarium's epic closing performance.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.americanrepertorytheater.org/oberon or by calling 617.547.8300. Must be 18+ to attend. OBERON Theater is located at 2 Arrow Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge MA. Mythos:Pathos will be performed one night only on Thursday, November 29, at 8 p.m. Visit www.Luminarium-Dance.org for details.



Kara Fili in We are here now.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

celebrates this week, as well as former School Committee Woman Charlene Harris. Our good friend Al Baldasaro, State Rep. up in NH, who is an avid fan of The News. Political activist Joe Beckman is also having a birthday this week along with our good old friends Joe Crecci Sr. and Malitta Knault. Let's not forget Bobby Potaris, who owns his own construction company. If you need work done he's the man to do it. And finally, this week we say Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Birthday to all our friends out there in the 'Ville and outside the 'Ville.

For those that won the Best of Somerville this year, remember it's The Somerville News that has been using the term "Best of Somerville" now for around 40 years. We are happy for the winners and congratulate them, but when you're announcing that you won, it would be nice to give credit to the "readers of The Somerville News." Also, to the winners, if you'd like a special certificate from The News, email donaldfnorton@yahoo.com and mention on the subject line "I am a winner of the Somerville News Best of Somerville" - You will personally get two nice certificates for yourself to show off. Again, congratulations to all our winners.

The Somerville News Person of the Week will be back after the holidays starting up in January. If you'd like to nominate someone who is deserving here in Somerville for Person of the Week send and email to donaldfnorton@yahoo.com. Make sure you put "Person of the week nominee" in the subject line. If selected we will then ask for a picture and short bio on the individual.

Have you been to the dentist lately? Especially one of those new ones here in the 'Ville that recently opened up for business? One of us had an interesting appointment at one in Winter Hill on Temple Street. An appointment was made to get a filling done, they went in at the appropriate time and was handed a four-page application to fill out. That's right, four pages, starting with asking for your Social Security number and date of birth. Then paging through you come across a bunch of "privacy disclosure" and from the interpretation of what it said, you sign this and your information may not be so private anymore. Then, moving on to signing ahead of time, with the dentist examination and what he or she might find, but they want you to sign it in advance. Now, why does a dentist office have to have ones SS number and date of birth? When the person at the front desk was asked they said, "Oh, don't worry about it, just don't fill it in." Does that mean that others who might not ask or make a comment just go ahead and fill it in? All this for a filling. Nothing more, just a filling. And they need an SS number on top of pre-signing information that you give them the authority to give out or sell your information? Newstalk asks the residents here in the 'Ville, is that normal? Are there or is there a dentist that requires no SS number?

The recent "ethics" legislation being passed this week by the Board of Alderman was sought, some would say, by Alderman Bob Trane earlier this year. It's taken several months, with the help of Mayor Joe Curtatone, who is pushing for the Alderman to vote it in. This is a good thing for the city. We congratulate Mayor Joe, Alderman Bob and the rest of the Board of Alderman for making this reality here in Somerville.

Somerville Lions is having its annual Lottery Scratch Tickets Raffle drawing on December 11 at the Annual joint Christmas Party by all three civic clubs here in Somerville. President Eugene Brune and past President Billy Tauro have lots of tickets to sell for this yearly

fundraiser. Only \$10 per chance to win 1st prize 200 - \$5.00 scratch tickets and 2nd prize 100 \$5.00 scratch tickets ...only 400 chances sold...Call Billy Tauro at 617 293-2016 for your ticket and chance to become an instant millionaire and a member of the 1% club. That's a lot of scratch!

Somerville Police Department 911 and Police Dispatcher Ken Ward was present at this year's Third Annual Veteran's Fun Run last week in Bedford giving Somerville a strong showing of support for the vets. The Bedford VA Hospital has been hosting the annual event in Massachusetts for the past several years raising much needed monies

for our veterans.

Bring your friends and family down to the American Legion Post 388 on Glen Street in Somerville for a holiday craft fair and shopping bazaar. There will be vendors, crafts and refreshments. This is a great opportunity to get a jump start on all of your holiday shopping or finish your shopping. Friday, December 7 at 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Crafters and Vendors Table Registration Fee: \$40. If you are a local crafter/vendor and are interested in purchasing a table please contact Maria at 617-778-8910 or email:mnm777cut@msn.com.

Be sure to visit us online at www.TheSomervilleNews.com



SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wodnosda	y, November 21	5:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	Noon	Democracy Now!
12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	2:30pm	The Strike Heard Around the World	1:00pm	Ablevision
6:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:30pm	Teen TV	3:00pm	Tele Magazine		Outdoor Adventures
7:00am	Road to Recovery	7:00pm	Physician Focus	4:00pm	Boston Tango Festival	1:30pm	
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:30pm	The Strike Heard Around the World	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:30pm	King of the 'Ville
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	6:00pm	Reeling Movie Show	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
10:00am	Abugida Television	9:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	6:30pm	Outdoor Adventures	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:00pm	Tonight's Special	7:30pm	From the SCATV Archives	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
Noon	Democracy Now!	10:30pm	Somerville Rocks	8:00pm	David Parkman	5:00pm	Culture Club
1:00pm	Back in the Day	11:00pm	Creepy Castle	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:30pm	Physician Focus
1:30pm	Teen TV	Friday, No	vember 23	10:00pm	Bandwidth TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
2:00pm	Culture Club	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:30pm	Somerville Rocks	6:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians
2:30pm	Life Matters	6:00am	Road to Recovery	11:00pm	Gay TV	7:00pm	Critical Focus
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	7:00am	Culture Club	Sunday, N	lovember 25	8:00pm	Grill Dog presents
3:30pm	Inside Talk	7:30am	Physician Focus	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	8:00am	Democracy Now!	6:00am	Program Celebrai	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking.	9:00am	What the Fluff?	7:00am	Flipside	11:00pm	Bandwidth TV
5:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	10:00am	Somerville News Reading	7:30am	Discovering Justice	11:30pm	Art @ SCATV
6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	11:00am	Somerville Back in the Day	8:00am	Effort Pour christ	Tuesday, N	ovember 27
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7:30pm	Art@SCATV	1:30pm	Somerville Housing	10:00am	International Church of God	6:00am	Road to Recovery
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	11:00am	The Commonwealth Report	7:00am	Nicole's Review Show
8:30pm	The Entertainer's Show	2:30pm	Cooking With Georgia	11:30am	Somerville Housing Authority	7:30am	The Literary Scene
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks!	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	Noon	The Entertainer's Show	8:00am	Democracy Now!
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6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Visual Radio	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:00pm	Healthy Hypnosis
6:30am	International Church of God	9:00pm	The Garage	8:00pm	Telemagazine	2:30pm	Outdoor Adventures
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11:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint		Art @ SCATV
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2:00pm	Tonight's Special	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	8:00am	Democracy Now!		Literary Scene
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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

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Somerville Gives Back

SHS Boys' Soccer Playoffs

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7:00pm: (13/22)

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9:00am: (15)	GBL Cheer Tournament
12:00pm: (13/22)	School Committee Meeting
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1:30pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer Playoffs
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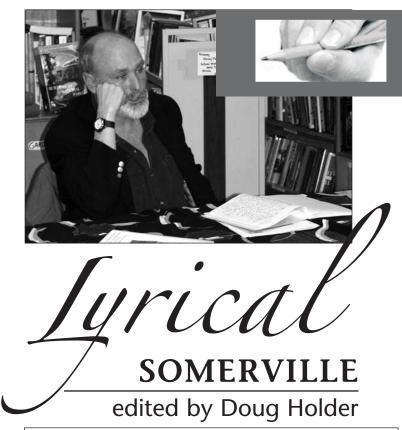
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Raising Families

Highlander Forum

Chamber of Commerce Dinner





Poet Adria Holmes is a senior at Endicott College majoring in Creative Writing. She is a member of Spoken Bird (the poetry slam club), and edits for the Endicott Review. She enjoys writing fiction, poetry, and song lyrics, and is currently the intern for New England Poetry Club.



Lucky One

Nine years ago, I cried. Hollow words blew through my ears like winter, when it's too cold and nothing makes sense. I didn't want to believe it, but I had to. You made everything better. You let me sit with you and watch Disney movies. You picked me up from the bus so I wouldn't have to walk alone in the rain. You always said you were the lucky one. Nine years ago, I stared at the roses, red like passion, love, and blood. My fingers brushed over the piano keys, but the tears hit harder. Nine years ago, I missed you. It still hurts.

– Adria Carmen Holmes

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THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville's Lynn Liccardo:

All the Dope about Soaps

Lynn Liccardo is a woman who is never at a loss for words. This New Jersey native, and resident of the Winter Hill section of Somerville, talks passionately of something many of us have not thought deeply about, namely Soap Operas.

Liccardo has written extensively for the now defunct Soap Opera Weekly, and her blog on the Red Room website. Her blog was selected as one of the 10 best for soap opera fans. Her essay The Ironic and Convoluted Relationship between Daytime and Primetime Soap Operas was published in Transformation for a New Media Era (University Press of Mississipi-2010). She has a new e-book out through the Red Room titled: As The World Stops Turning which deals with her favorite soap: As the World Turns.

I asked this doyenne of soap operas if they are worthy of scholarly exegesis. Liccardo opined: "Soap Operas have been part of our culture for 80 years. Popular culture permeates every aspect of life, not always for the better. But it has a very important impact. And soap operas are very much Pop Culture, so it does have an impact and makes a statement about society."

Liccardo has more ambitions around her work with soap operas. She is planning to gather words and images of the late Irna Philips, the creator of soap operas. She plans a film documentary, as well as a book about Philips titled: As Irna's World Turned: The Life and Legacy of Irna Phillips.

Liccardo is also an accomplished playwright. She has had her plays performed at the Boston Playwright's Theatre, and other venues. Her one act play Settling In was performed at Somerville Community Access TV, and her other plays have been performed as far away as Los Angeles.

I asked her if a critic compared her plays to a soap opera would she be insulted. The answer of course was NO. Liccardo said her plays are small. They usually consist of a conversation between two people. Soaps, according to Liccardo, at their best are conversations between two people. She smiled, "I hope the best I see in soaps operas the audience sees in my plays."

Excerpt from as the world stopped turning...

However, thinking back over what the students had seen over the preceding month, I could find but one example of "naturalistic acting quietly $project (ing) \ deep \ emotions"-a \ tiny \ scene \ with \ Lu-so \ few \ and \ far \ between.$



cinda (Elizabeth Hubbard), Bob (Don Hastings) and Kim (Kathryn Hays). The scene was really nothing - no plot - just a brief mention of Bob's recent stay in the hospital and a reference to Bob and Lucinda's visit during her first breast cancer occurrence in 2005. Sam had that video, and included scenes from a second, related episode.

In the second episode, Lucinda's granddaughter, Faith, is brushing her grandmother's hair and asks why Lucinda's hair is coming out in the brush. There are so many ways that scene could have been written and played. The "soapiest" would have been for Lucinda to have a total emotional meltdown in front of Faith, followed by the requisite, and heart-rending, explanation and apology between grandmother and granddaughter.

But that's not how it happened. Not even close. The drama of that scene was all in Elizabeth Hubbard's face as Lucinda struggled mightily not to let Faith see the pain and terror she was feeling, willing herself not to let go of her emotions until her granddaughter was safely out of the room. It was a powerful moment, and as the students watched, all I could hear was their breathing, punctuated by the occasional sniffle. Nothing illustrates the sorry state of daytime soap opera these days more than the fact that one must be of a certain age to remember when these kinds of moments were not

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